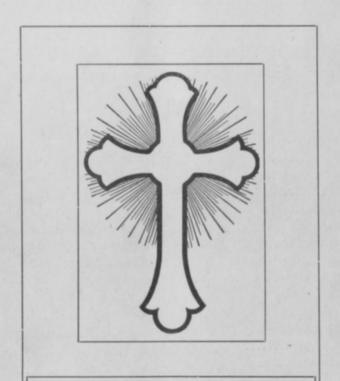
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MRS. EMELINE C. MYERS MIDDLE LANCASTER PA. 1826-1914



MRS. A. E. METZ MIDDLE LANCASTER, PA. 1818-1912



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MRS. MATILDA KOSTENBADER CATASAUQUA, PA. 1854-1014

made him one of the most loved and valued Sunday School workers."

Two unusual enrollments, within three days of each other, are those of "Grandma Metz" and "Grandmother Myers," sisters in blood, sisters in faith, and sisters in active service for their Lord. Both were so beloved by the people of Middle Lancaster that the title of "Grandmother" was universal among their friends. Both memberships came from grand-daughters,—that of Mrs. Metz from Miss Kirker, and that of Mrs. Myers from Miss Edith L. Read.

Sister Caroline Ochse, late of the Milwaukee Motherhouse of Deaconesses, receives her "In Memoriam" from twenty-five friends. twenty of them being ministers, through the efforts of Mrs. A. J. Sommer, of Neenah, Wis. These twenty signatures make an impressive tribute. Sister Caroline was forn in Germany, and her early training in prayer and piety laid the foundation of her life of service. Home duties occupied her till her twenty-second year, when she came to America and entered upon a self-sacrificing life in Orphans' Homes, Infirmaries and district work, later taking the deaconess course in Germany. On her return to America, she worked in the Emigrant House. N. Y., then in a hospital in Illinois, and later in the Home of Epileptics, Rochester, Pa. The last ten years of her life were spent in delicate health in the Milwaukee Motherhouse. Her spirit was of a specially kind and sympathetic nature. Her deep piety and loyalty to her Master should be an inspiring example to

Mrs. Elizabeth Bader, of Phoenixville, was honored by her daughter, Miss Anna C. Bader, who writes: "She shrank from publicity and her private life was quiet and unassuming. In Church life she was never absent from her pew while health permitted. She brought up

her children in the way they should go, and none take more active interest in Church work than they."

Mrs. E. R. Cassaday's life membership, presented November, 1913, by the Philadelphia Conference Society, was changed at this year's Convention to a Memorial by the same Society. No name on this honor roll merits greater appreciation, representing a self-sacrifice that is almost unparallelled.

Mrs. W. P. M. Braun honors the name of Miss Ottilia W. M. Maurer, Assistant Superintendent of the Germantown Homes, and sends the following: "Words are always inadequate in such a poignant sorrow to express fully, feelings of high regard and heartfelt sympathy. Miss Maurer was truly a wonderful woman and invaluable worker in her chosen sphere. To the youngest as well as to the older children she was a tender, loving and devoted friend, always interested in the things near and dear to each one. All nave sustained an irreparable loss."

Dr. H. C. Schmidt, our sturdy pioneer missionary, was memorialized by the Pittsburgh Synodical Society. He went to Rajahmundry in 1870, when the only missionary to greet him was Father Heyer, and even he was obliged to leave six months later. There was much to discourage, and a most meagre income. The temptation to quit the work, amidst so much apathy on the part of the Church, beset him continually. Had he yielded to it and left, the work would doubtless have been permanently abandoned. Hence the credit of being the virtual founder, or at least the saviour of the mission belongs to him. His judgment was safe, and his tenacity of purpose indomitable. Connected for so many years with the Mission, there is scarcely a phase of its work to-day that does not, to a greater or less extent, bear his impress.



MRB. LILLIAN W. CASSADAY PHILADELPHIA 1963-1914

SISTER CAROLINE OSCHE MILWAUKEE, MOTHERHOUSE

The name of Rev. Ernest A. Bauer, whose last pastorate of eighteen years was that of Christ Church, Hazleton, is added by his eight living children, through Mrs. F. H. Gerlock, Scranton. "Father Bauer," as he was lovingly known, one of the old-time pastors of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, served as shepherd of his congregations for over half a century, and his end was peace.

The daughters of Mrs. Matilda Kostenbader, one of the main-stays of St. Paul's Society, Catasauqua, are themselves the worthy successors of the cherished mother whom they affectionately enroll. The Church Extension Society, as well as ourselves, has been presented with a memorial gift.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Twenty-four Life Members have been been received, all but two by presentation. The two ladies who have favored us with their names and individual support are Miss Elizabeth J. Bade, of Elm Grove, W. Va., a member of Zion's Church, Wheeling; and Mrs. J. M. Landis, of Emmanuel Church, Souderton, Pa. Among the presentations we note first that of Rev. Theodore E. Schmank, D.D., LL.D., president of the General Council, who received his membership from the Society of his own Lancaster Conference. Two other pastors are: Rev. F. P. Mayser, D.D., who has retired after nearly forty years of active service in Zion's Church, Lancaster, Pa. (and who receives his membership from that Society), and Rev. I. B. Kurtz, D.D., who was honored by the Cradle Roll children of Emmanuel Church, Pottstown, of which he is the beloved pastor. Mrs. Calvin F. Kuder, who has recently sailed for India with her missionary husband, was fittingly enrolled by St. John's Society, Allentown. Mrs. Herman A. Klages, Utica, N. Y., receives her membership from the Redeemer Society, as an appreciation of her services as president. Mrs. J. Frank Johnston was likewise honored by Grace Society, Bethlehem, and Mrs. P. A. Laury, now of Waterloo, Ont., by Trinity Society, Perkasie, as "a tribute to our late president, and a mark of high honor which she deserved as our pastor's wife." Old Trinity Society of Lancaster, Pa., has given a well-earned honor to the only charter member still in active service, Mrs. Sarah Halbach. For over fifty-eight years she has worked incessantly, in the Society she helped to form, in the Church she loves so dearly, and also in the Conference Society since its organization. Miss Edith L. Read, Knox. Pa., has been enrolled by Rev. C. E. Read, her brother, and his wife. Miss Read also honors the memory of her grandmother this quarter. Mrs. T. W. Kretchmann, who has charge of the Sunday School Missionary Programs, was enrolled by St. Stephen's Society, Philadelphia, of which she is the pastor's wife. Mrs. Emma M. Barr, Lancaster, Pa., who has packed the Mission Boxes sent by the Conference Society each year, was presented a life membership by the Society, as an appreciation of her careful, faithful and efficient service. The Norristown Conference, at its recent Convention, took action whereby one ex-president will be enrolled each year, until all be included. Mrs. O. P. Smith, the first president, who now serves as the treasurer, was the first recipient of the compliment. Mrs. H. K. Gebhart, president of the Eastern Conference of the Synod of the North West, is enrolled by Grace Society, Kenosha, Wis. Two wives of pastors in Lancaster, have been honored by by their Societies as loving tributes, Mrs. E. L. Wessinger and Mrs. A. J. Reichert.

