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Rev. David A. Davy, Pastor

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 14, 1920.

The Second Biennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America met in Unity Church, Chicago, Ill., September 14th, at 2 o'clock.

After the singing of the hymn, "Come, Holy Spirit," the confessional and communion services were conducted by Dr. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church. Dr. L. B. Wolf, of the Foreign Mission Board, gave a brief and impressive meditation based upon the eleventh chapter

Chicago congregations.

Mrs. Traver, President of the Convention, called the assembly to order and in the absence of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. M. O. J. Keps and Mrs. J. S. Maloney, requested Mrs. Franklin F. Fry to take the chair.



MRS. D. A. DAVY  
Our Hostess

The following Committee on Credentials was appointed: Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Mary Cline, Mrs. Greiss.

Miss Zoe I. Hirt was appointed Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Morehead Reporter to *The Lutheran*, and Mrs. E. Walter to the German periodicals.

The President's address was then read:

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

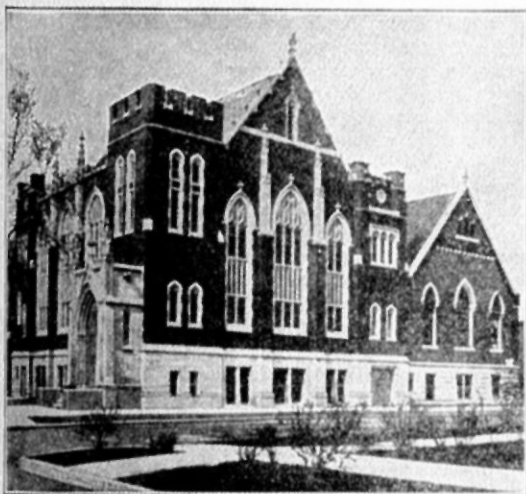
Among the remarkable characters of the Old Testament we find none with nobler ideals, or more strict in obedience to the will of Jehovah, than Samuel.

Conceived in answer to prayer, called of God, he became the great counsellor of the Israelites.

Because of disobedience, Jehovah allowed them to suffer the consequences of sin. Samuel stood as Mediator, and, through intercessory prayer to Jehovah and wise counsel to the Israelites, they were restored again and again to the favor of the Almighty. When they became teachable he was willing to be the instructor; when conscious of their own sinfulness they said, "Pray for thy servants unto Jehovah thy God." Samuel assured them of Jehovah's constancy in caring for His people, and directs their attention to the wonderful leadings of Providence and the care which overshadowed them even in their disobedience and gave them this admonition:

"Only fear Jehovah, and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider how great things He hath done for you."

It is my conviction that we may profitably spend some time together considering how great things Jehovah hath done for us. Two years ago we united our forces with untiring plans, and many views as to how the interests of His Kingdom might best be advanced, and with dim



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of I Corinthians, in which he dwelt upon the two great meanings of the communion service; its memorial character and its far deeper significance—the great mystery of the incarnation. In the strength of this food, he urged the members of the Convention to go forth to lead the victorious life of service.

The Holy Communion was administered by Drs. Knubel, Wolf, Keiter and Pastor Davy to the large congregation composed almost exclusively of the women of the Convention and of the



vision of what the future records might reveal. At this, our first Biennial Convention, we shall learn what these two years have meant in our Women's Work.

Today we are united not only in name, but in spirit also, and the wisdom of the system under which we are carrying forward His work is shown by the results. But I am asking you to consider not only how great things Jehovah has done for us during the past two years, but I also ask you to consider—think about—some of the causes we, as Christians, have for gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and in doing so let us contrast our lives with the lives of those women who have never been enriched by the power of the Gospel and the knowledge of our Saviour. Let us hear the answer to the question, What have the great heathen religions done for women and children?

