

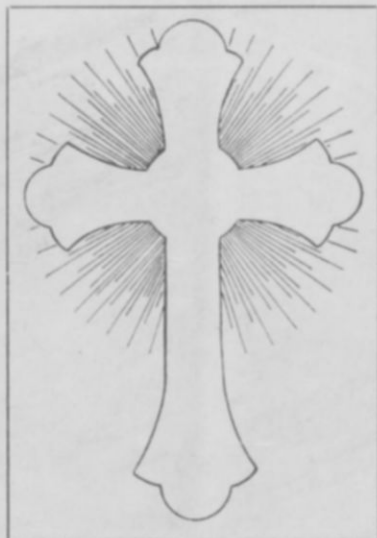
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Flashlights of the Federation at Lancaster

MISS ANNETTE KAEHLER, BUFFALO

The first scene is literally a "moving" picture. I wish I could make you *see* it. Four hundred and forty-five women are flocking up the steps and into the chapel of Old Trinity Church, where they register, each receiving a tiny card bearing her name and address. All immediately fall to shaking hands with genuine friendliness, although in many cases they were total strangers before. There is the warmth of a common cause, a common hope and purpose, in the handshakings. They have come from the north and from the south and from the east and from the west, to sit down in the Kingdom of God,—this new kingdom of women's missionary work for women and children. They represent eight Synods and ten States and Provinces. It is, therefore, an international Convention, including Canada as well as our own.

The second picture is set to solemn music, in the historic Old Trinity sanctuary itself, whose bells rang for worship forty years before the Revolution. It shows all these women kneeling together at the Sacramental Altar to receive the Lord's Supper, and to ask God's blessing upon the mighty work before them. Who that saw that picture can ever forget it? Certainly never before, in the history of the Lutheran Church, were so many women alone at the Holy Communion. The picture is the key to the wonderful convention that follows, showing the deep and earnest consecration of the women who have come to organize the General Council Missionary Society.

My third picture shows you, over the heads of the chapel full of women, the convention platform, with something of the personnel of the gathering. First, the presiding officer, an indefatigable little woman, to whose persistent labor for three years the Federation owes its existence, Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa.

All honor to her! Next is Miss Kate Sadtler, one of our first missionaries to India, now retired from service; then Mrs. Neudoerffer, Miss Haupt and Miss Tatge, on the eve of their departure for Rajahmundry; then Mrs. Katherine Scherer Cronk, who has come up from the United Synod South, where the value of Federation has been abundantly demonstrated; then Mrs. Emmy C. Evald, the president of all the Swedish women, who later gave an impassioned talk about their home and foreign and inner mission work; Miss Laura V. Keck, of Allentown, whose benignant face won from us the Federation presidency; Miss Sarah Van Gundy, of Washington, who has charge of the General Synod's department of Mission Study Classes; Mrs. F. W. Weiskotten, mother of Miss Emilie Weiskotten, the principal of our Hindu Girls' Schools, and of Mrs. Annette Woll, who has made our India lace industry such a success by her wise management of sales in this country; Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, of Philadelphia, whose husband gave that splendid printing press to our India mission; and Mrs. Julia Harpster, bereaved, patient, full of longing to do more for her beloved India. Where else could you see such a gathering? And there are many other faces, too many to put in our picture, of women who have worked earnestly for missions these many years, and of young girls who are just beginning to study in clubs, of all there is to do for missions, a noble army of maids and matrons. "Who follows in their train?"

And now again the camera shows a moving picture. In rapid succession we see ardent women telling the "thrilling and appalling" story of the needs of our various missions, appointing committees, adopting a history-making Constitution, electing officers, and so on. You will find the work



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL SOCIETY

Reading from left to right, lower row: Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Mrs. Emmy Evald, Miss Laura V. Keck, Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, Miss Mary Miller. 2nd row: Mrs. C. L. Eckman, Mrs. H. N. Miller, Mrs. Frank E. Jensen, Mrs. F. F. Fry, Mrs. J. L. Sibole. 3rd row: Miss Bertha Ziebarth, Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Mrs. C. L. Fry, Mrs. A. J. D. Haupt, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten. 4th row: Mrs. Felix Hanson, Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford, Mrs. M. J. Casselman, Miss Zoe I. Hirt.

To see what office each woman holds turn to last page of cover.

done by the Convention outlined in the September *MISSION WORKER*. I do hope every one of us subscribes for that indispensable magazine. We need it, and it needs us.

The next flashlight shows you a large room filled with an interesting missionary exhibit. The walls are hung with exquisite laces and drawn work, from our industrial department in India and Porto Rico, and with pictures of our various mission institutions. Long tables are heaped with curios from Japan, with books and cards from our Publication House, with a variety of articles intended for a Permanent Exhibit, to be rented to conventions and societies for a nominal sum. At both the evening receptions refreshments were served, and much friendly chat, renewing old associations and forming new friendships. There is a warm tint over the place, and high lights show venerable heads of old men and women mingled with the bright faces of eager young people, planning larger work

in their own home fields. Mission study clubs must be organized in every parish, and many more subscribers for our mission publications found. The circulation of *THE MISSION WORKER* must be doubled each year, for the next two or three years, and will be if you and I do our duty.

The General Council Convention itself, with its magnificent management, is a rather stupendous thing for my little kodak to tackle, but some of its wonderful pictures must be given to you. The brightest is this. Old Trinity Church crowded to the doors with an eager throng. Dr. Horn, the president of our Foreign Mission Board, is presenting to the Council the eight missionaries about to sail for India and Japan. Among them are two young pastors, Rev. F. W. Schaefer and Rev. Oscar Werner; then comes Miss Haupt and Nurse Tatge; all to go to India. Rev. E. T. Horn, Jr., just ordained, and his fiancée, are the last to be presented, and Dr. Horn's voice trem-

bles a little as he gives his own son to the work in far Japan. Rev. and Mrs. Neu-doerffer are also glad to say a farewell word. They are taking out their two baby daughters. The younger of them, two months old, has just been made a life member of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, by the Canada women.

[The Federation hopes to have a good long list of the children and grand-children of missionary women as life-members of the new Society. What names have you to send in for this list?—Editor.]

The final picture is the same Church on the next evening discussing our greatest problem as an American Lutheran Church,—our Home Mission work. It is simply stupendous. Not alone is it English and German and Swedish. It must be done in Icelandic, in Italian, in Russian, in the

five dialects of the Slavs, Magyars, Slovians, Siebenburgers and Letts. Whilst the commissioning of six foreign missionaries may seem more spectacular and thrilling, nothing can really exceed the urgent necessity that is upon us to do plain, plodding work at home. Let us take our vast West, our home cities, our mountain districts, our factories and mines, filled with foreigners of Lutheran birth, into our heart of hearts. Let us waste no time in getting down to the nearest duty, and let us do it with our might. It must be a work of love. It is a struggle with socialism, with vice, with greed of employers, with the world, the flesh and the devil. But the Council is under bonds to do it, and we women are under bonds to help.

A Swedish Delegate's Impressions of Federation

To have had a personal share in this great convention was a privilege, which should have been eagerly sought by a large number of our Swedish Lutheran women.

The descendants of Germans and Swedes were united in a spirit of harmony, which was beautiful to behold.

Many important missionary topics received consideration. One of the most important, in fact, the one in which the society is especially interested, was that of missionary literature. A very able and interesting paper on "Our Lutheran Women's Missionary Publications," by Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, of Buffalo, N. Y., revealed the fact that we Lutherans are woefully behind other denominations in this matter of missionary literature. What publications we have, are good as far as they go, but we ought to have many more. Other Women's Mission Boards have rich catalogues of tracts, illustrated cards, and booklets for Sunday Schools, junior mission bands and congregational work. We are so slow. When other denominations are just issuing a new book on missions, we Lutherans are going to have one next week!

The *Monthly Topics* have been adopted by our Augustana Society and are translated for our *Missions-Tidning*, to be used in the Swedish societies. Nothing but praise was heard on all sides for these

splendid programs. They have been used successfully by many of our societies and it is hoped that their use will become quite general during the coming year.

The most important of our publications is, of course, our own Swedish *Missions-Tidning*, which every woman in our Synod ought to have among her periodicals. It is also of vast importance that we should have a missionary periodical issued in the language of our land. Most of us can read both Swedish and English. We ought, therefore, to welcome to our homes the official organ of the Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church, *THE MISSION WORKER*, a keen, bright magazine, issued quarterly, and costing twenty-five cents per year. *THE MISSION WORKER* has been the organ of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, but will be transferred to the General Council society as soon as proper action is taken by the Pennsylvania society.

Mrs. Charles L. Fry, editor of *THE MISSION WORKER* is also chairman of Literature. May the women of our Augustana

Synodical Missionary Society lend their prayers and loyal support to the fulfillment of this branch of activity in the General Council Society.—Mrs. C. L. Eckman, in the Swedish "*Missions Tidning*."

Resolutions Adopted at our Federating Meeting

1. We recognize the manifest leading of God's gracious providence in the issuing of the call to this Federation movement. We believe the time is fully ripe for our various Synodical Missionary Societies to combine their separate forces in one General Council Body. We are deeply grateful for the universal and hearty response to the call, from the various sections of the United States and Canada. We pledge to one another, and to our common Master, our loyal co-operation in the efforts to further every missionary cause of our Church.

2. We speed the two young women of our number, Miss Agatha Tatge and Miss Margaret Haupt, who have just been commissioned for their noble life-work in India. May their good example of self-devotion prompt other young women in our societies to similarly offer themselves for Christian service to benighted women.

3. We rejoice that our splendid new hospital in India is now dedicated and in operation, among the many suffering women and children of that destitute land. May God abundantly bless this first of our hospitals to the healing of many souls as well as bodies, and multiply its allied dispensaries in other sections of our field.

4. We note with exceeding gratification the movement to provide much-needed chapels in Porto Rico, and commend these efforts to the substantial interest of all our societies.

5. We are both thrilled and appalled by the magnitude of our Church's Home Mission possibilities in the United States and Canada, and, by the grace of God, we will do everything in our power to realize these incomparable opportunities.

6. We give our unqualified testimony to the Church Extension system as a wise and efficacious plan of doing the Lord's business. We earnestly recommend that every missionary society in the General Council take an annual or a life membership in this vitally important work, and list of societies so doing be published.

7. We approve the idea of a "Perma-

nent Exhibit" of literature, of photograph mounts, and interesting objects from all departments of our mission fields, which can be rented for a nominal sum by Synodical and Conference conventions, as well as by individual societies, to awaken zeal in the causes which they portray.

8. We hereby put on record our absolute conviction that a Mission Study Class is an indispensable adjunct to the highest missionary development of any congregation, and in urging that such a class be arranged under the auspices of every one arranged under the auspices of every one of our Societies, we recommend a special Honor Rule be made of societies which do so.

9. We plead for an increased publication and circulation of missionary literature, as the very life-blood of our corporate body, and we hail with much enthusiasm the proposition that our society appoint a representative to confer with a similar representative of the United Synod South and of the General Synod on the subject of conjoint publications approved by our Executive Committee.

10. We endorse the petition that THE LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER be made the official organ of the General Council Society, and we recommend that this go into effect as soon as the Pennsylvania Society has taken favorable action.

11. We are delighted with the submitted outline of *Topics* for the monthly program booklets for 1912, and we endorse the ordering of twice as many copies as were printed this year, including the accompanying sets of leaflets. We confidently expect that this double supply will soon be exhausted after it is placed on sale. We approve the suggestion of translating these *Monthly Topics* into the German language, and hope that this venture will be encouraged.

12. We would lay the greatest possible emphasis on the imperative need of more attention to junior work for the training of future missionary leaders; and of publishing a more adequate supply of inexpensive illustrated missionary leaflets for

boys and girls for distribution in our Sunday Schools.

13. We earnestly request our Synodical and Conference Societies to co-operate with the Home Mission Committee of our General Council Society in an effort to raise \$15,000 of the \$60,000 special fund of the Board of Home Missions, to support an increased force of field missionaries during the coming year.

