

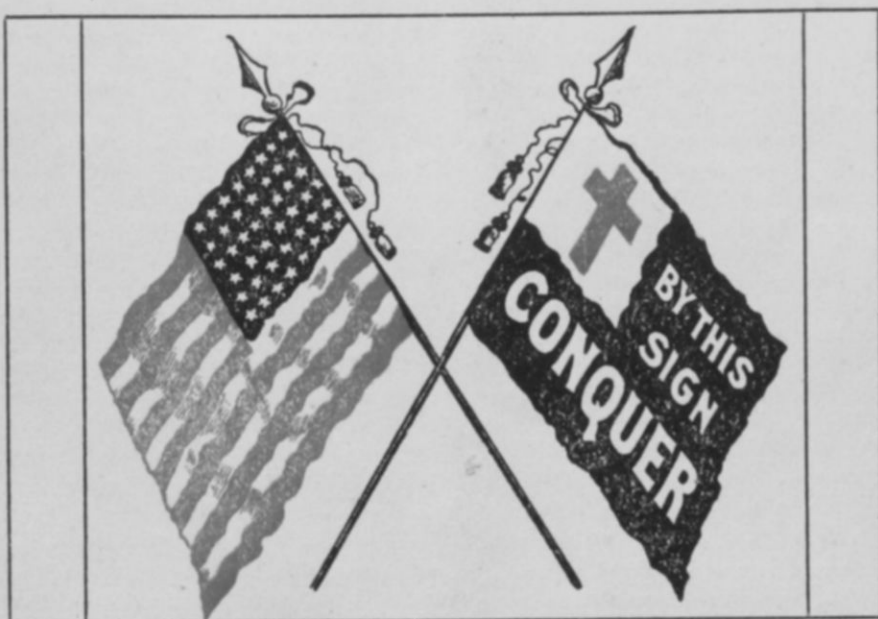
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“The Field Is The World”

REMOVAL OF THE EDITORIAL CHAIR



MUCH against the desire of our Synodical Society and most of all against the personal preference of the new editor, Miss Endlich has been constrained to terminate her faithful and efficient service of eleven years. There was no alternative but to accept her resignation with profound gratitude for her valued service, and to put the responsibility of the paper on other shoulders. If anybody imagines it an easy task to edit a woman's periodical in these strenuous days, one issue will be enough to banish any such notion. If the vital subject of Missions were as fascinating to every Christian heart as it ought to be, challenging instant attention and interest, the case were different. But so long as public announcement of a "missionary" sermon or occasion, means the signal for many to absent themselves, and so fore-dooms the occasion to failure that zealous pastors are almost afraid to speak of it in advance, so long will missionary literature find a problem in how to spread and flourish. The prevalent attitude of the large majority of people towards the extension of the Kingdom must be changed. The wide-spread idea that it is *optional* whether a soul in the Divine covenant shall choose to countenance missionary movements or not, in other words that I may do as I please about it, is the root of our trouble. There is no possible middle ground between surrendering missionary indifference or surrendering covenant relation with the Lord Christ, whose distinct will we would thus violate. It is not too much to say, that it is no more optional for a true Christian to be missionary than to be honest. The same Master who requires the one, equally requires the other. So too we might insist that prayer for missions is as binding as any one of the commandments. If this be true, it is as much a sin in the sight of our Lord, to neglect to pray as it is to steal. Cannot we go one step farther in the argument and maintain that neglect of missionary supplication, means that needy souls are thus deprived of spiritual good, and this indifference is virtually spiritual robbery of the poor. The sin from which we would shrink in its grosser forms, comes home to ourselves in its subtler but no less real guise.

No one will question that the first step in fostering missionary zeal in our own hearts, is to begin by earnest prayer, and this lies within the scope of every human soul. Without this first step there can be no second. But, and here is the positive, encouraging aspect, which we prefer to emphasize, *when* that first step has been taken honestly and fervently, the second will follow as surely as effect follows cause.

A SAMPLE MESSAGE OF GREETING

Here's to the continued success of the "LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER." I say continued, because it has always been successful. I believe it has done more than any one agency in furthering the thorough organization of our Conference Societies, uniting them in the Synodical Society, disseminating information, conserving the common aims and interests of all. It has been a financial success from the beginning, not only paying its own expenses, but bi-ennially turning over to the treasury a handsome surplus to be used for Mission purposes.

While never forgetting the self-sacrificing labors of the first editor and Business Manager, who saw the paper safely launched, and for nearly a dozen years has kept it afloat, amid many discouragements, we wish all success to the new management, and would bespeak for the little paper in its new form the support of our women, not only by subscriptions, but also by contributions to its columns, that its circulation may steadily increase, and its influence ever widen.

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OUR TWO NEW MISSIONARIES

When, on Tuesday morning, October 20th, the steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse* sailed on her eastern trip across the Atlantic, she carried among her passengers two ladies, whose journey to India will be followed by the loving regards and good wishes, the fond hopes and earnest prayers of all the friends of our Foreign Mission work on this side of the water.

Dr. Betty Nilsson, the latest accession to our Medical Mission staff, was born in



DR. BETTY NILSSON

Oland, a little island off the southeast coast of Sweden. Her parents were pious people who received the little one as a gift from God, sent in answer to prayer, and the grateful mother, like Hannah of old, dedi-

cated this child to the Lord and to His service. When she was about ten years old, the family came to America and settled in Rockford, Ill. Here Betty received her education grew to womanhood, and, having graduated with honor, was assigned a position as teacher in a public school, which place she occupied for five years.

During this time her father, while pursuing his daily calling,—that of a cabinet-maker,—was troubled over the lack of clergymen to minister to the spiritual necessities of many of his countrymen, and formed the habit of gathering them together on the Lord's Day and holding service for them. In this way he has been instrumental in starting several churches.

With such examples before her it is not strange that the daughter's heart should, as it matured, be filled with the desire to do something to bring others to the knowledge of Christ. About seven years ago the Foreign Mission Board made an appeal to the women of the church for volunteers to go to India as teachers or zenana workers. Miss Nilsson wrote, offering her services, but received the disappointing reply that two applications had preceded hers, and that they did not need any more zenana workers just then. Not long after this Mrs. Evald, the zealous President of the very active Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod, which has participated with us in our medical work in India, met Miss Nilsson and was so impressed with her fitness for the work, that

she at once wrote saying that, if the Board would send her out as a medical missionary, their society would provide for her medical education. She began her medical studies in 1903 in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Chicago. She graduated with honor in 1907, after which she spent a year as interne in the Cook County Hospital, thereby acquiring an experience which will be invaluable to her in her future field of labor. She is a highly gifted young woman, with an exceedingly attractive personality, full of enthusiasm, and will, we believe, be a power for good among the women of India. It was, of course, a trial to the parents to send this their only child so far away, but God gave them grace to surrender her to His service.

Her companion, Miss Siegfried Esberhn, was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1884. She graduated at the university there in 1903, and two years later came to America. For years she had the desire to be a missionary. This feeling was manifested in the few words which she spoke at the farewell meeting in Philadelphia. She began: "When I now stand for the first time before the members of the honorable Board of the General Council, as their missionary, I cannot find anything to say that can better express my feelings than that little word thanks, thanks to God Who has called me, and thanks to the Board who have so willingly received me as their missionary." Miss Esberhn expects to fit herself for zenana work.

These two ladies were formally commissioned as missionaries to India on October 15th, in Immanuel Church, Chicago. Rev. Dr. Evald, pastor, a full account of which has been given in *The Lutheran*. Learning that they would pass through Philadelphia, it was thought desirable that the friends of the Foreign Mission cause

here should have the opportunity of giving them a God-speed on their way. A meeting was rather hurriedly arranged for Sunday evening, October 18th, in St. Mark's church. There was a goodly attendance of representatives from a number of churches. Addresses were made by the pastors, Drs. Laird and Fretz, by Rev. Mr. Drach, the General Secretary of the Board, and by the two



MISS SIEGFRIED ESBERHN

ladies. It was a deeply interesting and impressive service, not only to those who, by their presence attested their interest in the two young women who were consecrating their lives to the welfare of their fellow beings, and to the service of God, but also to these ladies themselves, whose hearts were warmed by the realization that they would

have the sympathy and the prayers of many fellow Christians to whom they were personally strangers.

Let us not forget to pray for these and all of our missionaries.

M. A. L.



MISSION-STUDY CLASSES

Mission study-work in classes, says General Secretary Drach, furnishes information, increases interest, heightens effort. Organize a class for this winter and do the best you can. Perhaps the first attempt will be difficult and in a measure disappointing. With each additional attempt the work will be done better, the classes become more diligent and interested, the mission spirit livelier and more energetic. Do not attempt to form large classes. One dozen people form a good class; two dozen too large a class. If two dozen want to study, form two classes. If you can get but two or three to join your class, go ahead with them. You will find it worth while in the end.

If you want to study India use "The Christian Conquest of India," by James M. Thoburn.

If you want to study Japan use "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," by John H. De Forrest.

If you want to study the general subject of foreign missions use "The Why and How of Foreign Missions," by Arthur J. Brown.

These books may be obtained, 1522 Arch street, Philadelphia, at the following prices: each book 50 cents; 35 cents paper binding, postage eight cents extra. Money must accompany orders.

Study classes desiring more advanced text books are referred to the admirable series published by the Interdenominational Com-

mittee of Woman's Boards, especially "Lux Christi," by Caroline A. Mason, a study of missions in India; "Dux Christus," by Rev. W. E. Griffis, D.D., a study of missions in Japan.

The Board of Foreign Missions has a list of books recommended to pastors and other students of foreign missions, which will be sent gratis to anyone who desires it.

In the Home Mission field, there is no one book which condenses the whole problem of our anglicizing immigrants in its single compass, but the leaders of any Mission Study class can easily compile very telling facts and principles from three or four paper-covered books, as, for instance, "Aliens or Americans," "The Challenge of the City," "Our Incoming Millions," and "Coming Americans." Some of the illustrative diagrams on the pages of these treatises are most effective, and by their appeal to the eye, make a lasting impression. Rev. Charles L. Fry has been put in charge of the study courses in Home Missions and Church Extension, and he will be glad to correspond with persons interested.



A NEW HONOR ROLL.

Who Will Organize the First New Junior Societies?

The fact that there are not more than two dozen Junior Mission Bands under the auspices of our societies in Pennsylvania, outside the Norristown and Philadelphia Conferences, is a revelation to everybody. Where are our growing boys and girls to get missionary knowledge and zeal, if not in the Church? Surely not from the public schools, alas, not even from the Sunday schools, where such instruction is at best haphazard and fragmentary: a side issue, if that much! How are the children of our homes made ac-

quainted with the facts of missionary development, in the family circle, where such subjects are never introduced?

Oh, the infinite pity of it, to let the susceptible season of youth slip by, the time in life when every generous impulse of the heart is so readily and indelibly impressed, when the soul's attitude toward God's glorious plan of evangelizing the world is settled, I had almost said unalterably, when it is so EASY to settle it right, and so hard to afterwards change the disposition,—without taking advantage of the favorable opportunity!

At our recent missionary conventions, as reported in this issue, unanimous action was taken, urging the vital need of this work among juniors, and showing both the folly and the sin of its neglect. This paper will, therefore, publish an HONOR ROLL of the first societies to respond to this call, and request is hereby made that their names be sent in with the dates affixed, that they may be printed in their exact order of organization. If the deterrent cause has, heretofore, been an uncertainty just how to proceed, the editor of *The Mission Worker* will cheerfully recommend printed suggestions on request. It cannot be long ere every one of our Conference Societies will have a secretary of the Junior Department, as the Norristown and Philadelphia Conferences have set the example. It is our aim in this periodical, if possible, in the very next issue, to establish a junior department.



Let us watch and pray! Watch for the golden opportunities that present themselves, at home and in foreign lands. Then let us pray for grace and strength to garner the rich harvest which God opens to our eyes.

ELSIE A. DEISHER.

In Memoriam

BELINDA CHARLOTTE SWENSON

BY S. E. MONROE.

On January 8, 1870, in a little Swedish village, a daughter was born to Anders and Anna Maria Swenson. To this, their second daughter, the parents gave the name of Belinda Charlotte. In 1878 Mr. Swenson decided to join the tide of emigration, and brought his family to the United States; he settled on a farm near Axtell, Kansas, where



BELINDA CHARLOTTE SWENSON

some of the family still reside. Mr. Swenson was a capable, industrious man, a good husband and father, greatly interested in the education of his children. At night, when the day's work was over, their father would question the children on what had

been learned and did much to stimulate them to industrious habits.

