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Our Rock Island Convention



Official Endorsements and Compliments

Messages of kindly recognition and cordial good-will have come from representative officials of Boards and of Synods. Each of these generous-hearted sentiments and valued suggestions are highly prized, for the spirit which prompted them and for the stimulus which they convey. The first two are from genial friends who are members of the staff of officers of the Council:

"The General Council would not be the General Council without the hearty co-operation of the women. Although they are not the *generals* in our ecclesiastical life, yet they generally are 'at the front' in the great campaign for Christ and His Church. While we men may have to give them good counsel, we are generally dependent on them for the execution of all our counsels and recommendations to the Church. For this and for many other reasons a most hearty welcome to the meeting of our General Council at Rock Island and Moline.

G. C. BERKEMEIER,

"German Recording Secretary."

"When the Federation Women come to Rock Island, let them remember that one-half of the Lutheran Church membership in the United States is found west of Chicago; that a line of Lutheran theological and educational fortresses extends from Minneapolis to St. Louis; that if the Church west of the Mississippi were cut off from the East, it would be found to have all the equipment of ministers, schools, publishing houses and institutions of mercy, necessary to make it independent; but that the Mississippi does not cut it off.

"We are not divided. All one body we."

"What makes the Mississippi such a powerful stream is that many insignificant rivulets and creeks combine to form smaller rivers and many of these rivers unite in the majestic flowing Father of Waters.

W. K. FRICK,

"English Recording Secretary."

"Among the important meetings to which Lutherans have been looking forward, there is none of more significance to the women of the General Council than the great missionary

gathering in Moline. This meeting should mark an epoch, and be a preparation for the greater gathering of 1917. May the convention serve to kindle anew true zeal among all the friends of missions, and to spread the influence of the missionary cause to those circles which have not yet been touched. JOHN A. W. HAAS,

"President Ministerium of Penna."

Since the organization of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, the Lutheran Church in America has received an enlarged vision and a great impetus.

G. FRANKLIN GEHR,

President of the Pittsburgh Synod.

"The LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER is the gem among our periodicals. It attracts by its dress and the brightness of its contents. There is nothing cheap about it but its price. It ought to secure the support of all our women, and will do so eventually, except perhaps those in whose eyes the quarter of a dollar looks larger than the full moon. And yet it is the very cure for those who have this faulty vision by which the little things look big, and the big things look little in the work of the church—if they would only take and read it. It strikes the key-note of the church's work, loud and clear, through and through. May it keep on doing so until the deaf shall hear and the blind shall see. In the marshalling of forces on that great day, two years hence, the Eighth Jubilee of the Reformation, we believe the MISSION WORKER will fulfill its mission as well if not better than any other of our periodicals.

"HIRAM PETERS,

"President District Synod of Ohio."

"We are deeply grateful for the help you have given the women of our Chicago Synod. As a result our Synodical Missionary Society is a leaven in all our congregations.

"C. L. WARSTLER, *President.*"

"My message to our Lutheran women is one of gratitude for their loyal support, their readiness for new work and their clear vision

of future needs. Men's and women's work in the Church is the same. The counsel of one without the other is only partly true; and I trust that before long there shall not be a separate women's convention, but that *women may be delegates to our Synods and elected to our Boards.*

WILLIAM M. HORN,

"President Synod N. Y. and N. E."

"As Paul, the missionary, so kindly and lovingly recalled the help of the women at Phillippi, who had labored with him in the Gospel, so we think of the godly women who gather at Moline for the work of the Lord and for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. My prayer is that their noble zeal will lead the Church to a more complete accomplishment of her task. My plea is that, in looking out toward the four quarters of the earth, their keen prophetic vision may see the Pacific Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church looming up in its growing importance, and then help provide for the maintenance of one professor in that institution.

J. C. KUNZMANN,

"Gen'l Supt. Home Missions."

"With a Women's Missionary Society in the General Council, that furnishes an unusually large list of subscribers to the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER, what greater praise could I give it? Its worth inspires interest, its worth inspires our women to canvass for it, its worth inspires our people to take it and to keep on taking it.

J. E. WHITEKER,

"President Home Mission Board."

"I am in a position to observe the uplifting power of the literature and the organization with which you are blessing the American Lutheran Home and the American Lutheran Family, as well as the American Lutheran Congregation. Your magazine is the only publication secular or religious, which my own growing boy insists on confiscating, immediately upon its arrival, and he escapes somewhere to devour it, from cover to cover, before even his own mother has had a chance to lay a hand on it. Any missionary periodical which can grip an adolescent boy like that, is surely exerting a measureless influence.

LUTHER HOGSHEAD,

"Western Field Missionary."

"Our Nova Scotia hearts are with you, and our prayers are for you.

"GEO. B. PIFER, President."

"Excelsior! That word expresses in clarion tones the onward and upward march of the missionary women of the General Council. As we behold their triumphal progress we catch something of their inspiration, and we fervently exclaim, 'Thank God!'

"MILTON JAMES BIEBER,

"Eastern Field Missionary."

"One scarcely knows in which of the coming conventions to be the more interested—the General Council or the Third Federation of Missionary Women. Somehow there is a widespread feeling that both are destined to be epoch-making.

CHARLES K. FEGLEY,

"Field Missionary for Eastern Penna."

"Thrice welcome—Women's Missionary Society of the General Council! The breezy West awaits your meeting with greatest expectations, which, judging from the past, will certainly be realized.

"Welcome because of your aggressiveness. Your stimulating, fresh and invigorating literature is leading the church into new life.

"Welcome because of your encouragement. Men and boards, overwhelmed with the work, take fresh courage as you lend a helping hand.

"Welcome because of your achievements. By your aid the Home Mission Board, two years ago, placed a field missionary in the Twin Cities. As a result in that portion of the Vineyard the biennium has witnessed the organization of four congregations, practically self-sustaining, the development and resuscitating of four others, the introduction of the Duplex System into the whole eight churches, and three additional ones, the securing of a parsonage, with another parsonage and two church buildings under way, and the adding of 500 communicant members to the Kingdom.

"May this convention result in an even greater forward stride in every city.

"LUTHER B. DECK."

"The federation is a strong arm that lifts up the local work, and gives it a world-wide outlook. The MISSION WORKER and the literature not only awaken interest and edify, but inspire and unify the whole church. It sets the pace for the brotherhood. Some day we hope they will get the vision and unselfish consecration, and work side by side with our good women in the Lord's cause. Then the Church may expect wonderful things. May God speed the time, and bless the federation and its work.

"C. P. WEISKOTTEN,

"Field Missionary for Wisconsin."

"In many activities our women have been the leaders; in others, loyal supporters. This meeting will strengthen the bond that binds the Synods represented. It will also be an inspiration and encouragement for those who are doing the work of the Church.

"May the day come soon when the men of our church in equal numbers will give to

Christ's Kingdom the same devotion, wisdom, energy, efforts, gifts and prayers.

"WILLIAM STEINBICKER,
"Field Missionary for Long Island."

Work among the Slavs was regarded by some of our forefathers as either useless or impossible. But what has already been accomplished in spite of tremendous obstacles, proves that it has not been a mistake. It is now in such stage of development that we absolutely must go on. The number of students in our schools, of missionaries in the field and congregations supplied, shows that it has grown faster than any other mission work of the General Council. Hence it is our Church's opportunity and responsibility.

W. M. REHRIG, Pres. Slav Mission Board.

"It is not necessary to write anything to awaken our women's interest in our foreign missions. You are interested, you have been interested from the beginning, you always will be interested. Without doubt you are especially gratified and rejoice because, after years of pleading and praying, a comparatively large number of women missionaries are leaving this fall for the mission in India. Will you not plan and arrange to have every one of the women missionaries in our service supported by special efforts on the part of local societies or congregations?"

GEORGE DRACH,
"General Secretary Foreign Mission Board."

"Now that the countries to the south of us are attracting such great attention, on account of their vast possibilities as mission fields, we are glad the women have not overlooked Porto Rico. The work there must be only a stepping-stone to vastly greater things in other Spanish-speaking countries. May the work in Porto Rico be done quickly and well, so that we may soon take the next step in advance. For the great things the women have done, and are yet to do, may the Lord be praised and may His richest blessings attend the convention in Rock Island."

H. BRANSON RICHARDS,
"Field Secretary Porto Rico Mission Board."

"Our women are learning that there are great movements in the world that are a fascinating study, and that being vitally in touch with them gives life a new and wider meaning. You are bringing, in wisely chosen proportions, the news we all need. The Lutheran homes are learning of the Lord's great work, and the homes are brighter and the work is brisker. If 1917 is to find the Church as wide awake as it should be, you women will have done

your share. Your progress has been wonderful. We look for a touch of your enthusiasm at Rock Island."

F. A. KAHLER,
"Chairman Board of Education."

"As a representative of the deaconess cause, I desire to express my sincerest appreciation of your adding a special department on deaconess work at the Toledo convention, and your publication of cogent literature on this important phase of the Church's missionary activity. Your organization, reaching hundreds of local societies, will be one of the most effective means of influencing the earnest young women of the Church, who have not yet heard or heeded the call for more laborers in the Lord's vineyard, but who already have learned the truth that of all true Christian life, faith is the source, gratitude is the motive, the love of Christ is the inspiration, and service is the expression."

E. F. BACHMANN,
"President of the Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in America."

"Great as has been the devotion and zeal of our women in the past, the Church looks to you now for a still greater zeal and a wider vision of service and sacrifice. For the Church today is face to face with many pressing new problems, especially along the so-called practical works of the age. There is no problem of institutional, industrial or social life that the Church cannot solve through her Inner Mission. The ministry of mercy by the hand of love, ennobled and vitalized by the Word of God, is our best antidote for all kinds of modern problems of a so-called practical nature, and it is the unanswerable reply of the Church to all her captious critics."

"Now, it is to the women of the Church that the Church is looking for the basis of an ever-widening Inner Mission. She looks to them so to direct the hearts of her children that they will consecrate their talents and their lives to the service of the ministry of mercy. She looks to them to band themselves together as never before in prayer and sacrifice, in service and labor, that the cry of the vast submerged multitudes may be stilled by the heavenly touch of divine compassion, called forth and energized by the Spirit of Christ. Shall the Church look in vain? Never! For she knows that her women are here as those who serve her. Past history gives promise of future fealty."

WALTER KRUMWIEDE,
"Superintendent Buffalo Inner Mission."

"While even some Christian ministers have been dodging or shifting the responsibility, and losing sight of the application of the Gospel to

the needs of today, the women have gone straight ahead, studied and prayed over world needs, raised funds and supplied workers. Missions—women; the two are inseparably connected. God bless our women!

"The home mission frontier will disappear. Our home mission work is more and more becoming inner missionary in character. The women have made clearer to us our responsibility to the heathen in non-Christian lands. Will they help us to save the heathen in New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, the Pacific Coast and the isolated mining, lumber and rural communities? They have sent their funds and prayers to foreign shores. Will they now lend their loving personal service to the under-nourished children, the over-worked tenement mothers, the unemployed fathers, the irresponsible youths at home?"

"May God save us from hindering the noble work of our devoted women."

"AMBROSE HERING,

"Superintendent Pittsburgh's Inner Mission."

Our Lutheran missionary work in seven stations in Japan, with the eighth just on the eye of being opened—also in the splendid Boys' School, and in the flourishing Kindergarten,—salutes you! After our study of the language for two years, Miss Akard and I will go to our station at Saga this fall, she to assist in the Kindergarten, and I in the work for girls and women. The supreme need of the mission just now is a Christian School for Girls.

MARY LOU BOWERS, *Kanizawa, Japan.*

In sending you our hearty greetings from this wide-awake Island Empire, shall I try to set forth what the Lutheran Church has thus far accomplished in Japan. Hard, unremitting toil, on the part of the little handful of laborers, for the past twenty-three years, nearly a quarter of a century, has enlisted, perhaps, *four hundred* under the banner of the Lutheran Church. At present there are eleven missionaries in service, with a new recruit, Rev. John K. Linn, about to start for the field. We have main stations in seven places, and a new station in process of being opened; thirteen native evangelists, of whom seven are men transferred from ministries of other denominations, and five are men just graduated from our own Theological Seminary last June; one first-class Boys' School, efficient and promising; several youthful beneficiaries of the Mission, who we hope may develop into candidates for the ministry; and two others of mature years, studying in Schools of other Missions; but not a single student to enter our own Theological School in 1915-16; not one self-supporting con-

gregation—no great Japanese Lutheran leader; I might multiply facts, but here you have the situation in telegraphic form, and plenty of food for serious thought.

EDWARD T. HORN, *Missionary to Japan.*

It is not all bliss and encouragement to come back to the heathen world. Yet so long as it is heathen I am thankful we can be here. Instead of sending you a verbal message of missionary stimulus for the Federation, if I had the means I should send myself, and tell the dear sisters how badly we need their help.

EMMA GERBERDING LIPPARD,

Saga, Japan.

"Greetings to all the mission workers from this part of the field. We thank you for your generous support of us, and assure you that if you could know of the hunger of these poor people for the spiritual food that we are privileged to give them, you would feel that whatever sacrifice it has cost you to further this work is more than appreciated by every one here. And then most of all how pleased our dear Saviour is, for He said: 'Whatsoever ye do unto one of the least of these, ye do it unto Me.'"

EMMA R. SCHMID,

"Porto Rican Missionary."

"An open thoughtful mind, an earnest devotion and an unfaltering courage. These are the attributes possessed by our missionary women in their many fields of work. To be workers together with God in bringing to the people His Kingdom; in fighting sin and its many causes; in spiritual cleansing of the land of choking underbrush and infectious weeds, as did the early pioneers in a physical sense, that the good in each individual may have half a chance. Not only in foreign lands, but also in the neglected rural districts and in the congested cities of our own land there is crying need for woman's consecration and high courage. Here is a good motto: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.'"

SISTER ROSE BARBOUR."

For the first time, I must be absent this year, from the meeting of the General Council Federation. The message I would send is a message of one word. I hope it will come to you with irresistible compelling force, in each discussion, in each action. That one word is "Forward." You have never taken a backward step since I have known you. And I am counting that you will take a step forward in every department at this convention. I shall go before your meetings, and follow after them, in prayer.

KATHARINE S. CRONK.

The Women's Federation of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America sends to you its cordial greeting. We rejoice in the common tie that binds us together as missionary women. We esteem it a great privilege to belong with you to the "rank and file" in the army that wages the Lord's battles at home and abroad. Holding our banner high, that all may see the Cross of Christ as the Light of the world, the victory is assured "In His Name."

We are mindful of the encouragement given us by the awakening of our Lutheran men as they begin to realize the value of women's work in the church, its far-reaching influence, as regards the young people and the children.

The banding together of your societies in the General Council has done much to bring about the changed attitude of our Lutheran laity and clergy toward organizations of women within the church. We congratulate you upon what you have accomplished, and upon the well-deserved recognition accorded your society for its noble work. Efficient leadership, well-planned efforts and dissemination of interesting knowledge about your fields of work, given through your magazine, the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER, have all aided to bring about the beneficent results over which you rejoice at this biennial convention.

The prayers of your sisters in the Missionary Federation of the United Church will go with you in all future efforts and undertakings.

MRS. T. H. DAHE,
President.

Congratulations upon the very effective leaflet issued by the Lutheran General Council Society. The most superb of them all is the exquisitely beautiful folder on Deaconess work, which has just come to hand. I believe it will pay, in a practical way, in increasing the interest in this outstanding department of your work. This is the day of studied and effective advertising. People's eyes have become accustomed to chaste and artistic pamphlets, setting forth all sorts of things, and when missionary material comes to their hands, inferior in appearance and unattractive in make-up, because of the necessity of saving money—no matter how interesting the material may be, it certainly loses effectiveness with those who are partly indifferent, and those whom we, therefore, especially wish to reach. Of course, the deeply interested ones will always take and read missionary material, whatever its make-up. But it is the business of the Church to reach those on the outer fringe, and for that reason the material must be put into attract-

ive and captivating form.

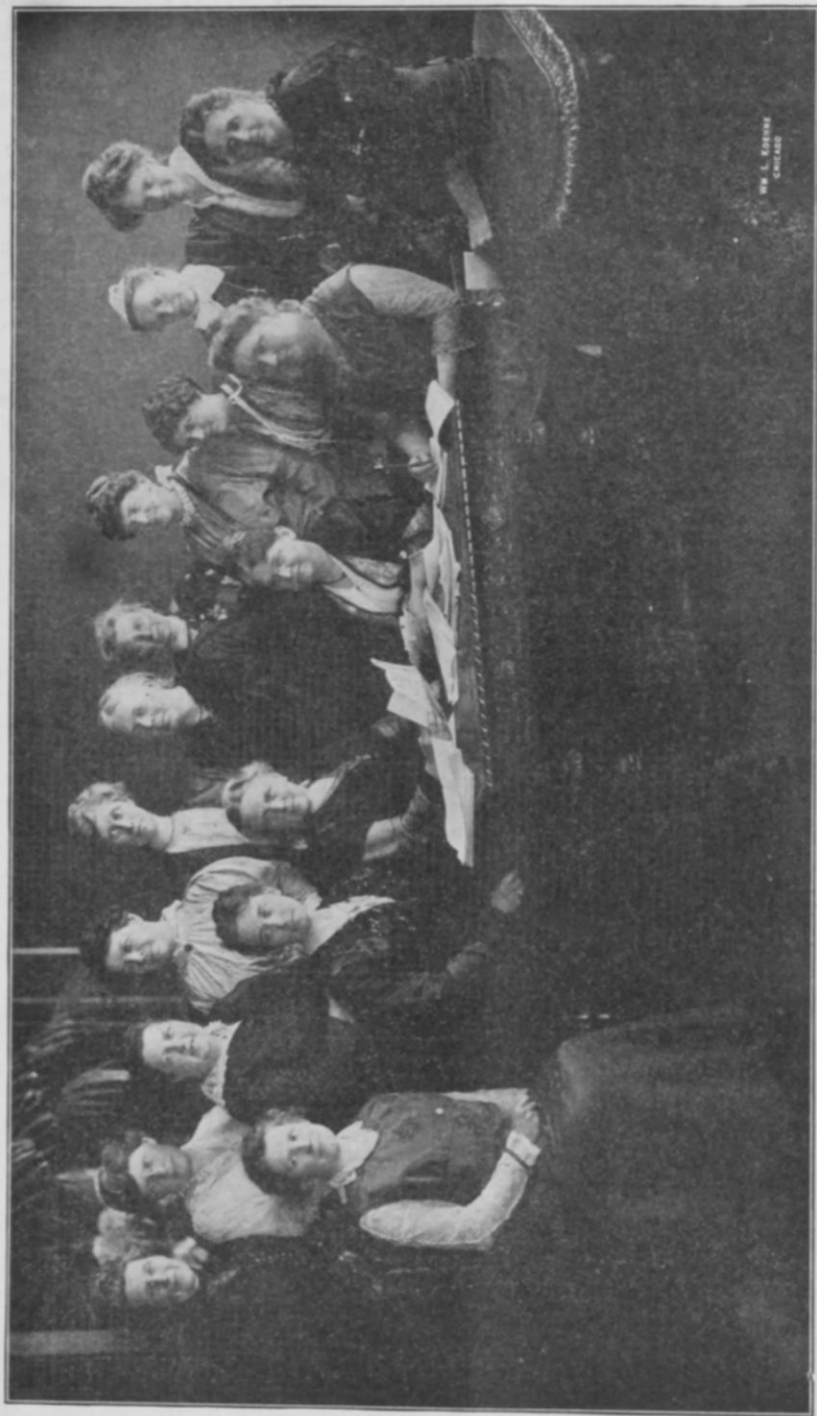
Fully 30 per cent. of the cost is made up by appropriations from the treasury on all our literature issued by my own denomination. When I wish a particularly attractive or artistic leaflet, which is beyond the limit of expense allowed for publication, I usually succeed in covering the additional cost through some personal gift. And I do most earnestly trust your Biennial Convention may be persuaded of the sound missionary business sense involved in putting out attractive leaflets, and making up the deficit from the treasury. It is one of the most essential tools in the department of the work. I think you are to be congratulated upon all your literature, for that which I have seen I regard as among the most attractive issued by any of the various boards in this country.

EDITH H. ALLEN.

*Chairman of Study Courses and Literature,
Federated Council of Women for Home Missions.*

[This latter compliment is high praise, in consideration of its eminent source. Mrs. Allen herself is continually issuing leaflet literature so ideal in form and substance that it is universally regarded the standard of excellence in inter-denominational circles. Her verdict on the question whether it is a sound business principle to invest a goodly percentage of a society's working capital in the dissemination of first-class missionary literature is based on long and large experience.

And the quantity as well as the quality of our literature is steadily improving all the time. So far as the Monthly Programs are concerned, we have more than doubled their circulation. The 1,500 booklets and 961 leaflet sets sold in 1911 have increased to 3,300 booklets and 1,800 leaflet sets sold this year. Formerly there were not a few instances where one lone booklet was made to suffice for the use of a whole society. Now there are instances where every member wants to own a booklet and a set of leaflets for her personal use. You will be surprised and gratified to hear that the commended *text-books* are also being more and more widely sold among us. Four years ago there were not half a dozen. This year fully 900 copies of "The Child in the Midst" were added to our individual libraries, and for 1916 we have already laid in a stock of a thousand copies of "The King's Highway," by Mrs. Montgomery, to start with, feeling sure that we will have to order an additional supply before the winter is over. We hope to do well also on the Home Mission textbook, "The Churches at Work."