### Child Members

Amelia Louisa Krapf, of Palmyra, the pastor's three-year-old daughter, was enrolled by her grandmother, Mrs. Charles F. Lieb. Annette Kaehler Henrich, five years of age, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wm. Henrich, of Buffalo. Ruth Barbara Dietz, a baby member, 11 months old, was enrolled by her aunt, Miss Katharine I. Dietz, Mechanicsburg, president of St. John's Society, Shiremanstown. Two little sisters, Nellie Alvira Seacrist, born January, 1908, and Dora Marie Seacrist, born November 1910, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Seacrist, Meadville, Pa., were enrolled by their parents. Another grandmother, Mrs. Henry Miller, Milwaukee, has given us a tiny member, Meredith Louise Miller, 16 months old. And our latest member is Ella B. Whitteker, seven years of age, who lives in Williamsburg, Ontario, and who receives her membership from her aunt, Miss Meda Whitteker.



AMELIA LOUISA KRAPF, THREE YEARS OLD, PALMYRA, PA. PRE-SENTED BY HER GRANDMOTHER, MRS, CHARLES F, LIEB.



RUTH BARBARA DIETZ, ELEVEN MONTHS OLD, MECHANICSBURG, PA. PRESENTED BY MISS KATHER-INE I. DIETZ.



ANNETTE KAHLER HENRICH, FIVE YEARS OLD, DAUGHTER OF JOHN W. HENRICH AND MARGARET INGE-BORG KAHLER HENRICH, OF EUF-FALO, N. Y., AND GRAND-DAUGHTER OF REV. DR. AND MRS. FREDERICK A. KAHLER.



NELLIE ALVIRA SEACRIST, BORN JANUARY 23, 1908. DORA MARIE SEACRIST, BORN NOVEMBER 6, 1910. PRESENTED BY THEIR PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. ELWOOD SEACRIST, MEADVILLE, PA.



OTTO JOHN BEHRENS, WILKES-BARRE. BORN JANUARY 25, 1913. PRESENTED BY HIS GRANDFATHER, MR. O. J. BEHRENS, WILKES-BARRE.



ELLA B. WHITTEKER, SEVEN YEARS OLD, WILLIAMSBURG, ONT., CAN. PRESENTED BY HER AUNT, MISS MEDA WHITTEKER

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Ernest Theodore Herman Bachmann, Philadelphia	Miss Elizabeth J. Bade Elm Grove. W. Va.
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Miss Hangietta Batholomow Pittshurgh Pa	Mrs. E. L. WessingerLancaster, Pa.
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Isabelle Oberley Dennig	Mrs. A. J. ReichertLancaster, Pa.

# An Entire Church Council Studying Missions



It is a real achievement which the Rev. C. K. Fegley, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., is able to report. He is in charge of a Church in which every member of the Church Council was enrolled in a mission study class, using *The Call of the World* as the basis of their discussions. Eight sessions were held, with an actual attendance of eighty-eight per cent. for the entire series of

meetings. The Church is planning another discussion group using "The Individual and the Social Gospel." This thorough-going method of informing and inspiring official members of the Church is commended to congregations everywhere.—Men and Missions.

[If you know of a Church anywhere else, of which this same thing can be said, please send us its name.—Editor.]

# The Word of The Hour

BY MRS. F. A. KAHLER, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

The interest of the hour is the world. The woman of the hour is a student of the whole world. "Perhaps my viewpoint is wrong," said a bright society woman, "but I really cannot see the wisdom of sending missionaries to foreign fields when there is so much need at home." That was four years ago. Today she said: "I have so often blushed to remember that I once told you I saw no use in foreign missions." What made the change? She had fallen in with friends who had been in mission study classes, and she had been impressed with their superior knowledge of world affairs and their greater earnestness of purpose. "I really do not find my card parties so engrossing this winter as I did last," remarked another. "Why is that?" "I do not know, unless it is because I am so interested in my mission study class and haven't time to waste over games. There seems so much to read about that is interesting." "It really is surprising how much my wife knows," said a good man. "I used to think I know much more than she did, but lately, since she's been going to the mission study class, she certainly has got ahead of me."

"Why, I never knew that those rich women in clubs talked about missions. I thought they cared only for society doings and concerts and things like that," said a little woman whose vision had been for years bounded by her nursery and her work, when she was asked to join a class of women, rather above her social level. And that is one more good thing about mission study classes, they are democratic.

Their interest and enthusiasm seem to level false barriers, and the standard of all the members somehow becomes higher. In a beautiful suburban town in the West a class of millionaires' wives meet every Monday morning to read together the latest book on China. Four of them had traveled in that land. They discussed the book and talked of their experience in the East. They were aglow with pleasure at the close of the meeting. "Let us ask the little

lady from the bungalow to our next meeting; she and her husband have been missionaries in the East." So they did. They may possibly have thought they were condescending the least bit, but they found her quite as well posted on world affairs as they were, and they listened to her clear statements as respectfully as she did to theirs. Was it not good for both? We urge all classes to include in their choice circles some woman who greatly needs the intercourse. "I shall never cease to be glad the missionary was sent to our house that time," said one. "We thought we couldn't make room for her, but we did and we enjoyed every minute of her stay. I feel that she is my friend now. When my husband died her letters were such a comfort! Our lives have certainly been richer for our having known her, and I enjoy studying about the countries she spoke of." (The missionary was Dr. Woerner when she was home on furlough several years ago.)

Who shall lead these mission study classes? Why, you. If you are a teacher of older girls in Sunday School you can lead them through that absorbing book, "Immigrant Forces," between now and Lent, and you, as well as they, will gain new light on foreign policies and on domestic problems. And by the time the book has taken possession of you all there will be some profound heart-searching. I promise you some "little worlds to conquer" near home if not across seas. And why shall not a teacher of boys do the same thing?

Boys need to know the things that make for righteousness in a nation, and boys' hearts are bigger than the average teacher suspects. It pays to lead them into great fields.

You, who have household cares and perhaps many children to think of, it will rest you and renew your strength to "steal awhile away," for an hour a week in intensive study of such a book as "The New America," with congenial friends or neighbors. You, who have passed through deep sorrow and whose heart

is bowed down, will find comfort untold in close study with some near friends of such a book as "The Colony of Mercy." And you, our daughters who are "polished after the similitude of a palace," who really long to make some great mark in the world, and be really useful, you will find practical help in leading the study of such a book as "The Challenge of the City." Really there is no class of women, unless it is those who cannot read, that will not be elevated and ennobled by mission study. The woman of the hour is mission study. The woman of the hour is the leader of a mission study class.