At a very early age, Charlotte could repeat the entire catechism in Swedish, which included many proof-texts of Scripture. About a year after coming to their western home, a great change took place in the religious feelings of both parents; then it was that their interest in spiritual matters became greatly quickened and "things eternal" became of supreme importance. This made a deep impression upon their children; from that time it was not the *letter merely*, but the *spirit* of the religion of Christ which permeated the family life. Thus early in life Charlotte was brought to know the power of the Christian life, and God became to her to the end of life, a loving Father to whom she could bring her joys and sorrows, assured of His Divine sympathy and counsel. The people of God became her friends, and she rejoiced to be with those who assembled for prayer and worship.

In December, 1879, Mr. Swenson, after a brief illness, during one stormy night, passed from earth, leaving his wife and four young daughters. As there was but little left for their support, the older children were obliged to begin to earn a livelihood. At that time the country in the vicinity of Axtell was sparsely settled; before very long the family removed to Denver.

As there was no Lutheran Church in the neighborhood of their home they became connected with a United Presbyterian congregation in that city. Wherever the children were located the condition was made that they should attend church and Sunday school.

On account of its high altitude the climate of Denver did not suit Charlotte, and after some time she removed to Los Angeles, California, where she found employment, and remained until she had earned about one thousand dollars.

Then her long-cherished plan of college training was to be realized, and in September 1891, she entered Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, then under the leadership of Dr. Swenson, of blessed memory.

In the summer of '94, the name of Charlotte Swenson was among the list of those who graduated from the Normal Department. The following autumn found her again at "Bethany," taking up some branches which she thought would be useful to her, as a post-graduate course.

During this year a letter of inquiry was sent to Dr. Swenson by the Committee of our Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, asking him to recommend some one to go to India as a worker in the Zenanas of our Rajahmundry field. Without hesitation the name of Miss Charlotte Swenson was given in reply.

(To be Continued.)

Mrs. Eliza R. McClanahan, wife of Rev. G. W. McClanahan, of Strasburg, Pa., passed away on October 31, 1908, after many months of illness. Her body was laid to rest in Lynchburg, Va., her native home, on November 3rd. In her removal, the missionary activities of our church have lost a valued helper. She was identified with the society of the Lancaster Conference from its beginning, acting as one of its secretaries for many years. Her extended knowledge of our mission field and her wise counsels will be greatly missed by its executive committee whose meetings she rarely missed. She was also Recording Secretary of the Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania from 1902 to 1906. The large congregation which gathered in old St. Michael's, Strasburg, on November 2nd, to pay to her their last tribute of love and respect, was a testimonial of the esteem in which she was held by all. Our

loss is her gain. The memory of her zeal and interest in the Mission cause remains to inspire us to greater activity in the Master's service.

MRS. A. W. LEIBENSBERGER.

ENTHUSIASTIC FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Dr. Amy B. Rohrer, in all her letters from India, just bubbles over with enjoyment of both her work and her surroundings. "Wouldn't I like to give you each a nice bouquet of roses from the bushes just outside our door? Or would you choose tuberose or ladyslippers? Doesn't that sound like home? I wish you could see the beautiful birds, whole flocks of parrots, white cranes, blue jays and turtle doves. Then oh, what moonlight nights we have! I used to think the harvest moon was beautiful in Pennsylvania, but this is simply marvelous!

"The only thing which saddens me is the prevalent religion. It is really all fear. If only our people at home could realize their desperate need of the Gospel. Any one who burns a dear little baby's abdomen with a red hot iron, or gives four hundred grains of calomel at one dose, or will not allow a fever patient to sleep, or will not give him water or food for fear that the gods will be displeased, is surely in need of *some* change in religion! My mushi, who is a Brahmin, and an authority in this whole section of country, told me himself that a woman has no soul and no god but her husband. And then I have seen and heard unspeakable abominations all done in the name of religion!

"But Hinduism is weakening; I spoke to a class of Brahmin boys about some of their customs. They knowingly laughed, and said: 'Oh, we don't believe such things any

more. You must ask our grandmothers.' There was quite an excitement in the class when one boy said His trust was in Jesus. A comrade got furious at this, but the boy suffered nothing serious for it. Truly now is the opportune time for the Christian church to step in. If you know of any one who wants to come to a beautiful country with a lovable people, and an interesting language, any one who wants to help carry out God's wonderful plan, and help satisfy the longing heart of Christ—tell her to come out here. Even if her parents do object, God certainly does not, and I promise that she, herself, never will."

"I was agreeably surprised to find the amount of substantial work which had been done here. Our boys' and girls' schools are really a great inspiration. The medical work has taken a firm hold upon the people. God has blessed the work, but oh! if you could only see how much there is yet to be done! The only solution is in sending money and men from those countries which are so richly blessed of God, and to which He looks for the service that is needed in order that His love might be made known to the heathen! Recently there was a feast, at which time they made gods out of the mud of the street and worshipped them! Then we had here the great annual Feast of the Rivers, at which time they bathe in the sacred rivers. Our Godavery is one of the twelve sacred rivers, and thousands of Hindus from all parts of India came to bathe in it, and give alms to the beggars (who are almost numberless). This act is supposed to bring merit to them, and help them in the future transmigration of souls. How empty it all seemed to us, yet it only shows that they are "striving after God, in order that they might find Him." But the enthusiasm with which our missionaries are attacking these prob-

lems proves that the future will show us great things, and also the renewed energy of our people at home encourages the heart of the missionary to go forth in prayer and hope. I noted recently that another had been called to "*labor*" in our vineyard. And that word is indeed significant, for you in your Christian land cannot show what it means to live in this atmosphere saturated with heathenism, day after day! It is indeed *real* labor which must be done in order that the kingdom of God may come. We need your earnest prayers, and we know we have them.

To-night Dr. Woerner and I go to Gun-tur to see the hospital. The people of the towns are awaiting the building of ours. The site for it I think one of the most desirable I have seen. Dr. Woerner has done a splendid work. The people love her and have great confidence in her. So far I have had time to do very little medical work. I usually go with Dr. Woerner to difficult cases, and look after patients when she is otherwise engaged. But my time is almost entirely given to the study of the language. We are looking forward to great things in medical lines, and the people are expecting great things from us. We pray God's help to fulfil our mission as medical missionaries. We note with deep interest your efforts in the medical line and trust that they may grow still more, for the work supplies a great need here. Dr. Woerner joins with me in sending hearty greetings to you all.

AMY B. ROHRER.



IN PORTO RICO

REV. J. L. SMITH, D.D.

We have at this time nine (9) missionaries, *five* from the States, and *four* natives. But these are not all paid for their services.

The names of our missionaries are: Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom, Rev. Mr. Anderson and his sister, who has gone out at his expense, to keep house for him, and Miss May C. Mellander, who is the teacher of our parochial school in Catano. These are from the States. Mrs. Ostrom and Miss Anderson are *not* paid for their services, but they are active, and do all they can to carry on the work. Indeed, I do not know what the Mission would do were Mrs. Ostrom to retire from the work. Miss Mellander is a devout and talented young woman, and our Board is very fortunate to have her in the work. Mr. Emanuel Hidalgo is a native Spaniard, who is employed in the Mission, and Miss Gabriel Cuervos is the Porto Rican girl which our Swedish Ladies about Chicago had brought to the States, and our deaconesses in Milwaukee had her in training for over a year. She is a faithful worker in visiting the homes, reading the Scriptures to them, and inviting them to attend the Sunday schools, and public worship. Then we have employed two native young Porto Rican men, who are under instructions of Revs. Ostrom and Anderson for native ministers. Their names are JAIMS MAS and LEOPOLDO MONSERRATE. The Board feels the need of preparing natives to preach and teach, in order to reach the people more effectually. The following are the places where the work is done: San Juan, the capital city is the center of operation; we have in that city, an English congregation and Sunday school, and a Spanish congregation and Sunday school, both in the same house. In Catano we have a church building with a Spanish congregation and a large Sunday school in another building in which our parochial school is held. Back of the church, facing on the bay is a shack or cottage in which Miss Mellander lives, or rather stays! Catano is across the bay from the city of San Juan. About 6 miles from Catano is

the town of Bayamon, which we could call the county seat, of the district of Bayamon. Here is where Rev. Anderson resides. He has two preaching places in Bayamontown, and is doing a fine work. About 5 miles from Bayamon is Monacillo, in which we have a preaching place. And about 5 miles in the other direction from Catano on the coast, at the mouth of Bayamon river, is Palo Seco, where regular services are held. This is a fishing village of poor fishermen. There are several other points which are visited by our missionaries, and services held, but they are not able to meet all the requirements in services. The Mission owns one horse, and needs a cart or buggy very much. I want to say that I do not believe that a more devout and pious and hard working set of missionaries can be found than our missionaries in Porto Rico. They work very hard in that tropical climate, and cheerfully make many severe self-denials. They are at great expense, yet have very few comforts. But their work is growing and the services and schools are well attended. Many of our Lutheran Women's Societies and Luther Leagues have been very kind to help them with boxes of various supplies with which to bless the many poor children and women. The New York Ladies sent a "Baby Organ," but they need about three more organs for other preaching points. Good, second-hand chapel organs can be gotten for ten or fifteen dollars, and sometimes even for the asking for such noble work, and it would be a blessing to that work if these could be supplied.

But especially must the Board have money. We must buy *property* in San Juan for a church—one in Bayamon, one in Palo Seco, and one in Monacillo. A good Presbyterian lady, the wife of a retired minister, gives us her cottage in Monacillo, in which to hold our services. We must purchase a lot there and build a church. It is in the midst

of a great fruit growing community, and the population is very dense. We are paying too much money out for *rent*, but we can do no better, until we secure our own churches. We appeal to our liberal and wealthy people to come to our aid by large gifts to enable us to secure places of worship. Bayamon is such an important place, growing by American thrift, and we must push our work there as well as in San Juan. There are nearly one million people on the beautiful little Island of Porto Rico, and not more than one-fourth of them go to the Roman Catholic Church. How great all our opportunities among these tens of thousands of ignorant, famishing, Christless souls!



A MISSION STUDY CLASS AND WHAT CAME OF IT

Motto: MUST CHURCHES MOVE OUT
WHEN FOREIGNERS MOVE IN?

BY MRS. LILLIAN W. CASSADAY.

In November 1906, a Missionary Institute lasting three days was held in Philadelphia, under the auspices of The Young Peoples' Forward Missionary Movement.

Several hundred persons of various denominations attended this Institute, which was divided into three great classes to study three great subjects, viz: "Aliens or Americans?" "The Christian Conquest of India," and "Day-dawn in the Dark Continent."

I bought the book, "The Christian Conquest of India," with the intention of going into that class, but the opening prayers were so earnest for "real service," not merely "the sending of money," but "the giving of one's own life and love to the work nearest and most needed." As I listened, scores of little childish faces, with pleading dark eyes, seemed to rise before me—just such little faces as I habitually passed without a word

or a smile in the vicinity of our own church. I tried to turn away from them, but then the prayers seemed not for me, and I remembered the words of Jesus: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

I felt it to be my duty to get the book "Aliens or Americans?" enter that class, and learn if it might be possible to help Christianize Italians and Jews right around me? After three days' study I pledged myself to organize and lead a Mission Study Class with this definite purpose in view.

A class of eighteen young ladies was organized in January 1907. I procured a little ten-cent booklet entitled "How to organize and lead a Mission Study Class," and it was very helpful. The class met every Monday evening for three months at the homes of the members. "Aliens or Americans?" was our text book and we studied in good earnest. Questions were freely asked, and at each meeting we had much informal discussion. I always opened each meeting with an appropriate Scripture reading and a free prayer. The following is a fair sample of one evening's work:

Roll call. Scripture reading. Prayer. Review.

Subject: "The Home Mission Opportunity."

Aim: To make hopeful beginning a strong incentive to work among foreigners.

1. Alien accessibility.

What is meant by "Save America and you save the world?"

What is God's message?

What is meant by assimilation?

What is the chief factor in assimilation?

Mention other factors.

Shall America be kept Christian?

Shall Philadelphia be kept Christian?

What is the present attitude of the alien towards religion?

What do we think of the immigrant?

What does he think of us?

2. Missionary beginnings.

Where should Home Mission work begin?

What have we done?

What further should be done?

3. Protestantism and the Alien?

What are the Protestant churches doing?

What are the Roman Catholic churches doing?