THE SWEDISH AUGUSTANA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

"Courtesy of Literature Committee of Swedish Augustana Society"

The women standing (from left to right) are: Mrs. M. Fern, Mrs. John A. Linn, Inga Swenson, Mrs. C. A. Erickson, Mrs. A. F. Fors, Mrs. M. C. Ranseen, Mrs. Martin Nelsen, Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mrs. N. A. Nelson, V. Chair.; Sister Tillie Jones, Mrs. Ottila Swanson. The women sitting are: Mrs. C. E. Hoffsten, Mrs. J. A. Christenson, Treas.; Mrs. C. Christenson, Chair.; Mrs. Emmy Evald, Mrs. G. A. Elliott, Sec'y; Mrs. M. Wahlstrom.

The strong personality and splendid capacity of these representative officers are plainly written on their faces. Coupled with this intelligent broad grasp of their big business is a fine spirituelle. The affairs of the Kingdom, therefore, appeal to them more than secular or social affairs, and they are devoting all their energies to fulfilling the Lord's high commission to all Christian women, "Go tell."



The Biennium in the Synods



SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SOCIETY

Our achievements during the past biennium are exceptionally inspiring and encouraging. Most wonderful of all is the growth of our organization. Our two last conventions, in Sycamore, Ill., 1914, and in Minneapolis, Minn., 1915, were attended by a greater number of delegates than ever before. Geographically our Society is the most wide-spread among the thirteen Missionary Societies in the Federation, and this is a great obstacle in our work. It is exceedingly difficult to reach our women, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, and from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico. It is impossible for the vast majority of our women to attend either our Conference or Synodical conventions, on account of the immense distances, and the heavy expense of travel, therefore we must depend entirely upon those select few who do attend, to return home and infuse enthusiasm into the work of Missions.

Since the Columbia and the Superior Conferences have recently joined our ranks, the Augustana Society now consists of eleven organized Conferences, there remaining but one as yet unorganized. In order to acquaint our women with the progress of the work, we publish a booklet biennially and the 1915 issue consisted of ninety-five pages, closely printed and well illustrated, showing the growth of our Society, which is due in large measure to the plan of publishing the names of our members in each of the local Missionary Societies. This method has increased the total membership more than a hundred per cent., as shown in these figures:

Year	Life Members	Annual Members	Permanent Societies	Contributing Societies	Missions Tidning
1913	662	1331	97	213	5653
1915	889	3348	119	396	8650
Increase					
1915	227	2017	22	183	1997

The purpose of the report is to lay utmost stress on the importance of the work done in the "Every Member Canvass," and point out in detail what great and satisfactory results are obtained through it, especially how the sense of individual responsibility has been promoted. And after all, this is the chief thing!

The total contributions of the year 1914 were \$7,204.26, and for 1915 they were

\$9,728.75, the aggregate for the biennium being \$16,933.01. Our monthly paper, "Missions Tidning" has 8,650 subscribers. Our dear Dr. Betty Nilsson alone secured, during her furlough, one thousand subscribers. See what one woman can do!

This Fall three devoted young women workers from our Synod will join the Missionary laborers in the India harvest, a fruit of Dr. Betty Nilsson's untiring and loving appeal for more workers on the mission field.

Our Society supports Dr. Betty Nilsson in India, Sister Ingeborg Nystul and Sister Tyra Lawson in China, four native teachers, eight Bible-women, twenty-four girls and ten boys on our three Mission fields. Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation, personal and official, of the General Council's Federated Union of the Women's Missionary Societies. It cannot but inspire us all to do our work more efficiently than would be possible if each of the thirteen constituent Societies existed independently and aloof from all the others. The watch-word of the age is co-operation. EMMY C. EVALD, *President*.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

As the mountain climber goes steadily on his slow and painful way, it is only by stopping at intervals to look back over the path by which he has come, that he realizes his progress. So we as missionary workers can only estimate our upward and onward progress by stopping occasionally to take a brief survey of that which lies behind us.

In the Women's Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania there has been expansion in every direction in the past two years. Our work has increased and broadened so that it now embraces all the various forms of Home, Foreign and Inner Mission work, contributions for orphanages and other institutions of mercy being now included in our reports. The deaconess work, with a chairman for that department, has been added, which has greatly stimulated interest in that work.

Especial attention, under the direction of a most efficient chairman, has been given to the development of junior work, and the formation of Missionary Societies in the Sunday Schools. Where shall we find our workers of the future if our young people are not interested and instructed? The dissemination of

literature, charts and other means provided for interesting the children and the young people in this most important work has been given very earnest effort.

The circulation of the *MISSION WORKER*, that mine of information and source of inspiration, has greatly increased, as has also the use of the *Monthly Topics*, and the impetus that interest in Mission Study Classes for women has had in the past year is an indication that our women want, not only to work, but to know how to work intelligently. Our society has recently assumed the entire support of Miss Weiskotten, in addition to and outside of any other contributions for Foreign Missions. The support of Miss Petrich, our new medical student, has also been taken up with much enthusiasm as extra work, and while she will be the ward of the General Council Society, we shall gladly contribute our full share to her support. The Pennsylvania Society will also contribute another young woman to the force of our workers in India this autumn. While the interest of our women in the work in India is constantly increasing we cannot close our eyes to the painful lack of helpers in the medical work. The medical committee in our own society has exhausted every means of securing a graduate woman doctor to go to the assistance and relief of Dr. Nilsson. Is there not one graduate physician in the whole General Council Society who is willing to go until Miss Petrich shall have completed her course of study?

The "Rest House" in India has also been an object in which we have been deeply interested, and for the completion of which we have been most anxious. Contributions for it will be urged upon our societies until our indebtedness is fully discharged.

Much attention has been given to the Slav work in the past two years, the needs of which are growing so enormously in our territory, and the Italian work goes on even though the leader has fallen.

To all forms of Home Mission work, those in our very midst as well as in the far West, our interest, our prayers and our money have been freely given, and frequent visits of the missionaries from Porto Rico have kept the needs of that field always before us.

The past biennium has brought us two irreparable losses. While the death of Dr. Horn, the honored President of the Board of Foreign Missions, was a loss to the whole Church, it was a peculiar loss to the women of the Society of the Ministerium in whose midst he lived, and to whose unfailing courtesy and wise counsel they owe much of the intelligence with which

their work has been directed. His interest in our foreign work was so intense, and his knowledge so accurate and minute that advice from him was taken without question, and no one ever asked counsel of him in vain.

In the death of Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday, the very heart of the Italian work seemed to have been taken. She was its creator and its head, and all the later years of her life were given to its growth and development. Her loss was, therefore, a severe blow, not only to that work, but to all who came under the influence of her unusual personality.

Notwithstanding all our losses and discouragements, which in this life must be many, we know that we are going steadily forward, and being fully assured that the work is not our own but His, who has promised: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," we press ever onward.

The contributions for all purposes, which have passed through the hands of the treasurer in the past two years, have been \$28,528. This, however, does not include considerable amounts contributed by the women, which have gone through other channels.

MRS. H. E. JACOBS, *President.*

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

The fact that a choice young life from the territory of our Synod is about to be commissioned to service in India is more significant than a table of statistics.

Miss Virginia Boyer is the second young woman from our ranks to hear the call from India at Thiel College Summer School. In the summer of 1910, Margaret Haupt could not resist the appeal made by Dr. Harpster during the Summer School week. The call came to Miss Boyer in Mrs. Cronk's class a year ago at Thiel.

Women of our Synod are eagerly seeking help as Mission Study leaders, and as workers with Juniors. They are subscribing for missionary magazines and buying missionary books. They are attending our Summer Schools in increasing numbers, and to meet their demands, missionary topics are given large places on the programs.

The special objects upon which our united efforts have been centered, as a Synodical Society, are the support of Miss Schade, in India, the gathering of \$1,500 for the erection of a Chapel in Dorado, Porto Rico, and the establishment of Christian Settlement work in Spring Garden Valley, Pittsburgh.

From our Executive Committee meeting in July there went out a call to the girls and young women of our Synod to assume Miss

Boyer's support in India. At the same committee meeting, action was taken authorizing the Literature Secretary of the General Council Society to keep Miss Schade supplied with current magazines and books, and to send the bills to our treasurer.

The work undertaken in Spring Garden Valley, Pittsburgh, is the result of a resolution inspired by Mrs. Cassaday's address at our Synodical convention in September, 1913. The Valley is a densely populated district on the North Side, Pittsburgh. It was originally inhabited by thrifty German families, and the Lutheran Church Extension Society of Pittsburgh erected a Mission Church for them. Changed industrial conditions brought to the Valley hundreds of emigrants from Southern Europe (principally Bohemians) and most of the Germans have found more desirable places to live.

Mr. Chas. Fuhr, a member of the First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, has been superintendent of Grace Sunday School, and of the large Junior Luther League of the valley, for a number of years. He called the attention of our Inner Mission Committee to the neighborhood, when we were looking for a place to begin our Settlement work, and the Lutheran pastors of Pittsburgh were seriously considering the abandonment of Grace Church. Aside from that little Church, and the public school, no uplifting agency was at work in the entire Valley. The saloons, clubs, picture shows, and dance halls had full sway in the social lives of most of the 4,000 inhabitants. The narrow streets were the children's playgrounds.

THE LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER has traced the development of our work in Spring Garden Valley from the opening of the sewing school in Grace Church, in December, 1913, to the renting and equipping of a storeroom as a Neighborhood House last January. Here the Nursery, Kindergarten, Sewing School, Boy Scouts, Young Braves, Camp Fire Girls, Blue Birds and dressmaking classes met each week with a total enrollment of over two hundred. The storeroom was often too crowded for satisfactory work, and hundreds of children and youth were still unreached. Thirty-three volunteers from different Lutheran Churches of Pittsburgh, helped Sister Rose with the work, from time to time during the year. But she had no regular assistants upon whom she could depend, and with whom she could share her responsibility.

These handicaps, together with a threatened break in Sister Rose's health, led the local committee in charge of the work, to close the Neighborhood Room last May. A very

successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted on Grace Church Playground during the summer, under the direction of City Missionary Hering, our Society meeting the expenses.

Sister Rose returns to Spring Garden Valley this month, with the assurance that the women of our Synod are going to provide the building and equipment necessary for the work we expect her to do.

A young man of Bohemian parentage, a member of Grace Church, Spring Garden Valley, entered Thiel College a year ago with a view to preparing for the ministry. The Lutheran Church has nothing to lose, but much to gain, by helping to make that Valley a wholesome place for boys and girls to live in.

We ask our sisters throughout the General Council to go with us into Spring Garden Valley each day in prayer.—ZOE I. HIRT, *President*.

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

It is only because of the recent change of the dates on which its conventions are held, that this Society brings a report, which, on the surface appears to show retrogression. As a matter of fact it includes less than two years' work. All fields of missionary endeavor under General Council direction, have received a share of our attention, as have also many other interests not directly allied with that body.

The Synod numbers over fifty active Societies, but the large area covered, makes frequent meetings an utter impossibility. This is a real handicap. Much more effective work could be done, and greater enthusiasm be aroused, if we could come more closely into *personal* touch one with the other. We have not solved this problem. Railroad fares still stand between us and more perfect results. Cannot some thing be done to overcome this?

In Home and Foreign Mission work we have shown a gradual advance, but most of all the cause of Inner Missions has crept into the hearts of the people, with gratifying results. To Miss Elizabeth Petrich we have pledged our loyal support. To use every effort to secure immediate help for the Rajahmundry Hospital, is also a promise. Nor have we forgotten those laboring on the home fields. A "MISSION WORKER WEEK" is to be organized, the object being to enlarge the subscription list, as well as to advertise the uses and advantages of our Literature Department, in all its varied aspects.

Before this year draws to a close, plans will be under way to arrange the most fitting and profitable manner of celebrating the Reformation Jubilee. We rejoice that the interdenominational bodies are also planning to commemorate this event, as the birth of Prot-

estantism, and the beginning of the modern era.

If our Society has failed in any way, assuredly a lack of interest was not the cause. Say rather, an insufficient knowledge of the work. It is this meagerness of information which must be overcome. Teach our people WHY they give—and you will be astonished at the results. To this end—the Mission Study Class. If intelligently conducted, its value is without measure.

Begone—inertia. Our motto is—WORK.

ISABEL K. SCHNEPEL, *President.*

Mrs. M. S. Waters reports for the Eastern Conference that marked gains have been made along all lines. A membership of nearly 1,100 represents 31 societies and 7 junior societies. Amount contributed, \$3,006.59.

Mrs. F. F. Fry likewise reported for the Western Conference steady advancement. Its 18 societies have an enrolled membership of 1,321. Amount contributed, \$8,352.91.

Total for the Synod, \$11,359.50; disbursements, \$11,207.21; balance, \$152.29.

Mission Study Classes have increased to 51. The afternoon address at the annual convention, held in Albany, was delivered by Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Philadelphia, and the evening by Pastor Krumbholz, of New York. Mrs. Fry's theme at night was "A Home Mission Awakening." The 1916 convention will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo.

MINNIE D. LEHMANN, *Recording Secretary.*

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO

The Synodical Society has shown increased activity, yet we still must regret the lack of missionary organization in two of our three Conferences. The Southeastern Conference recognizes and earnestly commends the advantages gained through its annual convention and committee work. We very much desire a missionary society in every congregation and are making special efforts to accomplish this. There has been an appreciable increase in the offerings to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Porto Rico, Chicago Seminary, India Hospital and other benevolences. The total amount for the biennium is about \$4,600.

A "Retrospect and Forecast" of the year's work is printed for distribution among our members.

The every-member canvass, to distribute boxes to solicit MISSION WORKER subscriptions and renewals and to create interest in missions, has been tested with success.

The number of junior organizations is increasing, and results are shown in the support of native workers and contributions to other causes.

Eighteen Mission Study Classes have been reported, two memorials and ten life memberships.

The devotional part of our meetings should be entered into with all seriousness, lest we forget that it is not we who work, but God who works through us. The more we develop our spiritual lives the stronger will be our faith, and the greater will be the works of love which that faith produces.

MRS. W. A. BEATES, *President.*

CHICAGO SYNOD

Seven new local societies and one new Conference Society have been organized, making twenty-nine, with a membership of 725. Receipts were \$2,015.12; disbursements, \$1,993.65.

Junior work is being carried on in some Sunday Schools, and we have one Junior Mission Band. Five women were made life members of the General Council Society, and an "In Memoriam" was given for the Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D. There is a growing desire, on the part of the local societies, to learn more of the broader work. They are not only getting information but they are interesting others, and urging them to unite with the general body. They are using more monthly programs and subscribing for more Mission Workers. Thus, they are seeing the need of co-operation, and were represented at this year's convention by more delegates than ever before. Hence, more pledges were made, and some from the former ones increased, with a determination to raise the full amount.

The standard of efficiency, set for our attainment in the new biennium, includes:

1. That each society in the Chicago Synod become an active member of the Church Extension Society by paying \$5.00 a year.
2. That we put the LUTHERAN MISSION WORKER into every family.
3. That every society influence and urge a neighbor society to affiliate with the Synodical organization.

We attribute our greater interest and activity to the inspiration and assistance received from the General Council Society.

BERTHA A. ZIEBARTH, *President.*

NOVA SCOTIA

Having not been organized until 1912 as a Synodical body, we are the infant of the family, but we hope to prove healthy and grow, so that our sister societies will not be ashamed of the baby.

Our eleven societies are all in one county (Lunenburg), except the new society in Halifax. While there is still room for improvement,



OFFICERS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA SOCIETY

(Left to right, second row—Miss Ella Murdock, Mrs. J. Nelson, Mrs. D. D. Meisner, Mrs. Arthur Ernst, Rec. Sec. Front row—Mrs. Albert Bruhm, Lit. Chmn., Mrs. Charles Dauphin, Treas., Miss Gladys E. Conrad, Pres., Miss Etta Smeltzer, Cor. Sec., Mrs. Ezekiel Oikle, Vice-Pres.)

much progress has been made in the past year along all lines. The local societies have increased in membership, and more women take active part in the monthly topics and the general work. Four societies are now on the "Honor Roll" of subscribers to the *MISSION WORKER*. The Halifax Society reports twenty-one subscribers, but expects to reach the goal by September 1st.

Last year a Mission Study Class was started at Bridgewater, but this year the women of the province have devoted all their time to the work of the Red Cross.

At our convention in June it was decided that the special work for the coming year be the organization of Junior Missionary Bands and in training the children by using the Junior Topics. In spite of the war, all pledges for mission work at home and abroad were increased, and the outlook for the coming biennium is very encouraging. The Bethany

Orphans' Home at Bridgewater receives \$50.00 per year, with an offering from each society on or near Thanksgiving Day. The Seminary at Waterloo was voted \$20.00, and we will also furnish a room in the new Dormitory.

In conjunction with the Society of Central Canada a memorial was added for Dr. Julia Neudoerffer, of India. \$25.00 was also pledged toward the education of Miss Petrich. The Special Home Mission Fund was not forgotten.

We pray that we may become more and more a factor in church extension.

GLADYS CONRAD, *President*.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE, N. W. SYNOD

During the past biennium this Society has made progress. Though it is small in numbers, its efforts have been blessed. As soon as a mission is started, a Missionary Society is organized immediately, and it at once applies for membership in the Conference Society. That

is the reason why every Church is represented in our Society.

The Society has contributed \$600 to the Home Mission Fund, \$200 to Foreign Missions, and \$100 to Porto Rico, besides making liberal contributions in addition to these pledges. Several of the Societies are educating native workers in India. Three life-memberships have been secured, and the aim is to secure many more. At the Convention held in 1914 we were fortunate in securing the Missionary Exhibit, and it created a great deal of interest. The sale of India laces has been largely increased.

Interest in educational work, too, is gradually growing. The monthly programs of the Literature Committee of the General Council Society are being used, and the subscriptions to the MISSION WORKER are increasing. We are glad to report the organization of several Mission Study Classes in the different congregations. There is a determination to continue the good work with even greater zeal. If the progress during the past is an index of what may be expected in the future, then surely is the outlook encouraging.

MRS. L. F. GRUBER, *President*.

CENTRAL CANADA

Last June we held at Morrisburg the best attended convention since our organization, in 1909. Numerically we have the smallest Synodical Society in the General Council. Almost all of the eighteen churches are weak, struggling congregations, with no wealthy members, so that in presenting our report, we make no apologies, but take great pleasure and pride in it. The eighteen congregations have eighteen Societies and four Junior Societies. Hence there is not a single one of the Churches which does not have a missionary organization. Then too it is with sincere gratitude to God that we are able to state, in spite of the very serious war conditions in which our country is engaged, and every resource is being drained to the utmost for patriotic purposes, there has been no falling off in our missionary offerings. During the biennium our Society has raised \$1,386.61. Mrs. Julia Van der Veer Neudoerffer was memorialized, and the President of the Society was also made a life member. *Monthly Topics* are used with pleasure and profit in all our Societies to the number of 160 booklets, 70 sets of leaflets, and 300 MISSION WORKERS.

We regularly contribute to the India, Slav and Porto Rico work. Some of our Societies support a Bible-woman in India, as well as assist the Bethany Orphanage at Bridgewater, N. S. There is also another cause for which we are working, and which is very dear to the

heart of every loyal Canadian Lutheran, viz.: our Theological Seminary at Waterloo, Ontario.

At present this is the absorbing work of our Synod, and it is with intense interest and great pride we are now watching the erection of the beautiful new administration building.

Along Inner Mission lines we are working for a Hospice in Montreal. In the meantime our Synod is co-operating with the other Protestant bodies in Montreal in opening a Home for Girls, each Church to have supervision of its own girls.

Our Lutheran women in Canada are realizing more and more each year, the magnitude of the work that lies before them, and as our Canadian soldiers have won the title of being the best soldiers in the present great war, so we Canadian women pray God that we may be accounted among the most valiant soldiers in the service of our Lord and King.

MRS. J. C. CASSELMAN, *President*.



MRS. M. A. LAIRD

MRS. LAIRD'S CALIFORNIA VISIT

Instead of a formal report as an official delegate, you will prefer a conversational letter, telling of my pleasant visit to convey your encouragement and that of all the missionary women of the General Council Society, to our sisters of the distant Pacific Synod. They met at the same time last July, as the Synod itself, and in the same San Jose church, though this convention covered only two days, whilst the Synod's lasted five days. You will observe therefore the arrangement was very much like that at Rock Island, only that the women were not yet in session when the Synod's sacramental service was held, hence they did not share in its Holy Communion. But the Synod held no



MEETING OF THE PACIFIC SYNODICAL SOCIETY IN SAN JOSE

As this picture was sent to us from the Pacific Coast without any indication of the names of the persons, we have only been able to identify those known to us and have noted accordingly.

1st row, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Leas, Rev. Boulton, Rev. Mrs. Frederick, Rev. Sec. Meyer and wife, Mrs. Mcurer, Rev. Hoick.

2nd row, No. 2, Mrs. Kunzmann, No. 5, Mrs. Sheets, Mrs. Harpster, Mrs. Leech.

3rd row, No. 3, Mrs. Brinkman, Rev. Eck, Mrs. Kuoll, the Sexton, Rev. Leech.

4th row, Rev. Bussard, Rev. Gruver, Rev. Kunzmann, Rev. Drahm, Rev. Prof. Frederick, Rev. Schoenderg, Rev. Lucas, Rev. Knoll.

session at all on Thursday afternoon or evening, in order that all its pastors and laymen might attend the women's meetings. Such mark of recognition of the eminent importance of women's missionary work is valued as highly in the Synods as in the General Council, and its effect cannot but be increasingly salutary so far as the men are concerned, as well as the women themselves.

Our stay in San Jose was most delightful, and the lady who was our hostess, although not a Lutheran, could not say enough in praise of the Lutheran Pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Emil Meyer, all of which was confirmed by my own observation. The Church, a model of churchly convenience and coziness, was erected mainly by the preacher's own hands. Adjoining it was the parish house, named "Bethel Hall," a smaller and more modest building, the first floor being the pastor's residence, while the second story serves many useful parish purposes. For example, the Women's Missionary Society of the Pacific Synod held its convention there, whilst the

Synod was in session in the Church. By ten minutes before twelve, which we found was the luncheon hour, the rear of the hall had been converted into a dining room, and the Synod and the women had been invited to join in the meal. It was done so naturally that I concluded it was their usual custom, and it seemed like home to hear Dr. Kunzmann, of Philadelphia, ask the Lord's blessing on the food of which we were about to partake.