### A TRAINING CLASS IN JANUARY

The Philadelphia Conferences have appointed a committee to co-operate with women of the General Synod, to organize a Mission Study *Training* Class. A group of leaders will take up, in January, a course of intensive mission study, and during Lent, as the result of this training, every one of these leaders, it is hoped, will organize a Class in her own congregation.

Mrs. W. D. Rutherford was appointed chairman of the General Synod committee, and Mrs. C. L. Fry for the General Council women.

### A WOMAN INVITED TO A SEAT REPRE-SENTING US

The following letter from Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, to our secretary, Mrs. Walter C. Weier, will explain itself.

"At the last meeting of the Home Mission Board, the interest taken by our devoted women in the Home Mission cause was appreciatively considered, and the Board resolved to extend to the women the privilege of having a representative at our annual meetings, in order to bring their desires to the attention of our Board, and carry back to their society the ever-changing condition of our 'Home Mission Situation.'"

Thus, for the first time in the history of the General Council (or of any other Lutheran body for that matter) one of its official Boards recently invited a representative of the Women's Missionary Society to a seat and voice at its annual meeting, in the capacity of an advisory member.

The representative elected by our executive committee to fill this post naturally was the chairman of our department of Home Missions, Mrs. G. H. Schnur.

Perhaps it may not be amiss to add that not a woman of us ever lifted a finger to put the least ounce of pressure, or to hint even remotely, that such an invitation would be acceptable to us. Nobody thought of such a thing. It was absolutely its own initiative, on the Board's part, and came as a complete surprise, all the more appreciated on this account.

As mentioned in another article of this issue, our Philadelphia Inner Mission Board (the parent of all similar organizations in this country) has lately voted to amend its charter, in order that the women who are actively identified with its work may be regularly represented by six of the twenty-one members of the Board at every meeting.

These developments are unprecedented in the Lutheran Church. They are, therefore, a significant sign of the times, and they mean much to the work, as well as to ourselves.

### YOUR OLD FRIEND, THE EXHIBIT

Well, here I am again. You have not heard from me for some time, but don't, for a moment, think that I am no longer in existence. I have been busy visiting some of my old friends and making some new acquaintances, and have had some queer experiences, due to the fact that I am rather helpless at times. For I have to be moved from place to place and cannot talk until I can look you square in the face. Then I can talk, talk loud and strong and make you think and remember me. But some of you are not treating me right. Only a few are thoughtful enough to invite me to visit them. I so often have to beg to be allowed to visit you. Sometimes you even neglect to answer my letters. That is not polite.

The coming year I want to be still more active. Pastors, Sunday School superintendents and presidents of organizations, will you not take a greater interest in me? I am ready to help you in your work, help to make your people and the children of the Sunday School realize what an important work the missionary work is. I can make a missionary address plainer and more impressive. I can help the children of the Sunday School remember what you have said. I can show the young people what a wonderful work the Lutheran Church is doing. I am better equipped than ever, and can bring with me a number of new attractions and am eager to help and serve you. I am sure that if you invite me you will say: "The half had not been told us."

> Yours for the Master's Cause, THE MISSIONARY EXHIBIT, 96 Hewes St., Brooklyn.

That Ballot on the Question of the Mission Worker's Future is the Important Matter Pending Right Now. Have You Sent in Your Vote Yet?

# ATTRACTIVE WALL-CHARTS FOR YOUR SCHOOL ROOM

On the principle that we have not been sufficiently using the EYE, in our religious education, for making impressions that are lasting, we have just introduced the new venture of having hand-painted wall-charts made, to RENT for a small sum, to be used as a decorative feature on official occasions in your own church. Or if you prefer to hang them permanently on the walls of your Sunday School room, as a constant missionary incentive to the young people, we have a sign painter who will make them for you by hand, in case you have no artist in your community who does such work. The charts measure 8 feet 6 inches in width, and 21 inches in height. They are painted in attractive colors, on heavy poster oil-cloth, which is very durable.

There is a familiar proverb which says: "What goes in one ear, goes out the other." But who ever heard it said, "What goes in one eye, goes out the other?" No, the person who has seen a thing with his own eyes, especially if he has seen it time and again, is so gripped by it that he cannot forget it, even if he would. And in the case of young people with their plastic minds and retentive memories, the impression is for life.

Remember these charts are both for rent and for sale. Write for terms, and be surprised at how inexpensive they are. Some of the inscriptions, painted in ornamental, tasteful design, are as follows:

A Woman's Home is the Centre, but not the Circumference of Her Life.

Every Woman in the Church a Member of the Missionary Society; and Every Member in Attendance at its Meetings.

Child Welfare is at the Foundation of World Welfare.

In the Grasp of Heathenism. (This is the painting of a little child in India being clutched by the cruel fist of a monster hand. The picture is more forceful than a sermon.)

Hands that Rock the World Cradles. (A striking contrast of the gentle kindly hand of a loving Christian mother, with the swarthy repellant hand of a superstitious pagan mother, casting its shadow over the larger half of the earth's surface.)

The Evil Fruits of the Evil Tree. (A realistic sight of the deadly fruits hanging from the branches of Paganism's tree, in full view of every beholder.)

For detailed information, write to 805 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

# ANNUAL REPORT Women's Missionary Society of the General Council

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# Our Recent Conventions



[Editorial Note.-By a chance slip of the pen, one of our correspondents in this department entitled her article "Conventional Report of - Conference, 1914." And it turned out that this was a literally accurate statement of what she sent. The very thing we are trying to steer clear of! So far from being conventional in their tone, which means that every reader will skip those pages entirely, it is our determined effort to make this important section of the magazine, every spring and autumn, the juiciest slice of the whole melon. The old-time stereotyped mould of the published proceedings sounded almost like a reading of the minutes. And it seemed as if the reporter, each year, took the formula of the preceding years verbatim, simply changing the figures, to agree with the revised satistics. A mere glance at the fresh and interesting accounts, narrated in this number, shows that a totally different model has taken the place of the old, and each convention has a distinctive coloring, blending with the others in beautiful harmony.]

## Vigorous Executive Session at Rochester

If anybody would like to see big business, Continent-wide in its scope, transacted with efficiency and despatch, let him attend the annual session of the General Council Society's Executive Committee. This year, the interval between the two convention years of 1913 and 1915, the committee met as guests of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Frank F. Fry, D. D., pastor, on October 1st. The members present were Miss Laura V. Keck, Mrs. W. C. Weier, Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Mrs. M. A. Reeb, Mrs. C. L. Fry, Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Mrs. F. A. Kaehler, Mrs. F. F. Fry, Miss M. A. Miller, Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, Mrs. Geo. Schnepel.

The past year has shown steady advance in every department, and a number of forward projects were planned. The numerical strength of the organization at present is nine Synodical Societies, twenty-one Conference Societies, enrolling 17,250 members, who contributed \$41,-579 during 1914.