Is it a hopeful work to evangelize the foreigners?

What is our experience thus far?

4. The call to great things.

5. The Individual Duty.

What efforts have *you* made?

What is the tremendous "If" that stands between the foreigners and their evangelization? (Ans.—"If only American Protestantism prove true to its opportunity and duty.")

Are we going to do our duty?

Assignment of next lesson.

Lord's Prayer. Dismissal.

Regular and prompt attendance at the Class, and daily prayer for the success of the work were requested.

And what were the results of our three months' Mission Study Class?

The first visible result came from prayer—not study. A little Italian boy came unsolicited into our Sunday school. We called him "God's gift," and he brought other little ones until we had sixteen little Italians in our Primary Department when the Mission Study Class held its closing meeting in May 1907.

Secondly: The collection at this public meeting with some gifts from friends, amounted to \$45. Of this \$25 was given to our church council towards a Parish Build-

ing or Settlement House, and \$20 was laid aside towards the establishment of a Daily Christian Kindergarten.

Thirdly: I wrote *The Immigration Hymn*.

Fourthly: We gained much in spirituality.

Fifthly: We gained much in knowledge and we found that in working among the Italians it would be a great advantage to know their language; therefore

Sixthly: The Mission Study Class was re-organized October, 1907, to study the Italian language and establish a Daily Christian Kindergarten.

(To be continued.)



CONTRIBUTED SENTIMENTS

"Go ye," this is our Lord's personal command to us, and we may not evade it. The words may point me to Africa, India, China or Japan. Or it may be to some loved one in our own home, or in that of our neighbor. The question for us is: Do we obey that command?

MRS. IRA M. WALLACE.

The church is strong or weak in proportion as it has the subject of missions at heart.

The best things in the world only live in the atmosphere of sacrifice.

LILLIAN M. URICH.

There was a struggling mission in a humble hall in Philadelphia, which renewed the Christian faith and service of one of our Lancaster boys.

He departed this life recently in Christ and in peace. His good old mother believes that mission work pays, and we all are im-

pressed by the close relations between what may seem far away fields in the Lord's great harvest of souls.

MRS. JOHN W. RICHARDS.

A peculiar responsibility rests upon us because we live in the Twentieth century. This is pre-eminently the mission century. More than all the others that have gone before it, is it the age in which Christ's command is being repeated and emphasized and broadened and thundered out and heard and heeded as never before.

Our responsibility is greater than the responsibility of our fathers, on the principle that to him that "knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Remember that loyalty to our church involves loyalty to our home and foreign missionary treasuries; and not merely a *passive wish* that they may be full, but an active effort to fill their coffers.

We may tamely abandon our rights, but we can not, as with a whisk, brush away these great responsibilities.

MRS. C. C. MILLER.



A DEACONESS' SPECIMEN DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

RECORDED BY HERSELF.

The rising bell has rung at 5.30 sharp. Sometimes on biting cold winter mornings one would rather turn over for another nap, but the day's work must begin promptly, both winter and summer. At 6.15 the breakfast bell rings and after breakfast we have a short family-worship, reading of Scripture, song and prayer, then we are ready for the day's work.

At 6 the school-gong is rung for the children to rise, at seven the bell is rung

for the school-children's breakfast, so the bells keep calling each morning until 8, which is the "last call" for breakfast. This bell is rung at the Old People's Home.

At seven the sisters all start their daily duties; some begin their duties earlier, especially those who have charge of the kitchens and the marketing. Each Sister has her own special work assigned to her, some in the Hospitals, the German and the Children's, some in the Dispensaries, the School, the Kindergarten, the Kitchens, the Laundry, the Sewing-room, the Old People's Home, the Household duties and the parish workers in various churches.

Those of St. John's Church (on Race, between Fifth and Sixth Streets) have a settlement-work in connection with the church, and each day is full of checkered experiences. Here is a sample, taken at random from my diary:

Started out in the morning at nine for continuous round of visits among the poor, the friendless, the heart-broken. At noon tried to snatch a little rest, but hardly had laid down ere a knock at the door, a pathetic call for assistance, then immediately another woman coming in to tell a tale of woe of a neighbor man in the same tenement, who has been neglecting his family of three small girls, the eldest being nine years old, the next seven and the youngest three. Their mother died the week before, and the father has since been consoling himself in drink. Well, well, what is to be done? The little ones need help, and the solution of their problem takes the whole afternoon.

Coming back to the settlement-house at 5 P. M., within three minutes was called to the door again. Found a woman with three other small girls, all ragged and dirty. The woman found the children in Franklin Square, a small public park, crying and hungry; she said, "I thought I had better bring

the children to the Mission, (so the neighbors call our settlement-house), and the sister will take care of them."

So the first thing to be done is to get a tub of hot water and give the children a thorough scrubbing. Some of the girls of the neighborhood dropped in to see what was happening, and were promptly sent out to beg for some clean underwear and dresses. The clothes the little ones had on needed a bath, too!

Before seven o'clock the boys and girls of the tenements, glad to escape from their "homes" (?), come romping in for their evening games or studies, which are kept up till 9.30.

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Post-script. The three little girls all have good homes now, near Harrisburg. The families with whom they live have adopted them.



MY VISITS TO JUNIOR MISSION BANDS

BY MRS. HERBERT C. BELL.

The methods presented in this article are in actual and successful use in many Bands.

Incidents showing what to do, and what not to do, are related, with the hope that new leaders may profit by the experience of others.

My first visit was to a well-organized Band in a city church. Here they had a well-arranged, well-lighted room, equipped with piano, blackboard and maps. The pastor's wife was the superintendent. She had as helpers, a pianist, to lead the singing, and a young woman in charge of attendance, tickets and blackboard.

The *attention to details* was the thing that struck me most. Anything that would

add to the order and helpfulness of the Band was considered worthy of time and care. The music was carefully selected to fit the lesson. The Bible verses had been chosen by the *leader*, not by the children. The attendance was marked in a unique manner. By the door hung a board with little numbered tags on hooks. Every boy and girl was given a number when they joined the Band, and, as they came in to the meeting, each took his tag from its hook and dropped it into a basket. This leader, who possessed the gift of story-telling, thought the time could be more profitably used than in calling a long roll. But all absentees were looked up. The children knew that the omission of a roll-call did not mean carelessness in regard to attendance. Five minutes were given at the close of the lesson to brisk questions. Sometimes the questions were on the names of our workers, on where our money goes, etc. To hear these children recite the names and *districts* of our India workers, etc., would put many older ones to shame.

Another Band in a church where it was the only organization among the children, had not so talented a leader or helpers, and had been much bothered by the *difference in ages* of the children. They solved it by putting much of the responsibility on those boys and girls who had begun to feel *too old* for the Band. They formed a cabinet with numerous committees. In their meetings, they made the roll-call a prominent feature. One month, the response was the names of our missionaries; a second month, they added the field to the name; a third, the kind of work was given in addition to name and field. The most restless boys were put in charge of papers, hymn books and offering, and the responsibility of the older ones to set the right example in order, giving and attendance was impressed not in "open meet-

ing," but in the cabinet meeting held midway between the regular meetings.

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Once a leader said to me: "Will you visit our Band? It is not doing any good at all. We will do just as we always do, and perhaps you can tell us what the trouble is."

So I went. I got there five minutes before time to begin—no leader was in sight; but small boys raced up and down aisles and played ball with the Bibles. The leader was a young girl who loved children and would have made a splendid assistant. In time, she would have grown into a beautiful leader; but the children needed an older hand, and the girl needed *missionary knowledge* before she could teach others.

She was reading "Black Beauty" to the children, because she knew it "was a good book," and the children liked to be read to! Oh, ye women of our missionary societies, think not your whole duty is done when you *organize* a Mission Band! * * * * *

In one society, a small man stumbled through a hard passage that it would have taken a D.D. to connect with missions. The children read verses, evidently selected by themselves, some of them with long words that they had to spell out. Do you wonder everyone felt relieved when the Bible lesson was over?

My next visit was to a country church where the children were too widely scattered to come after school, or on Saturday; where the roads were often bad, and where inclement weather meant no meeting. The Band was on the point of dissolution when the superintendent thought of holding it after Sunday school, the morning there was no preaching. Under this plan there was an immediate increase in attendance, with a small audience of interested fathers and mothers.

Each meeting was a special little occasion—"most as good as Christmas exercises," as one little girl expressed it. Pictures cut

from church papers and magazines and mounted on tablet backs were shown as the foundation for stories.

I came from this meeting thankful for the women who "despise not the day of small things," and who, in communities where there are only six or a dozen children, still think it worth while to train them for the Master and the work of His Kingdom.

One other form of missionary organization for children I found, viz.: that in which a Sunday school class was organized as a Circle with the teacher as leader. These most frequently met at the teacher's home on a week-day, and the work presented more variety than the meetings held on Sunday. Sewing, reading, making charts, collecting pictures, holding social sessions were some of the things I saw and heard of in my visits. And from all of them I gleaned the following facts in regard to successful Band work:

1. A Band must have some literature; the more the better, but no Band can do without helps.

2. Great *numbers* of children are not necessary in order to have a good Band. But where there are hundreds in the Sunday school, no Band should be content with only a score in its organization.

3. Lack of reverence, tardiness and careless preparation of the lesson story will kill any organization.

4. Talent is not so necessary in a leader as a devout, earnest spirit and a willingness to work.

5. No point is too small to be worthy of attention.

6. Our woman's societies must keep in close touch with the Bands they have organized.

7. Until we feel "woe is me if I" do not help in the work for the children, the Mission Band problem will not be solved.

IS IT ANYTHING MORE THAN PHILANTHROPY?

Possibly it may be sheer self-preservation, in saving ourselves, or at least our children, from the fury of the whirlwind,—this vital business of mission work among the immigrants to this land! God have mercy upon us, if the million-a-year who are flocking into our cities shall not be assimilated by atmospheric Christian influences, and by the applied Means of Grace. It is our own good fortune, not our doings, that the limit has not yet been reached, and the cup is not yet running over, in our own life-time. Perhaps, if we do not live too long, we may escape the storm-break altogether, but in the very nature of things, unless the gathering clouds have some of their thunderbolts eliminated, by the spiritual process of tapping the dangerous electric fluid, the hurricane is bound to ensue. Mere philanthropy, say you? Nay, an INSURANCE investment is every Home Mission offering, and the return will be a saving with double compound interest! A bountiful sowing in this field means a bountiful reaping, in more senses than one.

THE LATEST WORD ON THE INDIA HOSPITAL

A personal letter received just before going to press from Dr. Lydia Woerner, alludes among other matters of interest to our contemplated Hospital.

According to the law in India, plans for such a building must be drawn by what is called the D. P. W., which means the Government Department of Public Works. On account of certain established formalities this requires time, for Kipling was decidedly right in saying, "You can't hustle the East." Time is absolutely no consideration in Oriental countries, hence Westerners must wait till it pleases the East to move.

In the letter Dr. Woerner says she is working on the formation of the hospital plans.

CONFERENCES SUPPLEMENT LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER

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DANVILLE CONFERENCE

The fifth annual convention was held at Kratzerville, on October 20-21, 1908, 41 delegates, 7 pastors and 250 visitors reporting.

An address of welcome was given by Miss Lillian Herman, followed by the reports of officers and Chairmen of the different Committees.

The organizing Committee reported Freeburg and Aristes, two new societies.

The India Box Committee sent a box valued at \$16.85, and \$45.50 in money.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President, Mrs. C. D. Zweier, Jersey Shore; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. B. Hartman, Williamsport; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. J. Streich, Shamokin; Recording Secretary, Miss Lillian Herman, Kratzerville; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mable Grittner, Turbotville; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Genszler, Selinsgrove.

A discussion arose as what to do with our convention offering? Some wanted it to go to Foreign and some to Home Missions, so we called on our treasurer to give us the amounts sent for Foreign and for Home work during the year. We were certainly very much surprised to find we had sent \$108 to Foreign Missions and only \$47 to Home Missions, so that decided the question in favor of Home Missions.

"The Activity of the Women in the Home and Foreign Mission Work," was opened by Mrs. L. D. Ulrich, of Danville.

At the evening session Rev. C. L. Fry of Catasauqua, gave an illustrated address, which was duly appreciated by the large concourse of people that crowded the church to its utmost capacity. As the Eastern representative of the Church Extension Society, he gave first a crayon sketch and then a map talk on our field in North America with special reference to our ungathered multitudes. Incidentally he pointed to Alabama, as that part of the territory of the United Synod South into which the General Council has been invited to send a Field Missionary. Most of his emphasis was laid on the great Northwest, the Pacific Coast and Canada.