I confess, it was with a little feeling of reluctance that I finally consented to go to San Jose, for you can readily understand that I have not regained my old vitality, nor do I think that I ever will. But for this very reason, the warm-hearted, whole-souled expressions of those women showed me that their greeting was all the more hearty and sincere. Not for what I gave them, because the words were few and hesitating, but they appreciated the fact that their sisters in the far East had sent them a special messenger, and they were bound together in one common bond, viz.: to proclaim the love of Christ to those who know Him not,

whether in Foreign or in Home Lands. I think that out here "the Home work" seems nearer, than the foreign mission, since they are in such direct touch with it, but they would not neglect either.

My sister, who accompanied me, unwilling that I should travel alone, shared in all that so much gratified us both. The convention was presided over by Mrs. Leas, of Portland, who carried out most successfully the able plans prepared by the President, Mrs. Pageler, who was unfortunately prevented from being present. The women's hearty recognition of the efficiency of her work encouraged the hope that if she were re-elected, of which there was no least doubt, she would consent to serve.

The whole range of business was prosecuted in every department, and from the character of the women you may know it was done

in a thorough manner. The sessions were five in number, and in my address on the evening when the men of the Synod were all present at the women's service, I decided it was better to say too little, rather than too much. Mrs. Harpster and I, therefore, compromised by exchanging places on the program. She had been placed to speak first, but I told her if she would give me only ten minutes at the outstart, she could have all the remainder of the evening for her illustrated address on India.

I emphasized as earnestly as possible the strength of the message which I bore, and assured them of our loving sympathy in their labors and in their cares.

I don't know just what I said, or how I said it, but it was met with an enthusiastic response. So "I have done what I could."

M. A. LAIRD.



Extracts From The Program



THE PRESIDENT'S WORD OF CHEER

The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, with only four years of history, has made wonderful strides in all phases of Mission activities, as is evidenced by the numberless communications received from workers in the North, South, East and West, asking how can we women render more efficient service? Where are our efforts most needed?

The field is vast, and the needs are great, but the united efforts of the thousands of earnest and inspired women, guided and aided by competent chairmen of the various departments are indeed a force to be reckoned with. And our splendid "Lutheran Mission Worker" is meeting the educational needs by its wide dissemination of effective literature and leaflets. Each article is a source of valuable information, instruction and incentive in "The King's Business."

The expressions of confidence and expectation which were voiced at the second Federation gathering were truly not misplaced. The women of our societies, both old and young, have responded, possibly slowly, but surely and nobly, to the call for service "In His Name."

The presidency, with its duties, which was conferred upon the present incumbent of this office, was assumed with fear and awe of the responsibility, but the frequent, almost daily, messages which came during these years from the workers, unfolding projects for approval, or noting the accomplishment of long cherished

plans, have been the source of much pleasure and profit, drawing closer the ties of friendship, and the bonds of Christian love and fellowship.

The Angel of Death has passed over our official circle, since last we met, and chosen a shining mark in our dear Mrs. Cassaday, that gifted, good, brave worker. Another was from our sisters in the foreign field, Dr. Julia Van Der Veer Neudoerffer, leaving an aching void in her family and among her fellow-workers.

A message from across the seas, from Mrs. C. F. Kuder, says, "We are looking forward with much anticipation to the arrival of the new missionaries in the fall, and rejoice in the number of single women among them, and from all accounts, capable ones, too. They are sorely needed."

She also sends a plea for donations, in money or articles, for a yearly sale, which is held in May, for the benefit of "Highclere School," a school for Missionaries' children, at Kodaikanal, South India, at which her own little boy and girl are now receiving their education. As she is a member of the Committee to manage the yearly sale, hence her authority to request the support of our Lutheran constituency at home. Our Mission in India has recently become one of the supporting Missions of the School. She also says, "Those who occupied the new Rest Houses at Kotogiri are quite enthusiastic in their praise."

A request has come from the General Sy-

nod women to join with them in making an annual contribution of \$1,000, toward the maintenance of the Christian College for Women in Madras, opened last July.

Our affiliation with the "Council of Women for Home Missions" and "The Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions," called for representation at the recent Congress of Missions held in San Francisco, and involved some financial obligations, needing your sanction and approval. Representatives were appointed.

On the Life Membership and Memorial funds depends the real efficiency of this body, as it is through that support the publication and circulation of our literature was begun. The increasing demand for larger and wider distribution of the information and inspiration which it imparts, will soon necessitate a

larger room and more assistance at Headquarters.

On the increase of subscriptions to our periodicals, the *MISSION WORKER* and *Missions Tidning* depends the enlarged vision of our members. For how can we see, unless we know, and how can we know, unless we read and study?

It was my privilege and pleasure last September to meet and hear Dr. Betty Nilsson, at the farewell meeting tendered to the missionaries in Philadelphia, before their departure for India. Her being able to return at that time was welcome news to us in the Homeland, and what a God-send it was to those awaiting her coming in the far-off country! Would that some other Lutheran woman physician would volunteer to go soon, to relieve the strain that must ere long become unendurable.

LAURA V. KECK, *President.*

Messages of Our Outgoing Missionaries



MISS AGNES CHRISTENSON

Am I my sister's keeper? While pondering this question, I had the good fortune to be in the last audience to which Dr. Betty Nilsson spoke on her tour of Kansas. She pictured the pathos and the tragedy of India's need of a graduate woman physician and of teachers and Zenana workers. Strikingly she showed the contrast, how when she left her work in our country, to train as a medical missionary, there was no trouble about supplying the place she left

here. Many applied to fill her vacancy. But how different when she left India to come back on her furlough! Then her place there was vacant indeed! Her work stood untouched, while the people's suffering went on, just the same! Surely, if the need be so great, should I not be willing to haste to the rescue? How could I help asking myself that question? How can you?

AGNES CHRISTENSON.

[Miss Agnes Christenson entered the northern department of Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, after taking the preparatory course in the Academy. Upon graduation she taught for four years in the schools of Marquette, her native town, then two more years in the Model School of Bethany College. Besides having all her life long breathed the atmosphere of a consecrated Christian home, with its family altar, such as fosters a missionary zeal by a devout father's prayers, she had the added advantage of being baptized and confirmed by a pastor who had himself been a missionary in India. Her conscious self-dedication came during her course of catechetical instruction. This same fact would be repeated in many and many an instance, if the matter were pressed home to the heart at that most susceptible time of deep and abiding impressions. Later in life her purpose was definitely shaped by the Mission Study Class, and by her personal contact with Mrs. Isaacson and Dr. Betty Nilsson.]



MISS VIRGINIA M. BOYER

A daughter of Islam once asked a Christian woman missionary why she went from house to house reading the Gospel to every one? She replied, "It is our Master's command." "Then why do not all of your caste obey it?" asked the daughter of Islam. "Out of so many Christians, only you come here once a week to read to us! Oh, they must surely know that they will receive very great punishment! How is it?"

Let us refer this question from the daughter of Islam to the daughters of God, "How is it?"

We need but listen, and we can hear the earnest appeal of the heathen woman, "Tell your people how fast we are dying, and ask if they cannot send the Gospel a little faster?"

Christian love cannot be indifferent to this appeal.

For we must share if we would keep
That good thing from above.
Ceasing to *give*, we cease to *have*,
Such is the law of love.

Then let us join this great Crusade! It is holier and grander far than the old crusades. As those Christians of years ago strove to wrest the Holy Sepulcher from the hands of the infidel Turks, so let us strive to wrest the hearts of the heathen from the powers of darkness and destruction.

And in following the last command given by our Saviour, let us never forget His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." With such a promise there can be no fear. All the powers of earth are as nothing, for "if Christ is for us, who can be against us?"

We would not base a single plea on any thing weaker than solid fact. Sentiment will not stand the strain of the real test. But it is a fact, we are sure of it, that the Lord Jesus considered you and me, and all the people in the world worth dying for. If this be true, do we love Him well enough to care, with the whole strength of our being, that there are millions who never even heard of Him?

If we have never considered these things, let us consider them now.

VIRGINIA M. BOYER.

[Virginia M. Boyer, of Zellenople, Pa., was born of Lutheran parents in Pittsburgh. Left an orphan at a very early age, she was received into the Orphans' Home and Farm School at Zellenople, and the late Rev. J. A. Kribbs was her guardian.

After receiving the thorough training given our children at the Home, Miss Boyer graduated from a State Normal School in Butler County, Pa., then taught in the public schools three years, and the same number of years in the Orphans' Home Farm School.

Her first inclination to missionary work dates back to childhood days when a good Christian foster-mother filled her mind with the wonderful work of missions. Later, while at our Orphans' Home at Zellenople, Miss Agnes Schade said to her, "You must come to India some day, and help me in my Girl's School there." Though but a child, Miss Boyer promised that she would. Finally, at the Thiel Summer School of 1914, through Mrs. E. C. Cronk's presentation of the need of consecrated workers in the mission field, Miss Boyer was led by the Holy Spirit to devote her life to our work in India.

During this summer she has been studying theology, church history and missions under the direction of her pastor, Rev. George H. Schnur. As Primary Sunday School worker, Luther League, and leading spirit in the Missionary Society, the Church at Zellenople will miss Miss Boyer's genial presence and splendid work to an extent which none of her associates fully realize as yet.]



MISS CHRISTINE ERIKSSON

Our mission in India has always been very dear to me, because my parents lived and labored there, in their earlier ministry. With my sisters and brothers, I used to listen many and many a time with absorbing interest to their tales of experiences on the field. From childhood therefore I have felt a yearning in my heart to become a missionary. My sister pointed out what a help it would be if I could take a course in nursing first. She had heard Miss Charlotte Swensson express the ardent wish that she herself might have had the advantage of a course in nursing before going to India.

Years passed by, and then I went to St. Paul to enter our "Training School for Nurses," without any thought of the mission.

Last fall, when Dr. Betty Nilsson visited our hospital and training school in St. Paul, it was my privilege to have a heart-to-heart conversation with her. She pleaded for the many forlorn women in India, so dear to her. Especially she wanted someone to go with the Rajahmundry Hospital patients to their heathen homes, and tell them of the great love of our Saviour. I felt that others would be more capable to do that work than myself, but she said, "The ten-talent women will not go. Therefore the one-talent women must go, and devote to the service of their Lord whatever ability He has given them. Nobody need bury her one talent in a napkin."

Soon after I received a call from our Foreign Mission Board, and I recognized it as the call of God. It was a struggle for me to yield in full surrender, but when the decision was made it brought profound gladness to my soul.

"O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt; and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share."

CHRISTINE ERIKSSON.

[Miss Christine Eriksson's parents in their early ministry were missionaries from Sweden to India, hence her loving interest in that benighted country is hereditary. On account of his health her father had to leave the foreign field, and for the past thirty years he has been a pastor of the Swedish Augustana Synod in this country. His present parish is in Holmes City, Minn. His wife is a woman of rare mental and spiritual gifts, and the daughter has inherited such traits of both parents as fit her well for her large sphere of usefulness.]



MISS ANNA E. ROHRER

I am glad for this opportunity to thank you for the honor conferred on me in that endearing title, "The Children's Nurse." It is a title that also carries with it many responsibilities. With God's help I will try to be worthy of the name.

Our Hospital in Rajahmundry has always been a source of great interest to me. My

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WILL YOU BE ONE TO HOLD THE ROPES FOR THEM AT HOME?

sister's connection with it naturally helped to fan the flame. Therefore, when I entered the Training School for Nurses in Philadelphia, it was with the distinct purpose that if the Mission Board would need me I would be prepared to go. I believe that the call to the Foreign Mission field does not differ materially from a call to any other work. We are all laborers in the Master's vineyard, the nurse or teacher at home, as well as those in India.

As we go to do His work there, will you who stay do your share here? And if the great call should come to you, as it has come to us, will you not put your lives into His care and follow where He leads? If "the field is the world," can we choose for ourselves the spot where we will labor? ANNA E. ROHRER.

[Miss Anna Rohrer is one of a happy family of five sisters and one brother, all active in the work of Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D., pastor. Her older sister is our beloved Dr. Amy Rohrer Neudoerffer, of India, and it is through the influence of this sister that Miss Anna was induced to think of the foreign field as the "place where a Christian nurse is most needed." This is the motive that made decision of her life-work. Her course of training was taken in the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, from which she graduated in 1914 at the head of her class, receiving a gold medal for highest honors. On the advice of her instructors, she accepted a year's position as head nurse in the dispensary of the hospital, feeling that this would give her valuable experience for her work in India.

During this time she also took a special course in Bible study, that she might be equipped for the spiritual side of her work. With her sweet face and winning disposition, she will be a splendid asset to Rajahmundry. Not only will she be able to train the native women in the art of nursing the sick, but her Christian personality will be felt by all the women and children who came under her care. Hence, our children in America will have a splendid representative in this competent and consecrated new missionary.

In a letter she says, "I am glad to know that I am to be 'The Children's Nurse.' It is a sacred trust, and is surely an incentive to work. I thank you for your efforts in securing the title for me, and will surely do my best that the trust will not be misplaced. I hope that I will not be so busy that I cannot write to you sometimes, for the children will need an incentive. I shall like to feel that I am talking to my little keepers. I am so happy about it."



MISS HILMA E. LEVINE

Hilma Eugenia Levine came from Denver, Colo., at the age of ten years, with her parents, to live in Galva, Ill. In due course of time she was confirmed, and after graduation took up teaching. But not finding the satisfaction in this vocation that she had expected, and longing to serve her beloved Master and humanity in a more direct and far-reaching way, she entered the Galesburg Hospital, from which she graduated as nurse last May. The life-long missionary influences of her Christian home are now bearing their full rich fruitage in her joyous response to the call from India's destitute multitudes.



MRS. CHRISTIAN P. TRANBERG

The Apostle Paul gives the mother and the grandmother of Timothy credit for much of the young man's faith. This suggests the largeness of woman's sphere. What India needs is Christian homes. My function as a missionary's wife will not so much be the teaching of Scripture theology, as the kindling the light of a Christian home amid the darkness of that Pagan land. Pray for me in the fulfillment of this high task.—MRS. C. P. TRANBERG.



MRS. JOHN K. LINN

Having just recently come into the Lutheran Church from the Presbyterian, I hope that, as a stranger, you will take me in. I shall rejoice to join you in all your efforts to upbuild and extend the great cause of missions in Japan. I have consecrated myself to God for His use and glory, and it is high honor to be allowed to tell the Gospel story for the first time to souls who have never heard the name of Jesus.

MRS. JOHN KENNETH LINN.

Mrs. O. O. Eckhardt and Mrs. Oscar L. Larson are faithful wives of missionaries who are about to return to India with their husbands after their furlough. Both were with

us at Rock Island, and made many new friends for themselves and for the work.



MISS CHARLOTTE B. HOLLERBACH

Miss Charlotte B. Hollerbach, of Chicago, was baptized and confirmed in St. Luke's Church, of that city, by Rev. M. E. Haberland, who rejoices to send her forth as a zenana worker, for the uplift of India's degraded womanhood.



MRS. O. O. ECKHARDT

DON'T YOU WISH YOU WERE GOING WITH THEM?



From Department Chairmen



Memorials and Life-Memberships

MRS. L. K. SANDFORD, DEPT. CHAIRMAN, LANCASTER, PA.



PROF. R. F. WEIDNER, LL.D.
CHICAGO SEMINARY
1851-1915



PROF. G. F. SPIEKER, D.D.
MT. AIRY, PHILADELPHIA
1844-1913



REV. CHARLES G. SPIEKER
SCRANTON, PA.
1870-1915



REV. F. J. F. SCHANTZ, D.D.
MYERTOWN, PA.
1836-1907

By the time this issue of the MISSION WORKER reaches our readers, the third biennial convention will have passed into history. Its delightful memories, however, will long remain with those who attended the inspiring sessions, and with renewed ardor we will go forward, endeavoring to enlist more of our sisters in the work. Let us be more active in also training the children for missions, and let us not forget that the funds necessary for all our educational plans must come from our membership fees. For what has been done in this line during the past four years, we are truly grateful. Our imposing Honor Roll speaks for itself as to the conspicuous character of its members, and of the appreciation shown them by individuals and societies. We prize, too, the loyal backing given us by individuals and Societies in our constituency.

The biennium's total is 140 life-members and 58 "In Memoriam." This makes a grand total, since our organization, of 274 life-members and 101 Memorials. Of these 274 life-members, 3 have passed to their eternal reward, 2 of them being placed "In Memoriam," and 3 on this second roll have been memorialized twice, viz.: Dr. W. J. Miller, Dr. A. L. Yount, and Dr. F. J. F. Schantz. Of the 15 memorials received this quarter, 9 are for pastors.

The memory of President R. F. Weidner, LL.D., was fittingly honored by the Women's Society of the Chicago Synod, where his great

life-work was accomplished. His wonderful career was a conspicuous demonstration that "Where there's a will, there's a way." As a Pennsylvania country boy, the son of a sturdy farmer, he determined to get an education, and he got it. He determined to do great things for Christ and His Church, and he did them. With all the energy of his great body and his greater soul, with a faith that said: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthened me," he never shrank from toil, from hardship, from seeming impossibilities. Never be discouraged, onward and upward, these were his watchwords. His monuments are the indelible impressions he made, the abiding resolves for a better and higher life that he called forth by his powerful sermons and addresses, the books he wrote, comprising almost a library in themselves, and, above all, the Chicago Seminary and its loyal sons, into whose hearts and minds he instilled the noble ambitions and the deep consecration that mark so many of them. The Church needs thousands of sturdy young men of the present generation who will resolve, by the help of God, to go and do likewise.

Another eminent theological professor, Rev. George Frederick Spieker, LL.D., was memorialized by his widow, now living at Greensburg, Pa. As pastor of large congregations at Kutztown and Allentown, he held positions of responsibility in the Ministerium of Pennsyl-



PROF. C. P. KRAUTH, LL.D. DR. BEALE M. SCHMUCKER
PHILADELPHIA POTTSTOWN, PA.
1823-1883 1827-1888



REV. H. E. ISAACSON
MISSIONARY TO INDIA
1861-1914



CARL SWENSON, D.D., R.N.O.
LIDSBORO, KANSAS
1857-1904

vania, and in every way was held in high regard by the Church at large. In character he was modest and unassuming, habitually cheerful and optimistic, sympathetic, appreciative of the good in others, devout and earnest in his Christianity, and a lover and constant student of his Bible. His last nineteen years were given to the seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, where he enjoyed the love and esteem of his colleagues and pupils.

His son, Rev. Charles Gerash Spieker, was twice the pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Scranton, and died there, just as he had attained the prime of life. His cheery disposition made the young people, as well as more mature persons, very fond of him, and his memorial comes from the junior mission band, as well as the mission study class. During the three years interval between his first and second pastorates at Scranton, he organized the church at Ogontz.

Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, for many years pastor of Frieden's Church, Myerstown, Pa., and during that period a prominent factor in the Lancaster Conference and the Pennsylvania Ministerium, received double honor almost simultaneously. The first memorial came from two friends, and was immediately followed by that of the Woman's Missionary Society of Frieden's Church. His death was a felt loss to all the institutions and interests of the Lutheran Church, but to none more so than to the various missionary operations of the Synod and General Council. The depth of his religious life, the breadth of his sympathy, the simplicity of his walk and conversation, the warmth of his attachments, and his charity are some of the outstanding qualities of his character. As a preacher he was equally effective in both the German and the English languages, earnest, evangelical and devout.

Professor Samuel C. Schmucker, of the West Chester Normal School, one of the foremost naturalists and doctors of science in the Eastern States, a lecturer in great demand in University Extension circles and at the New York Chautauqua, sends a valued memorial of his distinguished father, Rev. Dr. Beale M. Schmucker, a leader in the American Lutheran Church, and the greatest liturgical scholar it has produced. The high standard of the General Council's Church Book, both in English and German, is chiefly due to his eminent liturgical and hymnological learning, his mature and churchly taste, his indefatigable research and impartial judgment. In almost every department of the Church's work, of organization, education, government, mission, and cultus, he held a prominent position.

Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D., a noble and lamented worker of our India field, receives his honor from the Augustana Society. At the time of his death he was vice-chairman of the Mission Council in India, and had the implicit confidence of his fellow missionaries, and of the whole Church. He leaves an eminent record of faithful courage, patient endurance, self-sacrificing devotion, and successful effort. Under his leadership many strongholds of heathenism were taken and converted into fortresses of Christianity. Many enemies of the cross were captured and enlisted in the army of Christ. May the Lord raise up successors to continue the work his hands have dropped.

Dr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, as a distinguished theologian and profound scholar, pre-eminently deserves the high title of being the Father of the General Council. He was also its President from 1870 to 1880. Before his election as professor in the Philadelphia Seminary, he was a pastor in Baltimore, Pittsburgh,

and St. Mark's, Philadelphia. As editor of *The Lutheran*, he made this official organ a powerful weapon in defense of true standards of faith and practice. He was peculiarly fitted to transplant pure, conservative Lutheranism into the sphere of the English language, and thus make its future in this country secure.

He was also Vice-Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, where he filled the chair of mental and moral philosophy. The foremost classic from the pen of this prolific writer is "The Conservative Reformation and its Theology."