Report of President

This society, having become affiliated with the Federated Council of Women for Home Missions, the committee of nine, appointed at the Toledo convention, were summoned to attend the annual convention, held in New York. in December, 1913, and the president and recording secretary were specially invited to attend the sessions of the Executive Committee also. The president and five members of the nine appointed were able to attend, but four proxies had to be secured at the last moment to make the Lutheran General Council delegation complete. It was a revelation, an education and an inspiration to see, hear and mingle with women of many denominations, whose sole purpose and slogan was to make "Our Country God's Country."

After returning from that enthusiastic gathering we were pleased that the privilege was ours to contribute our share, \$50.00, for more efficient work for the Homeland. One of our delegates, Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, was elected a vice-president, and to serve on the Committees on Mission Study and Literature, Comity and Co-operation. One of our younger women, Miss Anna Sener, a member of the Pennsylvania Synodical Society, was appointed on the Committee on Home Mission Interests in Schools and Colleges, including the Summer Conferences at Eagles Mere, Lake Geneva, Silver Bay, etc.

Following soon after this came the request to join the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States.

Prompt action was necessary, or the Lutheran General Council women would not have been listed in their publications, or represented on their committees. Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten was named to represent the New York Territorial Commission. It would seem advisable that another member should represent the General Council Lutherans in the Chicago Territorial Commission.

A communication from the American Medical Association asked for names and data of all Medical Missionaries for insertion in the American Medical Directory. This matter was referred to the chairman, Mrs. F. F. Fry, who sent data desired.

An appeal came from the Committee on Christian Literature for Oriental Women, appointed by the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, for a contribution of \$50.00, to be distributed in mission countries for special

work, beginning with publication of a Christian magazine for Chinese children. Mrs. Chas. L. Fry was appointed chairman of the Committee on Program for the Rock Island convention in 1915.

LAURA V. KECK, President.

### Our Federation Finances

There was received during the year, from life memberships and memorials, \$1,190 (our main sinews of war for the publishing campaign); for our India book depot, per Mrs. Braun, \$100.00; from the lace industry, per Mrs. Woll, for the school sites, \$2,000; from the Nova Scotia Synodical, \$100.89; from previous balance, \$1.523.37; Toledo convention offerings, \$138.86; total, \$5,093.25.

Of this there was paid out for office administration, \$559.50; Toledo convention expenses, \$221.53; publishing literature, \$1,024.90; expenses of officers and chairmen, \$273.05; for India's book depot, \$100.00; for the school sites, \$2,000; salary of lace workers in India, \$50.00; for Home Missions, \$50.80; for Foreign Missions, \$50.90 (these two amounts sent from Nova Scotia); dues to Council of Women for Home Missions, \$50.00; Foreign Federation for Christian Literature, \$10.00; for Oriental women, \$50.00; gold crosses for life memberships, \$50.00; balance on hand, \$603.38.

MRS. M. A. REEB, Treasurer.

### **Energetic Committees**

Mrs. Sandford was happy and proud to count up 78 life memberships and 19 memorials; total, 97 for the year, which enriched the treasury by \$1.245.

Mrs. Kahler beamed as she told of the 129 active, bona-fide Mission Study Classes, as contrasted with the mere handful last year, and prophesied that this is only the beginning. She also stated that \$1,375 has thus far been contributed toward the Kotogiri Rest House, and the balance of the \$4,000 ought to be given soon.

Mrs. F. F. Fry presented her final report as chairman of the Foreign and Medical Department, since a heavy pressure of other duties compels her to relinquish this—much against her will. Miss Mary A. Miller was elected as her successor. Our prayers for a competent and consecrated young woman, whom we will support in her course of medical training for the Rajahmundry Hospital, have been graciously answered in the person of Miss Elizabeth Petrich, of New Concord, Ohio, who is now a senior in Muskingum College.

The Augustana Society offers to erect a Dispensary Building at Rajahmundry, and has \$2,000 on hand for a Widows' and Converts' Home, to be erected as a Charlotte Swenson

Memorial. In addition, the Augustana women have raised \$3,815.12 for a chapel to be erected in Rajahmundry.

The bungalow for the Girls' Central School will be erected by the Pittsburgh Synodical Society.

Just a word about the Swedish Augustana's "Patron and Protege Department," which may be a help to other societies. This is organized to secure support for native teachers, Bible women, students, etc., in India, China and Porto Rico.

Mrs. Schnur showed how the present European War is bound to cause a great influx of foreigners into our land, and we need to be prepared for the emergency by putting forth a greater effort to reach the \$10,000 mark, the goal set for our Special English Home Mission Fund. Please give more prominence to the study of Home Missions in the Mission Study Classes. At least one book per year on some phase of this work should be used in each class.

Mrs. Haupt was constrained to resign as chairman of the Inner Mission Department, and Mrs. M. M. Deck, of Minneapolis, was elected to this office. (See directory on cover.)

Mrs. Woll reported the handsome sums of \$4,829.87, as receipts from lace sales, of which \$4,470.63 was expended. She urged sending out a capable woman who could devote all her time to superintending and developing this industry.

Miss Miller said that the twelve boxes sent to India this year were accompanied with \$703.35 in money, and of this amount \$636.56 was expended. Balance, \$66.79.

Mrs. Braun told how interest in the new department of deaconess work is increasing. Calls are coming in for the chairman to give talks at various conventions and missionary meetings.

Mrs. Weiskotten revealed a most interesting itinerary of the Exhibit. Helpful hints on how to use the Exhibit were also incorporated.

Mrs. M. J. Bieber, chairman of the Organizing Committee, mentioned that the Missionary Society of Central Canada has changed its name, to include societies of both Canadian Synods, English and German. In the General Council there are over 500 societies, 50 of which were organized during the year. A comprehensive statistical report was appended.

Miss Bertha Ziebarth, chairman of Junior Work, stated that this branch is progressing, and the outlook is encouraging. She addressed the Central Canada Society on this department.

Miss Laura Swope, chairman of Slav Work, said considerable literature has been sent out. This department has been fortunate in enlisting Mrs. McLoughan, a young Slovak woman, to give addresses.

Mrs. C. L. Fry, literature chairman and editor of the Lutheran Mission Worker, spoke hopefully of how the circulation and sales of literature are increasing to over \$1,000 a year. This department is divided under four heads, viz.: (1) Literature; (2) Monthly programs; (3) Mission Worker, (4) Post cards. Two thousand seven hundred and fifty program booklets and 1,615 supplemental leaflets were issued in 1914. Subscriptions for Lutheran Mission Worker now number 11,000, an increase of 3,000 since 1912.

Miss Anna Sener and Miss Flora Prince (General Synod) sent reports of the Student Conferences held at Eagle's Mere and Lake Geneva, Wis. last summer. Both urged the appointment of a secretary of mission interests in schools, colleges and summer conferences. Miss Annette Kaehler was unanimously elected to this office.