The place of our next meeting will be Numidia.

The "Mission Worker," was presented by Mrs. G. W. Genszler, and a very interesting discussion followed.

A motion passed that each Society subscribe for 5 copies for one year. Fourteen Societies responded. A motion was then made that we pledge ourselves to give \$25 a year for five years towards the salary of a Field Missionary in Alabama. This was the fruit of the address of the previous evening.

A motion also carried to send \$10 to the Slovak Mission Board.

The concluding essay was on "India

Missions," read by Miss Dora Reichley and Mrs. J. O. Ritter, of Kratzerville.

There was contributed, during the year, for Church Extension, \$65; India Box, \$45.50; Porto Rico, \$12; Slovak Mission, \$18; Educating Boy in India, \$30; Educating Girl in India, \$15; India Hospital, \$6; Total, \$191.50.

LILLIAN HERMAN, *Secretary*.



LANCASTER CONFERENCE

The Thirteenth Annual Convention was held in Salem Church, Lebanon, October 22, 1908. Sixteen societies responded to the roll call.

Greetings were received from the Philadelphia, Allentown, Reading, Norristown, Wilkes Barre and Pottsville Societies, and from the Synodical Society.

Four new societies were received: Zim's, Jonestown; Friedens, Myerstown; St. John's Junior League, Reamstown; and Palm Church, Palmyra. Also a letter was read from Grantville, speaking favorably of forming a Society.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

For the first time in its history, this society has crossed the South Mountain to hold this, its Thirteenth Convention in historic old Salem of Lebanon. We are here to-day to review our progress, and renew our consecration to God and His service.

So vast and complicated has our Church's mission work become, that it is difficult for many of us to keep closely in touch with all departments of it. New avenues of activity are constantly opening before us, until we painfully feel our inability to answer the many appeals which come to us. Not until some systematic plan of beneficence has been arranged and followed, will all our various mission objects receive their necessary assistance.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the past year some changes have occurred in our foreign field. Some of our missionaries have returned home, and one of them, Miss Monroe, who has so ably assisted Miss Weiskotten, is here to-day to speak to us. Dr. Woerner returned to the field last fall accompanied by our new medical missionary, Dr. Amy Rohrer. With their return the medical work has received a new impetus, Dr. Woerner being most joyously received by her former patients. And this week another, Dr. Betty Nilsson, in company with Miss Esberhn, both from the Swedish Augustana Synod, will sail for the field.

We sadly chronicle the death of our dear Zenana sister, Miss Swenson, which leaves the Zenana work uncared for, as there is nobody on the field able to devote her full time to this important work. All testify to the sweetness of the Christian life of this noble woman, and the courage with which she continued her labors while battling with physical weakness. Is there not somebody you know, who, inspired by the sacrifice she made, is willing to go and minister to those benighted Hindu sisters whom she so dearly loved?

In the past year our Foreign Mission Board was asked to co-operate with the United Synod of the South in the enlargement of their Lutheran mission field in Japan, and on September 6th, Rev. Frisby Smith was consecrated to this important work in Trinity Church, Reading. Japan is the open door to the Orient, and its acceptance of Christianity will greatly help and hasten the christianization of other countries in the old world. The addition of this new sphere means increased praying and giving for the foreign field.

HOME MISSIONS.

The visits which we have all lately received from our home missionary staff

should fully open our eyes to our duty toward our brethren in our home land. Unification is no more a theory only; it is a fact, and we must rally to the support of our field missionaries, and encourage them to still greater zeal in the ingathering of souls into the Master's fold. In the face of present known conditions and opportunities "to doubt" the need of our prayers and our gold "would be disloyalty," "to falter" in the duty before us "would be sin."

Our mission in Salt Lake City succeeded last spring in paying off one of the mortgages resting against its property. The holder of a remaining mortgage has since died, and the Mission Board has borrowed money to cancel this debt, with the understanding that it shall be a loan to the mission from the Church Extension Society. Inasmuch, as this has been called the Woman's Memorial Chapel, it should inspire us to assist them in lifting this burden. Any who desire so to do, shall contribute their gift to Church Extension for Salt Lake City. We regret our inability to report the fact that we have fulfilled the pledge we made last year to raise \$50 toward the support of a field missionary. *Can we not to-day renew this pledge, for a term of years, with the earnest intention that it shall be fulfilled?*

PORTO RICO.

The work in Porto Rico is advancing, and its future is assured, if we cherish that which we have, and improve the opportunity to enter new places. Rev. Ostrom is ably assisted by Rev. Anderson. Miss Melander, who was lately home on furlough, has charge of a parochial school at Catano, and is also engaged in parish work. The fourth congregation was organized in July in Bayamon, when a class of catechumens was confirmed. As a conference society we have somewhat neglected this work in the past, but we hope the future will see us more

interested in this important field.

THE SLOVAKS.

You will hear to-day of our Slovak brethren, who are helping very greatly to increase the Lutheran population of our State. Rev. Ramer, after several years spent in Hungary in the study of their language, is here to tell us of them, and how we can assist those who have come to this country.

INNER MISSIONS.

Perhaps no work comes so near to our hearts as that of Inner Missions, which seeks, through the body, to care for the soul. In past years, this work was mainly confined to orphans' homes, and in a slight degree to deaconess' institutions and hospitals, but in the last few years we note the establishment of Lutheran Hospices for Young Men in several cities of our State, a settlement house a dispensary for the free treatment of tuberculosis; and divine services conducted in institutions of mercy, and prisons which are in charge of a city missionary. We can all, in some measure, help in this work in our own congregations, by visiting the sick and discouraged, caring for the poor, and gathering in the wandering and fallen.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

The church realizes that lack of information in missionary matters is the cause of its lack of interest and giving. Hence the educational campaign of Missionary Kunzman and his staff. It was also for this reason that the missionary study course was inaugurated this past summer in both the summer schools in Muhlenberg and Thiel, the aim being to train leaders for mission study classes in every congregation. Many attended this course and one of them will tell us to-day all that we should know in order to form such classes in our societies. Let us hope that the coming year will see us all deeply engaged in the study of missions.

In this connection let me remind you of our own periodical, *The Mission Worker*. There are less than 100 subscribers to this paper in our conference society. Is it not possible to have members of every society on its subscription list? Its new editor, Mrs. C. L. Fry, has planned to improve it in many respects, and let us encourage her in every way that we can.

Finally, may the mothers and sisters and teachers who are here to-day, realize the responsibilities that are resting on our dear old Church to send her choicest sons into the ministry. May we try to impress it on sons, brothers and pupils that there is no grander or nobler work on earth than bringing souls to Jesus. It is the mothers of to-day who must train the pastors and missionaries of the future. We need them now; we will need them then. May we return to our homes with greater earnestness, more resolute purpose and untiring zeal in the cause of Christian missions.

MARY E. LEIBENSBERGER, *President*.

Committee on President's Report were Miss Alta Diller, Mrs. F. P. Mayser and Mrs. Minnie Breneman.

The Executive Committee held four regular meetings during the year.

At the first meeting a motion was made that our Corresponding Secretary notify all the local societies of the obligations taken at the Fall Convention, namely that the interest be paid on St. James Mission, Lititz, for another year, and that not less than fifty dollars be raised for our Field Missionary.

Mrs. George Grim was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Lace Committee and was also appointed a delegate to the Wilkes-Barre Convention. Miss Ella Beates represented us at Allentown.

Mrs. Emma Barr, chairman of the Box Committee, urged a liberal donation to the

India Box. This resulted in a donation of \$85. The emergency of the Woman's Memorial Church, in Salt Lake City, Utah, was also brought before the Committee.

Mrs. B. G. Welder was appointed delegate to the Reading Convention, and the following to the Synodical Convention: Mrs. A. W. Leibensperger, Miss E. Beates, Mrs. E. Barr, Mrs. F. P. Mayser, Mrs. Geo. Daniels, Mrs. G. W. McClanahan, Mrs. Minnie Breneman, Mrs. J. W. Richards, Mrs. O. W. Weidner, and Mrs. Sarah Halbach. Alternates, Mrs. J. H. Strenge, Mrs. W. F. Rex, Miss Alta Diller, Mrs. E. J. Wackernagel and Mrs. L. C. Reisner.

At the third meeting the Treasurer reported \$22 of the \$50 pledged for our Field Missionary, had been paid.

The committee on Tabulated Report submitted the old form with the following additions: Under amounts contributed, to Home Missions, Church Extension and Porto Rico; to Foreign Missions, Medical Missions and Other Charitable Purposes.

At the fourth meeting we sent resolutions of sympathy to Mrs. G. W. McClanahan in this time of her serious illness.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR

Year ending October 1, 1908.

Receipts were as follows:

October 24, 1907, \$115.75; interest on \$500 St. James, Lititz, \$24.50; Medical Missions, \$69.02; Foreign Missions, \$27; Porto Rico, \$27.75; G. C. Home Missions, \$76; Church Extension, \$72; Slovak Missions, \$11.60; Salt Lake City, \$36.50; Education in India, \$125; India Box, \$49.88; salary of Field Missionary, \$37.50; heating plant, Mt. Airy, etc., \$2; balance, October 1, 1907, \$37.90. Total Receipts, \$760.40.

Amount expended.—To different boards, \$538.95; expenses Rev. George Drach, \$5; interest on \$500 for St. James, Lititz, \$22.50; India Box, \$49.88; bills rendered,

\$29.64. Total expended, \$645.97; balance, \$114.43; total, \$760.40.

Miss S. E. Monroe gave an informal talk on "India, its Women and Children."

Mrs. Sarah Halbach, chairman of the Mite Box Committee reported 105 boxes given out with a return of \$363.81.

The result of the election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Richards; First Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie Breneman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. P. Mayser; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Streng; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Leibensperger; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Grim; Treasurer, Miss Ella Beates.

Executive Committee.—Mrs. G. W. McClanahan, Mrs. B. G. Welder, Mrs. W. F. Rex, Mrs. E. J. Wackernagle, Miss Anna M. Swartzwelder, Miss Minnie Pott, Mrs. R. D. McCaskey.

The morning offerings amounted to \$11.55 for Porto Rico.

At the afternoon session a motion to continue our pledge of \$50 toward the support of a Field Missionary was carried.

Miss Laura V. Keck, of Allentown, made a strong plea for the better support of "The Mission Worker," under its new management.

A forceful address was delivered by Dr. E. T. Horn, of Reading, on "Foreign Missions." Two interesting letters were read, the first from Miss Kate Sadtler, and the other from Dr. Amy B. Rohrer.

The annual amounts contributed by the societies were: For Home Missions: Lancaster, Trinity, \$69; Grace, \$3; Christ, \$14.22; Advent, \$85.53; Zion's, \$62.50; Emanuel, \$11.50; New Holland, \$3; Columbia, \$1.50; Strasburg, \$4; Marietta, \$9.85; Mt. Joy, \$7; Harrisburg, \$1; Millersville, \$6.50; Elizabethtown, \$5; Salem, Lebanon, \$44.

For Church Extension: Trinity, Lancaster, \$60; New Holland, \$5; Columbia, \$50; Strasburg, \$5; Millersville, \$2; Salem, Lebanon, \$22.

For Foreign Missions: Lancaster, Trinity, \$35; Grace, \$50; Christ, \$17.22; Advent, \$10; St. Mark's, \$5; Zion's, \$37; Emanuel, \$4; Columbia, \$17.50; Strasburg, \$4; Centre, \$2; Mt. Joy, \$19; Millersville, \$5; Elizabethtown, \$30; Salem, Lebanon, \$30.

For Porto Rico: St. Mark's, Lancaster, \$1; Strasburg, \$3; Elizabethtown, \$6; Salem, Lebanon, \$21.75.

For Medical Missions: Trinity, Lancaster, \$35; Grace, Lancaster, \$20; New Holland, \$20.35.

For other charities: Christ, Lancaster, \$10; Advent, Lancaster, \$25; Strasburg, \$2; Marietta, \$2.50; Mt. Joy, \$4.50; Centre, \$15; Harrisburg, \$6; Emanuel, Lancaster, \$20.93; Elizabethtown, \$4.50; Salem, Lebanon, \$1.96.

Boxes: Lancaster, Trinity, \$80; Grace, \$10.16; Christ, \$6; Advent, \$5; St. Mark's, \$4.50; New Holland, \$25; Marietta, \$4.50; Mt. Joy, \$11; Millersville, \$11; Elizabethtown, \$5; Salem, Lebanon, \$23.54.