14. We, as a body, wish to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Charles L. Fry for her self-sacrificing, earnest and efficient leadership in making it possible for us to organize this Women's Missionary Society of the General Council.

15. The warmest thanks of the body are hereby tendered to the pastors and people of the old Trinity Church, to the officers and members of the Lancaster

Conference Missionary Society, to Mrs. Louis K. Sandford and her committee on local arrangements, to the owners of the articles in our "Literature Exhibit" for their kind loan of the same.

16. In response to the official greetings from Mrs. T. H. Dahl, president of the new Federation of our United Norwegian sisters, we assure her that every good wish for our missionary progress is reciprocated in abundant measure. We sincerely regret her unavoidable absence from this meeting, and fervently pray that her health may soon be completely restored. With all our hearts we would welcome the day when the Lutheran missionary women of this continent shall join hands in helping to work out the missionary problems of the Mother Church of the Reformation in this land and all lands.—*Zoe I. Hirt, Sec.*

Our Monthly Topics for 1912

Twelve Hours with the Master Missionary and His World Field.

JAN.—(New Year)—Jesus, Light of the World.

The Light to Lighten India's Millions.

FEB.—(Epiphany)—Jesus, The Teacher from God.

Japan, a Nation at School.

MARCH—(Lent)—Jesus, The Lamb of God.

Our Self-Sacrifice for Church Extension.

APRIL—(Easter)—Jesus, The King Victorious.

His Conquest of The Moslem World.

MAY—(Ascension)—Jesus' Promise of Power.

The Spiritual Awakening of China.

JUNE—Jesus' Call to Service. (School Graduates.)

Wide Open Doors of Opportunity.

JULY—Jesus' Individual Work for Individuals.

The Redemption of Africa.

AUG.—Jesus in a Corrupt Church.

South America and the Chief Priests.

SEPT.—Jesus, The Great Physician.

Medical Missions.

OCT.—(Reformation)—Jesus, A Loyal Patriot.

The Call of Our Homeland.

NOV.—(Thanksgiving)—Jesus, the Compassionate.

Inner Missions, The Ministry of Mercy.

DEC.—(Advent)—Great Joy for All People.

The World's Need of the Good Tidings.

telligent Christian ought to be conversant. How it would be possible to pack into so small a space more of valuable missionary information and incentive, were certainly hard to imagine. Every paragraph makes a distinct impression, and the wide range of subjects practically sweeps the whole horizon. The title of the year's studies is a strong one, and challenges your interest from the outset: "Twelve Hours with the Master Missionary and His World Field." For the Epiphany Session, when Foreign Missions are uppermost in the Church's thought, the countries claiming special attention are India in January, followed by Japan in February. The Lenten topic for March is, of course, "Church Extension," and the Easter Festival in April suggests, for that month, our risen Lord's all-conquering victory, which is the only ultimate solution of the terrible problem of Mohammedanism. The ascension-tide in May, with its consequent outpouring of the Spirit of Power, is likewise a fitting time to consider "China, the Awakening Giant." Then, to complete the first half-year, since June is the month when our young people are back home after the closing of the schools for the Summer vacation, comes an opportune

The new booklet of programs is a storehouse of knowledge, with which every in-

theme, adapted to show the best use of their lives, and to stir up in their hearts a missionary enthusiasm, "Wide Open Doors for Effective Service."

The second half of the year begins with a vivid picture of the Dark Continent, Africa, and a companion picture of the scarcely less dark continent of South America, our own twin sister of this Western Hemisphere. The climate of both these Continents corresponds to the heated days in which we will study them. When the cooler September season arrives, everybody will be ready to take up the study of "Medical Missions," in the thought of the myriads of suffering women and children in heathen lands who have no healing for their diseases. October means the Reformation period, when Home Missions in the United States and Canada opens up an enormous field before our gaze. November brings the Thanksgiving time when "Inner Missions" will be seen to have wider and wider application to the otherwise unsolvable problems of our own age, especially among peo-

ple who have no Thanksgiving time in their wretched lives. Then, finally, December, with its Advent Season culminates in the Christmas good tidings of great joy. That these may be to all people will be the theme of our efforts and prayers.

A very helpful feature of the 1912 programs is the devotional meditation which will precede the *Topic* for discussion each month. This will be in harmony with the special theme for the respective Seasons of the Church Year, and will prepare every heart for a sympathetic study of the question of the hour.

Every woman in the General Council, and there are more than a quarter of a million of us, ought to send to the literature chairman of her own Synodical Missionary Society for a copy of this unique booklet. The price is fifteen cents, and another fifteen cents will procure a complete set of supplemental leaflets, each of which is a gem of its kind. The general distributor to our Synods is Miss Kate Fry, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

Already Looking Forward Toward Toledo

How fortunate it was that our General Council Society could be organized in a year of the odd instead of the even figures (1911, instead of 1910 or 1912), so that our third biennial convention from now will come just right for our taking full share in the epoch-making, world-wide, Quadri-centennial celebration of 1917. Since there will be only two conventions of our federated union before that great event, the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Protestantism, toward which all eyes are turning, surely there is no time to be lost in getting every department of our organization into vigorous working order, that we may rise to the full measure of what is expected of us. Each Synodical Society ought to have an aggressive, progressive, efficient chairman of every branch of our women's missionary activities, as outlined on the last page of this magazine, to co-operate with the chairman of the General Council Society in the same line of effort, and all their names will be published as soon as sent to

us. If you had to number these spheres of missionary labor, in the order of their relative importance, which would you put first as number one, which would you put last as number thirteen (never mind about the unlucky superstition), and how would you grade the others between? The reason for asking this question is to get you to carefully weigh each separate cause, and realize, after pondering the matter well, how nearly any two of these objects are evenly balanced in comparative importance. Surely, there is none which you think we could afford to entirely do without? If there be, it is more than likely that this very one may prove among the foremost, when you cast aside all prejudice, all superficial judgment, and get down to an honest, serious study of the real merits of the cause.

Our second convention is to be held in 1913, at Toledo, a beautiful city, situated in the very heart of our General Council territory.

A Missionary Committee in Every Church

FIELDS OF WORK



PHASES OF WORK



Among the standing committees of every Church Council, which report regularly every month, e.g., the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, etc., first and foremost in importance and influence ought to be the Missionary Committee, composed of both men and women, picked people, every one of them, who, together with the pastor, should inaugurate a vigorous educational campaign for creating greater missionary interest on the part of every member. The weekly system of giving to missions should be adopted and an every-member canvass of the congregation should be prosecuted, with a view

of securing a missionary offering from every member.

So far from this having the effect of depleting the funds for local purposes, on the contrary the reverse is the case, and with compound interest. Recent experiments in certain of our best-known Churches of Allentown, Buffalo, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, and other places, have results to show that are positively astonishing. Is there a Missionary Committee in your Church? If not, what stands in the way?

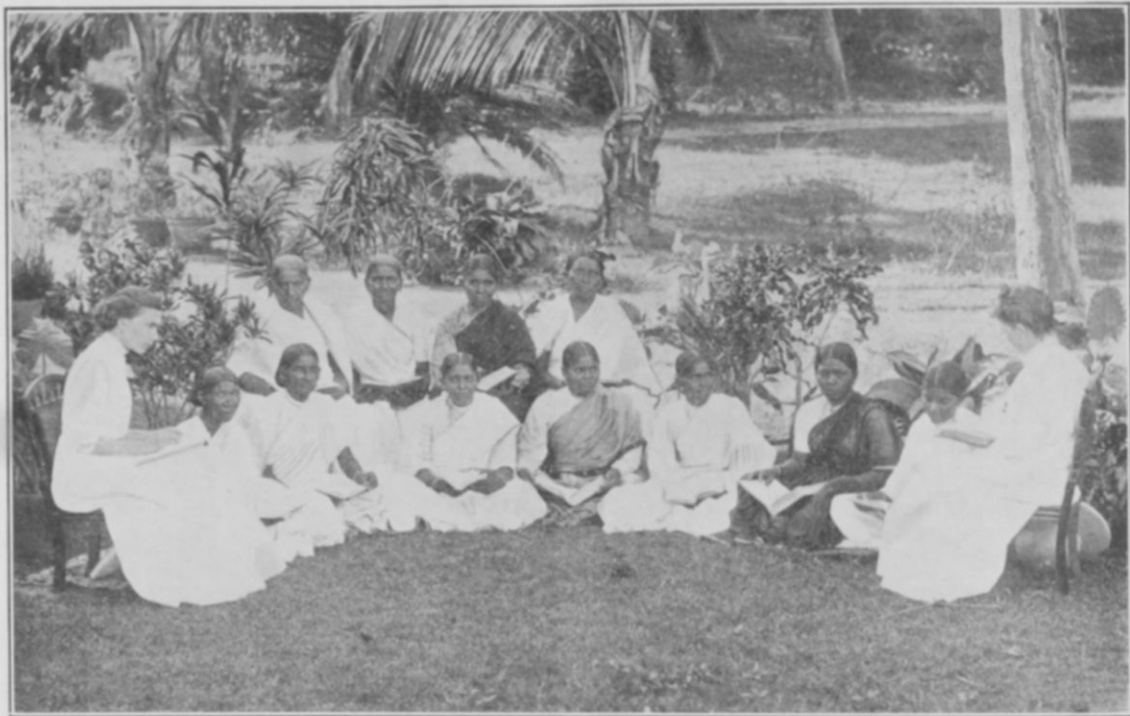
Pastors Urge Organization and Literature

"We endorse all the missionary operations of our Church, both at home and abroad, and earnestly commend to our people the literature published by the various Mission Boards, in particular that recently provided by the Women's Missionary Society for use in the monthly meetings, as well as the excellent LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER, and recommend that the letter from its editor to our president be referred to the Committee on Women's Work. We also urge the organization of Missionary Societies in all our congregations."

This action of the Allentown Conference at its recent session is substantially what was voted by many other Conferences, which now include among their standing committees one on Women's Missionary efforts. In the Allentown Conference the chairman of such committee is Rev. A. B. MacIntosh, and annual report of the work done by the Women's Societies is made as a regular part of Conference business every spring. In the Pittsburgh Conference the committee consists of Revs. J. H. Worth and E. A. Trabert; Wilkes-Barre, Revs. W. M. Rehrig and L. D. Ulrich, Mr. Henry Bates; Danville, Revs. J. L. Yonce, C. B. Lindtweid, H. M. Schofer; Norristown, Revs. Melvin Kurtz and J. F. Kramlich, Messrs. Sydney Kepner and C. F. Ash; Reading, Revs. M. L. Zweizig, C. E. Kistler, A. M. Weber, Messrs. Wm. S. Mohr and A. Bendel. Committees of the other Conferences in the General Council had not yet reached us on going to press.

The Women of the Zenanas

MISS JESSIE DUNCAN, INDIA



OUR ZENANA WORKERS AND THEIR BIBLE WOMEN

Reading from left to right, first row: 1. Miss Sigrid Esberhn, 2. Sunderama, 3. Mary (who works under Dr. Lydia Woerner in the dispensary), 4. Annama of Dowlaishwaram, 5. Elizama (who works under Miss Esberhn in Rajahmundry), 6. Sarah, wife of the teacher in our Dowlaishwaram Mission School, 7. Annama of Rajahmundry, 8. Salome, 9. Miss Susan Monroe.

Second row: 1. Deborah, 2. Ameliama, 3. Satyarati, wife of Pastor William, 4. Ruth, widow of Pastor Joseph.

We all recognize the temporary nature of zenana work, but believe that as long as the seclusion system, child-marriage and kindred evils prevail, which compel the children to be taken out of school at an early age, this kind of teaching will be necessary. It is no longer necessary, however, for us to conceal our true motives in teaching the women to read. The women know and accept as inevitable the fact that in order to be taught to read they must also take Scripture lessons and learn to read the Bible. This is often looked upon by them at first as a bitter pill, yet by God's blessing it does not always remain so. Oftentimes the most bigoted women become at last the most earnest students of the Bible.