Sister Wanda von Oertzen, the second Frau-Olerin of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, comes from one of the most talented families of Mecklenburg's nobility. Having lost her father early in life, she was raised chiefly by her mother, and early came into contact with Inner Mission work. Later she assisted another young noble-woman in conducting a Home for destitute and orphaned children. When the call from the Philadelphia Motherhouse reached her, with her aged mother's consent, she accepted this call, and after familiarizing herself with the Deaconess work, as carried on especially at Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, she arrived in Philadelphia in 1888. She soon won the fullest confidence of Mr. John D. Lankenau the President of the German Hospital, as well as of the Deaconess Motherhouse, founded by him, and she proved herself equal to the great task imposed upon her by both institutions. Her striking personality will be remembered by all who have ever met her, and her great executive ability and tireless energy did much to help the Sisters overcome the immense difficulties of that early period. After several years of suffering, she finally sought relief in Berlin, but the best specialists pronounced her case hopeless. She died on November 14, 1897, at the Deaconess Hospital "Bethanien," in Berlin, faithfully nursed to the last by Dr. Marie L. Bauer, of Philadelphia, who had accompanied her at Mr. Lankenau's request.

Dr. Carl Swensson was a born leader of men. Both in stalwart physique and in commanding personality, he was a veritable Saul among his fellows in any assembly, towering head and shoulders above the average. In his early youth he enjoyed the privilege of having Dr. N. Forsander among his teachers. After graduating from Augustana College and Seminary, he was called, in 1879, to Bethany Church, Lindsborg, Kansas. This parish engrossed the labors of his entire ministry, so fruitful of lasting results. In 1881, he founded Bethany College, which has since become widely fa-

mous. For this cherished institution he lived, and in literal truth, for it he died. Into its very warp and woof his whole great soul was wrought.

In 1901 he was honored by King Oscar II of Sweden with the distinction of the "Order of the North-Star" title, by nomination of his warm personal friend, Bishop von Scheele. The General Council elected him its English Secretary in 1885, and its President in 1894. On account of his taking a Christian citizen's active interest in civic righteousness, he was a delegate from the State of Kansas to the Republican National Convention in St. Louis, in 1896, and he had previously been a member of the Kansas Legislature in 1889-90. Other public organizations to which he sustained official relationship were the Kansas State Teachers' Association (president in 1889-90), the State Historical Society, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the World's Columbian Exposition Staff in Chicago, and afterwards the St. Louis Exposition. His pen was active as an editor and author, he was the founder of the Bethany Publishing Company, and one of the most zealous promoters of the Augustana Book Concern in Rock Island. His signal musical abilities were of eminent service to the Hymnal Committee, and especially in instituting the renowned Messiah Festival of Bethany College, which has come to be an annual event of outstanding prominence in the Middle West. His life was cut off in the very noonday zenith of its usefulness, in the forty-seventh year of his age.

The three foregoing memorials have been placed by Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, of the General Council Society's executive board, who also memorializes Mrs. U. S. G. Bertolet, one of the most faithful officers and devoted workers of the Philadelphia Conference Society. She was translated to the church triumphant two years ago, and her responsive heart and willing hands are often called to cherished remembrance by her former associates.

Dr. S. A. Repass was eminent as a pastor, as a theologian, and as a citizen. Seldom does a pastor stamp the impress of his personality upon a congregation as did Dr. Repass upon St. John's, of Allentown. The most devoted of pastors, he loved best that portion of his work which brought him into the homes of his people, and he was most faithful in his regular and frequent visitation.

A frequent contributor to *The Church Review*, his store of theological knowledge was not wrapped in a napkin after his departure from the South, where he was a professor in the Southern Theological Seminary. His



REV. S. A. REPASS, D.D.
ALLENTOWN, PA.
1836-1906



REV. AUGUST ROHRIG
HAZLETON, PA.
1874-1916



MR. W. WARREN WATTLES
PITTSBURGH, PA.
1842-1914



MRS. M. A. WELDER
REAMSTOWN, PA.
1856-1909

knowledge and teaching ability were most fruitful in Muhlenberg College, as professor of evidences of Christianity.

The city of Allentown loved him, where he labored not only for his congregation, but for the community, and the splendid Allentown Hospital is a monument to his public spirit and that of others, who concerned themselves with the bodily welfare of their fellow-citizens. Dr. Repass labored for two worlds.

Mr. W. Warren Wattles, of Pittsburgh, was for years past the standing delegate of the First Church to all Conference and Synodical meetings, and he invariably headed the list of the Pittsburgh Synod's lay delegates to the General Council, where he served on important committees, and was a member of the Porto Rico Mission Board. He was a brother of Mr. Wm. W. Wattles, who is also one of our honored memorialized laymen, and whose generous beneficences to the Council's educational and missionary enterprises are well known. The four sisters of the Wattles brothers each married a Lutheran minister, hence the family has exerted a widely-felt influence in Church life.

Not only the missionary society and the congregation of Christ Church, but the entire community in Hazleton laments the passing away of Rev. August Rohrig, so soon after attaining his full-orbed usefulness. Able and devout, his work was singularly blessed in the two parishes he shepherded during his brief life. He was kind and considerate, broad in his views of Christian brotherhood, and intensely interested in all the general courses of the Church. His first charge in New Britain, Conn., was a mission in its earliest stages, while in Hazleton, his Church was the largest of the Protestant denominations. His mental acumen and executive capacity were equal to the larger sphere, but the strain was too great for his physical endurance, and the short span of nine

years ended his earthly ministry. It is certain, however, that the precepts he taught, and the earnest, consistent life that he led, will not be forgotten.

The memory of Mrs. M. A. Welder, wife of Rev. B. G. Welder, pastor of the Reamstown charge of the Lancaster Conference, was honored by her husband. Mrs. Welder was an active friend of missions, and in her quiet manner, she aided the cause in every way possible. Her loss is greatly felt by the workers with whom she labored.

Mrs. Ernest Neudoerffer, or Dr. Julia Van Der Veer, as she was formerly known, whose sudden death in India followed so soon after the loss of Dr. Isaacson, was given this appreciation by the combined Central Canada and Nova Scotia Societies. Dr. Julia was a consecrated deaconess first, then a graduate physician, later a medical missionary in the Rajahmundry field, and, in 1907, she married Pastor Neudoerffer. As a wife and mother, no less than in other spheres, she had great influence among the natives. The care of her home and children never debarred her from continuing her active participation in the work of the Mission. Wherever her help was need, there it was given, and her loss will be hard to replace.

Miss Louise E. Kaehler, the warm-hearted and capable head of the Lutheran Church Home, Buffalo, has given the second memorial of the Kaehler family, that of her aunt, Miss Marie A. Kaehler, who was, indeed, a true Mary. Yet, with her loving devotion to her Saviour, united the faithful Martha service to others. She remained at home in Germany with her parents when her brothers and sisters went to America. Twenty years later, when neither father or mother needed her care any more, she was gratefully and affectionately welcomed to homes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Canada. The last



SISTER WANDA VON OERTZEN
PHILA. MOTHER-HOUSE
1838-1897



MISS MARIE A. KAEHLER
PRESTON, ONT., CAN.
1818-1893



DR. JULIA NEUDOERFFER
MEDICAL MISSIONARY
1875-1915



MRS. U. S. G. BERTOLET
PHILADELPHIA
1869-1913

twenty years of her life were spent in the home of her brother, the late Rev. H. C. Kaehler, at Preston, Ont. She was the much-beloved "Tante Marie" to a large number of nephews and nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

LIFE-MEMBERS

The ten life-members received this quarter complete our list of 140 for the biennium. The first two are those of children: Elizabeth Praetorius, ten years of age, enrolled by her mother, Mrs. George Otto Praetorius, a member of Christ Church, Hazleton, Pa.; and August Casselman Rohrig, born January 29, 1915, a son of the late Rev. August Rohrig. His wife is now living at her former home in Morrisburg, Ont., with her two boys, both of whom are life-members of this Society. Baby August was enrolled by the Girls' Mission Band of Christ Church. Mrs. Gertrude L. C. Messner, an interested worker in the Lancaster Conference, and a member of its Executive Committee, was honored by a few intimate friends in her congregation.

Mrs. J. C. Casselman, president, was presented with her life-membership by the Central Canada Society, as a tribute for her untiring zeal.

Mrs. Rebecca C. Frederick, as the widow of the former editor and publisher of *The Lutheran*, has always been interested in church work at large. Her membership was a birthday gift of her daughter, rs. A. W. Leibensperger, of Lebanon, the daughter herself being a life-member.

Mrs. Louie Kaufman is a native of New York State, but is now living in Toronto, a faithful member of St. Paul's Church and its missionary society.

The treasurer of our General Council Society, Mrs. Menno A. Reeb, of Buffalo, has again generously supported this Department, and enriched our Honor Roll with the names of her three daughters, Mrs. Henrietta Reeb Schaefer, Miss Louretta M. Reeb, and Miss A. E. Estelle Reeb.

A welcome worker for the foreign field going out from Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa., this month, to India, is Miss Anna E. Rohrer, the sister of Dr. Amy Rohrer Neudoerffer. She goes, after an unusually thorough medical training, to be known as "The Children's Nurse," in the Rajahmundry Hospital. Her membership is given by the Lancaster Conference Society.

Her associate volunteer, Miss Virginia M. Boyer, comes from the Zellenople Society, whose heart and prayers affectionately follow her as she goes to distant India. The fervent hope of us all is that God's abundant blessing will rest upon the labors of every new worker, and every veteran worker, and every worker who has not yet enlisted, but ought to go.

Received September 7, 1913, to August 14, 1915	
Life Memberships, 139	\$1,390.00
In Memoriam Fund, 57	1,430.00
Balance, September 7, 1913.....	10.00
Total for Biennium	2,830.00
Paid to Treasurer	2,805.00
Balance, August 14, 1915.....	25.00

Life Mem'l

General Council Soc. (Lit. Dept.)...	0	1
Pennsylvania Synodical	0	2
Allentown Conference	13	4
Philadelphia Conference	13	13
Norristown Conference	18	4
Lancaster Conference	15	7

THE THANKS OF THIS DEPARTMENT ARE HEREBY HEARTILY TENDERED TO ALL ITS GOOD FRIENDS. WILL YOU BE NUMBERED AMONG ITS NEW ONES?

Reading Conference	5	1
Wilkes-Barre Conference	9	5
Danville Conference	6	0
Pottsville Conference	0	0

Penna. Min., Total 79 36

Pittsburgh Synodical	0	2
Pittsburgh Conference	4	1
Greensburg Conference	3	4
Erie Conference	4	2
Western Conference	5	0
Kittanning Conference	6	2
Ridway Conference	0	0

Pittsburgh Synodical, Total.. 22 11

Eastern Conference, N. Y.	6	0
Western Conference, N. Y.	8	2

N. Y. & N. E. Synodical, Total 14 2

Ohio Synodical	7	2
Chicago Synodical	0	1
Augustana Synodical	1	1
Eastern Conference, N. W.	3	1
Central Conference, N. W.	3	0

Total N. W. Synodical..... 6 1

Central Canada Synodical	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Nova Scotia Synodical	0	$\frac{1}{2}$

COMPLETE HONOR ROLL

September 13, 1911, to August 14, 1915

Life-Memberships	273
Life-Members Deceased	3
"In Memoriam"	101
Memorialized Twice	3

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. K. SANDFORD, *Chairman.*

IN MEMORIAM

Artman, Major E. A.	Philadelphia
Bader, Mrs. Elizabeth	Phoenixville, Pa.
Baer, Mr. Reuben A.	Lancaster, Pa.
Bartholomew, Mrs. Adeline	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Bassler, Rev. Gottlieb	Zellenople, Pa.
Bauer, Rev. E. A.	Lehigh, Pa.
Beates, Miss Ella L.	Lancaster, Pa.
Bertolet, Mrs. U. S. G.	Philadelphia
Bruning, Rev. H. H., D.D.	White Haven, Pa.
Buchmiller, Mrs. Mary A.	Lancaster, Pa.
Cassaday, Mrs. E. R.	Philadelphia
Cossmann, Rev. Carl Ernst	Lunenburg, N. S.
Custer, Mrs. Charles J.	Pottstown, Pa.
Eisenhard, Mrs. Mary M.	Allentown, Pa.
Engler, Mrs. Adolph	New York City
Erdmann, Rev. Hugo R.	Johnstown, Pa.
Evald, Rev. Carl, D.D.	Chicago, Ill.
Fon Dersmith, Mr. Charles A.	Lancaster, Pa.
Frederick, Mrs. Sarah Helfrich	Greenville, Pa.
Gable, Mrs. Zenas H.	Birdsboro, Pa.
Glasow, Rev. Paul F. A.	Johnstown, Pa.
Grahn, Rev. Hugo, D.D.	Philadelphia
Greenwald, Rev. Emanuel, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.
Harpster, Rev. J. Henry, D.D.	Rajahmundry, India
Heintz, Mrs. Margaret P.	Philadelphia
Heyer, Father	Missionary
Helfrich, Mr. J. W.	Carrollton, Ohio

Highland, Mrs. S. T.	Amanda, Ohio
Hirzel, Rev. C. J.	Philadelphia
Horn, Rev. E. T., D.D.	Mt. Airy, Pa.
Horne, Mrs. M. C.	Reading, Pa.
Isaacson, Rev. H. E., D.D.	Rajahmundry, India
Kaehler, Mrs. Heinrich Christian	Preston, Ont.
Kaehler, Miss Marie A.	Preston, Ont.
Keppner, Rev. D. K.	Pottstown, Pa.
Kepple, Miss Elizabeth	Leechburg, Pa.
Kerr, Albertina	Chicago, Ill.
Knauff, Mrs. H. W.	St. Paul, Minn.
Korb, Mr. Louis B.	Philadelphia
Korb, Mrs. Barbara	Philadelphia
Kostenbader, Mrs. Matilda	Catasauqua, Pa.
Krauth, Rev. C. P., D.D., LL.D.	Philadelphia
Krotel, Rev. Gottlob F., D.D., LL.D.	New York City
Kuntz, Mr. Henry	Slatington, Pa.
Laird, Rev. Samuel, D.D.	Philadelphia
Lankenau, Mr. John D.	Philadelphia
Lucas, Mrs. C. J.	Preston, Ont.
Luther, Dr. Martin	Germany
Mann, Rev. William J., D.D., LL.D.	Philadelphia
Maurer, Miss Ottilia W. M.	Philadelphia
Metz, Mrs. A. E.	Middle Lancaster, Ohio
Miller, Rev. William J., D.D.	Greensburg, Pa.
Mizer, Mrs. Margaret C.	Evans' Creek, Ohio
Muhlenberg, Rev. Henry Melchoir, D.D.	Philadelphia
Myers, Mrs. Emeline C.	Middle Lancaster, Pa.
Neudoerffer, Mrs. Ernest	Rajahmundry, India
Nicum, Rev. John, D.D.	Rochester, N. Y.
Ochse, Sister Caroline	Milwaukee Motherhouse
Oertzen, Sister Wanda von	Philadelphia Motherhouse
Passavant, Rev. William A., D.D.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Passavant, Rev. W. A., Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rath, Rev. Jacob Boehm	Bethlehem, Pa.
Repass, Rev. S. A., D.D.	Allentown, Pa.
Reiter, Mrs. D. H.	Quakertown, Pa.
Rengier, Rev. Richard C.	Butler, Pa.
Rohig, Rev. August	Hazleton, Pa.
Royer, Mr. J. D.	Pottstown, Pa.
Sadtler, Rev. Benjamin, D.D.	Baltimore, Md.
Sanner, Rev. Daniel	Tremont, Pa.
Schaeffer, Rev. Wm. Ashmead, D.D.	Germantown, Pa.
Schantz, Rev. F. J. F., D.D.	Myerstown, Pa.
Schmauk, Rev. B. W.	Lebanon, Pa.
Schmauk, Mrs. Wilhelmina	Lebanon, Pa.
Schmucker, Rev. Beale M., D.D.	Pottstown, Pa.
Schmidt, Rev. H. C., D.D.	Rajahmundry, India
Schortz, Mrs. Elmira L.	Nazareth, Pa.
Seiss, Rev. Jos. A., D.D., LL.D., L.H.D.	Philadelphia
Sener, Mr. W. Z.	Lancaster, Pa.
Sibole, Rev. J. L.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Smith, Rev. O. P., D.D.	Pottstown, Pa.
Smith, Rev. J. L., D.D.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Spaeth, Rev. Adolph, D.D., LL.D.	Philadelphia
Spicker, Rev. Prof. Geo. F., D.D., LL.D., Mt. Airy, Pa.	
Spicker, Rev. Charles G.	Scranton, Pa.
Steinhauer, Rev. J., D.D.	Allentown, Pa.
Stetler, Mrs. Rebecca	Syracuse, Ind.
Stopp, Mr. John	Allentown, Pa.
Swenson, Rev. Carl, D.D., R.N.O.	Lindsborg, Kan.
Swenson, Miss Charlotte	Rajahmundry, India
Swingle, Mrs. Lydia Ann	S. Zanesville, Ohio
Swope, Mrs. T. W.	Erwinna, Pa.
Ulery, Rev. W. F.	Greensburg, Pa.
Wattles, Mr. William W.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Wattles, Mr. W. Warren	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Weidner, Rev. R. F., D.D., LL.D.	Maywood, Ill.
Weaver, Mrs. William T.	Allentown, Pa.
Weiskotten, Rev. F. W.	Philadelphia
Welder, Mrs. M. A.	Reamstown, Pa.
Yount, Rev. A. L., D.D.	Greensburg, Pa.
Zuber, Rev. Ludwig	Trevorton, Pa.
Zuber, Mrs. Carolina	Trevorton, Pa.

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Home Missions Expansion

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After four years of persistent presentation of this work, through correspondence, periodicals, tracts and addresses before conventions, the Home Mission cause of our Women's Missionary Society has only just begun to be taken up with some little degree of enthusiasm. Hence we wish to say that the total of our present financial exhibit is not a thermometer of the Home Mission temperature of our women of tomorrow.

Each year the chairman sent out our "Red-letter" envelopes, to be used during the Lenten season. If another time suits any Society better, you are free to use them when you wish. BUT DO USE THEM SOME TIME! After Lent, gather the amount promptly and send it in, so that Conference and Synodical officers can close their reports on July 1st, the end of our financial year.

A leaflet was prepared and sent to every pastor in the English portion of the General Council. One direct result was that even some congregations which have no organized Missionary Society as yet, sent for our envelopes.

By reason of the removal of my home, last year, nearer the center of our English congregations, I enjoyed the privilege of making a number of Home Mission addresses at anniversaries and conventions. My last talk was at the Kittanning Conference Society (Pittsburgh Synodical), which resulted in their making an annual pledge of \$150. As far as time and strength allow, I will be glad to present the cause before your convention. I am frequently asked, "What would be our local Society's share of the Women's Home Mission fund?" The answer is in the next paragraph.

The Board of English Home Missions asks that "the women assume an obligation to the General Board of \$6,000 for each year of the next biennium, 1915-1917. We ask them to assume it and secure it." Now, if this convention agrees to this request, your share would be:

Pennsylvania	\$2,720.00
Ohio	480.00
N. Y. and N. E.	720.00
Pacific	100.00
Chicago	200.00
Central Conf., N. W.	250.00
Eastern Conf., N. W.	250.00
Central Canada	200.00
Pittsburgh	980.00
Nova Scotia	100.00

These ten suggested amounts total exactly the \$6,000 asked for by the Board. The two North West Conference Societies have already pledged \$300 each, the excess of which will make up what the Pacific and Nova Scotia might not be able to reach. Chicago has pledged \$200; Nova Scotia, \$60.00, and the Kittanning Conference has pledged \$150. It is the pledge system which has made the foreign work of our women effective, and it is the only way in which our Home Mission work will be made successful. Let every delegate go home with a purpose in mind to get her Synodical Society to vote to pledge its share of this needed fund.

A year ago the Board of English Home Missions asked the Woman's Missionary Society to send a representative to the annual meetings of the Board. I was sent last November. The Board received me with courtesy and invited me to all sessions. The secretary of the Board informs me that, relying on the help promised by the women, they decided to call another field missionary, Rev. W. S. Ulrich, of Fargo, N. D., and he has accepted the North Dakota field.

In explanation of the following financial report, I wish to urge the officers interested to make special efforts to get accurate reports, and to get them in promptly. We have set July 1st as a reasonable time for the closing of books and the making of reports, so that we can have them in good time for our convention in September. This year some failed, and the result is that the table does not show all the moneys which we have reason to believe have really been given for this fund. If all that will have been paid in by the time the fall Synodical conventions meet, had been sent in early and reported, we think that the total would have reached very nearly if not altogether, the goal set by the Toledo Convention.

Cash Receipts as Reported

Name	Org.	First Year 1913-1914	Second Year 1914-1915	Annual Pledge
1. Ministerium of Pa.	1895	\$1,933.96	\$658.62	
2. Dist. Synod of Ohio	1901	119.23	162.41	
3. Cent. Conf. Synod, N. W.	1905	300.00	60.00	\$300.00
4. Pacific Synod	1906		26.22	
5. Chicago Synod	1908	336.36	195.00	200.00
6. Centr. Can. Synod	1909	93.87	31.15	
7. Pittsburgh Synod	1909	410.06	429.62	*
8. East. Conf. Synod, N. W.	1910	227.84	213.30	300.00
9. Nova Scotia Synod	1912		6.00	60.00
Totals, Nine Organizations.		\$4,529.65	\$3,246.91	

Biennium Total, Nine Organizations..\$7,776.56			
Biennium Report of			
10. N. Y. & New Eng.,			
Synod	1902	\$1,108.33	1,464.59
East. Conf. Society		354.00	
West. Conf. Society		679.18	1,033.18
Special contribution thru chairman		8.20	
*Special action of Kittinging Conf.,			
(Pittsburgh)			150.00
Grand Totals		\$7,784.76	\$1,010.00

Some may have sent their contributions directly to the Board. Such remittances are not included in the above table. Others sent a few small amounts directly to the Chairman of the department, as above.