Our total membership is: adults, 590; children, 502. It was noted that we pay the interest another year, for St. James Mission at Lititz.

A most excellent paper, written by Mrs. C. L. Fry on "Mission Study Classes" was read by Miss Minnie Pott, of Lebanon.

The following deaths comprise the year's obituary roll: Mrs. Emma L. Shantz, Lebanon; Mrs. Louisa A. Breneman; and Mrs. Margaret Rothermel, both of Lancaster; Miss Ida Goss, Elizabethtown. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

An address was delivered by Rev. A. L.

Ramer, Ph.D., on "Slovaks in the Homeland."

Mrs. J. W. Richards was appointed delegate to the Norristown Convention and Mrs. Minnie Breneman to the Philadelphia Convention.

An invitation was extended by Trinity Church, Mt. Joy, to hold our next convention there.

The afternoon offerings amounted to \$12.07, which was devoted to Slovak work.

The address of the evening was given by Dr. J. F. Ohl, of Philadelphia (instead of Rev. E. F. Bachman, who was ill), who spoke on "Inner Missions and the Female Diaconate."

ANNA M. SWARTZWELDER, *Rec Secretary*.

Statement of contributions from Lancaster Conference Society, May 5, October, 1908:

Elizabethtown, for Porto Rico, \$6; Home Missions, \$5; Girl in India, \$30.

Harrisburg, for Slovak Missions, \$1.60; heating plant, Mt. Airy, \$1; Mrs. Runge, Canada, \$1.

Grace, Lancaster, salary of teacher No. 16, India, \$30.

Salem, Lebanon, for Porto Rico, \$21.75; Home Missions, \$22; Church Extension, \$22; Boy No. 40, India, \$30.

Church Missionary Circle, same, for Foreign Missions, \$5; Home Missions, \$5;

Zion, Lancaster, for German Home Missions, \$39; Foreign Missions, \$22; Slovak Missions, \$10.

New Holland, for Medical Missions, \$21.10.

Christ, Lancaster, for Home Missions, \$17.22; Medical Missions, \$17.22.

Mt. Joy, for Home Missions, \$4; Foreign Missions, \$4.

Strasburg, for Porto Rico, \$3; Slovak Mission, \$2; Home Missions, \$4; Foreign Missions, \$4; Church Extension, \$5;

Ephrata, for Medical Missions, \$3.67; Home Missions, \$4.

Morning offering at Convention, for Porto Rico, \$11.55; afternoon offering at Convention, for Porto Rico, \$12.63.

From Lancaster Conference Society, for salary of Field Missionary, \$50;

ELLA L. BEATES,
205 W. Chestnut St.,
Lancaster.



NORRISTOWN CONFERENCE

The Fifteenth Annual Convention was held in St. Paul's Church, Telford, October 29, 1908, with 31 societies represented. Delegates were present from the Philadelphia, Allentown and Lancaster Conferences. Greetings were received from the Pottsville Conference, also from the President of our Synodical Society.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Another year of mission work ended, and one full of opportunities. Only time will tell how well they were improved.

To-day we are peering thoughtfully into the future, but first let us retrace our steps, and review the past. Our first meeting was held May 14, 1895.

By 1898, the fifth convention, the number of our societies was 21; contributing \$291.49. By 1903, the tenth convention, 26 societies, contributed \$1,381.96. Our present number of societies, 31, with membership about 1186, not including Junior Mission Bands or Cradle Roll members. May this, our fifteenth anniversary, bring us crystal reports, clear, bright and sparkling.

Now we come to our blessed missionary work, and it would hardly seem that argument were necessary to incite to prayer, work and generosity.

Home Missions means that we shall bring into living, active church membership every person we can possibly reach in all parts of our glorious America. Here we have hundreds of thousands of foreign-speaking people who are fast learning English and surely it is no difficult matter to reach at least their children, especially those of our own faith. We are told there are 150,000 Slovaks in our own State of Pennsylvania, and of this number 25,000 are Lutherans.

The Church Extension fund is the indispensable right arm of Home Missions. "This is the watchword of the advance movement in the General Council—Forward with the erection of Lutheran Churches." In the United States alone we have 3,430,000 unchurched Lutherans. If Christianity is worth anything to us, to that extent we should be anxious to share it with these. I would suggest that during the coming year we unite in a special effort to increase this Church Extension fund. Great things can be accomplished where there is unity and concentration.

It is gratifying to mark how changed the popular estimate of Foreign Missions has become. The medical work appeals especially to women, and we are looking forward with pleasure to the time now soon at hand when we will have a well-equipped hospital in Rajahmundry. Our two doctors have been very busy since their return. From February 1st, to July 1st, 9,890 Hindus have received medical attention. Dr. Rohrer has made rapid progress with the language, and will shortly pass her first examination. We rejoice in the fact that two new missionaries will soon join our foreign staff, namely Dr. Betty Nilsson and Miss S. Esberhn, who sailed October 20th.

We are also to have an entirely new mission field, Japan, bright, sunny empire of the seas. On September 6th, the Rev.

F. D. Smith was commissioned as the first missionary to Japan sent out by the General Council.

Since the ports of Japan were opened about a half a century ago, there has been constant Christian progress, which will culminate in a native church. Little by little has it been possible for missionary and Bible to enter this once hermit nation, but the great mass of womanhood is still in darkness, untouched by the Sun of Righteousness.

Some months since our attention was called to the debt resting upon the Woman's Memorial Chapel, in Salt Lake City. We were informed if a portion of this debt could not be paid promptly, the work would have to be discontinued altogether. The amount required at the time was raised, but there is quite a heavy debt still resting on the mission, and contributions will be gratefully received.

Porto Rico needs no special introduction. Many present have heard addresses by missionaries from the field; but few may know of the action taken by the General Council, at a meeting held in Buffalo. It was decided to raise \$26,000 for building purposes on the Island, and \$10,000 annually for current expenses. Therefore, let us, too, respond to the call.

The Cradle Roll is carrying on its beautiful mission among the children. Would it not be inspiring if all the babies in our churches might be included on the Cradle Roll?

Again we would urge the importance of Junior Mission Work. We find even where there are women's societies in the churches, not half of these are paying any attention to the training of the children for missionary work. Have you ever prayed over this, or considered it in your own society? The great problem in the work among children is that of leaders. Can it be that

mothers and sisters shall still be wanting for this glorious leadership of the Juniors? Ask our Junior Secretary to aid you, and she will cheerfully help you organize.

To successfully carry on the work entrusted to our care, we must have at our command effective literature. A few publications have recently been issued by the Synodical society and one tract was published by our own society, also "Subject cards" and "Supplements." All will be found on the literature table. More new tracts on our own various mission fields would be helpful.

We should all endeavor to awaken a more general interest in "*The Mission Worker*." Let every delegate consider this her special line of individual activity.

Those of us who attended the Summer School at Muhlenberg College, testify with enthusiasm to the charm of the place, the people and the program. Its influence will run like a golden thread through the year's work. The aim of the school is to start "Mission Study Classes," in addition to the regular missionary meetings. I would recommend that each society send at least one representative to the Summer School next July. From the lace industry of India our chairman has a large and beautiful consignment to exhibit. And speaking of India, let us pause a moment in kindly thought of the beautiful life of Miss Charlotte Swenson, given so willingly and nobly in the Master's service, until called to come up higher.

"Forward," has been the watchword of the missionary movement of the past year. May we ever advance, for none of our work is ever completely done. There is always some improvement, some *better* way, some *new* opportunity.

LAURA R. SWOPE.

The report was received and referred to a committee: Mrs. Kepner, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. C. C. Snyder.

The Executive Committee held three meetings during the year. First meeting: The money for the Hospital and Medical Fund was ordered sent to our Synodical Treasurer by April 1, 1908. The members of the committee were asked to send a ship-letter of loving good-bye to Drs. Woerner and Rohrer.

It was decided to continue the "Subject Cards." The committee on this work, Mrs. Knipe, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Bradford. Each society is to be given 10 copies. The following motion was made: "Each Society be asked to contribute \$1.00 toward a 'Contingent Fund' for defraying one-half the expenses of a delegate to the conventions of Sister Conference Societies." The sending out of circular letters in regard to the Mission Study Class to be held in connection with the Summer School at Muhlenberg College was left to the President.

Second Meeting: After hearing the resolution passed by our missionaries in India, it was decided that those having goods ready for India boxes shall send them. The tract written by Rev. Preston A. Laury is to be published and each society was asked to give a small sum toward defraying the expense of publication. Mrs. Fetter, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Bradford were appointed a committee to prepare a programme for the October convention.

Third Meeting: All Subject Cards and Supplements on hand were ordered to be distributed at the convention. The usual appropriation of \$5 was granted the Literature Committee. Motion made and carried to publish the tract on "Inner Missions," by Mrs. Warren Nickel. The offerings on the day of Convention were given, morning and evening, to General fund, afternoon to Hospital fund. It was decided to hold but two meetings of the Executive Committee a year, a third only if necessary.

MRS. G. W. BRADFORD.

Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Year ending October 29, 1908.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury, \$2,392; Home Missions, \$376.24; Foreign Missions, \$198.83; India Box, \$105.80; Porto Rico, \$152.91; Church Extension, \$313.45; Medical Missions, \$165.35; Hospital Fund, \$154.25; Dues, \$32; Collections from Conventions, \$17.66; Literature, \$2.12; Contingent Fund, \$19. Total received, \$1,594.53.

Disbursed.

To various Mission Boards, \$1,467.83; expenses of speaker, \$5; expenses of Corresponding Secretary, \$2.39; to literature, \$10; cards and supplements, \$18.85; printing report, \$23; dues, \$32. Total expenses, \$1,559.07. Balance, \$35.46.

CLARA P. KNIPE,
Treasurer.

The report was audited by Mrs. Spieker, Mrs. Latshaw and Miss Bendewald.

Committee on Home Mission Boxes, Mrs. G. F. Clamer, Chairman, reported 30 circular letters sent out. Four societies responded. The need for boxes can not be great, since none of the pastors written to responded.

Foreign Mission Box: Mrs. G. N. Heavner, 17 societies contributed toward this box. Value of goods sent, \$132.19; about \$100 less than the previous year. Expense in lining and closing box, freight, etc., \$7.63.

Medical Missions: Mrs. M. Latshaw, Chairman. 31 postals were sent out. Amount given to this cause, \$165.35.

Literature Committee: Miss Mary Hunsicker, Chairman. 100 copies of *Mission Worker*, Subject Cards and Supplements distributed. Sold a number of books and tracts.

Educational Committee: Mrs. J. H. Waidelich, Chairman. A tract on Slovak

work was sent to each society. Material for two tracts was procured and one, "Inner Missions on the Foreign Field" by Rev. Laury, was published. 13 societies contributed \$12 for this work; and the remaining societies are urged to give toward the Publication Fund. Material has been procured on "Mission Study classes," and a brief sketch on how to proceed in the organization of such classes will be submitted.

Organization: Mrs. C. R. Fetter, Chairman. Urgent appeals were sent to those congregations having no societies, but with little success. No new societies were organized during the year.

Church Extension: Mrs. C. Moyer, Chairman. The committee suggested each society have an active committee to take up this work, also the adoption of the ten-cent plan, whereby \$1,500 could be raised by our Conference.

Cradle Roll: Mrs. O. P. Smith, Chairman. There are now 19 branches, which enroll 789, and contributed \$185.47. Increase during the year, in membership 130, in money \$34.25.

Porto Rico Mission: Mrs. C. C. Snyder, Chairman. \$6 donated for one dozen hymn books. The contributions to this work were \$50 more than last year.

Lace Work: Miss Bertha Bendewald, Chairman. Amount realized from sale of India laces, \$47.13; from Porto Rico drawn work, \$8.50; total, \$55.63.

Junior Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Lessig, has 10 Mission Bands, with a membership of 364. One Mission Band was organized during the year, at Trinity, Quakertown. The Memorial Committee announced that death had removed 18 members from our different societies. Mrs. N. F. Schmidt outlined the proceedings of our Synodical Society.

Mrs. M. J. Bieber, President of the Woman's Society of N. Y. and N. E., es-

pecially urged the work of Church Extension. The committee on President's report recommended the following: 1st, that special efforts be made during the year to increase the Church Extension fund. 2nd, that special attention be given our Medical work, so that the planned hospital in India will soon be a reality. 3rd, that we encourage our Mission work in Japan. 4th, that greater activity be shown in Junior Work. 5th, that special effort be made for our unchurched Slovak brethren.