For the oral lessons, which will need

to be given first, pictures will be found as good a medium for imparting the truth to women as to children. But as there is a power in the beautiful words of the Bible, which is not in human speech, if the attention of the women can be gained while we read, this is preferable to wholly telling the lesson story ourselves.

The women who thus receive us into their homes, make us sharers in their joys and sorrows. And as personal influence the world over is the strongest influence, so we can often best teach these women by showing them that we are their friends, not by insisting on the regular lesson, when heart and mind are stirred with unusual emotion, but by speaking words of comfort and cheer, and by having heart-to-heart talks.

Although we should, as a general rule, avoid controversy with our pupils, and not adopt an argumentative style of teaching, yet, if we would exert the highest influence for good over those whom we teach, we must make their religious beliefs a study, and be able, when occasion offers, to speak intelligently on the subject, to refute their objections and to answer their arguments. We ought, for the sake of Mohammedan women, to know what the Koran teaches; its truths and its errors. We should study the life of Mohammed, also show the vast superiority to it of that perfect life—the life of Him who is our Prophet, Saviour, King. Mohammedans have no Saviour.

The Hindu religion requires less study than the Moslem faith, for it is not so subtle, having less truth mixed up with it.

It is full of flagrant errors and moral abominations, teaching the doctrine of transmigration of souls, giving to its followers their choice between all God or no God, the worshiping of many idols or no idols.

Some of the lower castes of Hindu women enjoy a freedom which is quite unknown to their high-caste heathen sisters. Most of our converts belong to these castes and are taught in the house-to-house visitation. There is a way by which we can reach numbers of them together, which is impossible in the case of those more secluded, viz., by gathering them into weekly mothers' meetings. The school buildings, our bungalows, and certain villages are the places where some of these have been held: but had we helpers enough, we might make a larger use of this kind of teaching.

The Guntur Mission and Woman's Work

This station is 250 miles north of our General Council Mission at Rajahmundry. Out of a population of 1,953,018, there is a total membership of 40,198, of whom 13,839 are communicants. These souls are scattered through thirteen districts. The Board aims to place a missionary in each separate district, but often one must have charge of two "Talukhs," during the furlough of another missionary, and this means overwork to the one left in charge and insufficient care for the people. In addition to the responsibility of his own congregation, the district missionary oversees the work of his 723 native helpers and 526 congregations, and visits some of the 777 villages where there is no preaching. The wives of missionaries often have charge of the elementary schools, overseeing the native schools, examining the scholars in the village schools when out with their husbands on a tour, as well as assisting with the Sunday School work and zenanas.

Lady missionaries have been sent out by the W. H. and F. M. Society to work for women and children. They have under their care two Girls Boarding Schools and an Orphanage. The Guntur School is now erecting a beautiful new building to be called the "Sylvanus Stall College for Wo-

men," named after one donor who made a gift of \$10,000.

Another new building now in course of erection is the "Converts' Home and Bible Training School." Women and widows who have been cast off by their families, because they have accepted Christianity, may here have a home. Many of these enter the Bible Training School Department, fitting themselves as Bible women for work in villages and homes out in the districts. The Bible Training School is to equip native women to teach their own countrywomen. They meet the patients in the waiting rooms and wards of the Hospital and Dispensaries. They visit and teach in the homes, under the direction of the zenana missionary. Eighteen Bible women are now employed in this work, and others are in training.

Scattered through Guntur and the districts are twenty-two Hindu Girls Schools. The 187 native teachers were prepared in higher schools, often in the Boarding Schools. The children are very young; two of seven and nine were taken away because they were married, and their mother-in-law objected to their going.

A great work is being done among the Mohammedans of Guntur through the In-



MISS ROLLIER TEACHING IN A MOHAMMEDAN ZENANA, GUNTUR, INDIA

Courtesy of General Synod W. H. and F. M. Society

dustrial Schools, the Bible women and teachers, the zenana and medical work.

Miss Jeanne L. Rollin, who arrived in Guntur in 1904, speaks thus of the zenana work among this people: "Follow the Mission *bandi* as it leaves the school premises and goes winding in and out through the streets and lanes of the city; see it stop in front of a house built of mud splashed over with whitewash, each little figure a *crescent* shaped form telling you of the faith of its occupants. Almost all the Mohammedan houses can be detected at once through these distinctive marks. Another sign that you are facing the house of a Musselman is the outside curtain hanging over the entrance door and generally made of an old split gunny sack. Lift it without thinking too much of the total absence of a clean spot, and push the old, rickety door wide open, at the same time call loudly for the woman of the house. Now look and take it all in: very picturesque the group of women and children, some pounding rice, some in different stages of very primitive ablutions, some needing washing and combing most seriously, but absolutely indiffer-

ent to it. The pupil you have come to teach salaams you politely and goes to hunt for her books. They are generally kept in a hole in the wall covered with the blackest kind of cobwebs. She gives them a little shake while you look for a reasonably clean place to sit on. The mud floor is not very inviting, but sometimes it looks preferable to the *carpet* mat which is offered you. But surely such details are not detaining your attention, you came there with a message; here is a soul needing salvation, though she is not aware of it yet. You sit down in Turkish fashion and the pupil near you spells out her lesson, for she is still in the spelling class; patiently you go over the appointed task again and again, encouraging her to put her whole mind on her lesson, but she seems to have so little mind, you sigh inwardly at the very slow process. Still, she has a soul; we know it can only be awakened through prayerfully and perseveringly teaching her in the "line after line" old way. The lesson consists of a paragraph in the First Reader, then of teaching her by heart one verse of Scripture, and of telling a Bible story, in very

simple words at first and in the very words of the Scripture as soon as its beautiful language can be grasped. Sometimes the other women come in and join, forming a lovely group—the more the better to the plougher. How hard it is to keep their attention fixed on the point you want to teach; their mind has never had any kind of training, therefore concentration of thought is not to be expected from them. The lesson is over, the furrow has been made, perhaps the work consisted chiefly in removing a few stones of ignorance and bigotry. Back to the *bandi* you go. You have to close your eyes, the sun is very bright and the light is dazzling, you feel a “wee” bit tired, but a few minutes of quietly resting in the *bandi*, as the ponies are trotting away to the next home, soon refresh you and the look of welcome on the face of the next pupil is eagerly anticipated! She is one of the comforts of the plougher; it really does seem as if the furrows were very deep and the ground good. She is a fine-looking woman and her soul seems as noble as her face. Here no secular teaching is needed; the woman was one of the pupils of the Industrial School some twelve years ago; she can read pretty well. She is studying the Gospel of John with ever-increasing delight, apparently grasping the truths of abiding in the Vine and

of bearing fruit through Him. Time goes fast in some of these homes; it is really hard to get away from the dear women when they seem to be soul-hungry for the Bread of Life.

“Now and then spicy incidents occur. Once, when the missionary had been teaching the lesson on Jesus’ baptism, an old man suddenly confronted her with fierce expression and gesture: ‘Dare to say again that Jesus is the Son of God, dare to say it again.’ He faced her, his sunken eyes glistening as sharp as swords. The poor pioneer felt very queer in her knees for a few seconds, but she called on God for strength and for a wise answer, and, after a few instants, he went out as meekly as a lamb.

“Time does not permit to speak of all the homes, every one as interesting as it can be, full of their own Oriental charm, in spite of all the dirt, and full also of future possibilities, each one a nest of precious souls, who, in God’s own time, may awake from their long apparent sleep and shake off the fetters of Islam.”

Extracts gathered from two leaflets by Miss Clara C. Sadtler and Miss Jeanne L. Rollin.

[The Guntur Medical work will be told in the September issue for 1912, to conform with the monthly topic Medical Missions.—Editor.]

Sixteen Startling Sentences on India

For Awakening the Church to India's Awakening

POPULATION. India has three hundred and fifteen million people, or more than the combined population of North America, South America and Africa.

VILLAGES. If our Lord when upon earth had gone through one village a day in India and had lived until today, he would not yet have visited them all.

CENSUS. The census of India is taken in a single night, and requires three hundred tons of paper and a force of a million men.

ILLITERACY. Only one man in ten in India can read and write, and only one woman in one hundred and forty-four.

CASTE. There are probably a hundred thousand castes in India, no two of which can intermarry.

POVERTY. Forty millions of people lie down hungry in India every night upon a mud floor, who have had only one meal, or at most two scanty meals during the day.

FAMINE. During the last fifty years, twenty-two famines have swept away twenty-eight millions of the people.

RELIGION. Of every hundred persons in India seventy-one are Hindus, twenty-one Mohammedans, three Buddhists and one Christian.

SACRED BOOKS. Some parts of the sacred books of India cannot be translated and published, because of the law against obscene literature.

CHILD WIVES. There are 2,273,000 wives in India under the age of ten, and 243,000 under five.

WIDOWS. Twenty-six million women of India, or one in every six, is a widow. The heaviest curse of Hinduism falls upon widows.

GODS. There are three hundred and thirty million gods in India—more gods than people.

TELUGUS. In the Telugu country there are three million people who desire Christian instruction, but cannot be reached because of lack of funds.

UNTOUCHED. In all India over one hundred millions, or one-third of the population, lie outside the scope of Christian effort by all existing agencies.

CHRISTIANS. India has 4,614 Protestant missionaries, 35,767 Indian workers and a Protestant Christian community of 1,472,448.

OUR OWN MISSION. To evangelize the Rajahmundry district, with a population of three millions, we have ten ordained men and nine women missionaries. On the basis of one ordained missionary to every twenty-five thousand people, how much larger a force ought we to have?

There are peculiar features about the Godavery River region, which give it special advantages as a promising field.



A MAN IN INDIA AND HIS CHILD WIFE
The infamy of it comes out strikingly in the picture

Woman's Part in Christianizing the World

MRS. ANDREW MACLEISH

Woman's part in the Christianizing of the world grows directly out of her obligation to Christianity. This obligation is, of course, the basis of all missionary endeavor, but women owe a special debt to Christ, and therefore there is laid upon them a special obligation to extend to non-Christian lands the Christian conception of womanhood. For it is only under the Christian religion, and its noble predecessor, Judaism, that woman's place in society and in the family is recognized as in any sense co-

equal with that of man. Under Confucianism, she is a drudge. Her bound feet but symbolize the cramping of her mind. Under Mohammedanism she is the plaything of her master, closely secluded in the harem lest other eyes than those of her lord shall look upon her beauty.

Under Buddhism her only hope of heaven lies in the possibility of her being born a man in some future incarnation. Under Hinduism her condition is *most* hopeless and degraded, for there the very reli-

gion of the land uses woman's body for vile rites. In beautiful, artistic Japan we might look for better conditions, and they are better, but even here the daughter or the sister may be sold into a life of vice, to raise money for the needs of an ambitious father or brother.

Such were the conditions that gradually came into clear perspective in the minds of our early missionaries, a hundred years ago, and conjointly a realization of the fact that *men* could never change the situation, nor reach these shut-in women. And so the call came from missionaries on the field to Christian *women* in the homeland, to organize themselves and send out into this heathen darkness women missionaries, bearing with them that light which cannot be hid, but which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

It was Rev. David Abeel, an American missionary to China, who first brought this message. In the summer of 1834 he was returning home for a much-needed rest. His route took him by way of England, and while in London he was invited to address a company of women in a drawing-room. To them he made his plea, and repeated the message of some Chinese women, "Are there no female men who can come to teach us?" He showed them the tremendous potentialities wrapped up in these untaught heathen mothers who, so long as they remained heathen, were the great force for perpetuating superstition and evil custom. He pleaded with them to extend a helping hand to these their sisters.

His appeal met a swift response. A group of women representing several denominations banded themselves together for Foreign Mission work, and so was formed "The Society for Promoting Female Education in the East," the oldest women's missionary organization in the world, and still in active service. Surely God has set the seal of His approval upon the organization of women for world evangelization. This record is not one of human achievement, but of God's gracious accomplishment, through the humble human channel of organized womanhood. Weak women, shall we say? Yes, but "though weak they became strong," waxed valiant through their

faith.