A motion that this Society co-operate with the General Synod Society in the matter of expense of delegates to these student conferences was duly seconded and carried.

Upon motion the action of the president, in paying \$50.00 to the Committee on Christian Literature for Oriental Women, was endorsed.

Mrs. C. L. Fry offered a resolution that as Mrs. Laird is planning to spend the coming year in California, we ask her, while there, to visit, as our representative, the Women's Societies of the Pacific Synod, all traveling expenses to be borne by this Society.

### A Chain of Summer Schools

It was resolved that an official letter be sent by our secretary, earnestly requesting each Synodical Society in the United States and Canada, connected with the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council to exert special efforts, during the winter and early spring, in behalf of a "Summer School" within the bounds of its own Synod. This may best be done by writing to the pastors who are presidents of the Synods, an assurance of the women's cordial willingness to co-operate, in establishing a Summer School for Lutheran teachers and mission workers. Whatever may be the time and energy involved, it will prove well worth while. The expense is not heavy, and can be met by registration fees.

### Daily Vacation Bible Schools

It was also resolved that we commend the opening of "Daily Vacation Bible Schools," during the months of July or August, in Lutheran Churches located in such neighborhoods as abound in children who could, in the summer

vacation days, be given a course in Bible instruction. These schools are no longer an experiment, but a proved instrument of great value, since such religious instruction cannot be given in our public schools. Many children do not know what to do with themselves during those weeks when they are thrown on their own resources, and experience proves they would gladly avail themselves of the pleasure of spending the mornings with others of their comrades in learning handicraft and Bible Various games and pastimes are stories. thrown in, to lend an atmosphere of recreation. and the morning hours go around very swiftly. The afternoons and the long evenings are all the hours they want for romping outdoors. Let it be well understood that these Daily Vacation Bible Schools are not intended simply for the children of the slums, but for every section of every town. It is the best possible means of supplementing our young people's limited knowledge of Bible facts and truths, and our Lutheran Church, which boasts of being an educating Church, ought to encourage the establishment of such schools under the auspices of all her congregations. The expense is almost nominal, and the social service which they can render to the community in this way, is a factor to be reckoned with, and will bear fruit a hundred fold.

### NORRISTOWN CONFERENCE

At the nineteenth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Norristown Conference, held in St. Peter's Church, North Wales, on October 29th, twenty-four of the twenty-six societies were represented by seventy delegates. Delegates were also present from the Philadelphia and Allentown Conferences. The meeting was an inspiring one from the beginning to the end. The report of the president, Mrs. J. H. Waidelich, brought to the attention of the Society the various new phases of mission work that had developed during the year, and was replete with suggestions for greater efficiency all along the line of missionary activity. All recommendations emanating from the Synodical Society and new work undertaken were heartily endorsed in the resolutions drawn up on the president's report.

The treasurer, Mrs. O. P. Smith, reported total receipts for the year, \$2,932, an increase over the receipts of the previous year. The chairmen of all the standing committees gave very encouraging reports of the work done throughout the year. We were especially pleased to note the liberal response, on the part of some of the societies, to the new work undertaken by the Synodical Society—the build-

ing of the rest bungalow for our missionaries in India, and the payment of Miss Weiskotten's salary. The Literature Committee reported more literature distributed than ever before, that the circulation of the Mission Worker had been greatly increased. The monthly programs were more extensively used than heretofore. The entire amount of \$300, pledged by the Society for the education of a Slav student for the ministry, was raised. Seventeen mission study classes, with a membership of 359 people in this Conference, were reported. Grace Lutheran Church, Royersford, deserves special mention. Six classes were organized in this congregation, several of these being men's classes.

An enrollment of 793 babies was reported for the Cradle Roll, with a contribution of \$253.46. The observance of "Mothers' Day" is growing in favor in the Norristown Conference, nine societies having observed it this year.

Eight life memberships and two memberships in memoriam were reported for this year.

Action was taken by the convention to make all the ex-presidents life members of the General Council Society, one each year until the list is complete. Mrs. O. P. Smith, the first president of the Conference Society, was made a life member at this meeting.

The program was an excellent one, the speakers being Miss Weiskotten, Mrs. C. L. Fry, Miss Mellander, Mrs. McLoughan and Rev. Fred Coleman. Dr. Buermeyer addressed the evening session.

Mrs. G. A. Kercher.

### DANVILLE CONFERENCE

Our 17 societies contributed nearly \$1,000

this year, distributed as follows: Home Missions, \$95.69; India, \$113.50; Porto Rico, \$116.93; Slav, \$120.50; Inner Mission, \$101.50; India Hospital (coin cards), \$143.90; Church Extension, \$36.50; Life Members and Memorials, \$40.00; India Box, \$50.50; India Laces, \$7.15; Porto Rico Laces, \$2.50; Italian (post cards), \$11.24; China, \$1.50; Japan, \$6.50; Local Charity, \$58.98; Conference Dues, \$49.00; total amount, \$941.60.

At its recent Williamsport convention the society pledged \$100.00 toward the Harpster Rest House in the Kotogiri. We have nine life members and two memorials. Also five mission study classes, with a membership of fifty-five. Mission Worker subscriptions number 213. Half of our societies are using the Monthly Topics.

Mrs. H. D. Spaeth, the president, strongly urged that every society make an earnest effort to increase the number of subscriptions to the Mission Worker, and to organize a mission study class without delay, even if there be but three or four persons to start with.

Dr. Betty Nillsson feelingly depicted the pathos and tragedy of the life of our heathen sisters in India, and Rev. H. B. Richards showed that in some respects conditions are similar in Porto Rico. Both speakers plead for more prayer.—Mrs. A. R. Ruckel.

In the great majority of our Sunday Schools and, indeed, of our Churches, too, neither India nor Porto Rico is ever once named in public intercession or to pray for more missionaries.

# Our Southern Sisters Setting the Standard Impressions of Last Month's Convention in the United Synod South

BY MRS. CHARLES L. FRY, OFFICIAL DELEGATE

Putting first things first, in the order of their missionary importance (without reference to the order of the program) the most outstanding feature of the four days' sessions at Columbia, South Carolina, was the emphasis on the missionary training of children and young folks, a line of work in which we have been lamentably weak. Our societies in the North are not to be mentioned in comparison, so far as our serious attention to junior work is concerned. Indeed, we have been simply playing at this vital business thus far, and it is high time that we go at it in real earnest. I should feel well repaid for the fatigue of the trip, if it should prove the occasion for our making a vigorous beginning.