The Nominating Committee, through its chairman, Mrs. Weaver, presented the following: President, Miss Laura Swope, Erwinna; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. T. Johnson, Norristown; Second Vice-President, Mrs. N. F. Schmidt, Schwenksville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kepner, Pottstown; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Finkbiner, Royersford; Treasurer, Mrs. Knipe, Norristown. Executive Officer: Mrs. Bradford, Pottstown; Mrs. D. K. Bechtel, Kulpsville; Mrs. A. K. Shearer, North Wales.

Mrs. Bradford presented the cause of the *Mission Worker*. The question, What mode of operation should be pursued for Church Extension was discussed, since the sentiment on this point was divided, the President suggested that those societies favoring the plan of ten cents per capita adopt it, and those societies having a better plan work according to it, only so that each society work for Church Extension, with all its might.

Junior Work was presented under two heads: "Why our work needs the child," Miss Emma Schupp, Perkaspie; "Why the child needs the work," Mrs. H. M. Lessig, Pottstown. The question was asked how to organize and conduct Junior Mission Bands. The President suggested having our Junior Secretary personally visit such congregations as are interested.

Miss Susan Monroe addressed the con-

vention on India, and Rev. A. L. Ramer, in a few inspiring words, urged the needs of the Slovak work. The theme "What practical benefits were derived from the Mission Study Class at the Summer School?" was opened by Mrs. J. H. Waidelich, who emphasized these study classes, as the best medium through which to spread missionary knowledge, and increase interest.

Contributions of our churches.

St. Peters, West Pikeland, \$91.97; Augustus, Trappe, \$33.75; Spring City, Spring City, \$21.81; Emmanuel, Souderton, \$11; St. Michael's, Sellersville, \$62; St. John's, Ridge Valley, \$29; Jerusalem, Schwenksville, \$22; Grace, Royersford, \$37.70; Trinity, (Dorcas) Quakertown, \$20; Trinity, (Dorcas) Quakertown, \$90.01; St. John's, Richlandtown, \$15; St. Paul's Pennsburg, \$57.40; St. John's, Quakertown, \$100.45; Emanuel, Pottstown, \$185.81; St. Peter's, Stowe, \$12; St. James, Pottstown, \$10.50; Transfiguration, Pottstown, \$253; St. John's, Phoenixville, \$42; Trinity, Perkaspie, \$42; St. Paul's, Telford, \$23.65; St. Peter's, North Wales, \$79.30; Trinity, Norristown, \$76.42; Grace, Norristown, \$91.40; St. Luke's, Dublin, \$75.53; Christ's, Tinicum, \$207.26; Trinity, Lansdale, \$29.29; St. Andrew's, South Perkaspie, \$24.80; St. Peter's, Hilltown, \$14; St. Paul's, Doylestown, \$30.87; St. John's, Centre Square, \$26.50.

Christ's, Towamencin, was admitted into the Conference Society. Three open questions, (1) What have I gained from this Convention?; (2) Why should I belong to a Missionary Society?; (3) Why should a local society belong to the Conference Society? were answered by members and visiting delegates.

The following personal tribute was adopted:

Resolved, "That the women of the Norristown Conference appreciate the self-sacri-

fice and noble service of Miss Susan Monroe in so faithfully serving on the Foreign field for six years. Her consecrated life should be an impetus to each woman present."

At the Evening Session, two addresses were delivered: "Mission Work as the supreme work," by Mrs. G. W. Bradford; "The Deaconess at Work," by Rev. E. T. Bachmann, Philadelphia.

Chairmen of Standing Committees are as follows: Home Missions, Mrs. G. Clamer, Collegeville, Pa.; Foreign Missions, Mrs. G. N. Heavner, Norristown, Pa.; Medical Missions, Miss Emma Schupp, Perkasie, Pa.; Literature, Mrs. Lizzie Weber, North Wales; Educational, Mrs. J. H. Waidelich, Sellersville; Porto Rico, Mrs. C. C. Snyder, Dublin, Pa.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. O. P. Smith, Pottstown, Pa.; Lace Work, Miss Bertha Bendewald, Royersford; Memorial Committee, Mrs. O. P. Smith, Pottstown; Organizing Committee, Mrs. C. R. Fetter, Telford; Junior Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Lessig, Pottstown; Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. K. Weaver, Norristown; Church Extension, Mrs. G. W. Bradford, Pottstown.



PHILADELPHIA

The eighteenth annual convention was held in the Church of the Nativity, Seventeenth and Tioga Streets, on November 12, 1908. Thirty churches were represented, and delegates present from the Reading, Norristown, Lancaster and Danville Conferences. Greetings were read from the Missionary Society of the Lutheran Synod of Ohio, and from the Presidents of the Allentown, Wilkes-Barre and Pottsville Societies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We have reached the height to-day when we may look back in contemplation over the past year, and forward with bright hope for

a greater activity in every department of our work. It has been truly said of the Christian Church at large "That we are on a rising tide of missionary activity and interest."

In every department of our own denominational work, this holds good.

In our Home Mission field it is a satisfaction to know that the efforts to liquidate the debt of \$11,000 on the Woman's Memorial Church, of Salt Lake City, were almost accomplished. The remaining mortgage of \$3,600 has been assumed by the Church Extension Society. The article in *The Lutheran* from the pen of one of our own members, no doubt, greatly aided in stimulating our societies to contributing the \$472.74 to this work; but cannot we clear the debt in the coming year?

Nothing gives more zest to a Woman's Missionary Convention than the presence of a returned missionary, one who has been on the foreign field, and can speak from personal experience. We have been peculiarly favored for three successive years in having our beloved missionaries with us, and we are proud of their array of names. Miss E. L. Weiskotten, Dr. L. Woerner, Dr. A. Rohrer, and Miss M. Mellander, of Porto Rico, whom we had the pleasure of hearing at Luther League Conventions. On September 18th, we had the pleasure of bidding "Godspeed" to Dr. Betty A. Nilsson and Miss Sigfrid Esberhn, our new zenana worker, on their departure for India.

To-day we are very happy to welcome one of our very own to our midst again, a member of our own society, Miss S. E. Monroe. It is with much regret and sorrow that we record the death of our zenana sister, Miss Charlotte Swenson, and we will specially remember her name, in taking action on the report of our number who have passed into the realms on high.

We now have on the field three qualified

doctors and a nurse, yet no hospital worthy of the name, although there are sufficient funds in the treasuries of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod and our own Synodical Society for at least the building itself. We deplore the delay of this important work, and trust that our interest has not abated in this woman's work for woman.

Dr. Ramer has been speaking so acceptably, since his return from Hungary, on various phases of the Slovak work that no doubt this special branch of mission work will receive more attention.

It was said that one result of the war between China and Japan would be the opening of that part of the Orient to the influence of Christianity. This was truly prophesied. Our own Foreign Mission Board had heard the cry, "Come over and help us," and responded by commissioning Rev. Frisby D. Smith, who left our shores in September to labor in Japan.

With this added force of missionaries in the field comes added responsibility at home, in holding up their hands by our prayers, our sympathy and our increased contributions to Home and Foreign Missions. With a little self-sacrifice, this we can readily do, for while these responsibilities have been increasing, we, too, have been stretching forth our curtains and lengthening our cords, till we have become an army of women 1,500 strong, gathered from thirty-six congregational societies and still enlarging. During the past year the society from the Trinity Norwegian Church, we are gratified to say, has united with us. In a great city like ours with its polyglott Lutheran Church, it is very desirable in accomplishing great things that the women of all branches of our church unite in one strong, aggressive organized body, and to this end we hope that our sisters of the Swedish Church may be visited and invited to cast

their lot with us.

Money is a power, but knowledge is a greater. One efficient way of gaining the latter, in our particular sphere, as women banded in missionary work, is to be thoroughly *informed* of the countries, the people and the needs of the lands where our missionaries are battling with heathenism. For this purpose we should form "Mission Study" classes in each society for a systematic conjoint study of the various textbooks which are used so profitably in such classes, the world over. Perhaps you will be interested to learn that in the past year 20,000 members of the Methodist Church and 14,000 of the Presbyterian Church in the United States were engaged in this organized study work. Let us keep abreast with the foremost in this educational line. We trust that at the close of the convention we will have a class for our prospective leader, Rev. G. Drach, who will present the subject to-day.

Another important way of securing information on missionary lines is through our official publication *The Mission Worker*. We urgently request every Lutheran woman not a subscriber to this journal to begin to-day, thus putting it on a good financial basis, and also encouraging the editor, Mrs. Charles L. Fry, in her new projects for the paper.

Mrs. F. B. Fretz has been appointed chairman for *The Mission Worker* Committee in the Philadelphia Conference, and will gladly receive your subscription. The chair suggests that this office be added to the list of standing committees, and the incumbent become a member of the Executive Committee.

Two problems confront us in the local work in our own city. One is Inner Mission work, the other Junior Missionary Societies. Since the formation in March of a Woman's Auxiliary of the Inner Mission So-

ciety, comprised of two members from each church, to attend to the needs of the Luther Hospice and the Settlement House, quite an impetus has been felt in both these institutions.

As to the vital importance of Junior work some one has said: "My observation is that the weak point of the Protestant Church is in the neglect of her children." Perhaps this is one reason why we have so few junior societies reported, when every church should by all means have a flourishing society. The future hope of the church lies in children of to-day. We plead that each society not engaged in junior work, will prayerfully consider this matter, and feel free to call on the chairman of the Junior Department to lend aid in organizing such society in their church.

"Only a little child,

Obeys the Saviour's call;

Yielding his young heart undefiled,

With his gifts and graces small.

Yet firm, with a purpose true,

And filled with a faith sublime,

The good that little child can do

May reach to the end of time."

MARY BROOKE, *President*.

Report received and referred to the following committee: Mrs. Trexler, Mrs. Bolton, Miss Staake.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Five well attended meetings were held. At the first, the committees for the year were appointed, and the President called attention to the new committee which had been formed for work among the juniors. The distribution of missionary literature, through the medium of the "Home Department," was suggested as a legitimate and effective way to reach those not members of missionary societies. The President also suggested a more direct correspondence with

our missionaries, both at home and abroad, and with the officers of the various boards, in order that the Executive Committee might come in closer touch with the workers and their fields.

Members were appointed to attend to this correspondence, and the wisdom of the plan was shown at later meetings, when most interesting and helpful letters were read in reply.

At the second meeting the Chairman of the Junior Department stated that letters had been sent to all churches which had no junior societies, urging that such be formed, and that many established societies had been visited for the purpose of stimulating interest in mission work. A strong appeal was made by Mrs. Laird, for funds, for the Woman's Memorial Church of Salt Lake City, which has been burdened with a heavy debt for many years.

Attention was called to the Mission Study Classes to be held at the Summer School in Muhlenberg College, and the importance of this educational work was emphasized.

At the spring meeting, Miss Perkins, Secretary of the Research and Protective Association, presented the cause of the immigrants, pointing out the many avenues open for workers. Dr. Kunzman spoke on Home Missions, and the Rev. Mr. Schautz told of the encouragements and growing needs of the Luther Hospice and the settlement house. The collection which amounted to \$10.89, was devoted to Inner Missions. The advisability of continuing to send boxes to India was thoroughly discussed at the May meeting, and the motion that these be sent as usual, was carried.

In September, the Chairman of the Medical Mission Committee reported the cheering news that Dr. Betty Nilsson was to be sent out in October, to join the medical staff at Rajahmundry, and there was

a prospect of another worker being prepared soon for the Zenana work. The prolonged delay in perfecting the plans for the hospital, has, it was stated, caused much dissatisfaction among the churches and interest in it has waned. On motion, Mrs. Jacobs was instructed to urge that the plans be sent on at once, that the building may be started in the near future.

The collections at the annual convention were appropriated: Morning, Inner Missions; afternoon, Hospital Fund; evening, Home Missions.

The committee noted, with sorrow, the death of one of its interested members, Mrs. F. W. Friday, of Zion's Church, Olney, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to the family.

The reports from the standing committees, through the year, have indicated increasing interest and steady progress.

MARY E. P. MONROE,

Secretary.