To the conduct of the Home Base of missions, woman's work has made a distinct contribution, born of its very necessities. The women's work was in every instance started as an auxiliary. Its object was to raise an *additional* sum, to meet the extra, unreachd needs of the women and little children. There could be no hope for large donations. What came in must come in small sums. Five cents a week from each woman was the first ideal.

As Japan, China, Korea, India, slowly emerge out of the deep darkness in which they have so long lain, a striking fact of the situation is the new conception of woman's place in society. Thoughtful native leaders everywhere are writing and working for the elevation of their women, realizing that no nation can rise higher than its mothers. The wife and mother in the home holds the key of the situation. If she is to train up intelligent Christian children, she must herself be intelligent and Christian. Moreover, experience has again and again shown that the power of a heathen wife and mother is such that it is almost impossible for the husband or the son to remain true to Christianity when under her influence. We cannot realize the grip which superstition, that fabric of belief in which their minds have always been wrapped, has upon heathen people. All this immeasurable power the heathen wife has in her hands to draw her husband back to the beliefs of his fathers. Here is the strong citadel that must be broken down. The girls of heathenism must be given a knowledge of the true God. Their minds must be trained in clear and reasonable thinking. They must be taught the scientific facts of the natural world as the only corrective for superstitious fear. Large numbers of them must be trained as teachers for their own people. Other large numbers must be trained as Bible women and evangelistic workers.

Another great realm for the woman missionary is the heathen home. Here she enters, gains the love of the children, the confidence of the mother, and becomes the beloved helper and friend. What the settlement worker does in the poverty-stricken homes of our American cities, that the

Christian missionary does in the Oriental homes of poverty and ignorance; with this distinction, that the missionary's first business is to preach the Christ, then to perform the offices of human helpfulness as distinctly the embodiment of His loving spirit. To non-Christian homes of wealth and influence, too, the missionary has access, and in such she has need of all the tact and grace and good breeding that she would need in like homes in her own land, that she may in good time commend to these people also her Christ and His emancipating gospel.

The medical work speaks for itself. In some lands it is quite impossible that the physical ailments of women should be treated by men. In no Eastern land is it easy for a woman to place herself under the care of a male physician. There must be women doctors and nurses, not only to care for the countless sick and suffering about them, but also, and far more important, to train native women as doctors and nurses for the work among their own people.

For all this woman's work on the foreign field the wives of missionaries are quite inadequate. They have the care of their

own homes and children. They must help in the work of their husbands, and nobly do they do it. They have neither time nor strength for this great distinctive work. There is no solution for this problem but the unmarried woman missionary.

What then of the organization of women at home for the support of these single women and their work abroad?

One of its greatest results is the development and education of a vast body of earnest women. A great feature of the work is the widely reaching plan for missionary education, based upon the well-authenticated belief that missionary interest and missionary giving are co-extensive with missionary knowledge. Thus do women's societies serve to connect with the Church and its work many women of ability and experience in affairs, who would otherwise give themselves to the clamorous and fascinating calls of philanthropy outside the Church. The various responsible positions of these societies offer a field for all the devotion, judgment, executive ability and general intelligence which any woman may possess, and they return to her an intellectual development and a spiritual growth well worth the cost.

Wanted A Woman!

A woman who can see things; who can feel needs; who can be stirred deeply by lacks; who will refuse to be complacent where chaos reigns; who suffers when good causes suffer; who says it is too bad about bad conditions, and who means to her heart's core what she says; who believes with all her might that bad things and dead organizations and lame methods and indifferent people and languishing enterprises and untouched opportunities need not remain such; who never despairs over any situation, where what ought to be is not; who hopes, always; who has insights; who sees the way out, or is out seeking the way; who dares to say, I know, on the basis of her faith; who is always sure, though never dead-sure; who spreads a contagion of helpfulness wherever she goes.

WANTED—A woman to see and feel and believe in things.

A woman who can do things, and does them every time she gets the chance; who, having seen a worthy end, works towards it, though it be ten thousand miles away; who cannot stand the reproach upon herself of good things left undone; who believes that anything worth believing in is worth working for; who marshalls forces, and produces forces where they are not at hand; who has a knack or is hunting for one; who, charged with energy, charges others; who puts ginger into all she sets at, and leaves out the mustard and vinegar; who is all on fire, yet never scorches people; who is humble enough to accept "nobody's business" as her business; who says:

Come on, let's do it! and then does it, whether anybody comes or not; who takes hold, and lets go only for a new hold; who undertakes all she ought, neglecting to ask whether she can.

WANTED—A woman to do things, to do them hard and long and today.

One such woman or something like her in each Church! What could not the Church get accomplished? One is a host.

There is no Church so dead that one such cannot bring it to life, and set it upon a divine ministry.

How is it in your Church? Perhaps the ranks are not so crowded but that you yourself might slip into this place.—Adapted from a Current Leaflet.

WANTED.—A woman, in every Synodical Society, every Conference, every congregation, in the General Council, to personally further our Federation causes.

Japan as a Strategic Mission Field

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KUMAMOTO CHAPEL, DR. C. L. BROWN, AND NATIVE PASTOR
Courtesy of the Lutheran Publication House

It is exceedingly difficult to form a reliable conjecture concerning the future state of Christianity in Japan. In this land it is the unexpected that always happens. It has been called a land of surprises. Instability, vacillation, and constant change, are its characteristics. What is in favor

to-day may be out of favor to-morrow. And conversely, what is out of favor to-day may be in favor to-morrow. The signs of the times may clearly indicate a certain trend of events for the next year, but ere that year has passed, the happenings may be quite different. The fact is, Japan is

could not one half hour of the meeting time be devoted to mission topics? Let us try to wake up our dear old Lutheran Church. It is waking up in the Northwest and in Canada. As soon as an English Lutheran congregation is formed there, a Woman's Missionary Society is organized at once.

What we are going to do about these bright young lives we love so dearly, our sons and daughters? We try to surround them with every earthly comfort, give them the best of possible education. Are we training their spiritual natures as well? Are the dear girls that grace our homes looking at all on the other side of the picture? What of the young girls of China, of Japan, of India, with hearts that beat the same as those of our country women? Are these American girls being taught to help, to love, to work and pray for these downtrodden, sad, sick-hearted, heathen girls? What shall we mothers say when our heart's darling comes to tell us the Lord's call has come to her to go out into the Foreign Field? Have we grace enough to give up our best and brightest to the Lord's work?

So far as missionary literature is concerned, we are very young in this department, but from many local societies comes the cry, "Tell us what to do, and tell us how to do it?" These questions are being answered in our wonderfully comprehensive women's periodical, *THE MISSION WORKER*, which is so highly considered that from several Synods the request has come to make it the official organ of the General Council Society. I would like to recommend as strongly as I know how, that every woman in our 42 societies, with a combined enrollment of 1,825 members, should sacrifice *one feather* on her winter hat, giving that 25 cents for one year's subscription for *THE MISSION WORKER*.

"Now another good word for our Monthly Topics. Surely they have met a long-felt want in our local societies. The inspiration that would come from knowing that all our missionary societies were going to study our November topic, 'A Thanksgiving Contrast,' would be wonderfully helpful. To-day we have the pleasure of having with us the editor of these studies for 1911, and those for the coming year. In the coming biennium can we not be more earnest, more liberal, remembering always the Organizer of the work, its Leader, its Master, who says to each of us, 'Follow Me.'"

An official letter from Miss Laura V. Keck was read, and Miss Agatha Tatge was made a life member of the General Council Society by this body. Mrs. E. R. Cassady extended greetings from Pennsylvania, and briefly spoke of her work among the Italians in Philadelphia. Mrs. E. C. Cronk, editor of our Monthly Topics, gave an instructive afternoon talk on "Japan," and her more extended address at the Vesper Service, on "With Eyes That See," made a deep impression upon her hearers.

Mrs. F. A. Kaehler presented her proposed plan of fostering Mission Study Classes in all congregations, and Miss Emma Kaehler, of

Buffalo, about to sail to Japan and India, was entrusted with loving messages from this body, to our faithful missionaries in those distant lands.

Mrs. J. L. Sibole and Miss Annette Kaehler gave interesting reports of the Federation meeting at Lancaster, and brief thoughts on the permanent good of the Women's Golden Jubilee were expressed. An account of the recent convention of the Western Conference was given by Mrs. E. F. Keever. Their building and furnishing of the Maternity Hospital, at Rajahmundry, will cost \$3,877, of this amount all but \$438.43 has already been contributed. The Church of the Reformation, Rochester, made the handsome donation of \$547.54 toward the building fund of the Home Mission Church at Livingston, Montana. Rev. Frank W. Klingensmith, pastor, and the Church of the Redeemer, Utica, announced that its subscription for this same worthy cause will be about \$1,000. The Western Conference has also pledged \$250 to prepare a student for the ministry among the Lutheran Slaves in this country. The Conference now numbers 13 societies, with an assurance that two more will join, leaving only one congregation not having an organized missionary society.

Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten, of Brooklyn, was happy to state that the Eastern Conference has pledged itself to support Dr. Lydia Woerner in India, and has already paid her salary for this year. Also that the amount pledged for the Field Missionary has been raised from \$100 to \$200 annually. To prove their interest in Porto Rico, they have also promised to build one half of the front wall of the new Church to be built at San Juan, at a cost of \$750, and will soon be able to meet this obligation in full. The Eastern Conference is composed of 28 societies, and two more have applied for admission. The honorary membership numbers 13 persons, who contributed \$5.00 or \$10.00 annually. The Literature Committee reports 506 subscriptions for the Foreign Missionary, 709 Home Missionary, 143 Monthly Topics, 82 leaflets, and 454 *MISSION WORKERS*.

For Home Missions the Eastern Conference contributed during the year a total of \$672.50, and the Western Conference \$277.83, aggregating \$950.33. For Foreign Missions, the Eastern Conference gave \$2,956.48, and the Western Conference \$778.86, making a total of \$3,735.34. For Medical Missions, the Eastern Conference sum was \$377.91, and the Western Conference, \$3,034.25, the whole amount being \$3,412.16. For Porto Rico, the Eastern Conference reports \$1,132.43 (also \$171.20 for drawn work), the Western Conference, \$627.60, total, \$1,760.03. The grand total for these four causes is over \$10,000. The next convention will be held in Kingston, N. Y.

MINNIE D. LEHMANN, *Rec. Sec.*

The Treasurer's receipts were as follows: Albany, \$244.60; Binghamton, \$162; Boston, \$56; Brooklyn—Christ, \$120; Grace, \$16; Holy Trinity, \$50; Incarnation, \$13.50; Messiah, \$7; Redeemer, \$560.22; Redeemer (Royal Daughters), \$92; Reformation, \$33.66; St. Barnabas, \$37.49; St. Ste-

phens, \$76; Buffalo Churches, \$1,642.52; Dunkirk, \$61; Elizabeth, \$63.85; Freeport, \$14; Hartford, \$1; Jamestown, \$43.30; Kingston, \$84.27; Mt. Vernon, \$19; Newark, \$108.54; New Britain, \$2205; New Rochelle, \$5; New York—Advent, \$800.30; Epiphany, \$157.56; Holy Trinity, \$896.77; Niagara Falls, \$20; North Tonawanda, \$1; Orange, \$22.40; Perth Amboy, \$1; Richmond Hill, \$16.25; Rochester—Reformation, \$691.62; Holy Trinity, \$1; Summit, \$51; Syracuse, \$24.25; Union Course, \$6.48; Utica—Holy Communion, \$26; Holy Communion (Miss. League), \$185; Redeemer, \$218.85; Redeemer (Sewing Society), \$47; St. Paul's, \$37; Warren, \$26; Weehawken, \$19; Westchester Co., \$70; Central Canada Society, \$323.75; Eastern Conference, \$79.50; Western Conference, \$20.09;

Offerings at Buffalo convention, \$66.69; Interest in bank, \$13.77; total receipts for the year, \$7,355.80; cash on hand, October 15, 1909, \$523.45; amount which passed through the treasurer's hands, \$7,879.25.