Although the United Synod South is a small body numerically, only a fraction larger than the Allentown Conference in communicant membership, yet its Women's Society publishes not only a monthly paper for little people (the ever-welcome Tidings, price 25 cents a year), but also junior missionary topic programs. with supplemental leaflets, patterned somewhat after those for our Women's Societies. More than that, Rev. Arthur Stirewalt, of Japan, is supported by the junior organizations; hence, is known as The Children's Missionary. Attractive, popular mite boxes are provided for the offerings of the children. Thus are they educated early in life to give for the support of mission work. If we, in the General Council. who have proportionately so much greater numbers, would set ourselves as resolutely and determinedly to this same work, what could we report at our biennial convention at Rock Island next September? With our half-million communicant members on the most conservative estimate, we have in our Lutheran families at least 75,000 juniors, under confirmation age. What percentage of this army are we reaching with definite, systematic missionary training? For answer consult Mrs. Jensen's statistical report of our General Council Society, published on page 38 of this issue. Outside the Pennsylvania Ministerium, a total membership of only 452 organized juniors in the United States and Canada is reported. Even allowing for occasional missionary instruction given through the Junior Luther Leagues, and by special supplemental instruction in the Sunday Schools (though only 79 schools, all told, report the use of missionary programs once a month) our lamentable lack in this educational department is food for serious thought.

The most common excuse is that we lack competent skilled leaders to take hold of this work. But in this fact we ought to find a stimulant rather than an opiate. Here again the vision and forethought of our southern sisters struck me with peculiar force. Ninetytwo Young Peoples' Societies, with a membership of about 2,500, were reported. Does the significance of this important factor grip you? Mind you. I mean neither adult Women's Societies nor little children's bands, but young peoples' organizations. A fine new set of monthly programs for their meetings during 1915 has just left the press. Are the young men and women themselves heartily interested? A special Conference of delegates, representing none but these organizations alone, was held several weeks ago, and there was an enthusiastic attendance of over one hundred. Trained leadership is thus being developed for junior work. Can you suggest any other method for safeguarding the future?

You would have been deeply impressed by the children's missionary rally in Columbia on the Sunday afternoon during the convention. There was an illustrated talk by Mrs. Cronk, and a splendidly trained children's chorus. The auditorium was crowded, and hundreds were turned away, unable to get even standing room.

Devotional and Bible study periods were a prominent feature of every session. Business was not allowed to encroach on the time set apart for conjoint prayer.

Five of the general Lutheran bodies in America were represented by spokeswomen, the same as were represented at Toledo. Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work*, responded for the General Synod Society. Greetings from the United Norwegian women were brought by Mrs. G. Taylor Rygh, and by Mrs. W. E. Schuette, from the Joint Synod of Ohio.

The two last named women were our hostesses at an informal reception given in the new and commodious "Survey" Building, beautifully located in the suburbs. How proud we all were of this splendid enterprise and its worthy equipment! The whole constituency of all the Societies lays claim to its heroic originator, Dr. Greever, because he lays claim to the entire Lutheran Church in America, including every Synod. Let us zealously help him realize his goal—a federated Lutheran Church of North America.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman, of Roanoke, Va., was appointed delegate to our General Council Society's convention to be held at Rock Island next September, and Mrs. Cronk will represent the women of the South on the prospective Board of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies of North America. This Board is to be composed of an appointee from each general body organized for women's missionary work in the Lutheran Church. By the year 1917 we hope to celebrate, together, the four hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the great Reformation, which is our common heritage.

To me it was a genuine satisfaction to have this opportunity of publicly expressing, before so representative a gathering, the large debt we owe to the women of the South, for the splendid material furnished by them along lines of missionary literature, and especially the monthly programs edited by their literature secretary, Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Nor did I forget to mention the junior topics. Our co-operative work has brought us into most intimate relationship. It was delightful to greet, face to face, the women whom I had known only by name or in print. The choice acquaintanceships formed during those four busy days, the delightful interexchange of experiences are memories I fondly cherish. O, how I wish we could have every one of those Southern women at our coming assembly at Rock Island, that the women of the General Council might come into personal touch with their spirit of selfsacrificing devotion, and learn to love them, as they could not fail to do.

### CONVENTION DATES

April 1.—Allentown Conference, St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
April 8.—Wilkes-Barre Conference, St. Mark's,

Scranton, Pa.
April 16.—N. Y. Conference. Augustana Synod,
First Church, Jamestown, N. Y.
May 12.—Reading Conference.

### PITTSBURGH SYNODICAL

At the recent convention of the Pittsburgh Synodical at Butler, everybody among the 118 delegates and 71 visitors was enthusiastic in favorable comments on the publishing of all the official reports in printed form.

[You would not wonder at this, if you had seen the succinct, satisfactory manner in which these reports were condensed, and presented in such shape that the eye could take in the gist of the whole matter at a glance. Somebody spent time unstintingly in getting the mass of details so disentangled that each separate department of work stood out in its proper proportions. But no matter how many hours it took, it proved an immense saving of time for the 200 women in the convention. And best of all, they could take the whole thing home and give the hundreds who could not attend an intelligent idea of what had been accomplished in the course of the year. Enclose a 2-cent stamp. and be sure to send for a copy of this printed report, as a model after which to pattern your own.-Editor.]

There was contributed	for-
Foreign missions	\$2,913.12
Home missions	1,293.76
Church extension	119.70
Slovak missions	216.75
Porto Rico missions	449.60
Inner missions	1.115.35
Seminaries, Thiel College,	etc 619.57

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Total	 	 	 	 	.\$6,727.85

All the chairmen of the various conference committees are to be provided with such tracts and leaflets for distribution among the parishes of the Synod as will stimulate the work of their respective departments.

Especially is the grave need of more teachers and doctors and zenana workers to be pressed home to the hearts of our young women. A plea will be made to Sunday School officers, that a missionary topic be regularly presented in each Sunday School at least once a month. And to teachers and mission workers to attend the Thiel Summer School for 1915. And to pastors to foster mission study classes this winter. And to missionary women to participate in observing the inter-denominational Day of Prayer for Missions.

Resolutions of esteem and condolence on the death of Mrs. E. R. Cassady were adopted. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, of Rajahmundry, was memoralized for the great service he did our Lutheran Church in India. The Harpster Memorial bungalow was recommended as needing and deserving prompt contributions. The \$1.500 pledged for the Porto Rico Chapel ought not be delayed. In raising the special fund for home missions, each society should assume a definite share, and be directly responsible for that amount.

The Pittsburgh Synodical hereby gladly offers to contribute \$300 a year during the college course at Thiel, of a student who will prepare for the mission field.

It also voted to purchase a property suitable for parish and community work in Spring Valley, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Geo. H. Schnur gave a demonstration of a model Mission Study Class, using the first chapter of "The New Home Missions," and Miss Zoe I. Hirt presented an outline of "The Child in the Midst."

The presidents of the Synodical and Conference societies were elected delegates to Rock Island. Splendid addresses were made by Miss Weiskotten, Miss Mellander, Sister Rosa Barbour and Rev. Ambrose Hering, the new inner mission superintendent at Pittsburgh.

### PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

The fifth annual convention reported the largest attendance since its organization. The special plea was for more active workers and service. Our aim—a pastor, a missionary or a deaconess in each congregation.

The most important action taken was that the members of the local societies use a monthly envelope, prepared by the executive committee, for the mission offerings. Each object to be stated on the envelope so that nothing be overlooked and that everything be systematically and regularly provided for.

Total contributions for the year were \$681.99.

### LANCASTER CONFERENCE

At the convention in Shiremanstown, we pledged \$300.00 annually for the next three years toward the Slav student educational fund, also \$150.00 annually toward Miss Weiskotten's salary, and our share toward the education of Miss Elizabeth Petrich as medical missionary. We continued the use of the special home mission envelopes for the \$10,000 fund, and urged each society to contribute promptly toward the rest bungalows in India. Since this conference has the honor of having within its bounds the president of the General Council, Dr. T. E. Schmauk, he was presented with a life membership in our Women's Federation.

The year's missionary contributions of the Lancaster societies were as follows: Advent, \$54.85; Trinity, \$378.75; Girls' Society, \$37.00; Grace, \$227.97; Mission Band, \$4.52; Zion's, \$184.25; Emmanuel, \$219.47; Christ, \$89.38; St.

Mark's, \$25.75; Juniors, \$10.00; Mrs. J. K. Messner, \$8.00; New Holland, \$40.84; Ephrata, \$14.26; Mount Joy, \$84.35; Marietta, \$23.00; Elizabethtown, \$106.00; Millersville, \$63.00; Salem, Lebanon, \$201.28; Holy Communion, Harrisburg, \$93.61; Rohrerstown, \$23.00; Columbia, \$83.50; Strasburg, \$33.54; Zion's, Jonestown, \$39.00; Juniors, \$10.00; St. James, Lebanon, \$10.60; Centre, \$4.00; Bowmansville, \$38.50; Palmyra, \$4.50; Leacock, \$13.00; Mechanicsburg, \$21.00; Shiremanstown, \$69.80; Salem, Jonestown, \$25.00; Myerstown, \$53.50; total, \$2,470.17; expenditures, \$2,358.16. Mrs. George H. Grim, treasurer.

Mrs. John H. Strenge reported four new societies received during the year, and the following six on day of convention: Women's Societies of Ascension, Lancaster and Hershey; Junior Societies of Trinity and Christ, Lancaster; Trinity, Lebanon and Jonestown.

Miss Swartzwelder received \$239.64 for Home Missions; Mrs. Genszler, \$374.95 for Inner Missions; Mrs. Snyder, \$80.30 for Porto Rico; Mrs. Heinitsh, \$350.77 for medical missions. Miss Clara Hartman reported eight life memberships and four memorial memberships. The following members died during the year: Mrs. Ira D. Smith, St. Mark's, Lancaster; Mrs. Sarah Bowers, Trinity, New Holland; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gross, Zion's, Lancaster; Mrs. Granville Wood and Mrs. Bierman, Holy Communion, Harrisburg, and Mrs. Christian Haller, Miss Margaret Haller, Miss Alice Shrum and Miss

Emma Nauman, Trinity, Lancaster. We have twenty-one mission study classes, with an attendance of 204; twelve junior societies, and monthly programs are used in twenty-one Sunday Schools. Mrs. Leibensperger stated that the sale of literature at last convention, amounting to \$13.41, is more than doubled this year (133 per cent. increase is a most encouraging showing.-Editor.), and that there are 138 Monthly Topics used in the Conference Societies. Miss Diller knows of 644 subscribers to the Mission Worker. Mrs. Halbach raised \$350.30 by the use of the mite boxes. Mrs. Barr reported the value of the box to India, \$105.53, and the Christmas box to Porto Rico, \$100.00. Mrs. Weidner stated that \$37.10 worth of laces were sold by the different societies. Miss Bair reported \$95.35 for the Italian Mission from the sale of post cards. Miss Urich reported the full amount of \$300.00 raised for the Slav educational fund. Mrs. Emma M. Barr was presented with a life membership, in appreciation of her services as chairman of the mission boxes.

The speakers of the day were Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, on Deaconess Work; Mrs. Russel McLoughan, on Slav Work; Mrs. A. M. D. Pohlman, on Lutheran Missions in Africa; Miss May Mellander, on Porto Rico; Miss Emilie Weiskotten and Mrs. Paul Appasawmy, Madras, India.

MRS. WALTER A. MILLER,
Recording Secretary.

# A Conference Canvass for Subscriptions

An every-family canvass for Mission Worker subscriptions, which is Conference-wide in its scope, by official action of the Executive Committee, and which, therefore, includes house-to-house visiting in all the congregations belonging to the Wilkes-Barre district, is another sign of progress to report in this issue. Such enterprise is entirely new and most com-No simultaneous forward movement as wide in its outreach has ever been resolved upon by any Synodical or Conference Society up to this time. But nobody will be surprised at it, who knows these Wilkes-Barre leaders. With their foresight and courage, they have been in the van more than once. When they unanimously undertake to do a thing they do it thoroughly. And when the good fruits of the present seed-sowing effort shall be manifest in the life of the Churches canvassed, other Conferences will surely follow the excellent example.

An official letter of appeal was drafted and adopted, to be manifolded on a hektograph

and sent to every pastor in the Wilkes-Barre Conference. It petitions his cordial countenance of the house-to-house canvass, for the sake of the wholesome effect it will have in his congregation, in promoting efficiency along all lines. And it has the nerve to set the goal at 15,000 circulation in the General Council Society.

The plan is to enlist a sufficient number of visitors in each Church, that the canvass be not too heavy a task for a small number. And the assurance is given that the visitors themselves will enjoy the time thus spent in the homes of the congregation, and better mutual acquaintance among the members will be promoted, without need of bazaars, etc., with their objectionable features.

The first fruits of the movement, received before going to press, from Mrs. L. D. Ulrich, chairman of the Canvassing Committee in St. John's Church, in the city of Wilkes-Barre itself, is very encouraging, and indicates the results when all the returns from other sections of the Conference shall be in. The letter reads as follows: "Enclosed please find payment for 119 subscriptions, as the result of our canvass in St. John's Church. We are so pleased with it that we propose to make it an annual arrangement every November, to secure the renewals of present subscriptions, as well as to add new names to their number. It will be seen how effectually this same canvass may be used to stir up interest in mission study classes."

True, indeed, and in all other phases of activity. As a dissemination of information and enthusiasm it is a method which has no equal. Be sure to propose it at the next convention of your own Conference Society.

### A THREE DAY CONVENTION

At the fifteenth annual convention of the Ohio Synodical Society, held in Versailles, which covered three days, delegates from twenty-seven societies were enrolled, together with a goodly number of pastors and visitors. Mrs. P. M. Runyan, of Detroit; Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten, of Rajahmundry, and Rev. William Eckert, of Chicago, were welcomed and granted the privilege of the floor.