The Treasurer had a balance, November 1, 1908, of \$57.52; and received to October 31, 1908, \$2,720.13; total, \$2,777.65. She paid to English Home Missions, \$469.15; German, \$24.43; Woman's Memorial Church, Salt Lake City, \$459.74; Portable Chapel, \$50; Rev. Mr. Merg, \$50; Secretary's salary, \$72; English Home Missions Ministerium of Pa., \$31.50; Slovak Mission Fund, \$188.92; Porto Rico, \$171.31; Church Extension Society, annual fees, \$45; same, special fund, \$13.50; same, life memberships (3), \$150; Inner Mission Work, \$81.69; Foreign Missions, \$647.75; Medical Missions, \$53.50; Hospital Fund, \$60.54; India box, \$40; Fees to Synodical Society, \$35; bills rendered, \$100.11; total, \$2,744.14; balance in treasury, \$33.51.

MARY WELDEN, *Treasurer,*

4523 Kingsessing Ave., W. Phila., Pa.

Miss Miller, for the India Box Committee, reported five large boxes sent from

the Philadelphia Conferences, and \$68.09 in cash. Costs for boxing and transportation amounted to \$31.25.

Two boxes have been sent, through the Home and Porto Rico Mission Committee, one to the West and one to Porto Rico, value \$143.42.

The Literature Committee received \$30.75 from subscriptions to papers and the sale of literature. The expenses, which include subscriptions and bills for new literature, were \$28.24. Mite boxes, mission reports and convention number of the *Mission Worker* have been distributed free.

Lace sales from November 10, 1907, to November 10, 1908, \$1,464.18. \$1,000 has been sent to the Mission Treasury for the Bethlehem School building in India.

The Chairman of the Post Cards Committee stated that in January, Series B arrived from India. There are over twelve thousand cards in this lot, and only fifty sets have been sold so far. A strong appeal was made for purchasers, that at an early date, a large sum might be realized for the Book Depot, toward which these receipts have been applied.

REPORT OF MEDICAL MISSION COMMITTEE.

Since there has been no meeting of your Committee during the past year, owing to the fact that there seemed to be no work to do, this can hardly be called a report of the Committee, but as I was instructed by the Executive Committee at its last regular meeting in September, as Chairman of the Medical Mission Committee, to make a statement of the medical work in India, and urge the cause of the hospital building, I submit the following in place of a report.

The departure of Dr. Woerner and Dr. Rohrer for India more than a year ago, Dr. Woerner's cordial reception, and the increase in the demands upon her time and skill are well known to the members of this Society,

as well as that Dr. Rohrer has adapted herself to conditions in India with great facility, and has made remarkable progress in the study of the language. As one of the missionaries wrote of her,—“She is an all around woman who can do anything.”

Miss Wahlberg, our trained nurse, who was sent to her home in Sweden on account of ill health, will not return to India, and it is not expected that another nurse will be sent out in her place, as the Eurasians good nurses, at much less cost.

Dr. Nilsson, our third physician, educated by the women of the Augustana Synod, is now on her way to India.

When she shall have arrived, the status of the medical work will be three doctors, with native helpers, a dwelling converted into a small temporary hospital, and a dispensary.

Where is our long-expected, long-delayed hospital? Fifteen years ago, Mrs. Pfatteicher, of Easton, came to the Convention of this Society in St. Luke's Church, bringing the sum of \$2.80, which she said had been given to her by the children in the hospital of the Mary J. Drexel Home, to be used for the India Mission, and which she handed to the Treasurer. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee, following the Convention, it was decided to make this sacred little offering the beginning of a fund for a hospital in India, for women and children.

Those children have grown to manhood and womanhood. Some of them probably have children of their own, and still we have no hospital!

Thirteen years ago, the Medical Mission Committee of this Society secured the consent of Miss Lydia Woerner to enter upon a four years' course of the study of medicine, to fit her to go as our first medical missionary.

None but the members of that Com-

mittee know of the burden of anxiety and responsibility for her support, they bore, until the Synodical Society adopted her as its ward. She has finished her medical course, served six years in India, been home on furlough, been back a year, and still we have no hospital.

Five years ago, the Medical Mission Committee of the Synodical Society, feeling it imperative that we have another physician to assist Dr. Woerner and take her place during furlough, presented Miss Amy Rohrer as a student of medicine. She was at once adopted by the Society, and began her studies. At the same time Miss Nilsson entered upon her course of study in Chicago, the ward of the women of the Augustana Synod. Dr. Rohrer has finished her course of medicine and been a year in India. Dr. Nilsson has finished her course, had one year of hospital practice and is now on her way to her field of labor, and still we have no hospital.

The small sum given by the little sick children has grown to more than \$7,000 in the treasury of the Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and with the amount in the hands of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Augustana Synod, we have to-day an available cash fund of not less than \$15,000, without any special appeal ever having been made for the hospital, and yet it seems as far off as ever.

When we ask the cause of this long delay, what are some of the answers?

First. “That Dr. Woerner could not alone, attend to the hospital and all her practice.” But we now have three doctors, and some one has asked with more emphasis than reverence,—“What in heaven's name do we want with three doctors and no hospital?”

Second. “That the money would not be forthcoming to run the hospital if it were built.” Are the women of the Ministerium

of Pennsylvania, who have educated two physicians at a cost of thousands of dollars, paid the expenses of a post-graduate course for one, and furnished a surgical outfit for our medical work, such as few physicians start with, likely to let our hospital suffer for lack of support? It is the long delay that causes interest to flag.

Third. "That the plans submitted years ago are inadequate." Why, then, are others not forthcoming? Appreciating the fact that Dr. Woerner is too over-burdened with her professional duties to have time for building plans, the Board of Foreign Missions has instructed the Mission Council in India to have drawn and forwarded to the Board, as soon as possible, plans for the hospital building. And the last reason is—"That the two most recent physicians can do but little work till they have acquired the language."

Hospitals in India are not built in a day, and our physicians would have learned the language long before the hospital would be ready for their services, if it were begun to-day.

A missionary, who has been at the head of a Christian college in India for twenty-five years, said in my house a week ago, that she believed when the Christian Church is planted in India, it will come through the Brahmins, that the heaven is working from the humblest classes upward, but as the Brahmin has been the ruler and leader of the people for thousands of years, so he will be in the Christian Church, and the two most powerful agents in his conversion are the educational work and the medical work, the first by educating the high caste young men in the Christian faith, and the last, by reaching the high caste women and their children, and to the medical work the hospital is a vital necessity.

After fifteen years of praying and working and waiting, with no indication

of our hopes being realized, can we be considered open to the charge of impatience, if we enter a solemn protest against this useless delay, and can we not, as a body of women, enter some plea, somewhere, that it be ended?

(Signed) LAURA H. JACOBS,
Chairman of the Medical Mission Committee.

The Memorial Committee reports from the following societies in which faithful members have been called to their reward: Bethlehem—Mrs. Ellwood Schaeffer, Miss Ida Steltz; St. Luke's—Mrs. F. P. Albright, Mrs. Frances A. Waters; Holy Communion—Mrs. Anna Aumont; St. Mark's—Mrs. C. Haahs; St. Michael's—Mrs. Wm. Farrell; St. Paul's—Mrs. E. Keyser; Trinity—Mrs. Susan Berger, Mrs. Elizabeth Keck; Zion's, Olney—Mrs. Sarah E. Friday; St. Stephen's, Wilmington—Miss Elizabeth Theilman; St. John's—Mrs. Mary Hins; Incarnation—Mrs. E. F. L. Read; Trinity, German—Mrs. K. Reuter, Mrs. Marie Pfund; also, Miss Charlotte Swenson, of India.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

M. B. ZINSER,
Chairman.

The reports from congregational societies were received; the amount contributed through the mite boxes was \$329.86.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Mary Brooke; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. K. Livingston; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Horace Binder; Third Vice-President, Mrs. S. A. Ziegenfuss; Recording Secretary, Mrs. U. S. G. Bertolet; English Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Reeve; German Corresponding Secretary, Miss Charlotte Rogatsky; Treasurer, Miss Mary Welden.

At the afternoon session, the commit-

tee on the President's report presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1st. That we endeavor to wipe out the debt remaining on the Woman's Memorial Church at Salt Lake City.

2nd. We would press the urgent need of "mission study" classes being formed in each society.

3rd. We would appeal to every member not a subscriber to the *Mission Worker*, to begin to-day

4th. That junior missionary societies be formed in all our churches.

5th. In regard to the hospital work, we would quote the President's words, "that our interest shall not abate in women's work for women."

The Chairman of Nominating Committee spoke of the defects of the present system.

Hereafter, the Nominating Committee is to prepare a ticket with two nominees for each office, and the election is to take place on the day of the convention.

Mrs. Jacobs presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted: "*Resolved*, That we petition the Board of Foreign Missions to adopt measures to push forward the erection of the hospital at an early date."

Dr. E. T. Horn, President of the Board, stated clearly the relations existing between the Board and the women's societies.

Mrs. C. L. Fry, the new editor of the *Mission Worker*, stated that a chairman had been appointed in each conference to obtain information and send to the editor each quarter. The publication will appear in a new form.

Miss S. E. Monroe addressed the convention on "Our Mission Work in India," and the Rev. George Drach, on "Mission Study Classes." A letter from Dr. Ramer

was read, urging the enlargement of the work among the Slovak population.

The invitations of the Church of the Transfiguration for the spring meeting, and of St. Mark's Church for the annual convention, were accepted.

The offering for the Hospital Fund was \$30.11.

At the evening service, addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Horn on "Foreign Missions," and by Rev. G. C. Loos, on "Home Missions." The offering of \$17.08 was devoted to Home Missions.

The committees appointed for the year are as follows:

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REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES

Churches	Members	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Porto Rico	Boxes
Advent, N. Y.	24	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$110.96
Advent, Philadelphia	50	5.00	10.00	5.00	
Apostles	53	8.00	15.00		
Ascension	27	120.00	30.00		15.15

Churches	Members	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Porto Rico	Boxes
Atonement	38	7.00	5.28		
Bethlehem	76	19.76	12.00		
Same, Juniors	35		64.00		50.00
Same, Y. L. S.	14		46.00		
Christ	48		25.75	14.00	10.00
Epiphany, Manayunk	88	10.00	15.00	2.00	10.00
Epiphany, Camden					
Good Shepherd					
Holy Communion	47	130.00	15.75		222.28
Trinity, Chester	45	32.45	15.00		5.00
Incarnation		26.84			
Nativity	60	45.16	10.10	10.00	9.00
Redeemer					
Resurrection	40				
Salem	26				
St. Andrew's					
St. John's	46	336.95	137.50	20.00	25.63
Same, Y. P. S.	40	37.09	33.60	49.54	
St. Luke's	86	117.50	162.50	5.00	5.80
Same, Y. P. S.	23	17.00			
Same, Junior	23				
St. Mark's	67	248.77	162.00	7.00	143.42
Same, Y. P. S.	32	40.25	15.00	5.00	
Same, I'll Try Band	10	52.00	16.00		
St. Michael's, W. M. S.	60	64.77	115.00	5.00	30.90
Same, Junior	12	12.00	1.00	5.00	16.90
Same, Ch. S.	35	3.00	8.00	3.00	6.45
St. Paul's	27	35.00	10.63	5.00	
St. Peter's	10	215.00			5.00
Same, Mission Band	40	3.00			
St. Stephen's, W. M. S.	28	33.35	20.00		
Same, Junior	25			8.25	
St. Stephen's, Wilm.	35	27.00			10.00
Transfiguration	39	9.43	7.42		12.00
Trinity	40	58.00			25.00
Zion's Olney					
Our Saviour	28	5.00		2.00	
Prichard, Memorial	30				
Trinity, Norwegian					
St. Johannis'	40	45.00	13.00		3.00
Trinity	75	15.00	27.00		
St. Michael's	150	270.00	47.43		50.10
St. Marcus'	50	4.70			

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Philadelphia Conferences receipts from June 11 to October 31, 1908: Advent, N. Y. C., annual fee, \$3; Advent, Philadelphia, L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; English Home Mission G. C., \$5; For-

eign Mission Fund, \$10; Porto Rico Mission Fund, \$5; Apostles, L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; Ascension, Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, annual fee, \$3; Home Mission's Ministerium of Pa., \$25; Atonement, L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; Hospital Fund, \$5.23; Field Secretary's salary, \$2; Bethlehem, L. S., annual fee, \$3; Holy Trinity, Chester, L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; E. H. M. Gen. Council, \$25.25; Foreign Missions Fund, \$15; Slovak Mission Fund, \$7.50; Nativity, L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; St. John, W. M. S., Caste Girls' School, Riverdale, \$25; Porto Rico Mission Fund, \$25; St. Johannis, Dr. Spaeth's Bible Class, annual fee, \$3; German Home Mission Gen. Council, \$10; Slovak Mission Fund, \$10; Medical Mission Fund, \$10; St. Luke, Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Porto Rico Mission Fund, \$5; Slovak Mission Fund, \$5; Tr. Secretary's salary, \$10; Medical Mission Fund, \$36; St. Mark, W. M. S., Caste Girls' School, Aryapusam, \$50; St. Michael, Germantown, M. S., annual fee, \$3; Slovak Mission Fund, \$5; Ch. Ext. Society fee, \$5; Field Secretary's salary, \$2; St. Michael, German, Y. L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; St. Paul, Missionary Society, annual fee, \$3; E. H. M. Gen. Council, \$5; Foreign Mission Fund, \$5; Inner Missions, \$5; Porto Rico Mission Fund, \$5; St. Peter, Dorcas Society, annual fee, \$3; support of child in India, \$15; St. Stephen, Philadelphia, W. M. S., annual fee, \$3; Inner Mission membership fees: Miss Ella Schaeffer, \$1; Mrs. Geo. Long, \$1; Mrs. J. Albright, \$1; Mrs. W. Werner, \$1; Transfiguration, L. A. S., annual fee, \$3; E. H. M. Gen. Council, \$5; Foreign Mission Fund, \$7.35; Trinity, German, annual fee, \$3; interest on balance, July 1, \$1.66.