The object of this fund is to secure an annual contribution of our Women's Societies for Home Missions over, and above, and distinct from the *congregational apportionment*. This money, turned over to the Board by our Synodical treasurers, is used to pay the salaries of the Field Missionaries. In a sense, these Field Missionaries are OUR MISSIONARIES, a noble company of men, our own representatives on the Home Field. We ought to be proud of this privilege that the Board has granted us. Now, some Synodical Societies are giving moneys directly to the support of their own Field Missionary. But, not being sent through the regular channels, I could not include the same in my report. There ought to be an arrangement made by which their moneys could be sent to the Board, and thus credit be given to our Home Mission fund.

That Home Missions may appeal to you not only through the ear, but also through the eye, some charts have been prepared. These might well be called, Primary Education applied to Home Missions. After the Spelling and Reading classes have recited, the Arithmetic chart alone furnishes material for seven thirty-minute addresses. I do not intend to include those seven articles in this issue. If you want any of them, just ask me to your next convention! A temperance lecturer, after a sweeping statement, once said, "There! let that soak in!" So I beg of you, study those Home Mission charts, and "Let it soak in!"

The General Council is the largest American Lutheran body, outside of the Missourians, whose work still lies largely in the German language. Now, in North America there are 8,000,000 baptized Lutherans. Of these, 4,000,000 are connected with the Church, congregation, Sunday School and parochial schools. Where are the other 4,000,000? And what are we doing for them?

Or consider the case of American Christendom in general. The population of the United States is 90,000,000. There are in direct connection with the Christian churches 40,000,

000. What are we doing for the other 50,000,000?

People say that they believe in Home Missions. The figures do not show it. Hundreds of Lutheran congregations are criminally careless in the matter of giving to Home Missions. Such a policy is suicidal. It means death to the Home Church. How then could we ultimately do what we ought to do for Foreign Missions?

One Lutheran body in America has kept careful records for four decades. The results of their study in the work of Home Missions, as shown in the following percentages, apply in the same proportions to our General Council work. If 100 per cent. be taken to represent the total amount paid by that body for Home Missions in 40 years, they discovered that 25 per cent. had been paid back by their mission congregations into their various benevolent objects; and that those same mission congregations had paid 500 per cent. for all objects! Do we not say well that in ordinary business such an investment would be called gilt-edge?

The above statement is only one of the many illuminating facts that are to be found in Hunt's Lutheran Home Missions. If you do not own a copy, be sure to get it at the literature table. If you do not buy another book while you are in Rock Island, be sure to buy this, the book that ought to be well studied in every local Society.

How many of our Field Missionaries do you know by face and by name? Did you ever hear about the little boy's reply to the other newsboy, who asked him on a Lord's Day morning, "Where are you going?" "Why," said he, "I gave a cent to the building fund of this little Church around the corner. I am going to see how my investment is getting along!" He had an interest in that Church because he had put a cent into it. Each of us has an interest in our Field Missionaries, because we are helping support them. Now, I am anxious for you to get acquainted with these, your missionaries; so I have put as many of them as possible into the exhibit. Their Churches are here also. They are very real. You have an interest in these men and in their achievements. Your gifts, in some small degree, have made possible some of this grand work.

These Field Missionaries are doing your work. We talk about sending out substitutes to do our share of world evangelization. Do we mean only evangelization outside of our beloved home land? Why are not these Home Missionaries just as truly our representatives as are those whom we send to other lands? We cannot all go; the work must be done; so these

are our substitutes. Now study that Field Missionary group. Look into their faces. Realize that they are doing for our scattered Lutherans right here in North America what Rev. Arps and Kuder and all the rest of our missionaries are doing for the Telugus. They are baptizing, teaching, gathering into congregations. And another thing that I want you to know is that the wives of our Home Missionaries are just as truly missionary workers as are our beloved Miss Schade, Miss Weiskotten, Miss Monroe, Dr. Nilsson, etc. True the work is not identical; but how unsparingly these wives give their time and talents—Sunday School teaching, Missionary Society, and Luther League work, directing choirs or playing the organ without pay, and sometimes without appreciation. Are they not true missionaries? When they marry the young preacher, and start off for Montana or Canada or the Coast, do we help them with their outfits? Do we give them public farewell services, and send them off with eclat? Hardly! Yet these are missionary heroines! People talk of the romance and heroism of Foreign missions; and instead of contradicting that statement, I glory in it. But let me tell you something. To build up a Home Mission Church, often against heavy opposition, and on insufficient salaries, takes just as much courage as to cross the ocean and tell the glad tidings to waiting millions. Out on the frontier, in the cities, north and south, east and west, there, in many a humble pastor's home, you find real missionary heroes. And my final word is the "Great Commission," that means work in Jerusalem and Judea, as well as in the uttermost parts of the earth.

WESTWARD HO!

So Kingsley cried out. So he entitled one of his books. For he wanted readers. Men and nations move westward on this planet. Even the sun in the heavens moves westward.

The facts about the West are so strange that the untraveled East verily believes that you belong to the Munchausen family when you tell them the ungarnished facts about our great West. For years Dr. Josiah Strong has been trying to drum it into our heads that the time will come when the West will dominate the East, and we have been feeling the force of his logic, but practically we have been keeping our eyes closed to the fact.

We Lutherans ought to be specially interested in the West, because our people are there in large numbers. They are the material from which will come the people who will dominate both the East and the West. Shall we keep them ours? That depends on what you

are going to do for them. We have lost much in the East, which, up to this day, has been exercising the controlling influence, and will for some time to come. But you already note that presidential timber is looming up in the West. Bryan, of Nebraska, has been the peerless leader of Democracy; Borah, of Idaho, is looming up large on the Republican horizon, and Johnston, of California, is being groomed by the Progressives. These are only straws which show which way the wind is blowing.

When the Rev. F. W. Klingensmith leaves our Eastern climate, with the slender hope of recovery in the pure air of Colorado and Montana, he must come back twice from the Mountain State (where the Eastern dead men come to life) and retell the opportunities of the West before we will half credit the facts. On that second trip we so overwork him, in our humid atmosphere, that he goes back collapsed again and is now making another and quite hopeful fight for life, so that he may go to the Pacific Seminary and call to his Eastern friends for help to erect buildings and endow professorships, so that the young men of the West may be prepared to keep Christian the incoming millions of our people, who will go Westward where the star of empire wends its way.

Why did we build the Panama Canal? Why now, and not before? We never really do anything until we are compelled. Think it out for yourself. We don't even come to God until all other avenues are closed against us. Germany saw that she must cease to be exclusively an agricultural country, must enter upon manufacture, and supply not only herself but Europe and South America if she would sustain and retain her increasing population. She so succeeded that we could not compete with her, either in Europe or South America. Because we had to seek new markets, we had to open the Panama Canal. We are thus seeking the trade of the awaking nations on the other side of the Pacific. Hence, the majority of the incoming immigrants will be located on the Western slope, and the Pacific Coast will become the great highway of commerce.

Dr. Josiah Strong says in "Expansion": For thousands of years the Mediterranean—the Mid-Earth Sea—was the center of the world's commerce, wealth and power. With the discovery and development of the new world that center was transferred to the Atlantic. During the twentieth century it will pass to the Pacific, which will become and remain the Mid-Earth Sea—the new "Mediterranean"—of the world's future. The Suez Canal gave England immense advantage. The Panama Canal

will transfer that advantage to the United States, with the certainty that it cannot be shifted by any geographical cause. The commercial supremacy of the Pacific will be final. These facts prove that the Western coast will be the busiest hive of trade on earth. The great immigration from other lands, which has hitherto settled on the Eastern slope and its hinterland, will now turn to California, Washington and Oregon. And the great States of Idaho, Montana, etc., will furnish the raw material for its manufactures, and the food to sustain it. Seattle will become the New York, Tacoma the Boston, Portland the Philadelphia and San Francisco the Baltimore of the Pacific Coast. The young Lutherans, whose fathers hold the hinterlands in those Western States will move to the coast cities, and the vast tide of immigrants from all the world will fill them with an ever-increasing population. Then there will be thrown upon the Pacific Synod a herculean task, to which we ought not to permit it to go single-handed. There will be an opportunity for our Lutheran Church such as never came to it in the past.

We are not discounting the East. Great opportunities will still present themselves in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities, etc. These will not cease to grow. But they will not grow in the same proportion as the cities of the coast, nor will our rural districts grow as the rich hinterland of that Western slope. Besides, in the East we have large Synods, with well-equipped Colleges and Theological Seminaries, and with

a vast host of supporters behind them, whilst on the Pacific Coast our General Council has no College, and only the beginning of a Theological Seminary. We have a fine plot of ten acres, with two houses for professors, a magnificent location, covered by a \$20,000 mortgage, fostered by a small Synod heroically struggling to maintain one professor, praying for help to complete its faculty, to remove its indebtedness and to erect the needed buildings.

True, there are thousands upon thousands of Lutherans within easy reach of the Seminary. But they are not *English* Lutherans. They are Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes and Finns. Most of them are recent immigrants struggling to get a foothold. Their financial resources are taxed to support congregations and erect Churches in which the language of our country is not employed to hold the anglicizing children of these foreign-born fathers and mothers.

Can we expect the Pacific Synod, with only 2,000 communicant members, to successfully struggle with its heroic task unaided? It is only because they are unable that they ask your aid. The opportunity is here, and the time has come for us to build upon the solid foundation. Now is the time to erect a \$50,000 main building, and to endow four professors' chairs at \$50,000 each. Without a School of the Prophets, well-equipped to furnish the Church an increasing number of young men to preach the Gospel, the grand opportunity on that Western coast will slip from our hands. That surely you will never permit. J. C. KUNZMANN,

Gen'l Supt. English Home Missions.

Our Part in This Winters Missionary Campaign

BY J. CAMPBELL WHITE, IN "MEN AND MISSIONS"

If we could see the coming campaign in its actual significance before it occurs, probably every one of us would make it the leading object to work for and pray for during the next six months. It ought to be the outstanding religious event in the whole Christian Church throughout the United States this winter, and it *may* be. It ought to be the means of converting tens of thousands of laymen to a new missionary conviction and purpose, and probably will be. It ought to make active workers out of the great numbers of idle Christians. It will probably make devout Christian stewards out of many who are now laying up for themselves treasures on earth. It should set multitudes of Church members at the habit of daily Bible reading and intercessory prayer. It ought to release an army of personal workers.

From conventions of this sort, these re-

sults are to be expected. Many other equally striking results will be secured. No one can begin to compute or estimate the outreach into the world, and into the future, of such a campaign. The whole Church ought to be different after the campaign is over. There may be the greatest national spiritual awakening this winter in America that we have had during our generation. And everyone of us may have an important part in bringing it about. What then are some of the ways of helping to make the campaign most far-reaching and effective?

First of all, make it a matter of habitual prayer. The amount we really care may be fairly measured by the burden of prayer that we carry. And if we really pray ourselves, it will be natural that many others through us will be led also to share in the work of intercession. For prayer both makes things pos-

sible and gets things done that never occur in its absence. The prayer leaflets supplied without charge by the Laymen's Missionary Movement will be a great help to you in spreading the prayer-spirit. Your own Missionary Headquarters will gladly forward to you as many as you desire, upon request.

Secondly, see how many men you can influence to attend one of the conventions. It may mean the greatest spiritual blessing that has ever come into the lives of your friends. Do not let the chance to help them go by unused. Here are a few ways to go to work:

1. Interview some picked men in your own church, see if they cannot be led to go as delegates to the nearest convention.

2. Write to people whom you know in other places, and ask them to do the same thing. This campaign is meant to cover the entire United States, and every man in every church is eligible as a delegate.

3. Write to men whom you know anywhere in the country, and urge them to become delegates without fail. One letter of this kind may lead to a decision that will change a whole life. Women can help in this way as well as men.

4. In the case of men who ought to go, and cannot afford the expense, devise some means of raising a fund to help pay their expenses.

5. Get every minister to attend if at all possible. In most cases they will be furnished free entertainment by the convention cities.

All of these things and many more can be done by those who are really interested in enriching the life of men of the Church. The urgently important thing to feel now is that this campaign furnishes to every Christian man one of the very greatest opportunities of his life. Says Mr. W. E. Doughty, in an editorial:

In the first place, the various communions are making plans for participation in the Campaign on a scale and with a thoroughness never before attempted. This fact gives heartening assurance that the leaders of the churches have a growing confidence in the Movement and the principles for which it stands.

In the second place the word most frequently heard in discussions concerning the campaign is the word "Conservation." Not a single convention will be held as an end in itself. Much more time will be given, larger sums of money spent and more workers employed in planning for conservation and in actually conserving and extending the influences of the campaign than for any other purpose whatever. This is as it should be. The campaign of 1909-10 rendered an invaluable service

to the missionary cause by creating a new national attitude toward missions. The present campaign begins with a national preparation and ripeness impossible before. The deepest concern of all the leaders in the campaign is therefore that everything possible shall be done to permanently enrich the life of all the communions not for their own sakes but for the sake of the world.

[Among the cities to be visited during October are: Chicago, Buffalo and Pittsburgh. During November: Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Milwaukee. During December: Albany, Cleveland and Toledo. During January: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester and Reading. During February: Rock Island, Richmond and Columbia. During March: Columbus, Harrisburg, Scranton. During April: New York and Brooklyn. Then in the Easter Week, the national missionary congress in Washington, D. C.—EDITOR.]

On motion of E. Aug. Miller, Esq., seconded by James H. Wolfe, Esq., a resolution was adopted by the Church Extension Board last month, commending the coming Nation-wide campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and assuring its executive officers that we will follow the progress of the enterprise with our deepest interest and fervent prayers.

THE HALF-MILLION DOLLAR FUND

BY DR. A. STEIMLE, CHAIRMAN

An "educational" fund in a missionary journal? None other deserves more mention, because it is the mission work of the Church par excellence. Like the miner in the pit, making possible the smoking chimney that betokens industrial progress; like the transformer in the power-house, which the consumer of electricity may never see, but which is vital to his needs; so college and seminary are the primary sources of the missionary enterprises of the Church. Not only because Muhlenberg College and the Philadelphia Seminary have furnished many men who are carrying forward the missionary banner in foreign home, and inner mission efforts, but chiefly because they are vital centers—what Berlin and Vienna, or Paris and London are to-day to the opposing armies. Their cause is the cause of every earnest friend of missions. And this is the hour of their need. Shall I remind the Church how it has called men to professorships in the Seminary, without concern about their losing more lucrative positions by obeying the mandate of the Church? Or that the average salary of Muhlenberg's professors is less than the wages paid to the workers who are erecting the new building on its campus? Must the story of the modern equipment needed in both

Institutions be retold in these days of great enterprises and large operations in other fields? Of large Universities and heavily-endowed Colleges in the educational field, which draw away our young men, because they are supplied with the magnet of complete equipment? One man built the magnificent Krauth Memorial Library, for the use of the whole Church as well as the Seminary, and spent over one hundred thousand dollars in doing it. Is it too much to ask the whole rest of the Church to endow it, as endowed it must be? Could the College surrender its important Preparatory School, hitherto in a ramshackle building and now crowded out, even there, and in dire need of up-to-date apparatus? Students in both Institutions have been in better health since the dining-halls were instituted,—both products of sheer necessity,—but the Church, as yet, has not paid for either. In spite of much stretching and rigid economy, these children of the Church have outgrown their scant raiment, and there is no more hem to leave out!

Nor ought it be necessary to detail the accomplishments of these two Institutions, in spite of these impediments. They are too well known. In the one field of missionary leadership alone, they have justified their existence and their present appeal.

The half-million dollar fund for the present emergency has made good strides. No praise can be too high for Dr. Keiter and his inadequate staff of workers, for the accomplishment of the herculean task in the enlisting of interest on the part of so large a constituency, in a work which was known to the great mass only in name. What will mean the development of our giving capacity, to so great an extent that our conservative congregations are growing enthusiastic in the contemplation of giving five times as much for this cause, with three years' training, as for all the other causes together, for some of which they have been educated to give for a hundred years? The Pennsylvania Ministerium is aroused. The Conferences have willingly shouldered what once looked like great sums. The city of Lancaster has furnished a good illustration of the Every-Member Canvass teamwork that alone can win the day.

October thirty-first, for the completion of the fund, is too soon for some of our city congregations, with all their powers of recuperation taxed to overcome the inertia due to the Summer exodus. But,—why not a sharp and decisive movement in October? A quick mobilization of volunteers, and a decisive engagement, without thought of retreat? It will be the most effective antidote to the Summer

somnolence our congregations ever experienced. Let the hosts of the whole Ministerium move together as their leaders moved in this matter at the June Convention, in Philadelphia. Yea, the Synod of New York and New England refuses to have "the curse of meroz" put upon them. They have resolved to move with the old Mother Synod, and want to have a big share in this enterprise. The New York Ministerium, too, has called upon its congregations to help the Seminary. Even the Pittsburgh Synod, in spite of its big effort for Thiel, has commended the cause of the Seminary to its people. If only *all* would catch the vision, it would rouse their passion and result in action, that would complete this fund by Reformation Day.

OUR SLAV WORK

MISS LAURA R. SWOPE, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Says Dr. Perry, the missionary at Ports of Entry, representing the Council of Women for Home Missions: The problem that for many years has been puzzling the politicians, reformers and the various Missionary Societies has been settled, for the time at least, by the European War.

Immigration is now restricted, not by any principle of discrimination adopted by experts or by any law of exclusion enacted by Congress. We are having a breathing spell. Time has been given for the process of assimilation to have a chance. Overcrowding has ceased. Indeed the cry has been coming from some industrial centers that our industries are threatened with disaster on account of the need of foreign labor.

During the ten months ending with April, 1915, instead of receiving immigrants at the rate of more than three thousand daily, as in the year ending June 30, 1914, we received only thirty thousand monthly, or at the rate of one thousand daily, a decrease of two-thirds. During the same period immigrants left our shores at the rate of twenty thousand a month, or two-thirds of the number admitted, making a net increase for ten months of only 110,858. If we reckon the number of those previously admitted, who were deported during this period, the net increase will be only about 100,000. This is only a fraction over ten thousand per month for the entire country. In ordinary times that many have been received at Ellis Island in two days. Even in this dull time there have been received at Ellis Island two thousand in one day, and of the number coming during the past ten months, 167,212 were received at Ellis Island, while of those returning from our shores within this period, 142,600 sailed from the New York harbor.

In the light of the foregoing data one can easily see that in the entire country there has been given a fine opportunity for careful consideration of our relations to the immigrant, our treatment of him and his message to us. It is certain that as a people we have never seriously apprehended the situation. The breathing spell is liable to be regarded as a time for a rest and relaxation of energy. We have caught ourselves saying, "There isn't so much to do now. 'Very few are coming over.'" Such an attitude is wholly contrary to the real meaning of this hour. It is not a time to sit idly by and to curtail activities, and to deceive ourselves with the thought that the immigrant now is not demanding from us very much of effort. It is the time, and the very best time we have had for years, to study conditions, to discover needs and develop methods of work that will enable the Christian Church to follow up the new-comer until he is "at home" in our land; to create such a spirit of genuine fellowship between Americans, "new" and "old," that there shall be established throughout our land a Christian brotherhood which knows "neither border, nor breed, nor birth," even the gracious and masterful "Brotherhood of the Sons of God."

A great work is being carried on among Lutheran Slavs in this country by Dr. A. L. Ramer, giving to them the Word of God and the Sacraments in their native tongue. The field extends over the entire United States, and the men available for the ministry among them are so few in number. One student is now studying in the Philadelphia Seminary, one in the Chicago Seminary, one in Thiel College, one in Michigan College, seven in the Allentown Preparatory School. Many more young men should be in our colleges and seminaries. Two difficult propositions hinder progress—namely, to find the men, then find their support. Financial matters are exceedingly troublesome at present.

Now that our Slav department has been fully organized, and we have a chairman in each Synod of the General Council, we hope that each Synodical Conference Society will endeavor to assume the support of a man in college.

Your chairman sent letters and literature to each Synodical chairman, also offering any amount of free literature desired upon application. This committee will need new literature on Slav work for the coming year.

We have a young Slovak woman in Philadelphia who has been very helpful, speaking at conventions and in congregations in the Pennsylvania Ministerium. We do feel that interest is growing, and with united effort we

must succeed.

The Home Mission movement for the evangelization of the foreign-speaking people in America is among the most prominent Christian enterprises of the present day. The hope of America lies in the success of this work. Nowhere have the followers of Christ been entrusted by their Master with a greater, a more divine task.

DEACONESS WORK

MRS. W. P. M. BRAUN, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Such work cannot be set forth in figures. Lives of service cannot be compressed into statistics. The devotion of our deaconesses, the unselfish service rendered the Church, so quietly, so steadfastly, day after day, because of love to the Master,—how can these be "reported" or tabulated?

Neither can we tell you, so definitely that you can count them on your fingers, just how many young women have been led to give themselves to the Deaconess work, since the establishment of this special department of the General Council Society. But we have made special effort to bring living deaconesses into living touch with our missionary conventions, that our women might better understand by such personal contact, and come to a more sympathetic appreciation of the Deaconess calling. Does any other phase of our organization work have a stronger claim to a large share of our co-operation and interest?

For years have we not stood off at a distance, in cold unconcern about the Deaconess, scarcely even mentioning her at all, except perhaps to listen to criticism? How many of us have taken the time to inform ourselves as to the true character of the high calling, and what it has meant of rescue and uplift? But the day of our negligence in this respect is past. We will no longer allow the women of our Societies to continue in ignorance and inertia, and worst of all not even caring to know the facts! Here and there the pastors of the different Institutions have perhaps been invited into a few congregations, to make an address at long intervals, but how often have their words fallen on unheeding ears!