Dr. James L. Dennis says in *Christian Missions and Social Progress*, "Ethnic religions and barbarous civilization have united their forces in the consignment of womankind to a state of degradation, a fact which rises up in judgment against these erroneous systems in all ages of history, and in no period so pronounced as in the present century. In a non-Christian environment she is still regarded as a scandal and a slave, a drudge and a disgrace, a temptation and a terror, a blemish and a burden, at once the touchstone and stumbling-block of human systems, the sign and the shame of the non-Christian world." He also says, "The population of India today is the children of children. Natural vigor in many places has suffered a notable decline owing to the constant stream of infants born from immaturity and called to struggle with unsanitary conditions and blighting disease. Many die prematurely, many are invalids or suffer in health from it." A brief paragraph is the biography of many a woman of India, her life was devoid of all intellectual stimulus, and barren of every printed page. She was never beyond her own doorway or her own narrow street.

The custom of early marriages is known also in Korea, China, Turkestan, Persia, Turkey, along the northern border of Africa and largely throughout that Continent, and the same results are always produced.

Some have called Africa the dark, sobbing Continent. Over its nearly 10 millions of square miles, in which the areas of Europe, India and China could easily be engulfed, somewhere between 130 and 150 millions of peoples are scattered. The Great War brought over a million of Africans into touch with the civilized world. Christianity, the only religion which really civilizes, is doing far too little to fulfill its mission. If it delays much longer, Islam and Materialism will divide Africa between them. She needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ to avert this calamity. The appeal of the African woman to the sympathy of Christians is not on the ground of drudgery, it is because she is bought and sold, married and turned off without regard to her preference, and when left a widow she is inherited like other property by some man of her husband's family, perhaps a son. It is because she is the prey of the strong that her virtue is held of no account, there is no innocent childhood and motherhood is desecrated. She wraps vileness about her as her habitual garment. With Mohammedanism and Paganism what they are, and with woman in the plight she is, what description of Africa socially and morally can be better than the ancient words, "Gross darkness covered the people?"

Let us turn to Japan, keeping in mind what great

things Jehovah hath done for us. The shadow of Japanese womanhood is, that usually with her childhood the happiest period of her life closes. To become a wife is to be a daughter-in-law, which is synonymous with drudge or slave. Life narrows, burdens increase, until existence seems intolerable. The list of suicides in Japan is a terribly long one. Her most thoughtful leaders are expressing their sense of Japan's need of the Gospel.

The Minister of Education has said, "There are two great forces needed for the uplift of the national life: one is education, the other religion, and they should co-ordinate." We are told that the translation of the Western novel and the entrance of the modern theatre have worked harm among many of the Japanese women. At this time, when the nation is conscious of its need, is the hour when the Christian Church should reinforce every agency for presenting to the people Christ the Divine Redeemer. Korea's chief hope lies with a new Japan. A new Christian heart in Japan means a new future for Korea. The Korea of tomorrow will reflect the Japan of today.

Our consideration of the lives of the women of India, Africa and Japan cannot but stir our hearts to a greater degree of thankfulness that we have been privileged to be born in a Christian land where woman is honored and loved.

Let us think for a time of the lives of the women of China, taking the description of Mrs. F. Howard Taylor, and imagine, if possible, the contrast if you or I had been the one baby girl out of every five that is cradled in a Chinese mother's arms, unwelcomed and unloved, unless by that poor mother's heart, the one little maiden out of every five that grows up in ignorance and neglect, drudging in the daily toil of some poor Chinese family or crying over the pain of crippled feet in the seclusion of a wealthier home, or the one youthful bride out of every five who passes from the shelter of her childhood home and goes meekly in China to the tyranny of the mother-in-law she dreads and to the indifference of the husband she has never seen. Of all the wives and mothers in the world, one out of every five turns in her longing to a gilded goddess of mercy in some Chinese temple counting her beads and murmuring her meaningless prayers. Of all the women who weep, one out of every five weeps alone, un comforted in China. Out of every five who lie on beds of pain, one is wholly at the mercy of Chinese ignorance and superstition. One out of every five at the close of earthly life passes into the shadow and terror that surround a Chinese grave, never having heard of Him who alone can rob death of its sting.

One-fifth of all the women of the world are waiting—waiting in China for the Saviour who so long waited for them. What a burden does this lay upon us, the women of Christendom!

The World War has given China and other Asiatic countries a standard by which to weigh the genuineness of national conviction and sacrifice. They have seen what America can do in support of her faith in liberty and democracy. If a Christian appeal cannot be met in like manner, the Chinese may naturally conclude that it is because faith in the truth of Christianity and devotion to its Founder do not exist in any large measure among western nations.