Disbursements were as follows: Home Missions, \$951.91; Church Extension, \$117.65; Porto Rico, \$1,004.47; Maternity Hospital, \$2,383.48; Furnishing Maternity Hospital, \$336.25; Medical Missions in India, \$626.19; Scholarship in India, \$225; additional for foreign field, \$1,096.89; India Box, \$60; Lace Industry, \$823.97; General fund, \$84.73; total disbursements, \$7,709.64; October 15, 1911, cash on hand, \$169.61.

MARY W. BECKER, *Treasurer*.

Danville Conference

The eighth annual convention was held on October 19th in Sunbury; 33 delegates and nine pastors represented 14 out of our 17 societies, and one new society was received. Greetings were received from the Wilkes-Barre, Reading, Lancaster, Philadelphia and Allentown Conferences. From Canada we welcomed Mrs. M. J. Bieber. Our president, Mrs. E. J. Heilman, urged more subscribers for THE MISSION WORKER, and that all societies, whether missionary or aid societies, use the Monthly Topics, which are full of information and inspiration. She presented our duty to secure more systematic instruction on missions in our Sunday Schools at regular intervals at least once a month. She appealed for contributions to Porto Rico and India, and the society pledged a stipulated sum towards the erection of a Church in San Juan, adopting the coin cards for the India Hospital. She strongly urged an increase also in contributions for Home Missions. The Literature Committee, Mrs. H. M. Schofer, chairman, sent out copies of THE

MISSION WORKER and Monthly Topics. Statistics were reported by Mrs. C. B. Stroup, and correspondence by Mrs. M. M. Dry. Towards the India Box Selins Grove gave \$15.00; Danville, \$19.40; Elizabethville, \$10.00; Kratzerville, \$5.00; Williamsport, \$10.00; Middle Creek, \$2.00; Snamokin, \$6.00; Turbotville, \$10.00; total, \$77.40. The Lace Committee reported through Miss Ella Snyder and some Porto Rican drawn work was on exhibition and sold.

In the evening, Rev. J. O. Schlenker, of Allentown, addressed a large audience on "Our Immigrants," and an offering of \$15.00 was received for Slav mission work.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. E. J. Heilman; Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. J. Streich and Mrs. M. A. Mitchell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. M. Dry; Rec. Sec., Mrs. C. B. Stroup; Treas., Miss Lillian Klase. Mrs. C. D. Zweier and Mrs. C. J. Streich were elected delegates to the Synodical Society. The next convention will be held at Jersey Shore. MRS. C. B. STROUP, *Rec. Sec.*

Lancaster Conference

The sixteenth annual convention was held in Christ Church, Lancaster, on October 19th, with 23 societies. Two new societies were received: St. John's, Shiremanstown, and Emmanuel, Lancaster. The Norristown Conference was represented by Mrs. J. O. Knipe, and Philadelphia by Mrs. F. K. Fretz. Greetings were received from the Allentown and Danville Conferences.

In her president's report, Mrs. John H. Strenge said: "The past year has been eventful, both at home and in foreign fields. A larger number of missionaries has gone forth than ever before. An unusual fact is, that a number of these are going as special representatives of individual Churches or societies. This is a true indication of a quickened interest, and speaks well for the future support of missionary work. Our Lancaster Conference was highly favored in having the organization of the General Council Missionary Society take place in our midst. We

surely received much inspiration and zeal for our future work, and may reasonably expect greater results in the future.

Our Lutheran Hospital at Rajahmundry, although the building and equipment are paid for, will cost \$8,000 yearly for its maintenance. I would recommend that each society contribute to this worthy cause. The money may be raised by the use of a new dime folder, holding ten dimes, published by our Synodical Society for this purpose. Each society would average about three hundred and seventy-five folders. The hospital is included in your Church's apportionment, so that each congregation will receive full credit for what is done by its women.

Porto Rico has asked this Conference to help in the erection of the Church at San Juan. I would recommend that our society make an effort to raise \$500 towards the same. Let us again send a Christmas box to cheer our faithful ones

	Women's Missionary Society.	Young People's Miss. Soc.	Children's Missionary Society.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Porto Rico.	Foreign Missions.	Medical Missions.	Other Charitable Purposes.	Value of Boxes.	Total.
Bowmansville	30			\$5.00		\$2.00	\$5.00		\$3.25		\$15.25
Centre	35			15.00			15.00		15.00		45.00
Columbia	75		112		\$5.00		20.00		5.00		30.00
Elizabethtown	30			32.45					5.00		37.45
Ephrata	40							\$9.00		\$3.00	12.00
Harrisburg	30			3.50		3.00	7.00				58.50
Jonestown	20			7.00	5.00			7.00	3.00	13.00	35.00
Lancaster, Advent	32	35		119.54			15.00		9.60	3.20	147.34
" Christ	50	35	45	166.88				24.49	1.79	10.00	203.16
" Emmanuel			75	3.10	10.00	2.42	4.35	18.00	14.70	24.78	77.35
" Grace	29		45	20.30			25.00	34.00		7.00	86.30
" St. Mark's	31			8.00		2.00	11.53		2.00	2.00	25.53
" Trinity	120	25		64.50	10.00	45.24	90.00	42.00		94.14	345.88
" Zion's	28			102.70			54.45	7.00	5.00		169.15
Lebanon, Salem	94		45	40.92	37.84	5.00	35.00	18.92	65.75		203.43
Millersville	28			4.50		5.00	5.00			5.00	19.50
Mt. Joy	25						27.44			41.10	68.54
New Holland	21			2.50	5.00		1.50	18.25	1.50	7.50	36.25
Reamstown			40						4.00		4.00
Rohrerstown	20			16.45		6.35	8.50			2.00	33.30
Strasburg	27			4.00	5.00	4.00	4.00		5.00	5.72	27.72
	765	95	362	616.34	77.84	75.01	328.77	178.66	140.59	263.44	1680.65

in Porto Rico.

Our work in Japan, though still in its infancy, is making forward strides. Let us not forget this mission in our prayers and contributions.

While we are anxious and zealous for our work in foreign fields, we must not neglect our work at home. It is said "the light that shines farthest, shines brightest at home." May our society do its part towards raising the \$15,000 which the women are making an effort to contribute toward our home mission expansion. I would also draw your attention to the work of the Slav Mission Board. Let us not neglect the foreigner at our own door. It would cost annually \$250 for the education of a student preparing to minister to the spiritual needs of his foreign-speaking countrymen. Would it not be possible for our society to contribute toward, or support such a student?

Let us also remember our inner mission society. It is doing noble work, caring for the orphans, helpless, sick and unfortunate. Let us also continue the use of the mite box, and give it a wide circulation."

The treasurer's report was then submitted by Mrs. George H. Grim: Balance in treasury, \$26.73; received for India Hospital, \$91.75; Medical Missions, \$110.17; General Council Home Missions, \$131.07; Foreign Missions, \$52.46; Porto Rico, \$63.24; Church Extension, \$74.84; Salary, Field Missionary, \$49.00; Education in India, \$181; Slovak Missions, \$21.50; Japan Missions, \$8.00; Interest for Lititz, \$17.00; India Box, \$77.67; Italian work, \$12.30; Dues, \$57.00; Federation expenses, \$111.50; Inner Missions, \$2.00. Total

receipts, \$1,087.23. Paid out, \$814.28. Balance, \$272.95.

The executive committee decided to give the morning collection of the convention to Church Extension, the afternoon collection to Settlement work of Philadelphia, and the evening collection to Porto Rico.

Mrs. Emma M. Barr reported the value of box sent to India \$20.00, and \$86.92 in cash; Porto Rico box value \$20.00. Mrs. Sarah Halbach distributed 171 mite boxes and received \$354.99. Mrs. O. W. Weidner sold \$52.10 worth of India laces and \$7.45 worth of Porto Rican drawn work. Mrs. Gebhard reported that three societies and one congregation are using the traveling library; also that leaflets and tracts would be for sale at the literature table during the day. Mrs. E. J. Wackernagel, chairman of the memorial committee, reported the deaths of Miss Ellen Loser, of Jonestown; Miss Catherine C. Shrum, Miss Ella L. Beates, and Mr. Sigmund W. Heinitsh, of Trinity, Lancaster; Miss Mary Dörner, of Zion's, Lancaster; and Mrs. Theodore Starb, of New Holland.

The society pledged itself to contribute \$500 toward the expense of erecting a Church at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Officers elected were: Pres., Mrs. John H. Strange; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford, Mrs. William Bollinger, Miss Anna Swartzwelder; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Walter A. Miller; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. George Sieger; Treas., Mrs. George H. Grim.

The president appointed the following committees: Mission Worker, Miss Alta Diller, Mrs. R. D. McCaskey, Miss Emily Suydam. Organizing, Mrs. Minnie Breneman, Miss Gertrude

Coldren, Miss Anna Ludwig. Nominations, Mrs. L. C. Reisner, Mrs. George Daniels, Mrs. W. H. C. Lauer. Literature, Mrs. A. W. Leibensperger, Mrs. H. L. Gebhard, Mrs. G. R. Deisher. Mite Box, Mrs. Sarah Halbach. Mission Box, Mrs. Emma Barr. Lace, Mrs. O. W. Weidner. Memorial, Mrs. E. J. Wackernagel.

Interesting letters were read from Mrs. Chas. L. Fry and Mrs. J. W. Richards. Mrs. P. Geo.

Sieger's paper was on "After-Thoughts of the Federation Convention."

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., spoke on the subject of "Home Mission Work, Why Do It?" and Rev. A. Hering delivered an address on Settlement work in Philadelphia. The address at the evening session was by Rev. C. H. Hemsath, on Porto Rico.

MRS. WALTER A. MILLER, *Rec. Sec.*

Norristown Conference

At the eighteenth convention, on October 26th, in Phoenixville, 28 societies answered to roll call. Delegates were present from the Reading, Philadelphia and Allentown Conferences, and greetings were received from the Lancaster Conference. Mrs. C. R. Fetter said in her president's report: "The work of our Church is expanding at a marvelous rate in these days. Whilst our Woman's Hospital in India is completed, and all debts on the same paid for, let us not forget that \$8,000 will be needed annually for its maintenance. Three thousands dollars of this \$8,000 has been apportioned to the Synodical Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, a motion was adopted to use the coin envelopes, holding ten dimes each. This Conference has pledged \$500 towards the erection of the Church building at San Juan, I would therefore recommend that each society make a special effort, during the coming year, to raise the required amount. Further, I would suggest that the lace industry in Porto Rico, as well as in India, be patronized by our Conference Society. Since we now have two missionaries in our new field of Japan, and must certainly support this most worthy cause, I would recommend that a place in our annual reports be inserted for monies raised for Japan. There are beautiful post card views of Japan for sale, the proceeds of which are to be used for the work. At the recent meeting of the Women's General Council Federation, \$15,000 was undertaken for the cause of Home Mission enlargement, and I ask that we as a Conference Society, give our full measure of support. Are we interested in the immigrants of our own household of faith, the Slovaks? Thousands are unchurched, and without the means of grace. More young men ought to be educated for the Christian ministry, to gather these people into the fold. I would again urge the indispensable value of THE MISSION WORKER. Well has it been said, "It is about as fresh, as readable, as informing, and as many-sided a missionary sheet as can be found, and it costs only twenty-five cents a year. I hope you ladies, who have not been subscribers, will do so at this convention. Any number of subscription blanks, entitled 'A promoter of Missions,' can be had from the chairman of the Literature Committee." The Home Mission Box Committee, Mrs. F. J. Clamer, reported St. Mark's \$5.00; Grace Church, Norristown, \$5.00; Royersford, \$10.00 to Mrs. Kanan-

ish, widow of the Persian minister, at Rock Island; total, \$20.00. The India Box Committee, Mrs. Kercher, Hospital supplies, \$129.50; lace industry, \$26.76; value boxes, \$24.25; total, \$180.51. The Literature Committee, Miss Mary Hunsicker, reported that 100 copies of MISSION WORKER were distributed, 200 Monthly Programs and 50 sets of leaflets were sold. Sixteen societies are using them. The Medical Committee, Mrs. C. J. Custer, reported \$148.09 for medical work, \$375.28 for Hospital work, and \$156.26 for Hospital supplies. The Educational Committee, Mrs. J. H. Waidehlich, reported that whilst a number of mission study classes have been formed, yet the committee feels that this very important work should be decidedly furthered, especially since the General Council Society had authorized the publication of excellent material. The Organizing Committee, Mrs. Isaac S. Richards, sent letters to pastors asking them to organize missionary societies, and one pastor responded by sending three delegates to this convention. Miss Bertha Bendewald reported that lace amounting to \$150 had been sold during the year. Mrs. C. C. Snyder reported \$225.80 received toward the \$500 pledge for one wing of the new Church building in San Juan, Porto Rico. This committee had a consignment of embroideries and drawn work at the convention. Miss Laura Swope sent a letter to each society urging special efforts for the fund to educate our Slovak student, and the \$250 to pay for this year's course has been raised. Mrs. O. P. Smith reported 210 children on the cradle roll, also contributed \$245.91. Three congregations held Mother's meetings, Royersford, Phoenixville, and Emmanuel's, Pottstown.