At last, thank the Lord, we are aroused to determine that no longer shall this be. A new day is about to dawn on this neglected field. We women are going from this time henceforward, to awaken a wider interest, and a fuller participation in woman's ministry of mercy. Our resolute aim is to win many more of our capable, intelligent, well-equipped young women to the specific work as a life vocation. If we had scores of such women as pastors'

assistants, teachers, nurses, parish helpers, kindergarteners, what an impetus would be felt in all departments of the general work of the Church! Every phase of Inner Mission activity is suffering because of lack of a sufficient number of trained workers. To-day uplift work is *demanded* of the Church. Rightly do we call it the Church's Inner Mission. And surely we have the type of women in our membership,—consecrated, gifted, sympathetic women, who could and would enter upon this life special service, if it be win-
singly and forcefully presented.

Here then is our appeal to every missionary woman in the General Council, to lend her individual and ardent aid in this campaign, to win for our Mother-Houses candidates who will respond to the Deaconess calling. You will thus be rendering a double service,—first to the young woman herself, in influencing her to choose this Christ-like ministry, thus enriching her own life by consecrated service. And you will at the same time be enabling our Church to lengthen and broaden and heighten and deepen her practical Christian work.

A new series of leaflets, entitled "A Pocketful of Gems," gathered and set by our friend, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, has been issued as a special souvenir of this 1915 biennial convention. It is the most artistic and convincing set of leaflets ever published in this country, on the Deaconess work. The same set of six leaflets, in somewhat altered form, will be included in our *Monthly Program* packet for 1916, to be the basis of discussion, at one of our meetings during the coming year, when "The Deaconess" will be the special topic of our Women's Missionary Societies.

Surely such united, intensive study cannot but lead to active participation. May we not confidently count on reporting at our next biennial Convention, a large increase of competent accessions to the Deaconess force? Oh that we all might keenly realize that unless we now do our part, the Church of the future will be hampered because of insufficient workers, in those spheres which belong peculiarly to woman, and which she alone can fill!

ORGANIZING NEW SOCIETIES

MRS. M. J. BIEBER, CHAIRMAN

Most encouraging reports have been received, yet I feel sure more has been accomplished than has been reported. Letters come to us telling of the organization of societies not connected with any conference or synodical body; hence, it is very difficult to get a

correct report, yet we know that the seed is being sown throughout the land and results will follow.

Requests for "Constitution and Hints on How to Organize" have come from all parts of the country—300 English and 12 German Constitutions were sent out by request, besides a number to each chairman. Requests have also come from organized Bible Classes interested in missions.

In the Synodical Society of Central Canada the women of the German and English societies, feeling the need of co-operation, changed their name to the "Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Central Canada." Two Missionary Societies belonging to two of the strongest German congregations in the Canada Synod joined the Synodical Missionary Body, and through them the results have been greatly increased. The zeal of our women in Central Canada also asserts itself in raising \$2,000 towards building and furnishing the dining-room in the new Dormitory being erected on the Seminary grounds at Waterloo, Ontario. This means a great deal, especially at this time when many sacrifices are necessary to accomplish it.

Some of the Synodical Societies do not have organizing chairmen, in which case I send my requests for information to the Conference chairmen or presidents.

The statistical report shows that the Synodical Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania leads, with a gain of thirty-one new Societies during the biennium. The Pittsburgh Synodical follows, with twenty-six. One of its Conference Societies (Ridgeway) has a Missionary Society in every congregation.

The Synod of Central Canada also has a Missionary Society now in every one of its congregations and in some cases two or three. The Central Conference of the Northwest Synod likewise reports two more societies than congregations.

It is gratifying to note that every conference and synodical has grown in membership since the last biennium report, and what counts more than numbers is the missionary interest and enthusiasm manifested throughout the churches.

Not including the Augustana Society, there are reported 1,080 congregations, 541 Missionary Societies, with 85 new societies. This leaves just one-half of our congregations without Missionary Societies. What about this unorganized half? Certainly the chairman and the president of each Synodical Society will make a special effort to enlist their interest if possible before 1917.

Achievement of the Mission Study Class

MRS. F. A. KAHLER, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

It may seem difficult to make mission study statistical, but it is achieving results. Many more women are studying this year than last, and those who have studied faithfully find their horizon vastly extended and their lives taking new color and value. When our entire woman membership shall be enlisted in the interesting work, a great step will have been taken toward making the Lutheran church a conquering, missionary church.

Increased knowledge, greater fervor, new devotion, larger giving of time, strength, money and lives, follow the mission study class as naturally as flowers and fruit follow the proper care of plants. Consider, for a moment, our young women alone; their numbers are so splendid, their sweet-heartedness and intelligence so noble, their task so great, the certain results of their enlistment so beyond computation that one trembles as the vision unfolds. Heretofore the missionary societies have been made up chiefly of older women, mothers whose children are beyond the nursery and who have time for more church work than they could do when the children were little. Our mission study classes have, as a rule, sprung from the missionary societies, which do well, of course, to foster them. But we are changing all that now, or rather we are adding to it. Everywhere young women are eagerly taking up church and Sunday school work, and Inner, Home and Foreign missions. "What can I do this vacation for the Church?" asks one and another ardent student. "Have you any Sunday school work for me while I am home from school?" "Does the Hospice need me?" Have you noticed how the local Y. W. C. A. gathers in Lutheran girls and returned college women? Have you observed that the local McAll mission makes our young married women officers in its junior societies? Why? Because these and other organizations have been quicker than we Church women have been to see the rising desire for usefulness and to grasp the longing hand held out to be filled with Church work. It seems that we do not "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in," though we do certainly stand with wide-open arms to welcome the few who come in of their own accord.

Why not learn a lesson from others? Why not watch over the growing girls and when they are in high school, university or college make our work attractive to them with wise affection and prayerful tact?

"I'm not interested in missions" says one.

"Oh, why not?" answers another, "don't tell anyone that you are not; don't you know that the admission stamps you as uninformed, unchristian and behind the times? Don't let the girls find out that you feel that way about the greatest work in the world." And the answerer was one who "had no use for foreign missions" a few months ago. A mission study class had opened her eyes, and her friend's remark had caused her actual pain.

One writes "Our women are too timid for this work, they do not like to speak out in class." That seems too bad. Are these women timid in their homes, among their own friends, at their social gatherings? Do they never speak out in their clubs? There is an old statement that "where the treasure is there will the heart be also." Certainly where a woman's heart is there will her lips be also. She can speak about what she loves.

May I say a word to the individual woman? Do not suppose that you are not strong or wise enough to lead a class. Instances multiply where weak, even unlettered women have done wonderful work for God. "A heartening instance lately came to light" says Mrs. Montgomery, of the work of one girl in a single church. There were 350 women in it when she began and only about forty of them were members of the missionary society. She started to call on all the women to invite them to join the society. After a year of calling, prayer, explanation and invitation during which she made 1,000 calls, the proportions were reversed. All but about forty of the women were enrolled in the society as contributing members, and the contributions had increased from \$200 to \$1,200. When asked the secret of her amazing achievement, she said, "I prayed that God would give me tact to say the right word; I studied so that I might know and tell the facts, I distributed literature, I did not scold, I always spoke of the love of Jesus."

The Bible says "the fervent, effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much." We may surely read the word "woman as well as man" in that text.

At Gossner's grave it was said of him that "he prayed up the walls of the hospital; prayed mission stations into being; prayed missionaries into faith; prayed open the hearts of the rich and prayed gold from foreign lands." With like faith any Christian woman among us may do likewise. Let us pray more mission study classes into being. Let us pray more women to following our Lord. And let us pray peace

over all the earth.

Now, after Rock Island, what? More Mission study classes. What books shall we use? "The King's Highway" by Helen Barrett Montgomery, for established classes that have already done good work; "The Child in the Midst" by Mrs. Labaree, for classes just starting and needing thrills to catch and keep their interest; "Western Women in Eastern Lands" for classes that want to learn of general foreign work for women; "The Churches at Work," by Dr. Charles L. White, for classes caring most for Home Missions; and "The Colony of Mercy" and our course of books on the foreigner in our land for those who choose inner mission topics. "How to use" helps go with all these books. The books are all to be had from our Literature Headquarters, 805 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, for 30 cents, paper; 50 cents, cloth; postage, 10 cents; the helps for 10 cents. It is important that every member of the class own a copy of the book studied. Therefore, the price is low. See THE MISSION WORKER for books of higher price and published by our own publication house. Gladly would many of our classes use our own books if the prices were not prohibitive. Why not have 30 and 50 cent editions of "Lutheran Home Missions," "Problems and Possibilities," "Lutheran Missionary Heroes," "The Inner Mission," "The Deaconess and Her Work," and others of our very own?

Full reports of our mission study classes are crowding themselves out of THE MISSION WORKER. It takes too much space to publish the present report of classes with total registration, names of leaders and titles of books studied. We must be satisfied with figures of totals. The following is as near a correct a report as the returned cards allow the General Chairman to give.

Mission Study Classes in the Past Biennium

	1914	1915	Total
Pennsylvania Synod	74	90	164
Swedish Augustana	1	49	50
New York and New England	18	31	49
Pittsburgh	22	39	61
Northwest	6	14	20
Chicago	8	9	17
Ohio	6	9	15
Pacific	2	2	4
Central Canada	1	2	3
Nova Scotia	1	1	2
New York Ministerium	1	1	2
	139	246	385

The registration totals, approximately, 2,100 women.

OUR MISSIONARY EXHIBIT

BY MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN

The purpose of the Exhibit is to show the work of the Lutheran Church in such a way that it can easily be seen and remembered. Hence the charts of home and foreign work, pictures of our missionaries, scenes of every department of Inner Mission and educational work. Not only is the Exhibit helpful to a convention, but also to individual societies, church gatherings and young people's meetings. It ought to be used by every Sunday School to help train our boys and girls in missionary interest and work. Thus far it has not been used as it should be. During the past biennium it has only been to twenty-four places, an average of just one a month, whereas it easily could be sent to one a week. Whilst it is in a certain locality, it could make a tour of that section, each week at a different church, and in that way it will cost very little for transportation.

A number of new charts have been added, others rearranged, while the program and literature charts have been made over, thus leaving the number of charts about the same.

A new leaflet has been published, showing what the Exhibit is like and what its aim and object. Copies of this leaflet can be had for the asking.

The Exhibit has been to Philadelphia, Warren, Greensburg, Easton, Meadville, Shiremanstown, Catasauqua, Jamestown, Binghamton, Rochester, Albany, Elida, South Bend, Lopez, Sycamore, Rockford, Elgin, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

It was used by the Pennsylvania Synodical Society, New York and New England, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Augustana, North West, Ohio and also six charts of it by the Woman's Congress of Missions at the Panama Exposition, San Francisco, on June 6th, 1913.

One chart on methods, two on leaflets, one on periodicals and two on programs. Fifty-three leaflets were crowded on one chart. Although we are only four years old, we have an abundance of splendid literature. I felt more than pleased when word came back from our Pacific representative that our charts compared favorably with any others there. This ought to be an inspiration and incentive to us all. Let us rise to our possibilities, and put forth even more strenuous effort to show what we, as Lutheran women, can do. These charts have been presented to the Pacific Synodical Society.

Statement for the last two years: \$19.15 received and \$6.66 spent in 1914. \$22.39 received and \$6.95 spent in 1915. Balance, \$15.44.



The Foreign Field



INDIA MEDICAL MISSIONS

MISS MARY A. MILLER, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held in Rochester, last September, Mrs. Frank F. Fry resigned as chairman of this department and the present incumbent was elected as her successor.

At the same time Miss R. Elizabeth Petrich, of San Jose, Cal., whose pastor, professor and friends were pleased to give an exceptionally fine recommendation, was accepted as ward of this Society during the last year of her college studies and the years of her medical course. \$300 was needed for the last year of her course at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. Her medical course will be taken at the University of Pennsylvania, where, through the influence of Dr. Jacobs, a scholarship has been secured. This will materially lessen the expense of her support during the four years of her medical studies. But remember that board, clothing, books, etc., must still be provided for, and we have promised to make that provision. Let each one of us take this seriously to heart and do what she can in this matter. The \$300 for the first year has been paid, but the remaining years will require more. Let us not forget our ward nor her needs.

Since Dr. Betty Nilsson is our only doctor on the field in India, having entire charge of the hospital, the dispensary and all the medical work of our whole district, we are more than pleased at the prospect of having Miss Petrich go to her assistance. But this she cannot do in less time than four or five years. Will Dr. Nilsson be able to hold out that long alone? I should say most decidedly not. There is a limit to human strength and endurance. What then can be done at once in this matter? Is there not somewhere a Lutheran woman, a graduate of medicine or a practising physician, who will come to the rescue in response to this urgent emergency call?

Let us search diligently and pray earnestly that somewhere in our great body of General Council Lutherans a woman may be found to answer this pleading appeal.

WOMEN'S WORK IN INDIA

REV. GEO. DRACH, GEN'L SUPT.

One young woman, Miss Elizabeth Petrich, is your ward to be trained for work as a medical missionary. She will be ready to go to India in 1920. Meanwhile you must help to



MISS ELIZABETH PETRICH
OUR MEDICAL STUDENT, WHO WAS PRESENT WITH
US AT ROCK ISLAND

do two things for the medical work—namely (1) secure some one already trained and educated as a physician to be sent out, if not this fall, not later than the fall of 1916; (2) find one or more additional young women to be prepared for work as medical missionaries in our Telugu Mission.

Next year we must send out other women missionaries. Opportunities are awaiting them in the zenana work, in the school work and in the philanthropic and industrial work of the mission. Let us look for women of our church, well educated and well qualified in every direction.

Is it necessary to remind you that your continued, yea increasing effort for the financial support of the mission work is essential? Are you making a money sacrifice for your poor sisters? Do you remember the nature of the ministry of the godly women who surrounded Jesus? It was a ministry in earthly things—food, drink, entertainment, money—in order that they and their sisters might have His

heavenly blessing. Apply the lesson to your relation to the work of foreign missions.

Are you praying and studying over the foreign mission situation? Perhaps you are studying but not praying; then you may reap an intellectual gain, but will suffer a spiritual loss. While you emphasize the need of mission study, see that it is always accompanied and followed with mission prayer. I believe that it is just as important for me to tell you this as to quote mission statistics. Nevertheless, the mission statistics are more than interesting this year. They are positively encouraging. Think of 590 adult heathen women baptized by our missionaries in India during the year 1914 whom you helped to free from the bondage of their heathenism into the glad liberty of Christianity! Think of the 863 children living in the mission field whom you helped to holy baptism! Think of the 575 adult heathen men, husbands and fathers, who turned away from their dumb idols to worship and serve the true God! Shall I quote more statistics? Are there not 445 native men and women working to win their fellow-Telugus for Christ, and 5,298 children under constant Christian instruction in the mission schools whose plastic natures are being moulded into the image of Jesus? God has been wonderfully gracious and has marvellously blessed our mission work. Let us, therefore, realize our increased responsibility, and let us meet our greater obligation with willing hearts and ready hands to do our full share in the conquest of the world for Christ.

The quadri-centennial of the Reformation will also be the seventy-fifth anniversary of Father Heyer's departure for India as the first foreign missionary of the Lutheran Church in America. Will you not, therefore, in your celebration during the great year, mix in some foreign mission thought, some foreign mission zeal, some foreign mission achievement?

THE KOTOGIRI RESTHOUSES

BY MRS. F. A. KAHLER

The Kotogiri Resthouses were finished, approved and furnished early in the spring, and have been occupied by missionaries during all the hot season. Letters from India express the satisfaction and delight of the missionaries with the construction, arrangement and furnishing of both houses. Miss Monroe writes from Queen's Hill: "Whenever I look at the resthouses I feel like sending you at home a message of cheer. The appearance of the twin houses is good, and all unite in saying that they are most conveniently planned. The first house is occupied at present by Rev. and Mrs. Holmer and their two bright little boys, with Revs Wolters and Olsson part of the household.

The second house is the home of Rev. and Mrs. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Sipes with their interesting little girl-baby, Mary Golden." It was a happy thought of Mrs. Harpster's that gave our mission the ground for these houses, and our Foreign Mission Board very courteously advanced the money to pay for them, trusting to the women of the General Council to reimburse the treasury. The entire cost, with some additional burden because of the higher prices entailed by the war, was \$3,587. Of this sum our American women have given, to July 1st, \$2,468.29, and there is, therefore, still \$1,119.11 to be found. We have never "begged for the money." It has come voluntarily from women who have realized the necessity for such refuge from the hot plains of southern India for our over-burdened missionaries, and in answer to published announcement of Mrs. Harpster's generosity and of our plan to make provision for vacation rest in the hills for our missionaries. Surely, it is only necessary to make the deficit known to the readers of the *MISSION WORKER* to bring in the entire \$1,119. The first gifts were made about the time of our Toledo Convention, in 1913. Would not the Rock Island Convention be handsomely signalized by the wiping out of the debt to the Board?

THE LACE INDUSTRY

Can you picture the native women of India, hundreds of them, coming to our mission for material help, as well as spiritual? Can you see our women missionaries, with wonderful patience, teaching these helpless needy natives to support themselves by the work of their hands? Then you have just a slight impression of the work, worries and cares incumbent upon those who are trying to keep the lace industry afloat in that far-off land.

Our newer Synodical Societies are showing much interest, and putting forth splendid efforts to dispose of the laces. The older members, too, by word and deed, continue to lend their encouragement. Wonderful opportunities are before us, but special effort on the part of each and every one is needed if we are to expect large results.

ANNETTE S. WOLL, *Chairman.*

INDIA BOXES, 1914 AND 1915

Under the new order established, very little in the way of made-up articles for the hospital went out in the boxes in 1914. A few people, who had not heard of the request of the Mission Council in India to discontinue making bedding, etc., sent in a few articles of that kind. Those we sent out, knowing they could be used.

But the goods that will always be needed,

such as drugs, instruments, rubber sheeting, rubber bags and many other articles of like character are always brought here and sent out, upon the receipt of a list of such articles needed. Each year there is a long list to replenish those which have given out. To fill these lists and ship them to India requires money, and that is how part of our money collected for this purpose is spent. The remainder is sent to the Board of Foreign Mission to furnish other supplies needed in the hospital.

The boxes also contained spool cotton in great quantities and other supplies for the lace industry. Money sent for this purpose goes into the Lace Industry Fund.

Our report of money collected: \$612.34 was contributed in 1914 by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania Society, \$20.00 by societies in Niagara Falls and Platteville, \$68.19 balance and interest; total, \$700.53. Drugs cost \$44.76; instruments, \$187.18; freight and hauling, \$22.30; hospital expenses, \$100; treasury of Board, \$250; balance, January 1, 1915, \$96.29.

The shipment for 1915 consisted of drugs, instruments and individual gifts for missionaries from their friends. On account of the war the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, through which we have sent our boxes to India for the last twenty-five years, was unable to ship them for us this year, so we had to find another line that went directly to Madras. To secure them more completely we had them insured. We pray God they may reach their destination in safety, as our hospital and medical work are in need of the drugs and instruments.

\$492.27 was contributed in 1915 by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania Society, \$5.30 from Toledo and Richmond Hill; balance, \$96.29; total, \$593.86. Drugs cost \$56.01; instruments, \$124.52; freight and muslin, \$14.64; hospital expenses, \$100; treasury of Board, \$250; balance, September 1, 1915, \$48.69.

MARY A. MILLER, *Chairman*.

WHAT PROGRESS IN JAPAN?

BY MISSIONARY EDWARD T. HORN

God only knows what unseen, subtle influence these twenty-three years of work by our Lutheran Church in Japan may have exerted in the lives of others whose names are not registered on the Church roll, but "visible results are 'small,'" you say.—"Small indeed," say we, "smaller than they ought to be, when we consider the time, the opportunity, and the resources that could and should be made available. The need is evident,—consecrated men and women, consecrated means, prayerful

and prudent planning, on our part and on yours, more sanctification here and at home. From my own experience as a missionary, in reflecting upon the mission situation in Japan, I am compelled to admit sorrowfully and penitently that while we need more men and more women, and more money, we need most of all "the one thing needful,"—*more of Christ*—more of the Gospel in our lives, and more on our lips.

As for the supreme need of Japan herself, let me beg of you, do not for a moment give credence to the fallacy, which some have tried to spread, that Japan is really fundamentally Christianized, and hence further Christian propaganda is unnecessary. This is a most insidious falsehood. My observation convinces me that the heart of Japan is far from Christ,—as far as the heart of India or China or Africa. Perhaps much farther; and the heart of Japan is hardest to reach, but it is incomparably worth reaching. Beyond a doubt the general missionary opportunity is altogether unprecedented.

Yet whilst the situation here presents most alluring possibilities, believe me, dear friends, we Lutherans will have to make far greater efforts than in the past if we are to do our share in entering in and possessing the land. Only the *Church's prayers, her sons, her daughters, her gifts*, can change the outlook from discouragement and disappointment, to hopefulness and ultimately the satisfaction of a duty well done.

Our General Council, seven years ago, accepted the call to enter Japan to co-operate with the United Synod of the South and the Danish Synod of America. During these seven years, only two General Council missionaries were actually sent to Japan; *our Board made continual efforts to send others, but men and women for the Japan Mission were not forthcoming!* It is irrelevant to talk of what we have done,—we have done *so very little*. Rather is this the time for you and for us to examine and reproach ourselves, and resolve with God's help to do greater things,—not in the future—but NOW.

\$5.00 THAT WOULD NOT BE RETURNED

MRS. E. C. CRONK, UNITED SYNOD SOUTH

I have never had such a feeling toward a five-dollar bill in all my life. When it came to me, I could have hailed its coming with shouts of delight, if I had voiced the emotions of my heart. For years I had waited and longed for its coming. It brought nearer one of the dreams of my life. Yet since its arrival I have been trying for months to return it. It positively will not be returned. Every effort I

have made to return it has failed. I wonder if that five dollars is wiser in its generation than are we? Does it see a vision to which our eyes are holden?