Let us now turn from our portrayal of the lives of the women of the East, devoid of Christianity and its influence, and center our thought for a time on the



other America that shares with us this Western Continent. A Buenos Aires professor recently said, "If America does not save the world, it will not be saved." The President of the Argentine Republic expresses his opinion that the reason for the backwardness of South America, having greater natural advantages and settled earlier than North America, is because his country was settled by Spaniards seeking gold, while North America was settled by the Pilgrim Fathers who came seeking God.

Those who are familiar with the conditions in Latin-America give as six principal needs: a new faith, education, economic reform, good literature, justice to the Indians, modern medicine and sanitation. From a missionary standpoint, opportunity is the best descriptive word of Latin-America and opportunity spells responsibility.

Central America is one of the most neglected mission fields in the world. Porto Rico is very responsive to the Gospel message. Millions of American capital have been invested in Cuban sugar plantations. How much do you think the Christians of America will invest in uplifting the lives of the Cuban people? We have been unable to learn of any extensive field in the great island world that is absolutely closed to the wise and devoted ambassador of Jesus Christ. We find doors not only open, but swinging freely. In the annals of Christianity there is no time like the present.

In recent years the U. S. Government has carried on reclamation projects to furnish a steady and regular flow of water to vast areas. Thus the desert has been made to blossom as the rose. In like manner the missionaries are doing the preparatory work that the life-giving streams may be released in far greater measure, but the force of workers is far too small.

We have considered the dwarfed, narrow lives of the women of the non-Christian world. Education, Christian education, is the answer to the question, How can we help to change conditions?

Margaret Burton, in *Women Workers of the Orient*, after depicting the lives of these women and the possibilities wrapped up in their education and Christian training, says, "Never were lives so open to the Prince of Peace. Such opportunities call for an army of Bible women. The lives of the girls and women of today are as clay soft in the hands of the potter. Old things are passed away. The shape of the new is not yet determined. Who will determine it? The answer rests with those who become the leaders of the newly awakened women of the East. We must help raise up the leaders and thus determine their character. To guide the host of groping women of the East today only educated Christian women from among ourselves can lead aright. We can give such leaders. It is in our power to develop in this day of days Oriental women trained to lead and to lead Christward. Never since Christian missions began has there been a challenge like that of this hour. If we are to meet it we cannot delay. The softness of the clay is a passing thing. 'Serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider how great things He hath done for you.'"

There was a time when the only work considered missionary was the carrying of the Gospel to the heathen lands, hence a foreign missionary society. Today we are members of an organization that is far-sighted in considering not only the needs of the heathen world, but realizing the great need of right living and Christian

teaching in our own land is also helping to displace wrong teaching, unholy living, lack of high ideals with the spirit of the Master, who said not only, "Go into all the world," but also "beginning at Jerusalem." We must make our missionary work include the training of workers for mission fields.

Why has India called so long for a doctor? Why have we allowed our work to be carried on by an inadequate staff of workers? Because we did not consider in past years that to insure needed workers for the field we must seek them, and, if necessary, train them for such service.

A plea for active Christian service in the homeland is beautifully expressed in the following lines:

Go ye and teach the next one whom you meet—  
Man, woman, child, at home or on the street—  
That God so loved them each in thought so sweet  
He could not have them lost through sin's defeat,  
But sent you with his message to repeat  
That pardon through his Son might be complete;  
So shall our land be saved from sore defeat  
And gather with the nations at His feet.

Think of 26 million children and youth growing up without any definite systematic religious training, the great peril to our national life. The average Protestant child has only 24 hours annually of religious instruction. In some of our cities this is being supplemented by one afternoon a week of religious instruction in the Church school. After all, it is the children who are the important factor in our nation, and every neglected child is a reproach to the Christian in our churches. When the Spartans were demanded to give 50 children as hostages, they wisely replied, "We would rather give 100 of our most distinguished men."