The Junior Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Lessig, reported 12 mission bands, also made a plea that more congregations would organize their juniors. The treasurer, Mrs. Knipe, reported receipts from annual dues, \$60.00; Medical Missions, \$148.09; Hospital Fund, \$375.28; Foreign Missions, \$263.00; Home Missions, \$324.50; Slovak Missions, \$229; Church Extension, \$250.10; Porto Rico, \$255.11; Hospital supplies, \$156.26; Inner Missions, \$20.00; Lace Industry, \$150; Miscellaneous, \$15.73; balance, \$26.36; total, \$2,037.07. She disbursed to various mission boards, \$2,037.07; Cor. Sec. expenses, \$3.84; printing reports, \$3.50; Lace Committee expenses, \$1.50; Mrs. Harpster, \$2.50; Miss Kate W. Fry, 200 booklets and 50 leaflets, \$31.50; Miss Brooke (MISSION WORKER),

\$10.00; Synodical dues, \$30.00; total, \$2,145.11; balance in treasury, \$51.56.

The contributions of the societies are as follows: Spring City, \$24.50; Emmanuel, Pottstown, \$251.92; South Perkasio, \$34.00; St. John's, Quakertown, \$100; Doylestown, \$28.76; Grace, Norristown, \$125.90; Trinity, Quakertown, \$33.35; W. Pikeland, \$51.58; Trappe, \$51.15; North Wales, \$67.75; Ridge Valley, \$53.93; Souderton, \$47.00; St. Paul's, Souderton, \$50.43; Hilltown, \$7.50; Perkasio, \$60.00; Phoenixville, \$72.59; Royersford, \$115.96; Tinicum, \$305.15; Dublin, \$87.37; Stowe, \$11.00; Pennsburg, \$60.00; Sellersville, \$182; Transfiguration, Pottstown, \$282.76; Schwenksville, \$17.00; Trinity, Norristown, \$73.60; Lansdale, \$50.00.

The committee on president's report heartily endorsed the heroic effort to raise an extra \$15,000 for Home Mission expansion, and earnestly recommended that each society use the programme booklets for monthly study.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. Sydney Kepner, Pottstown; Vice Pres., Mrs. N. F. Schmidt, Schwenksville; Mrs. C. G. Beck, North Wales; Rec. Sec., Mrs. U. S. G. Finkbiner, Royersford; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Fred Sommers, Quakertown; Treas., Mrs. J. O. Knipe, Norristown; Exec. Com., Mrs. C. R. Fetter, Telford; Mrs. Bernard Repass, Kimberton, and Mrs. S.

W. Deninger, Phoenixville. The Nominating Committee was Mrs. J. K. Weaver, Norristown; Mrs. Milton Latshaw, Spring City; Mrs. I. B. Kurtz, Pottstown. The chairman of the Home Mission Committee is Mrs. J. G. Clamer, Collegeville; Foreign Missions, Mrs. G. A. Kercher, Norristown; Medical, Mrs. C. J. Custer, Pottstown; Porto Rico, Mrs. C. C. Snyder, Dublin; Church Extension, Mrs. G. N. Heavner, Norristown; Literature, Miss Mary Hunsicker, Lansdale; Education, Mrs. J. H. Waidelich, Sellersville; Organizing, Mrs. Isaac S. Richard, Pottstown; Lace Work, Mrs. C. W. Jeffries, Doylestown; Slovak Missions, Mrs. Laura R. Swope, Erwinna; Cradle Roll, Mrs. O. P. Smith, Pottstown; Junior Work, Mrs. H. M. Lessig, Pottstown; Memorial, Mrs. Milton Latshaw, Spring City.

Mrs. M. J. Bieber gave an interesting talk on Home Missions in Canada, after which Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C., exhibited many curios of Japan as illustrating our work in that Island Empire. Owing to the absence of Miss Mellander, Rev. C. H. Hemsath made the address on Porto Rico. Mrs. Cassaday was also given an opportunity to make a few remarks on Italian work in Philadelphia. At the evening session Mrs. E. C. Cronk spoke on "Eyes That See," and Mr. James Snyder on "Foreign Missions."

MRS. U. S. G. FINKBINER, *Rec. Sec.*

Central Conference of the Northwest Synod

The sixth annual convention was held on October 26-27, in Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn.; 60 delegates represented 16 societies. Mrs. T. H. Dahl, president of the United Norwegian Federation, after speaking encouraging words and extending greetings from her societies, was elected an advisory member. Mrs. G. H. Schnur in her report as our president commended our zeal for the fact that both of our special pledges have been met with reasonable promptness. "But we have not done as well for Porto Rico as we should. This is too important a work, and too near home, for us to so easily forget its claims. The amounts given for Home and Foreign Missions (outside the special pledges), are up to the usual standard. Three native workers in India are being educated; one by St. John's, Duluth, and two by Salem, Minneapolis. All of you by this time, are informed that we are now a part of an international federation called the 'Women's Missionary Society of the General Council.' Heretofore we stood alone, and in our infant assurance crowed at each tiny step of advance. Now, our two Conference Societies of the Northwest are both recognized on the same footing as the older, well-established Synodical Societies of the East. Our steps must henceforth therefore be strides, and taken, not in the seclusion of our own territory, but out in the open fields of the General Council organization. Can we keep the pace? Of course we can! How can we do it? By every one doing her part. If we think, 'Oh, well, I don't count

much; they will never miss my little help,'—we are lost. Our motto must be 'Every woman of us doing her VERY BEST for missions during every day of 1912.' Then we will win out. Nor must we stop even there, for yet one thing is lacking. PRAY. 'You can do more than pray, after you have prayed; but you cannot do anything effectual, until you have prayed.' With God's help all things are possible. We have made a good beginning, and now we can go on to higher and better things.

"THE MISSION WORKER is soon to be the official organ of our General Council Society, with Mrs. Chas. L. Fry as its editor, and also chairman of the Literature Committee. The interest in Mission Study Classes grows. Next year's Monthly Topics promise to be even more interesting than this year's. We introduced these Topics, one set in each Society, at the expense of the Conference, and hope all of you found them so helpful that you will order your next year's supply from the Literature Committee without further urging."

A bright, cheery letter was received from Miss Margaret Haupt, en route to India, and Mrs. G. H. Trabert read a very fine paper on "Our Home Mission Opportunity." An inspiring account of the Lancaster Convention was presented by Mrs. A. J. D. Haupt. Dr. Trabert announced that on that very day, the outgoing missionaries were to arrive in Rajahmundry, and offered a fervent prayer in their behalf. Dr. Ramer gave a very interesting description of his

work among the Slovaks; an offering for this work was lifted up in the afternoon, amounting to \$18.00. In the evening, Rev. W. S. Ulrich delivered an effective address on "Home Missions," and Rev. L. F. Gruber on "Foreign Missions." The statistical report made to the Conference was as follows: One new society admitted makes the present number 23. The amount contributed for Field Missionary's salary is \$75.00; Medical Missions, \$75.00; total gifts for missions, \$376.93. In the coming year, instead of giving \$75.00 for Field Missionary's salary, we are to endeavor to raise \$300 for Home Missions, and \$100 for medical work in India. We also pledged \$50.00 to Rev. F. W. Kling-

smith's mission, in Livingston, Montana. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. G. H. Schnur; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. C. Schwend; Rec. Sec., Mrs. L. F. Gruber; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. Sanders; Treas., Mrs. S. Stott; Chairman of Home Missions Committee, Mrs. L. B. Deck; Chairman of Foreign Missions Committee, Mrs. J. F. Beates.

Rev. F. A. Schaffnitt, the missionary, who has charge of the Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, told of how much good had been accomplished in the short time this work has been carried on, and the afternoon offering was given toward this cause, amounting to \$9.25.

MRS. A. E. JENSEN.

Pittsburgh Synodical

The second annual convention was held in the First Lutheran Church, Greensburg, on October 27th, with 70 delegates and 78 visitors in attendance. Miss Hirt's report told of work accomplished during the year, and outlined certain changes for the future. Miss Julia S. Wattles, the treasurer, reported \$1,362.62 received and \$1,359.71 paid out, leaving a balance of \$2.91, which with previous balance of \$44.84, makes a total of \$47.75. Mrs. I. M. Wallace reported 72 societies in the Synod, having 2,777 members. The contributions during the past year were \$6,300.00, an average of \$2.30 per member. Miss Daisy Worth, chairman of the Literature Committee, distributed 300 programs and 247 sets of leaflets. The presidents of the various Conference Societies gave reports as follows: Mrs. Anna Shanor, Pittsburg Conference, 16 societies, 331 members, \$567 contributed (\$158.50 being to furnish a ward in the Rajahmundry Hospital as a memorial to Dr. Harpster, \$271.75 to the India Hospital Fund, and \$137.00 to Home, Foreign and Inner Missions). Miss McMahon, Erie Conference, said: One third of the congregations have Missionary Societies, 276 members, \$634.00 contributed. The Greensburg Conference, Mrs. C. K. McCreary, \$309.00 raised for India Hospital by 18 congregations, and \$60.00 for general India work. The Kittanning Conference, Mrs. Bush, sent money to India, Porto Rico, Foreign, Home and Inner Mission work. The Ridgway Conference report was given by Mrs. R. D. Roeder. Mrs. Albert Benze, president of the Western Conference, showed that there are 11 societies with a membership of 370, and three Junior Societies. Four of the churches are missionary churches. A most interesting account of the Federation, at Lancaster, was presented by Miss Julia S. Wattles, of Pittsburg. The Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. C. T. Benze, Mrs. D. H. Rankin, and Mrs. G. F. Gehr, urged hearty co-operation in providing portable chapels for carrying on the work in Porto Rico. 2. Recommended Life and Memorial memberships in the General Council Society. 3. Advised the use of the permanent exhibit at conventions and missionary gatherings. 4. Pledged that senior and

junior mission study classes be organized in every society. 5. Asked our Society to assume the support of one of the missionaries in the foreign field, preferably one belonging to the Pittsburg Synod. 6. Most emphatically endorsed THE MISSION WORKER as our official organ, and suggested that every society emulate the good example of the Meadville Society, which has a subscription for every member enrolled. 7. Commended the Ridgway Conference for having a Missionary Society in every congregation within its bounds.

Letters were read from Mrs. Franklin F. Fry, chairman of Foreign and Medical Missions; Mrs. G. H. Schnur, chairman of Home Missions; Mrs. L. K. Sanford, chairman of the Life Membership Committee; Mrs. Annette Woll, chairman of the Lace Industry. The German Conference was invited to send a delegate to the Executive Committee meetings, until they be organized as a Conference Society. Our Organizing Committee is Mrs. L. J. Baker, Miss Annie Sheaffer, Mrs. Anna Shanor; Resolutions, Mrs. C. T. Benze, Mrs. D. H. Rankin and Mrs. G. F. Gehr; Nominating, Mrs. J. M. Zimmerman, Mrs. Greiner and Miss Anna Landis; Auditors, Miss Florence Beaver, Miss Margaret MacMahon and Miss Carrie Stimpel.