It came from the women of the Lancaster Conference, with a message that it was to be used "as the beginning of a Girls' School in Japan." I had not solicited it. I have prided myself upon the fact that I never solicit money for an unauthorized enterprise. And no Lutheran Board, no All-Lutheran Conference, has authorized a Girls' School in Japan. I wrote to the president of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council, but he could not accept it on that condition. I wrote to the officer of the Lancaster Conference who had sent me the money, but she declined to receive it back. For that purpose it had been given, and for that purpose it must go. I had made an honest effort, several honest efforts, to return it, and it simply would not be returned.

Then I opened a bank account for it. I cannot tell you the joy I felt when I saw it actually recorded on the bank-book, "Girls' School in Japan." I wonder if some day, among the missionary beatitudes, this one will not appear: "Blessed are the women of the Lancaster Conference." What shall we do about it? Shall we continue to quote, "The condition of its women is a country's barometer," "Train the women of a nation, and you have trained the nation," "A country rises no higher than its women," and then act in deliberate defiance of all these recognized truths, with no School for Girls in all our Mission in Japan?

I send you the message of this Five Dollars. May it speak to your hearts. The women of the Lutheran Church in America can certainly give a Christian School to the women of Japan. Our Foreign Mission Boards will certainly authorize such an undertaking, if our women, with the realization of the great need, and the wonderful opportunity, come in the right spirit and ask to be allowed to meet the need and use the opportunity. How large is our vision of Lutheran Missions in Japan?

FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

This Federation consists of representatives appointed by the individual Boards. It is divided into four groups called Territorial Commissions, with centers at San Francisco, Chicago, Nashville and New York. These meet annually. One of the chief objects is to encourage and disseminate the best methods of study and work.

There are seven standing committees, on Day of Prayer, Summer Schools, Colleges and

Young People's Work, Children's Work, Literature, Publicity, and Territorial Work. The central committee on United Study is the publication committee. Its members are also a part of the Committee of Twenty-eight.

Each member of the Territorial Commission has been asked to take such measures, as may seem appropriate in her own territory for the organization of local interdenominational committees, whose business shall be to plan for study classes, lecture courses, public meetings, days of prayer, and in general to have a lookout for interdenominational opportunities. Each of such unions will be affiliated with the commission by the payment of a small sum annually, not to exceed one dollar. Please report to me any such local co-operation, that I may make official statement of what is being done. Do not neglect this.

The organ of the Federation is "The Bulletin," published quarterly; price, 25 cents per annum, giving the latest news from all the foreign fields. As a worker, you will find it very helpful. When you send subscriptions to Miss M. H. Leavis, West Medford, Mass., be sure to notify me also, so that it can be reported.

At the last meeting of the New York Territorial Commission, Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Montgomery made a strong appeal for a Christian College for Women, in which all Boards working in Southern India shall co-operate at Madras. The Government of India offers generous grants for the support of such a College, which will not only give the B. A. degree, but will include departments of pedagogy, medicine, domestic science, kindergarten, social service, schools of design, departments of Christian literature leading to expression along national lines.

We all realize that the hope of world-evangelization lies with the native workers, who do not need to learn the language, can stand the climate, and know the people. So we must look to our Hindu Christian girls to do the effective work among the women of all classes in India, and we must give them proper equipment. Many who are graduated from the high schools would welcome further training. The government recognizes this, and if a Christian college is not established at once, a non-Christian college certainly will be. Think what a non-Christian or an anti-Christian college would mean to coming generations in India!

We have received a letter from the General Synod Society, stating that they will co-operate, and hope we will, too.

The value of our belonging to the Federation, which helped to arrange the Woman's Congress of Missions in San Francisco, June

6-13, is demonstrated in the fact that otherwise we would not have been represented in so noteworthy an event by women of our own Society, Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Harpster, as lecturers.

The various experiences of the past biennium plainly show how absolutely necessary it is for us, as a Society, to be connected with Federation projects, educational and missionary. It keeps us in touch with the larger movements, enables us to have a part in them, and thus removes the cause of our Lutheran Church being so little known and understood, as has heretofore been the case, by the other denominations.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN.

FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

The Committee on Federation of Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies first met at York, in June, 1913, and organized by electing Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, President, and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary. The next meeting was held at Toledo, in September, 1913, with the following representatives present: Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, Philadelphia, Pa., General Council; Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C., United Synod of the South; Mrs. Emmy Evald, Chicago, Ill., Swedish Augustana; Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Minneapolis, Minn., United Norwegian; and your representative of the General Synod. Mrs. W. H. Schutte, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, attended also.

The Federation Committee, with representatives from the General Council, United Synod of the South and General Synod, met at Northfield, Mass., in July, 1914, and again at Columbia, S. C., in November of the same year.

The utmost cordiality has prevailed at every meeting, and there has been a unity of aim and purpose which has been exceedingly gratifying and encouraging. Among other things, a number of plans have been considered for the celebration of the quadri-centennial of the Reformation. A mass meeting for Lutheran women has been suggested, an historical pageant, a book on the work of Lutheran women, a Mission Study book for juniors, and a *united missionary magazine*. No conclusions have been reached or definite plans made. The Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago has taken preliminary action to "invite the Lutheran women of all over the world to hold a meeting in Chicago in October 1917, to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation." This action has not yet been considered by the Federation Committee, although



A RECREATION HOUR AMONG LUTHERAN REPRESENTATIVES AT NORTHFIELD

(Standing, left to right, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Mrs. Charles L. Fry, Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer. Sitting, Mrs. August Pohlman, Mrs. C. P. Wiles, Mrs. E. C. Cronk.)

it is almost sure to meet with hearty approval.

To your representative the thought of a United Missionary Magazine has in it the deepest significance, and the farthest reaching results. It presents a possibility for a united force and a comprehensive working basis. A book would soon be shelved, and a mass meeting forgotten, but a *magazine* would carry its monthly message through the years, and be a constant source of help and inspiration. All the plans suggested can easily be carried through, if we are willing to put time and money into them. We need the books, and we need the inspiration of the mass meeting, but the *magazine* would be the golden chain to bind all together in one common cause.

I would suggest that in appointing your Federation representative, a committee of three be appointed to act with her and that this committee be empowered to act, and that funds be provided to carry out such plans as may be deemed practicable and advisable for a worthy celebration of the Reformation anniversary.

K. B. SHAFFER,

A recent report to the General Synod Society by its Federation Representative.

As official delegate I also attended the Toledo convention of the General Council Society and the Columbia convention in the United Synod South. These noble bands of Lutheran missionary women are laying foundations deep and broad for a mighty work, and as they are working hand in hand, especially along the line of literature, it is not out of place to report them together. Indeed, we all seem to be drawing nearer together, and may we not hope that the time is not far distant when our common interests will be one and the same? We each have our distinctive fields, but one common goal.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Council has ten Synodical organizations, with 15,963 members and an annual income of something over \$40,000. The MISSION WORKER, the splendid quarterly magazine published by the Society, has a subscription list of 11,000. Their home mission work includes work among Slavs, Italians and Porto Ricans, and they help in India, China and Japan, with special emphasis upon medical work in India, where they have a finely equipped hospital. The Home Mission Board of the General Council has given the Society representation on its Board, and their Inner Mission Society has changed its constitution to admit one-fourth representation of women on its Board.

The women of the United Synod of the South are happy over having their first mis-

sionaries on the foreign field. Miss Mary Lou Bowers and Miss Martha Akard, both trained in our Mother-house in Baltimore, who went to Japan in 1914, are the first single women missionaries to be supported by the United Synod.

The "Monthly Meeting Programs," with accompanying leaflets, prepared by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and used jointly by the missionary societies of the United Synod of the South and the General Council are among the very best put out by any denomination. Both the General Council and the United Synod are to be congratulated on their educational activity and enterprise in missionary literature production and organization. They each have great possibilities open to them, and wise and capable leadership, and, above all, the blessing of God.

K. B. SHAFFER, *Delegate.*

Co-operative Literary Committee.—In cooperation with the Woman's Missionary Societies of the United Synod South and of the General Council the following leaflets have been published: "Opportunities That Sail Back," "When Little Pine Tree Prayed," "Idol on the Wall," "Little Chocolate Soldier."

We are grateful for the privilege of using these excellent leaflets as if they were our own. This cordial relation and hearty co-operation with these societies have been a source of great pleasure and profit to us.

MRS. CHARLES E. HAY, *Chairman.*

The Women's Congress of Missions

MRS. M. JULIA HARPSTER, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

The Woman's Congress of Missions, of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, has passed into history as the greatest religious gathering of women ever held in the United States. It was held under the auspices of the "Council of Women for Home Missions" and the "Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States," to both of which our General Council Society belongs. For more than two years representative Christian women throughout the United States have been looking forward with great expectation to the events of this Congress, which would bring together women of this land and of foreign lands, to give and to receive information of "An Enlarging Church in an Awakening World."

The pre-Congress period closed with a "Pageant of Peace," on the Exposition grounds on June 5th. The purpose of the pageant was to "show the beauty of peace, the sorrows of war, and the possibility of peaceful and friendly relations with all nations, when Christian ideals shall prevail."

In this pageant, our own great Missionary, Christian Frederick Schwartz, the greatest of the early missionaries, in whose memory, today, in India, a light is kept constantly burning in a church in Tanjore, was impersonated by Rev. H. M. Leech, pastor of the Lutheran Church, in Berkeley, Cal.

The Congress was formally opened on Sunday evening, June 6th, in the large, new, and elegantly furnished Congregational Church in San Francisco. There were present on this occasion, 2,000 men and women, and the speakers graphically traced the work of the missionaries from the time of the Jesuit Fathers to the work of the present day.

The text-books for 1915-1916, issued by the "Central Committee of United Study," were outlined by those who were to use them in their lectures during the week. Miss Prescott, of Boston, took the junior book, "Around the World with Jack and Janet"; Mrs. D. E. Ward, of New York, briefly sketched "Home Missions in Action," and Mrs. W. A. Montgomery explained her own comprehensive and masterly

book, "The King's Highway."

It would be impossible, in these brief notes, to give any adequate account of the daily proceedings of the Congress, which continued in session nine days. A full report will be published and sold at a minimum price. The attendance and interest increased daily until the close. The many sides of the Lord's work in the world were ably presented by women who had a practical knowledge of their subjects, and were listened to eagerly because they spoke after long years of service. "Voices of Women" were heard, also, from North American Indians, the Negroes, Mexicans, Aliens in America, the Philippines, Siam, India, China, Japan, Korea and Turkey. The pageant of Home Missions, presented at the large Greek Theatre, on the University Campus, in Berkeley, under the direction of Mrs. John S. Allen, of New York, is worthy of especial mention.

Time could not be given, during the regular sessions of the Congress, to all the speakers who were to have had part on the program, nor to all the subjects to be presented, and so simultaneous meetings were held elsewhere, in San Francisco, and in Berkeley. Special meetings were held for young women, for children, and for business women. Social features, also, were much in evidence. There were suppers and luncheons, denominational rallies and receptions, formal and informal.

The registered attendance numbered 2,160. Among this number we found the names of 50 Lutherans, nearly all from Lutheran churches in the Bay cities.

Miss Brewer was present to represent the women's work of the General Synod in India. Mrs. H. M. Leech, in the absence of Mrs. Laird, was requested to represent the Women's Home Mission Work of the General Council, and Mrs. Harpster was present (by request), to represent the Woman's Foreign Mission Work of the General Council.

Among well-known Lutheran visitors were Miss S. E. Stoeber, of Daytona, Florida, who, for many years, was prominent in missionary work in Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Nellie Blessing Eyster, Hon. Pres. of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association, who, fifty years ago, was well known and loved in General Synod circles in the East, and now is an active member of the General Council Church in Berkeley, California. I am sure it will be of interest if I mention that Mrs. Naid, in one of her able Home Mission addresses, told her audience that in their study of Home Missions they would find it important to study *Lutheran literature*. And Mrs. Montgomery, when giving an account of her visit to India, spoke of her visit to Guntur,

and in highly commendatory terms of the great work for the evangelization of the heathen in India, the Lutheran Church has done. She said, "To Lutherans I say, you may well rejoice, and be proud of the work your Church has done and is doing in India."

The closing day of the Congress was spent at the Exposition with exercises at Festival Hall. Several hundred women met at the main entrance and moved in processional to the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," played by the band, to where they were met and welcomed by representatives of the Exposition Board, and of the Federal Council of Churches. After a number of short addresses and music from the great Exposition organ, the body proceeded to visit the exhibits of the Federal Council of Churches in the Palace of Education. Here all denominations have an exhibit of missionary literature. The Lutheran exhibit is confined to publications of the General Synod's Board. And when we asked: "Why does one denomination have so small a space given them for their literature, when others have space for a large display?", the reply was, "because the one denomination pays for a *small* space, while the other pays for fifty times as much." It will startle you to hear that one denomination paid \$5000 for its space in the Palace of Education.

Following the visit to the Exhibits of the Churches, was a luncheon and reception, given by the Women's Board of the Exposition, and with this the Woman's Congress of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition closed. Those who were privileged to be present at the sessions of the Congress were deeply impressed by having learned of the many new and great opportunities that are to-day facing the Christian Church, and many were made to realize, as they had never done before, that with the opportunity comes duty and responsibility. One great need stood out clear and distinct above all others. It was a call that rang out loud and strong from every land, and from all departments of mission work: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

CONVENTION DATES

- Oct. 14—Pottsville Conf., Orwigsburg.
- Wisconsin Conf., Waterloo.
- Oct. 13, 14—Central Conf., Superior, Wis.
- Oct. 14—Pittsburgh Conf., Verona, Pa.
- Oct. 22—Lancaster Conf., Trinity, Lancaster.
- Oct. 29—Pittsburgh Synodical, Warren, Pa.
- Nov. 4—E. Conf., N. Y. and N. E., Eliza., N. J.
- Nov. 11—Phila. Conf., Incarnation, Phila.

Women's Student Conference at Silver Bay

BY OUR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MISS ANNETTE KAHLER

It has been a very great privilege to attend the Student Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association this summer, as the representative of the General Council and General Synod women. It means much to be a member of a community of over five hundred young women, from the colleges and normal schools of northeastern United States, to share the enthusiasm and joy of their experience, to feel the depth of purpose, the zeal for service, the yearning for closer contact with God, to see the consecration of will and heart to His ends. While all these things constitute the deepest impression of the conference, they at the same time prove the strategic importance of the work that may be done there, and in similar communities. Our young women are gathered in groups, under the strongest and most insistent Christian influence, among friends and school mates, where recreation and study and devotional life are combined, for the ten days of the session, in systematic and wholesome proportion. They are eager to find a field for service, eager to "give a reason for the hope that is in them." Can the Churches to which they belong afford to disregard them at the time which is most probably crucial in their spiritual lives?

The representatives of Denominational Boards and the Student Secretaries were formally presented to the Conference at the opening session, and the girls of each denomination rose in greeting. From that time on, the closest personal touch between the girls and their own denominational representative was encouraged. Every girl was strongly urged from the platform to attend her own denominational rally on the first Sunday afternoon. It was there that the first opportunity for direct appeal to the girls was offered. Since there were only three Lutheran delegates at the Conference, we joined with the Reformed Church delegation, which was also small, for our Rally. After a short devotional service in which our delegate shared, we discussed Lutheran mission work in the foreign and home field, emphasizing the calls for service open to women in the Lutheran Church. We were glad of the chance to hear of the work of the Reformed Church from the representative of their Home Board.

Our Lutheran delegation consisted of one student and one member of the faculty of Hunter College, of New York City, and one graduate of Cornell. It was possible to have personal interviews with them, and the out-

come will be more Lutheran girls at Student Conferences next year, we hope, with a better understanding of our Lutheran work, and a new regard for the standing of our Church because the student girls have been considered. Your delegate feels that, aside from the great personal gain the Conference has brought to her, we have taken definite and significant action in being represented at all. We have shown that we are ready to accept the opportunity for contact and influence on our own students, which is offered by the Young Women's Christian Association. It is an unparalleled opportunity. Your delegate would recommend most strongly that by all means our Church be represented at all these Conferences, whatever the size of our delegation. Any one who is widely conversant with our Lutheran Church will agree that we are in the very early stages of higher education, especially among our women. We have comparatively few Lutheran students in our colleges, but that number is steadily increasing, and we must be prepared for the time when we shall have hundreds of students who may be reached through a student department, and the student conferences.

Any one who has attended such a gathering as the Eastern Student Conference, must wish for every girl of our Church the chance to the rich blessings of such a meeting. Its influence is indisputably good. Systematic Bible study, systematic mission study, systematic prayer, wise guidance of the spiritual development, close personal advice when it is requested;—a safe, sane, quiet, intelligent attitude toward the Christian life,—these are some of the things stimulated and suggested by the Conference. Therefore, your delegate would urge that Lutheran students, especially those attending non-sectarian and non-Lutheran institutions, be encouraged to attend the Conference in their own locality.

May I add a personal word of strong commendation for the trend of thought and teaching in the Conference? Everywhere, in Bible and Mission Study classes, in general addresses and in group meetings, the strongest emphasis was laid on the fundamentals of Christian faith and life, on sincere personal relation to God, on study of the Word and prayer as the means of attaining and maintaining this relation to the Father, and the Church as the Divinely-ordained channel through which Christian service is given to the world.

As denominational representatives, we were

the recipients of the utmost courtesy from the leaders of the Conference. We were welcomed at the councils of these leaders, our suggestions eagerly requested, every assistance offered in our work. But (and I say it in all loyalty to the Y. W. C. A., to which we certainly are indebted for much of the training and inspiration of our young women), that we as Churchwomen must look to our laurels, else the splendidly trained service of the Y. W. C. A. will appeal to consecrated womanhood, far beyond the work in our Churches. It will be our own fault if this is true, for ours will be the blame if our young women do not know of the thrilling challenge of our day and nation to the Lutheran Church. We have pressing need of the best women in the country in our own Church. Devoted women are giving great service to the women of this country, and are going to give more in the next decade, but one feels anxious that it be given through the Church. We must conserve to our own great Lutheran needs the capable Lutheran women of tomorrow, not for the glorification of our own work, but because we believe that through our own Church we can best carry out the great trust that is ours.

Two of the prominent young women in the general work for young women in this country today are Lutheran, confirmed in our Church, but both are finding their fields of service outside of her specific work. One is conspicuous in National Y. W. C. A. work, the other is the new Student Secretary of the Presbyterian Home Board. I mention this only to show that others are recognizing and using the talents of our Lutheran women, while we are in dire need of exactly such women to carry on our own work.

Your delegate has had a vision, thanks to the great blessing of the Silver Bay Conference. It is a vision of the time when the Lutheran women of the United States, without

further designation, but just as Lutheran women, may unite in the meeting of a great opportunity and even greater responsibility. When together, we may have at least one woman, the best woman to be found in our entire Church, who shall give her entire time to the conserving of our young women to the service of the Church which has nurtured them. She will be in close connection with our Lutheran girls, visiting them in college, leading them at Student Conferences, presenting to them the precise work in the world propaganda for which they are fitted. She will have adequate supplies of literature, an adequate allowance for expenses, and a salary that will enable us to secure the best woman for the task.

Until the dream comes true, and it must, if we are to live up to our obligations, there are some very ordinary things which can aid in the progress towards it. 1. Lutheran students at colleges and normal schools should be reported to the Student secretary. 2. Lutheran girls in college should be urged to attend Student Conferences. 3. The Lutheran Church should have an official representative at every Student Conference.

It is in the hope that the work which has been begun in the last two years may be continued and enlarged, in proportion to the growing numbers of Lutherans in institutions of higher learning and the increasing demand for the best of our trained women in our Church work, that this report is respectfully submitted. Your delegate has been deeply grateful for the honor of representing these two bodies of Lutheran women, and covets for each one who is interested in the future of the Lutheran Church the conviction of our certain success, if we will connect the student young woman with her biggest and most worth-while task, her share in God's work.



The Inner Mission

MARTHA M. DECK, CHAIRMAN



What is the outward proof of the inner spiritual life of the Christian? "Ye shall know them by their fruits." It is therefore a most wholesome sign that woman's work along Inner Mission lines has been developing during the last two years as never before. Yet it is difficult to give an adequate statement in definite figures, as the valuation of so much of it is beyond all computation. Do you know the worth of a cup of cold water given in Christ's

name? Can you compute the value of a ray of hope and sunshine that has entered a human heart? Still there is much of this work that can be tabulated, and your chairman has endeavored to get a report from all our Synods. We have had responses from the following Synods: Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Chicago, New York and New England, Central Canada, and the Synod of the Northwest.

Ministerium of Pennsylvania

The Good Shepherd and Tabor Homes received \$399.50 in cash donations. Many garments were made for these institutions by the women of the various churches and at Christmas time one Society furnished a package for each of the seventy inmates of the Good Shepherd Home. Orphan's Home, at Germantown, received \$582.61 and boxes valued at \$1,500. Coal, clothing, etc., were given to the Orphans' Home at Topton. The following figures will show the scope of the work in this Synod: Settlement Work, \$2,577.01; Hospice, \$861.65; Inner Missions, \$1,967.73; Poor, \$97.00; Kindergartens, \$10.00; Infants' Home, Germantown, \$20.00; Seamen, \$4.00; Port Missions, \$5.00; Slovak Vacation Bible School, \$121.92. Total, \$5,664.31.

Chicago Synod

A Junior Inner Mission Society was organized at South Bend, Indiana. Tracts have been furnished in suitable pockets for railroad stations and other public places. *"The Lutheran Survey"* has been placed in the reading rooms of the Y. M. C. A. of South Bend, Ind. Services have been held at one of the County Farms. Help has been given to the poor in the form of garments, and groceries. The unchurched and the strangers in their midst have been visited, and \$59.50 was given to various Inner Mission causes.