Xavier, the great missionary saint, came in one night wearied to the point of exhaustion by his work of ministering to the needy. As he went to his bed he said to an attendant, "I must have sleep or I shall die. No matter who comes do not disturb me." But a little later his white face showed at the door, and he said softly, "I made a mistake. If a little child comes, wake me."

It is the call of the little child that ought to waken the Church to service, for in the little child is wrapped up the future of the Church and the world.

The possibility of early instilling in our children principles that will help to shape their destiny is most interestingly told in the following incident. One Sunday evening in a western farmhouse a plain farmer was teaching his little girl Charles Wesley's hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," when they came to the stanza, "To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage, to do my Master's will," the godly father told that little girl the Creator had brought her into the world that she might fulfill that verse; thenceforth, that was her understanding of what she was born for, and, because that thought took possession of her, started her on her great career—Frances E. Willard stands in perpetual marble in Statuary Hall in our capitol at Washington,—the one woman whose statue has a place under the dome in the nation's Hall of Fame.

From her book, "How to Win," let me quote, "Arm-chair Christianity won't pass muster nowadays; soldiers of Him who went about doing good have something on hand besides murmuring, 'My willing soul would stay

in such a frame as this, and sit and sing herself away, to everlasting bliss!" Be not simply good, be good for something." There is a doric oracle which says: "If the Athenians want good citizens, let them put whatever is beautiful into the ears of their sons." If Americans want good citizens, let them put whatever is beautiful and useful into the ears of their sons and daughters.

We have been granted the right of suffrage. It is our duty to exercise that right by doing all in our power to make ours a Christian nation. Surely the menacing social problem and the growth of false religions in our country in this time should not be treated with indifference. Deborah is an example of a woman in national leadership. Through her wise plans for the campaign and through the inspiration of her presence and courage, her people were delivered from the yoke of a Canaanitish king. The successful issue was due not alone to her heroic example, but also to her great faith in God and to Him she gave credit for the victory.

It was Joan of Arc's enthusiastic belief in her divine mission that inspired the armies of France and made possible her wonderful victory and rendered her name immortal.

A study of present-day missionary enterprises through denominational agencies presents three significant facts: Insufficient forces, incomplete equipment, and inadequate funds. When we consider what Jehovah has done for us shall we not in gratitude give ourselves unreservedly to the task of providing more missionaries, better equipment and finance the work with a budget that will adequately meet the needs of our fields?

We are told that the money power in the hands of Christians of our generation is enormous, but too often I fear it is held tight by selfish grasp and greed. A poem entitled, "Why Dead," strikingly reveals the cause of the great lack of funds to broaden and extend the missionary operations of the Church:

#### WHY DEAD

I looked upon a sea, and lo, 'twas dead,  
Altho by Hermon's snows and Jordan fed.  
How came a fate so dire? the tale's soon told.  
All that it got, it kept and fast did hold.  
All tributary streams, found here their grave,  
Because that sea received and never gave.  
O sea that's dead teach me to know and feel  
That selfish grasp and greed my doom will seal.  
And help me, Lord, my best, myself to give,  
That I may others bless—and like Thee live.

A goal for the coming biennium will be presented. Let us do all in our power to reach it. A river that breaks up into little streams simply creates a swamp. It is the river that pours all of its water into one channel and in one direction that carries lumber and ships. It is those who put all of their gifts and strength and energy into one purpose who help the world and help themselves.

We know of the great need of trained and consecrated workers in the missionary operations of the Church: women doctors, teachers, groups of women workers in the villages, an army of those with desire in their hearts to seek and save the lost. We know of the need of deaconesses, leaders of young people and children, teachers of mission study classes and other forms of Christian service. How will we answer the call? Do we not often underestimate one avenue through which we all may

have a large share in advancing the cause of Christ? It is intercessory prayer. Every grave crisis in the extension of Christianity which has been successfully met has been met by the faithfulness of Christ's disciples in the secret place of prayer. We have hardly begun to discover its limitless possibilities.

Lord, I have shut the door,  
Shut out life's busy cares and fretting noise;  
Here in this silence they intrude no more.  
Speak Thou, and heavenly joy shall fill my  
Heart with music, sweet and calm—  
A holy psalm.