A most interesting address was made by Mrs. C. T. Benze, of Greenville, on the subject, "The Women's Missionary Jubilee." Mrs. Mehrkam, chairman of the Committee on the President's Report, presented recommendations that a set of programs with supplementary leaflets be furnished each congregation, suggesting that the recipient return payment for each set. Also that a committee be appointed to assist the Pittsburgh Synod to pay the debt which it has assumed for Home Missions.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Erie; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Robert Roeder, DuBois; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Penn Station; Treas., Miss Julia S. Wattles, Pittsburg. A paper, prepared by Mrs. C. W. White, of Zelenople, on "The Aged and the Orphan," was read by Mrs. Brenner of Middle Lancaster. There are at present 116 children in the Orphans' Home, and 15 old people in the

Old Peoples' Home. Both Homes are doing noble service. To the love, faith and good works of the sainted Dr. Passavant, we owe the founding of these institutions of mercy. Mrs. Ellen Brown, of Rochester, Pa., read a paper on "Epileptic Work." Much regret was felt that Miss May Mellander, could not be present, owing to illness, but the Porto Rico cause was ably presented by Dr. J. L. Smith and Dr. E. Belfour of Pittsburgh. One of the important items of business of the afternoon was the motion that an effort be made to raise \$5,000 toward the Pittsburgh Synod's Home Mission debt. Letters of greeting were read from Miss Schade and Miss Margaret Haupt, after which the session closed with prayer by Miss Louise Kahler, of Buffalo.

The first speaker of the evening was Mrs. Milton J. Bieber, of Toronto, Canada. Her theme was "The Home Field," and she used a large map to illustrate her able and inspiring address. "Woman's Work for Women in India," was the subject of a Foreign Mission address by Miss Louise Kahler, which was deeply impressive.

ANNA M. LANDIS.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

Membership and Organizing.—Mrs. C. T. Benze, Greenville; Mrs. J. G. Schwartz, Verona; Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Penn Station; Miss Anna Lindeman, Kittanning; Mrs. C. J. Frantz, Warren; Mrs. Johanna Glasow, Johnstown.

Home Missions.—Miss Annie L. Sheaffer, Pittsburgh; Mrs. W. J. Miller, Greensburg; Mrs. H. M. Klingensmith, Pittsburgh.

Foreign Missions.—Mrs. Adam Hoffner, Butler; Mrs. J. Sarver, Derry; Mrs. J. H. Brenner, Harmony.

Inner Missions.—Mrs. I. M. Wallace, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Geo. Heckel, Bellevue; Miss Emma V. Passavant, Zelienople; Miss Nell Goehring, Pittsburgh.

Porto Rico.—Mrs. Anna Shanor, Pittsburgh; Miss Carrie Stimple, Pittsburgh; Mrs. E. A. Trabert, Pittsburgh.

Junior Work.—Mrs. A. M. Mehrkam, Rochester; Mrs. R. D. Roeder, DuBois; Miss Anna M. Landis, Penn Station.

Literature.—Miss Daisy E. Worth, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Geo. Beaver, Greenville; Mrs. L. J. Baker, Latrobe.

Eastern Conference, New York and New England

The fifth annual convention was held at Richmond Hill, on November 2d. The secretary, Mrs. Leckner, gave a complete report of the year's work, which was followed by an interesting review of the past five years by the president, Mrs. Weiskotten. She stated that eight original societies have quadrupled to 32, with over 900 enrolled members. "In the Home Mission field of the Lutheran Church in America—5,000,000 still have no Church connections. Let me earnestly plead with you to make this tremendous fact a personal matter, and to consider it a great privilege to work hard in order to lessen the number of unchurched Lutheran souls during the coming year.

Dr. Lydia Woerner, having now been adopted as our Conference Missionary, let us both by our prayer and our gifts assist the medical work with greater enthusiasm than ever, so that the new Hospital in India, may be the means of winning many for Christ.

I cannot but touch upon the vast amount of good the Jubilee has accomplished, and hope a great harvest will be reaped by the "every member campaign." May it also stimulate our interest in missionary literature, especially in securing many new subscribers to THE MISSION WORKER,

and in forming study classes among our young people of the Church."

Miss Fackiner presented the urgent need of a Church building at San Juan, and suggested that Sunday School classes, as well as individuals, each contribute \$5.00 towards the purchase of a site in the Porto Rican capital.

The treasurer's report showed an increase over the previous year: For India, \$1,838.87; Home Missions, \$357.20; Porto Rico, \$411.26; Lace sold, \$139.94; drawn work, \$45.15.

A lengthy discussion as to how to raise our share followed the announcement that \$15,000 is needed for Home Mission enlargement, and the convention pledged itself for \$500, and voted to use mite boxes for the purpose.

A very interesting paper on our religious and industrial work in India was read by Mrs. G. C. Loos, and Mrs. E. R. Cassaday showed the great possibilities in the Christian education of Italian children.

Before adjourning the afternoon session, four new societies were welcomed into membership. At the evening session, Rev. F. A. Bowers gave a most eloquent address on Home Missions.

MRS. A. ECKEL, *Cor. Sec.*

Philadelphia Conferences

The twenty-first annual convention was held on November 9th, in St. Johannis Church, 29 societies being represented. Miss Laura V. Keck responded as delegate from the Allentown Conference, and greetings were read from the Lancaster and Danville Conferences.

The president, Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, said in her

report: "To-day we complete our twenty-first year. In many ways, the year just closed has been a most notable one in our history, as well as in the history of Christian Missions. Immediately after our last convention, the call came to the women of the Lutheran Church of Philadelphia to unite in preparations for the Jubilee

of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, which was to sweep the continent, from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Originating in a plan of the Women's Central Committee for United Mission Study, for the purpose of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the first organization of a Women's Missionary Society, it grew to such magnitude, and had such far-reaching results, as had never been conceived in the minds of those who had begun the movement. The response of the women of the Lutheran Church in Philadelphia was beyond our most sanguine expectations. To quote *THE MISSION WORKER*, 'The Lutheran rally ranked next to the largest in the entire city, not only in numbers and enthusiasm, but also in contributions; \$2,577 was voluntarily pledged, and two women offered themselves for the foreign field.' That this jubilee was not a mere burst of enthusiasm, which would soon die out, is witnessed by the activity of the Continuation Committee, whose latest effort has been the canvass, within the past two weeks, by which every woman of every denomination has been asked to unite with a Missionary Society in her own Church.

"Rejoicing us even more than this great jubilee and brought just a little nearer our own hearts than any general work could be, was the completion of our longed-for Hospital in Rajahmundry, the formal opening and dedication of which occurred July 20th, of this year. The General Secretary says of it: 'Without hesitation we can say that it is one of the finest institutions of its kind in South India. It is a memorial of the loving service and sacrifice of the women of the General Council, who, in this work, have ministered unto the Lord Jesus Christ, in order that through Him, the Saviour of all men, their sisters of the Telugus in India might also find healing and health eternal, by the Grace of God, the Heavenly Father.' On July 24th, the sick were removed from the nurses' quarters to the Hospital. Thus after long and weary waiting, our great desire has become an accomplished fact, and our Hospital, costing more than \$34,000, has been dedicated without debt.

"The third notable event of the year was the organization of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, in Lancaster, last September. To quote again from *THE MISSION WORKER*: 'More than three hundred active, aggressive women, representing Synodical Societies in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Canadian Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, assembled within the historic walls of Old Trinity Church, at Lancaster, on September 11th and 12th, to unite in forming a General Council Society. It was the first time that the delegates from these various organizations had ever seen each other face to face, and as they knelt side by side at the Altar, and received the Holy Communion, even before they were mutually introduced by name, they were thus knit together more closely in heart and soul, and strengthened for the great work in which all shall henceforth be engaged.'

"No one who was present at that notable two days' meeting, could fail to be impressed by the earnestness and zeal of the women who were there, many of whom had come long distances at great personal sacrifice, to participate as delegates of visitors in the formation of this General Society. The addresses were able and forcible, inspiring every one to renewed activity and interest. The great missionary service of the General Council, held in Trinity Church on September 14th, was the climax to which all the events of the week had led up. On this impressive occasion, eight missionaries, the largest number ever sent out by the General Council at one time, were formally introduced, and with the prayers of the vast and representative assembly were dismissed to the important work that awaits them in India and Japan.

"In all these events of general interest, our Society has taken an active part. No Society of the Ministerium has been more zealous than ours, in pushing the medical work in India. Two of the three physicians on the staff were found and educated by the Synodical Society, in Philadelphia; and in contributions we have been behind none. What will we do for the maintenance of the work, now that the Hospital is built and occupied? The Executive Committee of the Synodical Society has had a "Coin Card" prepared, which it recommends for circulation, by which every woman holding one shall contribute not less than one dollar annually. The estimated cost of maintaining the medical work is from six to eight thousand dollars a year. Of this, the women of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania have been asked to contribute \$3,000. Shall we adopt this "Coin Card" system? The report of our membership a year ago was 1,500. If every woman should contribute one dollar of this object, the Philadelphia Society would raise half the amount apportioned to the whole Synodical Society.

"A year ago we voted with much enthusiasm to contribute \$500 towards the building of a Church at San Juan. Not one-fourth of that amount has been paid. Shall the end of another year find our pledge still unfulfilled?

"At the meeting of the General Council Society, one of the first official acts was to pledge the women of that Society, to endeavor to raise \$15,000 of the \$60,000 fund for General Council Home Mission expansion. As a part of that organization, we shall have to bear our share in this work.

"The enlargement of our mission work in Japan calls for increased contributions. Neither can we overlook the work at our very doors, viz., that of Inner Missions, the Italian Mission and the Slovak Work. We would suggest the preparation of new report blanks for our congregational societies, in which these objects shall have a place. The continuance of the patronage of our women to the lace and postal card industries, which are already self-supporting, is urgently recommended. All these things call for our prayers, our efforts and our money. But back of these must be the intelligent comprehension of

the things for which we give of our best. And, therefore, we must cultivate all that educates, and gives our women an insight into the necessity and duty of Christian Missions. Of these educational forces, we would urge the circulation and systematic study of the Monthly Topics prepared for the use of the women of the United Synod South, and of the General Council. With these programs and accompanying literature, any woman of ordinary ability can be a successful leader of a Mission Study Class, whether it be conducted as a part of the regular monthly meeting of a society, or of a special class. It is proposed to have these Topics for 1912, translated into German, if there be a demand for them. Some expression of opinion is asked of us, as to whether there would be a demand for them among our German Societies. Do we need the Topics in German?

Of equal importance is the wider circulation of *THE MISSION WORKER*. The aim of that publication, upon which so much time and labor are expended, and which should be indispensable to every woman in our Churches, is to reach a circulation of 10,000 by next Spring. Let us do our part, to make that aim a reality. It is recommended that an active woman in each congregation be appointed to promote its circulation.

"The Mt. Gretna Summer School Committee also asks that a Woman's Auxiliary Committee be appointed in every Conference, to promote the increase of attendance upon the School.

"Again, I would urge the importance of the Junior work, as has been done repeatedly before. Among the band of missionaries, who lately went to India, there were two young girls, one of them, the youngest, who has ever been sent to our field. But how many more are needed? And where will they be found, unless our girls and young women are made to feel the great necessity for Christian Missions? Or who shall fill the ranks of the workers at home, and take the places of those, who, having done their work here, are being called, one by one, to their eternal reward? That this call may come at any time to any one of us, was forcibly impressed upon us by the death of Dr. Harpster, who, on the first of last February, suddenly heard the call, in the very midst of his labors to arouse interest and secure workers for his beloved India. He had secured his substitutes. Have we secured ours?

"The work opens before us, year by year, more vast, more urgent than ever. But it is promised, 'according to your faith, be it unto you.' 'Let our faith reach even to that promise!'"

The treasurer, Miss Mary Welden, had a balance of \$22.55 a year ago, and received during the year \$4,166.22. She disbursed to Home Missions, \$910.99; Foreign Missions, \$642.72; Inner Missions, \$280.33; Porto Rico, \$244.60; Slovak work, \$140.42; Italian work, \$75.33; medical work, \$61.00; India Hospital, \$1,456.24; India box, \$45.00; Church extension, \$73.00; Kensington Dispensary, \$600.