Synod of New York and New England

A total sum of \$1,942.15 was contributed to Inner Mission activities through the following channels: Good Shepherd Home, Allentown; Wartburg Orphans' Home; Bethany Orphans' Home, Nova Scotia; Children's Friend Orphans' School; Inner Mission Society of New York City; Hospice Auxiliary, New York City; Prison work of Superintendent Buermeyer; Summer Home, New York, and relief of the poor.

Pittsburgh Synod

Women have been aiding the Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh in its Charity, Rescue, Prison and Hospital work, and in its 5 Bible Vacation Schools in which 850 children were enrolled. These are conducted by the Superintendent, Rev. Ambrose Hering.

Cash donations to Pittsburgh Inner Mission Society were \$94.09; Spring Garden Valley Inner Mission, \$1,114.86; Orphans' Home, Zelenople, \$212.50; Old People's Home, \$316.50; Epileptic Home, Rochester, \$250.25. Total, \$1,988.20.

Central Canada Synod

Nearly all the missionary societies have committees for visiting the sick, and several

public hospitals are visited each month. The Bethany Orphanage at Bridgewater receives aid, and funds are being gathered for a Hospice in Montreal, but plans have been blocked because of the war.

Synod of the Northwest

Many of the societies do a large amount of charity work in their own congregations. Outside activities focus in the Inner Mission Society of Minneapolis, and the Lutheran Kindergarten and Day Nursery of that city. The Woman's Inner Mission League is an auxiliary of the Inner Mission Society, and contributes \$300 each year towards the support of a Deaconess or other Christian worker. There is a Junior Society which helps in the Kindergarten and Day Nursery work. One of the ladies of exceptional vocal talent has been cheering the inmates of the hospitals by hymns and songs.

In concluding this report I should like to make the following recommendations:

1. It has been difficult to get in touch with my committee by mail, because I have not the addresses of all the local chairmen. Will the secretaries of the Synodical and Conference Societies kindly notify me of any change in the chairmen of their Inner Mission committees and also give me the proper addresses?

2. We note with pleasure the beginning of Junior Inner Mission Societies. A great deal of Inner Mission work can be done acceptably by our young people. The youth of Philadelphia are aiding Dr. Ohl, and similar work in Minneapolis has also been noted in this report. I should like to urge the formation of Inner Mission committees in Luther Leagues and young people's missionary societies. It will give the young people an opportunity for Christian service for which many of them yearn, and may be just that initiative training that will lead to further consecration of our young men and women as Deacons and Deaconesses.

3. With the formation of Inner Mission Societies in our cities will come the greater need for the services of trained workers. Young women should be urged to enter this great field of usefulness, and suitable courses of training should be established for those who desire to enter Christian social service work. I want to say to all Lutheran women who are working for those organizations which are simply humanitarian, that in the work of Inner Missions they can find a nobler opportunity for usefulness. In the doing of this work they will fulfill the command, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

15 Minute Sunday School Programs

MRS. T. W. KRETSCHMANN, PHILADELPHIA

October

Topic—*The World Meeting in America.* Use large map of United States, on which our Home Mission points are indicated by small gilt stars.

Scripture—Psalm 33:8-18 read alternately by pastor and school. A national psalm.

Hymn, 256—"God Bless Our Native Land."

I. AMERICA, THE MEETING PLACE OF THE WORLD. Five-minute talk by superintendent on the many nationalities represented in the citizens of our land. (See "Coming Americans." booklet, 25 cents.)

II. BLACKBOARD OR MAP EXERCISE. Ask various scholars to indicate with pointer the Home Mission stations of the General Council. Attention should be drawn to the dearth of Lutheran Churches in States teeming with unchurched people of our faith.

III. OPPORTUNITIES THAT SAIL BACK. (Leaflet, 40 cents a hundred, distributed to School.) Paragraphs might be read by each class, under the direction of a leader, who will emphasize our duty to connect each soul who temporarily comes under our influence. Hymn, 186—"My Church, My Church."

November

Topic—*The Need of Thanksgiving.* In large letters display before school the following verse: "WHAT SHALL I RENDER TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BENEFITS TO ME?"

Scripture—Psalm 116:1-19. Our cause for Thanksgiving, boys and girls alternately.

Hymn, 254—"Come Ye Thankful People, Come."

I. RECITATION—FROM THE WOMEN OF THE EAST TO THE WOMEN OF THE WEST. (See leaflet in *Monthly Topics*.) Let the contrast of the heathen and the Christian woman be made strong, and the plea urgent that all may share our Gospel benefits.

II. THE RESULT OF WITHHOLDING. (Leaflet, 40 cents a hundred.) Distribute to School, that all may read it in concert. Illustrate the story with the map of Palestine, allowing the Jordan River, Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea to be pointed out.

III. THE NEW MITE BOXES FOR THANK OFFERINGS. These are the special boxes in which the children will raise the funds for the "Children's Nurse." The leader of the Junior Missionary Society displays the boxes to be distributed to all who will use them, and tells of the devoted nurse in India, Miss Anna Rohrer, who will specially belong to the children. (See opposite page —.)

Hymn, 240—"I Think When I read."

December

Topic—"Christmas for All the Children of the World." If the children have a "Giving Festival," they will make their own decoration on the platform, by forming a pyramid of gifts for the poor and needy.

Scripture—The Three Kings who were the first to offer gifts to Jesus, Matt. II:1-12, recited in concert by school.

Hymn—"We Three Kings of Orient Are," sung by three boys.

I. "CHRISTMAS PICTURES." (Leaflet in *Monthly Topics*.) Let the story be told to School by an older scholar.

II. TASUKA'S CHRISTMAS TREE. (Leaflet in *Monthly Topics*.) Distribute this attractive leaflet, with its story of Japan, and have paragraphs read by selected scholars. (Price of leaflet, 40 cents a hundred.)

III. GIVING EXERCISES. Let this be a practical demonstration of the text: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." One of our Church's charitable Institutions should be the recipient of the gifts.

Hymn, 82—"Come Hither, Ye Faithful."

A GIVING FESTIVAL

In the English Lutheran Church at Zellenople, Pa., a unique Christmas Festival was held last December. The Pastor, Rev. G. H. Schnur, writes as follows:

"We found that many of the children did not appreciate the gift of candy and nuts and oranges, which usually had been given to them, for the reason that even the poorest of them had enough at home in the refreshment line.

"So we conceived the idea of having a 'Giving Festival.' Not to make the change too radical, we gave the usual gifts of candy and fruit to the children in the primary department. But in connection with our usual Christmas tree and service of song and recitation, we worked in recitations on the blessedness of giving, and also a song or two along that line.

"Then we asked every child, primary school and all, to bring something for the orphans. They brought vegetables, nuts, fruits, groceries, dry goods, canned fruits and vegetables, almost everything imaginable. At the time fixed in the program we had them all march up and deposit their article under the tree. By the time they were done, there was a great pyramid. Then the regular cash offering was taken up in the usual way, which, in the Pittsburgh Synod, is always for the Orphans' Home, at Zellenople.

The Director of the Home said that the gifts brought by our Sunday School amounted to about fifty dollars' worth, at current prices. The cash offering, which included that of the congregation on Christmas morning, was \$136. Before that, in other years, the cash offering for the orphans had amounted to \$40. So, in both ways, we were well pleased.

"Even if, in some places, there may be a local charity to which the Sunday School might give its offering, in most of our General Council Synods, Christmas is the designated time for offerings for Lutheran Orphans' Homes in their various localities. I think we should emphasize that matter. Why, right now, we have a waiting list of, possibly, 75, who cannot be admitted to our Orphans' Home until there is more money."

Can not your School plan for such a Festival this year? What better way can we find to inculcate the unselfish spirit in our children? They need an opportunity, at frequent intervals, to develop the grace of giving.

[Helpful Christmas Literature. "The Magic Christmas Tree," 10 cents per copy. An exquisite, illuminated folder, giving a story that could be told to the Sunday School. Also an appropriate gift card. "The Christmas Spirit," 10 cents per copy. Suggestions for the celebration of Christmas for churches.—EDITOR.]

JUNIOR MITE BOXES



THE CHILDREN'S NURSE
IN INDIA

Another method to train our growing boys and girls in thinking of others will be found in the use of Mite Boxes, which will be furnished free, upon application to our Literature Headquarters. These boxes are issued in connection with the *Junior Topics* for 1915, and are made in the shape of a suit-case for the trip "Around the World with Jack and Janet." The labels on the suit-case indicate the places visited on the trip. Our own Mission stations might be pasted on one side, or a picture of Miss Rohrer, the "Children's Nurse," because these boxes are to be used to collect the \$550 we will need for her salary each year. May all our Juniors

have a share in this work, and be taught to pray for their missionary as their offerings are placed in the boxes.

A MISSION STUDY CLASS FOR BOYS

BY MRS. A. MARGARETTA MCHOSE, LANCASTER, PA.

Prompted by the remark of one of her Sunday School boys who expressed a desire to study missions, "but not in a class with girls," the writer formed a mission study class for boys only. In response to the first call for a meeting, fourteen boys turned up. These were divided into four groups, representing China, Japan, India and Africa. A captain was selected to lead each group, and immediately the boys began planning for a membership campaign. The wholesome rivalry which followed resulted in increasing the membership in three meetings to thirty-one.

As a basis for study the Junior Text-book, "Our World Family," by Helen Douglass Billings, was used, taking one chapter per month, with an applicable Bible text as the basis for the lessons to be taught. As the topic was always announced for the next lesson, the boys came prepared with pictures and information concerning the same, and most interesting discussions resulted.

These pictures, which were cut from back numbers of secular magazines, of *Everyland*, and of the *MISSION WORKER*, were mounted upon a large sheet of cardboard, and by means of the Perry Pictures, which illustrated the Bible text, we prepared at each meeting an illustrated chart of the facts contained in the chapter. The searching and mounting of these pictures has fixed upon the minds of the boys a lot of valuable information, in a manner never to be forgotten.

Individual intercession in the Lord's work was instilled by means of a series of prayer slips, which were used as a closing feature of the exercises, and each boy was assigned, upon admission to the class, a particular feature of mission work, as his special topic for home intercession.

For practical work mite boxes were distributed. In these were to be placed all monies earned by selling old iron, newspapers, books, rubbers and any self-denial money they felt disposed to give. No treasurer was appointed, but each boy was the custodian of his own fund, thereby encouraging the desire to make his fund as large as possible. At the end of the six months' study period we found that the boys had gathered and disposed of 1,050 pounds of old iron, and over 2,000 pounds of old paper. At the same time every boy felt that he had actually been doing some work for the Lord. May we not hope that this will be the seed from which will spring future pastors, teachers, missionaries and laymen to do the

work in our Lord's vineyard?

Upon three special occasions, as a social feature, the boys were invited to bring postcards and small colored pictures pertaining to missionary work, and by means of a projectoscope these were thrown upon the screen and explained. This proved a very popular and instructive means of entertainment. A package of postcards, supplied by the editor of the *MISSION WORKER*, was very interesting and

highly appreciated. (You can have the use of same at rental of 50 cents.)

As the closing feature of the season and to help increase the sum total of our funds, a Missionary Service, to which parents and friends were invited, was held. A program of hymns, recitations, dialogues and travelogues was rendered. The charts were placed upon exhibition, and a collection of curios from various countries was displayed.

Standards Which Show Our Lack

MISS ZOE I. HIRT, ERIE

"Well, I came to this convention feeling that our Society might have done a good deal more than we have done during the past year, but when I see how much less some of these larger Societies have done, I feel quite satisfied with our report." The speaker was examining the annual reports in a certain Conference Society, and her self-complacent words started a train of thought which led us to contemplate some other standards of service and sacrifice that have the opposite effect. Standards not apt to awaken feelings of self-satisfaction, but rather inspire to more self-sacrificing effort.

When we invited Mrs. Lillian W. Cassaday two years ago, to tell our people about her Italian Mission work in Philadelphia, she said she hoped to be able to attend the General Council Society, and would be glad to stop at our Synodical Convention on her way to Toledo.

Such a soul-stirring appeal did she make in behalf of the immigrants in our large cities, that the women of our Synod unanimously resolved to undertake definite Inner Mission work in a congested foreign district of Pittsburgh. She went on to Toledo, and there appealed to the women of the General Council to make possible the extension of the Italian Mission work in Philadelphia, and to begin Lutheran Mission work in other Italian colonies.

It was our privilege to visit Mrs. Cassaday frequently in her own home during the following summer, when she was "fighting for her life." One glance told us it was a losing battle. But her faith and courage were wonderful during the months of that awful struggle. She always welcomed her friends with a beautiful smile.

On one of the few occasions when she talked of her dreadful affliction, she said that she had seemed to "lose ground" steadily after her return from the Erie and Toledo conventions in September. When asked if she had realized at the time, that the trip was too much for her, she replied that she had suffered very

much the entire night after reaching Toledo. "But," she continued, "I have never regretted that I went. My physician tried to persuade me not to go, telling me how serious would be the results of a week's cessation of my treatments. I then knew that my days were numbered, whether I went to Toledo or not, and I planned to make the most of the short time I had left. I knew that was the last opportunity I should have to tell the women of the General Council about the Italian Mission work, and I felt I must take advantage of it. No, I am not sorry that I went to Erie and to Toledo. I think I shall not be here this coming September, and I shall have gone long before the next Federation meeting in Rock Island."

On another occasion, when she had been discussing ways and means of enlarging the Italian Mission work, she said, "Oh, it is very hard for me to realize that I must go and leave this work so soon. I do not dread death,—it will bring a blessed release from this pain-racked, distorted body—but there is so much I should like to do before I go. There is so much I was just learning how to do." That was the nearest approach to a lament that we heard escape from her lips.

Mrs. Cassaday passed away on the evening of September 1, 1914.

Two years ago last January, it was our privilege to entertain Missionary Isaacson in our home for a couple of days. He was spending his furlough telling the people of the homeland about the work in India. We were fascinated with the glimpses he gave us of his home and family life on the mission field. Later, when he told us that he expected to return to India the next fall *alone*, we were amazed. He said the children must be left in America to be educated, and they needed their mother. One of our number exclaimed, "Oh, Dr. Isaacson, I do not believe God expects such a sacrifice as that from any man!" With tears glistening in his eyes, but with a smile on his

face, the missionary quietly replied, "When a man has given his life to serve the Lord as a foreign missionary, it is too late to turn back from any sacrifice."

Dr. Isaacson returned to India two years ago this fall, and last December God suddenly called him from this life. His mortal remains were laid in the grave long before his wife and children knew he had gone.

Let me cite one more example of standards. Only those intimately acquainted with Dr. Julia Van der Veer Neudoerffer, knew how hard it was to spend so much of her furlough, five years ago, traveling from place to place making public addresses. Yet, during the fall and winter of 1910-11, she went wherever the Board directed, taking with her Baby Ernestine, then less than two years old. The husband and father was sent in another direction. Until they came to America, little Ernestine had been constantly with her parents, and it was a great hardship for the little one to be left in a different strange place almost every evening, while her mother went to address meetings. Mrs. Neudoerffer would take her clinging heart-broken baby in her arms, at the time of their frequent partings, and say: "Never mind, little daughter, we'll soon go back to India, where we can all be together, wherever we go."

It was a happy little family therefore that set sail from New York, four years ago this month. Ernestine's little sister was then two months old.

[The trying ordeal of that sensitive, dutiful mother, in making those public addresses during the period prior to the second baby's birth, can be readily understood, but was it fully appreciated until now? EDITOR.]



DR. JULIA VAN DER VEER NEUDOERFFER WITH ONE OF HER CHILDREN

Mrs. Neudoerffer's death last January was even more sudden than that of Dr. Isaacson. In the words of another we express our grief-stricken wonder, "How rich God must be in resources, when He can remove these laborers who seem to us to be so absolutely necessary to His work here!"

It is Christ alone Who set us a perfect example of love to God and man. Yet here we have some human standards, in disciples who have followed so closely in His steps that He has passed on to them some of the glory which the Father gave to Him.



The Literature We Publish

MRS. CHARLES L. FRY, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



The measure of the efficiency of this department is its self-expenditure to the point of self-exhaustion, for the sake of the other departments. It lives not to be ministered unto, but to minister. It is happiest when it can do most to increase the achievements of those causes which it delights to serve as a hand-maiden. Just as the Life-Membership and Memorial Fund exists for the one sole purpose of furnishing financial resources to the Literature and Publication Department, so in turn it exists for the one sole purpose of furnishing food to sustain the Home Mission, the Foreign

Mission, the Inner Mission, the Deaconess, the Study Class, the Medical, the Porto Rico, the Slav, the Italian, the Organizing, and the Junior chairmen and committees, in their arduous big tasks.

It would be interesting to itemize how many of the 365,000 leaflets published by us in the past biennium (an average of 500 every day) pertained to each of the respective departments of our Federation work. Since the editions do not average more than between five and six thousands copies apiece, you will see what a long list of subjects is presented in our

catalogue. As you know, a considerable proportion of the leaflets are given away, free of charge. The printing and postage bills are heavy indeed, and scarcely any voluntary contributions are ever sent to meet this cost of fertilizing the soil for larger harvests in all fields. Less than \$1,500 a year is received as the total sum from life memberships and memorials. After deducting the necessary office expenses, which are as small as the most rigid economy in a big city can make them, plus the business manager's inadequate salary, and keeping the organization machinery in running order, the slender balance which remains for issuing missionary literature, for free distribution in a constituency as large as the General Council, is a meagre allowance compared with the handsome amounts expended by other similar Societies for this object, which do business on a Continent-wide scale. Yet every now and then, letters come to the office which would be amusing if they did not betray such a microscopic conception of our organization's scope and territory. Some even inquire what is done with the "surplus," that must be rolling up in our bank account to huge proportions, possibly intimating that the time might soon be here for declaring dividends, or at least that it might be offered to the Boards for paying arrears in missionaries' accounts!

Such people would be utterly astounded if

they knew of educational and missionary movements in America (we are working side by side with them all the time, being closely associated with them in federated enterprises), which *deliberately plan* at the beginning of each year to sink from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in their profit and loss account, in order to circulate the best missionary literature they can procure, at a price intentionally lower than the rock-bottom cost of production, so as to put it within everybody's reach.

In the entire United States there is hardly a magazine of such class as our own *MISSION WORKER*, whose subscriptions price meets the combined cost of printing, illustrating, binding, wrapping, addressing and mailing, if the paper and the pictures and the press-work be of such quality as to make the publication a credit. When our official organ shall reach its goal of 15,000 subscribers, which the present company of 12,000 could easily bring to pass within a week without an effort, the journal could navigate its own business affairs from that time forward, not costing the general treasury a cent. The entire increase in the number of readers during the past biennium, splendid as it looks in the report, is all owing to a very, very few people, less than one out of a hundred. The question therefore is not simply Where are the nine? The proportion is still worse. It is a case of the ninety and nine.

INCREASE OF OUR MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND LEAFLET SETS

Dates	Programs	Leaflets	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
1910-11	1498	961	\$794.93	\$653.89	\$141.04
1911-12	2100	1200	516.71	334.65	124.06
1912-13	2357	1280	541.62	407.15	134.47
1913-14	2775	1640	553.24	620.19	-66.95
1914-15	2892	1787	560.63	329.94	230.69

September 1, 1915.

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THE MISSION WORKER

The total number of subscribers in August, 1913, was 10,189. The present subscription list is 11,650. This increase of 1,461 does not represent the actual number of new subscribers during the biennium, which would approximate 5,000 if more than 3,500 names had not been allowed to lapse through indifference. Our eyes are still steadfastly fixed on that 15,000 mark. We could have reached it, and gone far on toward a higher goal, say 20,000, if renewals had been promptly looked after. This responsibility rests largely upon the literature chairman in each Church or Conference, and a word of

heartly commendation is due many of these chairmen for their recent painstaking efforts.

Financial Statement, 1913-1915

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Balance	\$212.89	Printing	\$5,352.91
Cuts	34.00	Loan of	11.96
Gift	5.00	Supplies	36.42
Treasury	200.00	Postage	103.90
Subscriptions, 5,076.83			
Interest	10.81		
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		<i>Business Manager.</i>	

INCREASE OF OUR MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND LEAFLETS

25 Subscribers And Over

Hazleton, Pa., Christ.....	270	Minneapolis, Holy Communion.....	35
Lancaster, O., St. Peter's.....	187	East Bangor, Pa., Grace.....	35
Lancaster, Pa., Old Trinity.....	168	New Castle, Pa., St. John's.....	35
Allentown, St. John's.....	147	Youngstown, O.....	35
Allentown, St. Michael's.....	144	East Stroudsburg, Pa., Grace.....	34
Warren, Pa., First.....	126	Latrobe, Pa., Trinity.....	34
Wilkes-Barre, St. John's.....	125	Pottsville, Trinity.....	34
Buffalo, Holy Trinity.....	120	Latrobe, Pa., Trinity.....	33
Greenville, Pa., Trinity.....	116	Martin's Ferry, O., St. John's.....	33
Pottstown, Transfiguration.....	116	Pottstown, Grace.....	33
New York, Holy Trinity.....	106	Reading, Pa., Holy Spirit.....	33
Philadelphia, St. Luke's.....	101	Evans City, Pa., St. Peter's.....	33
Wilkes-Barre, St. Paul's.....	97	Allentown, Christ.....	32
Philadelphia, Bethlehem.....	92	Columbus, O., First English.....	32
Lebanon, Pa., Salem.....	92	Toledo, St. Stephen's.....	32
Rochester, N. Y., Reformation.....	80	Wexford, Pa., Pine Creek Parish.....	32
Toledo, St. Matthew's.....	76	Philadelphia, Holy Communion.....	32
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