Yes, I have shut my door,  
Even on all the beauty of thine earth—  
To its blue ceiling, from its emerald floor  
Filled with spring's bloom and mirth;  
From these Thy works I turn,  
Thyself I seek, to Thee I speak.

Lord, I have shut my door!  
Come then and visit me;  
Come Thou, as when doors were shut,  
Thou camest of yore  
And visit Thine own.  
My Lord, I kneel in reverent love and fear,  
For Thou art here.

God's ships of treasures sail upon the sea  
Of boundless love, of mercy infinite;  
To change their course, retard their onward way,  
Nor wind nor wave hath might.

Prayer is the tide for which the vessels wait  
'Ere they can come to port;  
And if it be the tide is low,  
Canst thou expect the treasure ships to see?

Young people, do you hear the voice of Jesus calling you? If so, will you not answer: Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth. To your question, where shall I go, let me give this incident from The Great Rebellion. A captain rode up to Gen. Phil Kearney and said: "General, where shall I lead my army?" The general answered: "Go in anywhere instantly, there's splendid fighting all along the line."

The following from The King's Trumpeters, by Zona Gale, brings impressively what I want to leave with you:

Long years ago, when the world was just beginning to be, there was a kingdom which was not yet finished. And the king, as he beheld it was troubled, for everywhere that he looked there were loose ends and rough edges, and shapeless things waiting to be fashioned, and it was so all over his kingdom. There was such a great lot to do that he could not possibly do it all alone—no king, however industrious, could have done it all, and he longed for the help of his subjects. "Summon me my hundred heralds!" the king suddenly bade his servants.

"Hundred heralds," said the king, "I would that you go out into my kingdom, into its highways and even to its loneliest outposts, and take my people my message. Cry to them until each one hears with his heart as well as his head: The world is beginning. You must go and help the King!"

Our King is calling for a great army to fight forces of evil, to carry light to darkened lands. Who will be among His Heralds carrying His message of life and salvation?

Young people, I would that you go out to India, China, Africa, Japan, Latin-America, to the isles of the sea and to places of need in our own land with one burning message, The blood of Jesus Christ was shed on Calvary for the sins of the whole world. Thus will you help your King Immanuel in building a new world. And Christian friends, as we consider what great things Jehovah hath done for us, our gratitude will find expression in gifts, prayers and sacrifices, thus will we also have a part in the establishment of a reign of Peace on Earth, such as the angels sang over the shepherds at Bethlehem, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Greetings from the various Synodical Societies composing our organization were brought by the following:

Alleghany, Mrs. W. B. Claney.  
Central Canada, Mrs. N. Willison.  
North Carolina, Mrs. Bissinger.  
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West Virginia, Mrs. J. L. Marvin.

Wittenberg, Mrs. W. M. Hackenberg.

North Carolina Federation of Young People,  
Miss Lena Moose.

The Session was closed with prayer by Dr. Albrecht.

#### TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14TH.

At 7 o'clock, Mrs. C. P. Wiles gave a review of the book recommended for Mission Study classes for 1921, "The Church and the Community."

In her review Mrs. Wiles brought out the aim of the book, which is to show the relation of the Church to the other organizations of the community and pointed out the plain duty of the Church to align herself on the side of all such forces as foster the community spirit of mutual helpfulness and co-operation—"The Church is for service and not merely for services."

At 8 o'clock, the Vesper Service was conducted by the Reverend G. P. Lottich of Chicago. The Rev. Peter Petersen, of the Augustana Synod, offered prayer. Mrs. Traver then introduced the eleven Missionary candidates present, all of whom will soon be ready for active field work. Each gave a brief statement of her reasons for going to the foreign field and the influences which helped to shape her decision. Their names and destinations are as follows: Miss Lilith Schwab, Miss Alice J. Nickel, Miss Barbara DeRemer (nurse), Dr. Elizabeth Reese, Miss Mette K. Blair (nurse) and Miss Selma Anderson to India; Miss Marie C. Martens, Sister Ruth Robeson and Miss Elsie Otto to Africa; and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Kmudsten to Japan. All except the last named will be supported by the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Traver then introduced another remarkable group consisting of sixteen former missionaries and those now on furlough. In this number were Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht, Miss Wunderlich, Mrs. E. C. Harris, Miss Florence Welty, Miss Mary Borthwick, Miss Louisa Miller, Sister Jennie Larmonth, Miss Mabel Dysinger, Rev. and Mrs. Woerner, Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, Mrs. W. M. Kennerly, Miss Lulu Goodman, Dr. Wolf, Miss Sophia Probst.