Memberships in General Council Society, Mrs. W. F. Monroe, \$10; Miss Kate L. Saddler, \$10; Dr. Sadt'er Memorial, \$25. Fees to Synodical

Society, \$29; bills rendered, \$130.31; remitted, \$5; City Missions (non-Lutheran), \$5; total, \$4,149.94; balance on hand, \$38.83.

The Executive Committee held four regular and four special meetings in St. Mark's Church, and all were well attended. The chairmen of the Standing Committees were the same as last year, except the Nominating Committee chairman, who is Miss Mary Escherick. The following delegates were appointed to the Conference conventions: Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. W. H. Zinser; Allentown, Mrs. M. F. Trexler; Reading, Miss Mary Miller; Pottsville, Mrs. M. F. Hildrich; Danville, Miss Mary Escherick; Lancaster, Mrs. F. K. Fretz; Norristown, Mrs. H. E. Jacobs.

The Committee on General Lutheran Missions, to meet once a year, consist of Miss Katherine Miller, Mrs. T. W. Kretschmann, Miss Mary Borthwick. The Committee of Arrangements for the program of this convention is Miss Ida Hutzel, Miss Katie Diehl, Miss Gertrude Miller, Mrs. S. Laird, Mrs. H. Binder, Mrs. C. J. Hirzel.

Mrs. W. F. Monroe reported as English Corresponding Secretary, and Miss L. Kate Diehl as German Secretary. One box and one barrel were sent to Porto Rico. Miss Mary Miller, for the India Box Committee, reported five boxes of missionary goods and \$231.28 in money from this Conference. Contributions from all sources amounted to \$775.24. Part of this money was used for drugs, part to furnish the drug room of our new Hospital with glass bottles, scales, etc.

Miss Ida Zinser, chairman of the Literature Committee, reported, subscriptions and literature sold amounting to \$23.32. Distributed free at the convention were home and foreign mission cards, mite boxes and copies of *MISSION WORKER*. Charts were prepared, displaying Lutheran Missionary Literature. Mrs. A. S. Woll reported the Lace Industry has offered to the Board of Foreign Missions the 7,500 rupees necessary to purchase sites for Bethlehem, Mangalawarampetta, and Lackschmiwarampetta Christian Girls' Schools, and asks for continued hearty co-operation, so that buildings for these schools may soon be erected. Our interested sisters of the Eastern Conference of the Northwest Synod have offered \$50.00 for one year's support of a woman to oversee the Lace Industry in India.

The two girls from our Mission are still enjoying the advantages of that most excellent school in Madras, where they are becoming trained as accomplished assistants. From November, 1910, to November, 1911, \$1,400 was sent to India; \$90.63 received for thread, \$666.22 paid for duty and brokerage. The thread contributions are a wonderful help to the industry, and should be encouraged.

Mrs. Wm. P. M. Braun announced that, a new series of India post cards is expected at any time, and the collection will be enlarged by a stock of beautifully-colored cards of Japan, the proceeds from their sale to be devoted to our new work in the Flowery Kingdom. The \$62.00 in the treasury is being held to defray expenses of new cards.

Mrs. Laird read an interesting account of

the dedication of our new Hospital from a letter sent by Dr. Lydia Woerner. Miss Mary Fry reported few calls for lantern slides at present, as Mrs. Harpster and Rev. Neudoerffer both have complete sets of their own, which they were using very successfully, but that she was prepared at any time for calls.

Mrs. Cassaday, for the Junior Work, reported two new junior societies. The Italian work is progressing beyond all expectation. The Italian Mission Study Class and the kindergarten class are enlarged and improved. Upon the resignation of Rev. Neyroz, Prof. Welden took charge of the Italian services, which are going on without any interruption.

Mrs. Margaret B. Zinser, for the Memorial Committee, reported the following names of members who have been called to their eternal rest: Church of the Incarnation, Mrs. L. M. Steeble, Mrs. M. Reed Minnick, Mrs. Jas. P. King, Mrs. C. K. Strauss; St. John's, Mrs. J. L. Heyl; St. Mark's, Mrs. C. D. Colladay, Mrs. A. Thomas, Miss L. Kleinert; St. Michael's, Germantown, Miss M. Billmyer, Miss M. Pallatt, Mrs. G. A. Vogel; Trinity, Mrs. Caroline Betz; Atonement, Mrs. M. Grau; Nativity, Mrs. Sarah Beaumont. With these must be memorialized another. While the great Jubilee of Foreign Missions was being celebrated, our faithful missionary, Dr. John Henry Harpster, was summoned from his service here, to join the throng of the Redeemed.

"I have fought a good fight,

I have finished my course,

I have kept the faith.

Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing."

Reports from 41 congregational societies showed the amount contributed through the mite boxes was \$229.86. The morning for Foreign Missions amounted to \$34.80.

St. John's Society, of Ogontz, was welcomed

into the Conference. The nominating committee reported the following officers, who were elected for the year: Pres., Mrs. E. R. Cassaday; First Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. E. Jacobs; Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. U. S. G. Bertolet; Third Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Binder; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. F. Hildrich; Eng. Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. F. Monroe; Ger. Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Linsz; Treas., Miss Mary Welden. A circular letter appealing for "Life Memberships, and Membership In Memoriam," in the General Council Society, was read, and Mrs. L. K. Sanford gave some information on the subject, it was unanimously commended to our people. The following delegates to Synodical Conventions meeting in May: Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Cassaday, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Braun, Miss Kathryn Miller, Mrs. Noll, Mrs. C. J. Hirzel, Miss Mary Miller, Miss Welden, Mrs. Reeve. The alternates are: Mrs. Bertolet, Miss Brooke, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Zinser, Mrs. Hildrich. Mrs. Cronk, being unable to be present at this convention, Rev. A. Hering spoke earnestly on the Inner Mission work being done in South Kensington, and the great work still needing to be accomplished. Miss Laura V. Keck, as President of the General Council Society gave an interesting and uplifting talk, and Mrs. C. L. Fry, as Literature Chairman of the General Council Society, pointed out what is best in literature, where it can be gotten, and how to have it most widely distributed. The offering for Home Missions amounted to \$36.44. The Rev. U. S. G. Bertolet, Field Missionary in Philadelphia, touched on the matter of delinquent Lutheran Church members in this city, and on field work generally. Dr. E. T. Horn showed the great need of young men for Foreign Mission work, and how an intelligent interest in Missions would transform the Church. By vote of the convention, the retiring president, Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, was made a life member of the General Council Society. It was moved and seconded to accept with thanks the invitation to meet November, 1912, in St. Luke's Church.

MARY F. HILDRICH, *Rec. Sec.*

Help for the Leader

As you first looked through the new program book for 1912, I hope you felt as did an interested woman who exclaimed, "Good as was the 1911 course, this is far better! Why, though my eyes were not in good condition, I could hardly lay the book aside. It was so interesting. I read page after page."

Beginning with the New Year meeting in January, plan to make that opening meeting of very special interest. Try to secure the attendance of not only the faithful few who can always be counted on, but also that uninterested woman whose name is legion. Study the program, every detail of it, in advance. Careful preparation ensures a good result. It would be a profitable investment to enclose a copy of "What, Could Ye Not Watch With Me One Hour" with a special invitation to be sent to

every member of the Society. (Price of the leaflet, 10 cents per dozen, or 15 cents for twenty-five copies.) Help for Item 3, of the January program, will be found in the article on "Our Monthly Topics for 1912," page 5. Great care has been given to the devotional leaflets. Write on separate slips of paper the Bible references, and give them to different members to read. Distribute Bibles in advance and have the passages read aloud when called for. In this way a number can take part who might not even consent to read a booklet, but one or two verses of Scripture will not frighten them. A wealth of information can be gathered from the published report of the Foreign Mission Board for 1911. Don't be scared at the title "Report," as if it meant mere statistics. I give you my word, that it is as interesting as a story-book.

indeed, more so, because it deals with real, living people and their work, and tells us how you and I may help them. Don't fail to send for this report to General Secretary Drach, unless your pastor can furnish a copy. That pamphlet alone will furnish more material for your January and February programs than you can assimilate. In connection with the recitation on "The Zenana," note the work done both at Guntur and Rajahmundry. See articles on pages 8 and 9. A valuable and interesting feature could be added to the program by the use of the Telugu map. Draw a large outline on the blackboard, and with the help of the Report, you can easily locate the different stations, and even place the missionaries in their districts. If any of your hearers may not know what a "district" or "taluk" means, the article on the Guntur Mission will help them. Don't forget to comment on the "Personal Application." The two articles on the India Boxes should be read, especially if your society had a share in filling them.

May I call attention to "Wanted—A Woman," on page 14? Your society needs her, and perhaps she is right in your midst, but has never been discovered. Who knows but the reading of this will arouse her. Try it. Oh, excuse me, perhaps you yourself are the very woman for whom the work is waiting. Do not fail to read thoughtfully, "Woman's Part In Christianizing the World."

For the study of Japan, both this month and in February, the messages are sent by the Luth-

eran workers in that country, whom we know by name only, but as the work enlarges, we will know them more intimately. The General Council now has four workers in Tokio, two young missionaries with their wives, one a bride of only two months. These two wives are "The Two of Our Representatives in Distant Japan," page 17. Here again our Foreign Mission Report will furnish valuable help. Read also page 15, "Japan as a Strategic Mission Field."

Under Item 12 will you discuss the wider circulation of THE MISSION WORKER in your Society and congregation? Allow me to reach every woman at your meeting through my heart to heart talk on page 20. Discuss it. If you have no chairman already appointed for securing new subscribers, do please appoint the very best one you can find immediately.

As an officer or leader, you should ponder well "A Mission Study Class in Every Congregation," page 18. What can you do to further this study movement? Write to the department chairman, Mrs. F. A. Kachler, and consult her.

In December, the season appointed by the General Council, include in your program "Encouraging Work Among the Porto Ricans," see page 32 and 34.

The approach of the Christmas season is a good time to begin Inner Mission work, in which every one of us can help. The article on page 30 should come with special appeal. Will you not bring the love of the Christ-child, through sympathy and kindness to the poor, the lonely, the neglected, the orphaned?

Red Cross Christmas Seals

The Kensington Dispensary for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, N. E. corner Hancock street and Susquehanna avenue, Philadelphia, will this year handle the little Christmas seals issued by the American Red Cross Society, in the interest of the cure and prevention of tuberculosis. Those who wish to use these cheery little messengers, which cost but one cent each, may, by securing them through the Kensington Dispensary, help the work of that Lutheran institution which bespeaks your hearty co-operation and support.

At Our Italian Mission

Here, too, we are offering beautifully colored seals of the Luther coat of arms for Christmas packages. We have made a study of postcards, gift cards and booklets for the past five years, until we now handle the finest imported goods on the market. Please give us your patronage, and in order to save postage and correspondence, kindly enclose money when ordering goods from Mrs. E. R. Cassaday, 1605 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. Our Italian Kindergarten has 110 little foreign missionaries telling the Christmas story of "The Prince of Peace" in godless homes.

A Service Book For Two Cents

"The Twin City Pastoral Association" has published a small book containing seven Psalms, fifteen hymns, with as many suggested Scripture readings and an order of service, all this for two cents. It is admirable for such societies as hold their meetings in private homes, and not in Churches where the service books are available. It saves the need of carrying the larger books around from place to place, and the wonderfully cheap price of two cents per copy (postage extra, 15 cents per 100 copies), puts it within universal reach. The profits go to Home Missions. Address Mrs. George H. Schnur, 749 Marshall avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Distribute Two Leaflets

It will pay your Society to distribute two leaflets to such women as ought to lend a hand in your work: "Why You Should Belong," and "What, Could Ye Not Watch With Me One Hour?" The price of the former is \$1.00 per 100, the latter, 60 cents. Send 4 cents for sample copies, Miss Kate W. Fry, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

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