Each of the three evening sessions had a distinctive message. On the first evening Rev. M. L. Wagner, of Dayton, our Mission Superintendent, impressively set forth "The Importance of Our Home Mission Work." On the second evening Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten, in her own charming way, presented the need of India. On the third evening Rev. B. F. Hankey, of Pittsburgh, depicted Porto Rico. This latter service was made doubly interesting and instructive by the Parliament of Religions, conducted by Mrs. Walter C. Weir, of Toledo, in which the various natives told their story through women in native costume.

Besides these addresses papers were read by Mrs. C. F. Martzolff, of the Roseville Parish, on "St. Paul, the Missionary," by Miss M. Alpha Fraunfelter, of the Elida Parish, on "The Spiritual Side of Our Work," and by Mrs. F. M. Runyan, of Detroit, on "The Need of System and Co-operation."

The president, Mrs. John W. Richards, sounded the key-note of the convention, when she said at the outstart, "The Christian Church has only one business, and that is for both the pulpit and the pew. The very instincts of a Christian are missionary. If one has no missionary impulses, this means either a defective Christian, or no Christian at all." That our women are informing themselves more and more along all lines was evidenced by the report of 188 new subscriptions to The Mission Worker. The society pledged itself to raise

\$1,500 of the Synod's budget, distributed as follows: \$500.00 for Foreign Missions, \$500.00 for English Home Missions, \$250.00 for Porto Rico, and \$250.00 for the Chicago Seminary. After having heard the urgent needs of the seminary, as presented by Rev. Wm. Eckert, its financial secretary, it was agreed to raise an additional \$250.00.

Stress was laid also upon the completion of the Special Home Mission Fund of \$10,000.

The Junior Department and Mission Study chairman each reported a number of new organizations, and both gave demonstrations of their work. The former of these two demonstrations was by the local Junior Missionary Society, in charge of Mrs. J. M. Wenrich and Mrs. E. G. Frankman.

Throughout the convention there was a prevailing spirit of optimism, with but a single feeling of regret, the fact that our efficient president was about to remove to another field of labor. Let her parting words to us bear fruit in all succeeding years: "We have at last, in full measure, caught the spirit of our Lutheran women of the federation, and this is naught else but the spirit of the Master, which is the spirit of missions."

### PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE

Next year we will celebrate the silver anniversary of our quarto-centennial, hence this year's was the twenty-fourth convention. The dominant note, which kept ringing clear and strong throughout all the sessions, was more adequate missionary training. The Summer School at Mt. Gretna was commended as a delightful place where this can be gotten during the vacation week in August, under most favorable circumstances. Neither the city of Philadelphia nor the other cities of eastern Pennsylvania have been half taking advantage of the splendid course offered, nor of the chance to meet choice people. The Churches do not average one representative apiece, whereas many ought to have at least three or four.

Another point on which stress was laid is the fact that only a few of the congregations are holding a Daily Vacation Bible School in their Sunday School rooms during the long holiday of each year. We are missing a great opportunity in our failing to take advantage of this favorable time to teach handicraft and Bible lessons.

Thirdly, such agencies of missionary training for our own women, young and old, as the study classes and the Mission Worker, were stressed with more emphasis than ever. There are very few Churches which could not be included in the list of twenty-five subscriptions

and over, if one resolute and persevering woman will devote her energies to this business in each congregation. The number of junior bands is ominously small, and even the Sunday Schools have not all made the fifteen-minute missionary programs an integral part of their regular order once a month.

More than thirty-three hundred dollars came into the hands of Miss Mary Welden, treasurer. Home Missions got \$827.50; Church Extension, \$80.00; Slav Work, \$384.38; Inner Missions, \$267.25; Italian Work, \$98.20; Porto Rico, \$123.70; Life Memberships, \$80.00; In Memoriam, \$50.00; India, \$223.28; Hospital, \$416.44; Medical Fund, \$135.00; Rest House, \$142.25; School Fund, \$160.00; Synodical Fees, \$30.00; Other Items, \$185.67; Balance, \$106.61; Total, \$3,310.68.

The society voted \$50.00 for a life membership in the Church Extension work, and asked each local society to take an annual membership at \$5.00 a year. It is happy to assume its full share of the cost of Miss Elizabeth Petrich's medical education for the India Hospital, and of the salary of Miss Weiskotten, and of the erection of the Harpster Rest House. Delegates were urged to explain these obligations to their societies at home, not taking too much for granted, as if everybody understands the details of the work as fully as themselves.

Mrs. G. H. Schnur, after attending the annual meeting of the General Council Home Mission Board in Philadelphia on November 11th, remained for our convention next day, and made three or four addresses on the \$10,-000 fund in Lancaster on the following Sunday, enroute homeward. She spoke out of the fulness of her own personal experiences in home mission service, and there was no escape from the contagion of her enthusiasm. Dr. Nilsson, Miss Weiskotten and Miss Mellander were likewise surcharged with passionate love for their fields in distant lands, and are aglow with desire that other women shall come and share their joy. A letter of affectionate greeting and good wishes is to be sent to Dr. Lydia Woerner. as a message from the convention.

Mrs. Russell McLoughan, herself a patriotic loyal Slovak, made a very tender plea in behalf of her fellow-countrymen, who are strangers in a strange land, and whose love for their Lutheran Church is proverbial as a race trait. The large share which our women have fulfilled in the doing of Philadelphia's Inner Mission work proved an outright astonishment to the convention, when the facts were, for the first time, collated and shown in complete survey from the start. The separate little streamlets had hitherto each seemed a small

thing in itself, but when now seen in the volume made by their flowing together into one reservoir, the dimensions were surprising, even to the women who did the work.

Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday's life membership was changed to an "In memoriam" by a spontaneous love offering, which left a balance for the Italian treasury, whose spokesman was Mr. Harry Hodges.

The newly organized women's missionary society of Pastor Cassaday's congregation at Langhorne was received into membership. And all the pastors of the Philadelphia English Conference were represented in a commendatory letter, officially sent us by that body, expressing the salutary effect of a missionary society upon a Church's life.

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE N. W. SYNOD

The ninth annual convention, held at the Church of the Reformation in St. Paul, had 16 societies represented, with 59 delegates present and 748 members enrolled. Two new societies were added.

Miss May Mellander, of Porto Rico, gave a most interesting address, and Miss Sigrid Esberhn, a steropticon lecture on India. The president, Mrs. L. F. Gruber, was elected delegate to Rock Island.

A model mission study class was in charge of Mrs. W. F. Bacher, of Duluth, and a question box was conducted in lively fashion by Rev. L. B. Deck. A paper on "The Women of the Bible," was read by Miss Malinda Skoglund, and another on "Prayer," by Mrs. G. H. Gomoll. The next convention will be held at Superior, Wis.

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