As the twenty-six missionaries stood together for a few minutes on the altar steps, the congregation stood and sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Dr. Wolf conducted the impressive commissioning service for the three new missionaries who



sail on September 18th for Africa,—Misses Martens and Otto and Sister Ruth Robeson. Dr. Knubel offered the prayer of consecration.



MISS MARIE MARTENS



SISTER RUTH ROBESON



MISS ELSIE R. OTTO

Dr. Knubel's "God Speed" to the women of the Convention and to the outgoing missionaries formed a fitting close to a never-to-be-forgotten service.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Peter Petersen.

At the close of the service a reception was held in the gymnasium of the church, during which old friends were greeted and many new acquaintances formed.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15TH.

The morning devotional service was the first of a series to be conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk on the general subject "Our Everyday Attitudes." The topic for the morning was "Our Attitude Towards Christ."

The following delegates and officers answered to roll call:

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*Vice-President*, Mrs. J. S. Maloney  
*Recording Secretary*, Mrs. W. F. Morehead  
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After the roll call, the minutes were read and approved, and the Convention's committees were announced.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was heard.

# REPORT OF GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

This first statistical report of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church may be called a survey of our constituency. Usually statistics would call for all activities of an organization, but at the beginning of our new society, it was absolutely necessary to find first what our enrollment is.

Into this merged society the General Synod brought twenty-four (24) Synodical Societies, the General Council nine (9) Synodical and two (2) Conference Societies and the United Synod in the South six (6) Synodical Societies, making a total of forty-one (41) Synodical Societies. Owing to the readjustments which had to be made and the working out of the details of this new organization by the Executive Board, the first statistics were gathered in the form of an annual report in July, 1919. This annual report is, of course, included in the biennium report here submitted to you.

In order to gather this report, a tentative type-written statistical blank was sent to the Statistical Secretaries of the 41 societies requesting that they fill out the blanks, securing the data from the records of the Synodical Societies.

The response was most gratifying and the expressions as to the clear statement of the blanks, convinced the General Statistical Secretary that such a form of blank would prove very satisfactory, and requested the Executive Board to appoint a committee of three members, one from the former General Synod, one from the General Council and one from the United Synod in the South, who should endorse such a statistical blank or one which would fill the requirements of the three general societies. Miss Gaumer, General Synod; Miss Cline, United Synod in South, and myself were appointed.

One blank was drafted which could be used for either Women's, Young Women's or Junior Societies and another blank for the use of the Synodical Statistical Secretary in compiling her report to forward to the General Statistical Secretary. Therefore, in November, 1919, about

10,000 blanks, which was a year's supply, were sent out to the Synodical Secretaries to be distributed to the congregational societies,—and right here is where the great importance must be stressed for careful, accurate and prompt work, if our survey or inventory is to be correct and satisfactory. The office of the Statistical Secretary in the local society is *very important*.

When the local statistical officers understand the value of their service, it will enable the Women's Missionary Society to secure accurate statistics and so to know the full strength of its constituency.

A year's supply of blanks for the Synodical Statistical Secretaries were also mailed to each Secretary. This blank, of course, is different from the one for congregational societies, in that it calls for totals. Together with the blanks, about 300 letters, with instructions, have been sent out at different times. Also a great number of cards and letters of acknowledgment, answers to inquiries and explanation as solicited. It is not possible to total the number of "reminders" that reports were due. All this has taken time and postage, but it has not been a burden, because of the eagerness and enthusiasm on the part of the Synodical Statistical Secretaries to comply with the requests and in their endeavor to send in as correct reports as were possible, by what they received from the congregational Secretaries.

The number of Synodical Societies reporting at the close of this biennium is reduced by one, because of the merging of the two Pittsburgh Synods, but it does not affect the membership. As the union of the Illinois and Indiana Synods was not consummated until June of this year, these societies have reported separately.