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POTTSVILLE CONFERENCE

The fourth annual convention was held on October 8, 1908, in Orwigsburg.

Delegates were present from the Reading and Wilkes-Barre Conferences, and from the Synodical Society.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It seems but a few months since our last annual convention, yet the time is here for another. May we all be inspired with new zeal for the coming year's work, and renew our efforts to enlarge our membership. For, if a few societies can accomplish so much, how much more could be done if every parish in this Conference would be represented.

When we look into the future and see twelve months ahead, it seems a long period, and we are often tempted to wait until the year is half gone before we begin vigorously to lay hold of the various missionary projects. At the very beginning of the year we should map out certain seasons to be devoted to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Inner Missions, Church Extension, Porto Rico and Slovak work, also such special objects as Medical Missions, the Hospital Fund and our different local demands.

The call has sounded forth through our Mission Board of the General Council, to come over to Japan and help Christianize that nation.

We, who remain at home while others go out as our foreign missionaries, should not cease to remember that they are our substitutes, servants of our home church, which has sent them and is pledged to support them by fervent prayers and liberal contributions. We must go forward in our work, both at home and abroad. Whether in India or Japan, or America, let us strive to accomplish our Master's gracious purpose.

I hope that the work of our Society

will become a means of great good for the furtherance of His kingdom.

FLORENCE J. WELLER,
President.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Gebert, received \$3 dues from St. John's, Auburn; St. Paul's, Orwigsburg; Trinity, Pottsville; Zion's, Tamaqua; Zion's, Minersville; and Zion's, West Brunswick; total, \$18. For Porto Rico, \$28, from St. John's, Auburn. For India scholarship, \$15 each from St. John's Auburn, and St. Paul's Orwigsburg. For India Hospital, \$10 from St. John's, Auburn. For India box, \$10 from St. Paul's, Orwigsburg, \$5 from Minersville, \$1.01 from Zion's, Tamaqua, and \$1 from Frackville. These amounts, with \$7.45 balance from last year, and \$5.90 convention offering, aggregate \$116.36.

Besides remitting the above specified contributions, she paid \$10 Synodical dues, \$7 to the *Mission Worker*, and \$8.50 for printing, postage, freight and travelling expenses of speaker.

Total expenditures to October 1, 1908, \$93.50; balance on hand, \$22.86.

During January of this year every pastor of Conference was notified that a box would be sent to India and list of articles needed sent to each.

The following responded: Frackville, Tamaqua, Pottsville, Orwigsburg, Tremont, Auburn, Tower City, Minersville.

KATIE S. KARSCH,
Chairman.

The Literature Committee was unable to work, owing to the lack of funds in the treasury.

The Organizing Committee reported very little progress during the past year. These are records of which we are not proud.

Miss Florence J. Weller gave a report of the Synodical Convention.

Miss Laura E. Moyer, of Auburn, was

elected as Conference Chairman for THE MISSION WORKER.

Greetings from the Lancaster and Norristown Societies were read, and delegates were appointed to attend the Lancaster and the Philadelphia conventions.

Next followed the election of officers. The result was as follows: President, Miss Florence J. Weller, Orwigsburg; Vice-President, Mrs. C. G. Karsch, Minersville; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Gebert, Tamaqua, Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Schultz, Auburn; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Virginia Smith, Orwigsburg.

The last-named officer presented a paper on "The Mountaineers of Carolina and Kentucky," and Pastor Gebert, on "Our Opportunities in Porto Rico."

Miss Susan E. Monroe then told of her experiences in India.

The chairmen and members of the various committees were re-appointed by the President to serve for another year.

At the evening service a helpful and interesting address on the Slovaks, as he saw them in their home-land, was given by Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D.

MRS. F. H. SCHULTZ,
Recording Secretary.

WILKES-BARRE NOTES

\$500 has been subscribed by one person, and the women will help the Conference raise another \$500 toward establishing the Nescopee mission among the Slovaks. Our women have also resolved to contribute \$100 a year toward the school in India, for training native helpers. One woman who, as a wage-earner, is making her own living and has a very slender income, has volunteered to give the first dollar toward a church building in Monacello. Can this little snowball be kept rolling till it attains a good size?

Shall we give no heed to the pleading calls of our patient toilers in Porto Rico?

The pastors of the Wilkes-Barre Conference have appointed two committees, one in the northern and one in the southern section, to co-operate with our Woman's Society in organizing the women of every congregation for effective service.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. John H. Kuders, of Lehigh, received from March 9th to November 9th, dues \$3 from Lansford, Hazleton, Mauch Chunk, \$1.50 from St. Paul's Scranton, \$1 from Mrs. Kuntz and Mrs. Hehling.

For medical missions: St. John's Wilkes-Barre, \$11.75, for Synodical dues, Mauch Chunk and Hazleton \$1 each; for Field Missionary, Hazleton, \$15; for Slovak Board, Grace, Lehigh \$2; for India scholar, Lansford \$15; for India Board, Grace, Lehigh \$1; for Church Extension, Mauch Chunk \$5; for Salt Lake City, convention offering \$8.70; for Porto Rico, convention offering \$8.70. Total, \$81.65.

MRS. W. M. REHRIG,
Correspondent.

UNITED SYNOD SOUTH

Our Woman's Missionary Conference held its second biennial meeting in Savannah, Ga., October 7th-8th, 1908. This is a delegated body, made up of representative women from all of the district synods. Twenty of the twenty-five delegates were present. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. Wythe F. Morehead, Salem, Va.; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.; Second Vice-President, Mrs. R. H. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.; Report-

ing Treasurer, Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.

The president spoke in fervent terms of the growth of the work during the past two years. "The aim of this conference," she said, "is two-fold,—inspirational and practical. The scattered missionary workers throughout the synods of the South need the strength, the renewed courage, the fresh impetus to work, which comes from mutual co-

This is to be over and above the amounts paid in to the existing funds of the synodical societies.

The pressing need of a kindergarten building in Saga was presented, and after a free discussion a motion was unanimously carried to cable to Mrs. Lippard the welcome monosyllable "Build." A number of generous, spontaneous offerings to the new fund were made.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH

Lower row from right to left (1) Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Editor of "Tidings;" (2) Mrs. W. F. Morehead, President; (3) Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Editor Woman's Department in "Lutheran Church Visitor."

operation and association. They need, too, such practical helps in their work as can best be provided for by a central organization." The report contained a number of recommendations as to more effective organization, especially in connection with the work of the Literature Committee. As an extra work for the next biennium we women are going to undertake the erection of a home for our missionaries in Saga, Japan.

The treasurer reported Total Offerings from Women's and Children's Societies for the Biennium, \$14,852.98. Forward Movement Fund (additional) \$15,246.65.

The conference regretted deeply that the delegates from the General Council and the General Synod were unable to attend personally, but an excellent paper on Mission Study Classes, prepared by Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa., was read, and the

effectiveness of the movement was demonstrated by an object lesson before everybody's eyes.

EDITORIAL NOTE—What a magnificent total is that announced on the next to the last paragraph of the preceding page! Would it not be quite startling for us to attend the next meeting of our own Synodical Society and be thrilled with the news that the offerings sent to the treasury during the year, more than fifteen thousand dollars! (Theirs was \$30,000 for the biennium.) And please remember that the entire United Synod South has only about fifty per cent more people than the Allentown Conference alone! Neither are they as well-to-do in this world's goods as our members on an average!



SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

Our Woman's Society was organized in the fall of 1905, and held its fourth annual convention in La Crosse, Wis., October 29, 1908. Owing to the "magnificent distances" in the Northwest, it is quite an expense for some of the societies to send delegates, especially when the convention is held at one end of the Conference district, as was the case at this meeting, and yet Duluth, nearly 300 miles distant, had a representative present, and nearly all the other societies responded to the roll call. The Treasurer's report showed \$100 in the treasury, which was divided between India, \$40, Porto Rico, \$10, and Home Missions, \$50 toward the support of a field missionary. It was resolved that during the present year the sum of \$75 be appropriated toward the salary of the field missionary, and an equal propor-

tion be given to Foreign Missions and Porto Rico. It was also resolved that this year the Inner Mission cause be remembered liberally. During the convention letters were read from Dr. and Mrs. Harpster in India, and also a letter from our missionary in Porto Rico. Papers on the different phases of the work at home and abroad were read and discussed, and in the evening addresses were delivered by Rev. A. S. Yerger, on Foreign Missions and by Dr. Trabert, on Home Missions.

Mrs. G. H. Trabert, having served as president since the organization of the society, declined re-election, and Mrs. G. H. Schnur was chosen in her stead. The officers now are Mrs. Schnur, President; Mrs. T. H. Kaye, Vice-President; Mrs. L. F. Gruber, Secretary; Mrs. T. G. Helle, Treasurer; and Mrs. A. J. Reichert, Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. G. H. Trabert and Mrs. Judge Holt were elected additional members of the Executive Committee.

During the convention laces from the lace industry of our India Mission were exhibited; and drawn work from the Porto Rico Mission. *The Mission Worker* was heartily recommended, and all the individual societies will endeavor to secure subscribers for it, even though the Northwest can hardly be called a suburb of the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

The new movement to organize a Mission Study Class in each congregation found universal favor. In the majority of cases, the women intend to ask the pastor to be the first instructor, since the benefit will thus be equally divided between him and them.

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INDIA BOXES FOR 1909.

We should soon start to prepare our contributions for these boxes. Our Missionaries in India have told us that where there is a choice between money and goods, they prefer the money. So

we would ask that all money contributions be given to us as given, and not used to purchase material for jackets, etc. Some people prefer giving articles for the boxes and from these we would by no means cut off their opportunities for so doing.

Dr. Woerner, while still here, said she did hope that her hospital supplies would not be stopped. We know there are drugs needed that cannot be bought in India, and that other churches send out the supplies for their hospitals. Mrs. Harpster, too, wrote, she hoped she would still receive her lace supplies.

And when we think of the pleasure and benefit our own Sunday School children receive from their small Christmas gifts, and of the help in clothing the needy; I cannot think conditions there are so very different from here, but that the little each child receives, is to it a great pleasure and help.

Let us, each and all, do what we can for these poor little children, whose opportunities and pleasures are so few.

Mary A. Miller.

CONFERENCE CONVENTIONS.

Wilkes-Barre, March 11, 1909, Trinity Church, Scranton.

Allentown, April 1, 1909, St. Mark's, S. Bethlehem.

Reading, May 12, 1909, Birdsboro.

Pottsville, October 14, 1909.

Danville, October 20th, 1909, at Numidia.

Lancaster, October 21, 1909, at Mt. Joy.

Norristown, October 28, Royersford

Philadelphia, November 11, 1909, St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

LANTERN SLIDES.

This is the season when many missionary societies will arrange their winter program. Please do not forget the "Lantern Slides," for by appealing to the eye they increase general interest in missionary work. Last winter they were in great demand, and we received many favorable comments from those who used them. The pictures and lecture are accurate and up-to-date, giving a very realistic idea of what we are doing in India. We ask one dollar for the use of the slides, besides the expense of transportation and any breakage that might occur. All communications should be addressed to Miss Kate W. Fry, 7301 Germantown Ave., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

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