In examining the printed report before you, you will notice that the number of societies in the Synodical Societies is given, then the membership in each society, following with the active and honorary memberships. When you recall how much you have heard this year about our *travel fund*, it will be understood why it is necessary to have a rubric for *active* and *honorary* memberships.

Upon this active membership the travel fund is computed.

The regular membership of each congregational society is composed of these two classes of members. The regular membership does not include members in the Home Department, Life Members or persons who have been memorialized. Notwithstanding the clear statement on the blanks, some Secretaries included all such in the regular

membership, hence I was compelled to find a place for a class of members, which I call "unknown." May I urge all Synodical Officers, if your society is credited with an "unknown" class, that every endeavor and effort be made to transfer them into the "active" class. The total column is the sum of the membership in the three societies, which total must also equal the sum of the active and honorary memberships.

In some societies the Synodical Statistical Secretaries reported all members of the three local organizations as active, but failed to include the honorary membership in the total membership. In such cases it could not be included in the total membership. This is confusing and should be corrected in the future.

Under *Auxiliary Departments* are included Home Department members, Life members and In Memoriams and each is totaled separately. The *Department Activities* present the Mission Study Classes and subscriptions to magazines. The Departmental Statistics are the life pulse of the societies in that they record the educational interest of our membership. By them a true appreciation of the value of Mission Study Classes and of our splendid official magazines are shown. It is the surest evidence that our constituency is acquiring the larger vision of the ripened fields of labor and becoming acquainted with the missionaries whom we are supporting across the ocean, in the Isles of the Sea and in our own great Homeland.

The *Box-Work Department* represents a labor of love, the value of which must be estimated in dollars and cents, in order to give a fair appreciation of the large amount of clothing, bedding, food and other articles for Home Missionary pastors, which supplement their incomes; and to Institutions, as Orphanages and Old People's Homes, which are included under Home Box-Work Department. Supplies to Hospitals and Leper Colonies abroad are included under Foreign Box-Work. Secretaries should be careful to itemize their reports on Box-Work to show where the boxes are sent, as in some instances this was not done.

In closing this report, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all Synodical Statistical Secretaries for their faithful, conscientious co-operation in making this report possible, and I leave with you the words of Margaret Slattery, "In every humble task there is always a halo, if you take that task for the Master."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FRANK E. JENSEN.



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The Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America

Number	NAME OF SYNODICAL SOCIETY	NUMBER OF SOCIETIES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN SOCIETIES				MEMBERS CLASSIFIED			AUXILIARY DEPARTMENTS				MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION		ACTIVITIES					
					Women's	Young Women's	Junior	Total	Active	Honorary	Unknown	Home	Missionary Baby Roll	Life Membership	In Memoriams	Lutheran Women's Work	Lutheran Boys And Girls	Mission Study Classes	ESTIMATED VALUE WORK				
		Women's	Young Women's	Junior															Home	Foreign	Total		
1	Iowa.....	1875	13	6	23	353	120	104	577	564	13	316	83	71	181	33	31	391	221	20	\$667.00	\$ 79.00	\$746.00
2	Miami.....	1879	37	14	12	1332	398	298	2028	1644	63	316	31	71	181	33	31	930	1027	20	\$667.00	\$ 79.00	\$746.00
3	East Pennsylvania.....	1879	82	22	34	3753	675	1346	5774	5411	363	316	144	201	324	73	73	2489	2550	84	\$455.96	\$10.25	\$466.21
4	Nebraska.....	1880	29	11	10	50	576	242	157	975	872	103	65	70	48	17	529	64	17	529	64	175.00	175.00
5	Alleghany.....	1880	61	27	34	2788	925	1086	4666	3802	419	945	150	326	93	122	2031	1708	36	627.66	850.38	1478.04	
6	Susquehanna.....	1880	41	12	73	1654	325	548	2527	2335	192	945	27	91	309	64	899	293	17	693.43	15.00	708.43	
7	Central Pennsylvania.....	1880	36	6	14	56	790	262	389	1441	1196	245	104	310	62	1	746	542	1	120.00	847.00	967.00	
8	Ohio Branch.....	1881	31	4	15	50	818	70	304	1192	1146	46	23	23	117	23	528	350	3	246.90	229.00	475.90	
9	Maryland.....	1881	64	30	36	180	2434	956	983	4373	4010	363	160	983	348	49	2431	1798	20	2182.00	189.00	2371.00	
10	Wittenberg.....	1881	46	15	22	83	1463	385	726	2574	2421	153	94	298	169	72	1305	1720	11	438.00	438.00	438.00	
11	Northern Indiana.....	1882	27	6	14	47	758	86	1269	1098	110	61	47	32	356	2	460	521	7	400.98	40.50	441.48	
12	East Ohio.....	1882	29	13	11	53	1124	367	1772	1514	258	82	99	301	349	78	918	882	1	400.98	40.50	441.48	
13	Southwest Virginia.....	1884	41	11	25	77	851	280	387	1518	1436	82	21	106	8	210	11	210	11	21	400.98	40.50	441.48
14	North Carolina.....	1885	63	33	50	146	2032	870	1412	4314	3981	333	41	121	221	54	954	1837	13	379.80	379.80	379.80	
15	Northern Illinois.....	1887	41	13	12	66	1619	261	432	2312	1695	134	383	41	121	221	54	954	1837	13	379.80	379.80	379.80
16	Central Illinois.....	1887	21	5	4	30	437	101	90	628	15	15	50	129	144	35	387	414	7	269.90	94.65	364.55	
17	Southern Illinois.....	1887	8	1	2	8	155	39	155	140	15	15	50	129	144	35	387	414	7	269.90	94.65	364.55	
18	California.....	1892	18	1	2	21	459	39	498	498	15	15	50	129	144	35	387	414	7	269.90	94.65	364.55	
19	Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	1895	222	17	104	343	8227	72	3025	11324	36	36	63	75	99	142	3632	33	212	882.38	451.96	1334.34	
20	District Synod of Ohio.....	1899	50	4	2	56	1496	26	1522	1487	35	35	33	158	33	4	583	3	14	85.00	55.00	90.00	
21	New York and New England.....	1902	64	62	2	128	1105	62	1167	1105	52	10	83	580	37	17	588	3	82	491.89	92.75	584.64	
22	Rocky Mountain.....	1902	9	4	4	17	159	34	65	258	245	13	5	195	41	2	499	142	1	221.75	5.00	226.75	
23	Pacific.....	1906	18	2	3	18	253	52	253	253	51	51	31	19	19	1	100	1	4	42.39	56.14	98.53	
24	Houston.....	1907	22	2	3	27	291	52	370	319	51	51	31	284	283	29	1174	946	13	418.20	298.50	716.70	
25	New York.....	1908	62	14	23	99	1744	235	2556	2311	245	245	135	294	283	29	1174	946	13	418.20	298.50	716.70	
26	Chicago.....	1908	36	1	1	37	424	135	559	559	87	87	42	6	6	6	135	105	3	50.00	104.50	154.50	
27	Central Canada.....	1909	18	1	1	20	294	22	316	316	116	116	3	3	3	3	47.79	3	47.79	9.05	56.84	56.84	
28	Nova Scotia.....	1911	8	1	1	8	250	25	275	250	70	70	2	2	2	2	71	21	1	42.39	56.14	98.53	
29	Virginia.....	1914	22	6	5	33	606	120	842	772	70	70	22	18	18	1	242	177	15	97.00	365.00	462.00	
30	West Virginia.....	1914	13	3	2	18	387	49	39	475	439	56	253	11	50	48	319	60	15	97.00	365.00	462.00	
31	Tennessee.....	1918	21	5	8	34	432	116	193	741	432	56	253	11	50	48	319	60	15	97.00	365.00	462.00	
32	German Nebraska.....	1918	8	3	8	137	788	3235	137	137	14	14	88	1168	294	10	674	47	12	35.00	65.00	100.00	
33	Pittsburgh.....	1919	180	26	16	222	5418	788	9441	9138	303	303	88	1168	294	10	674	47	12	35.00	65.00	100.00	
34	Warburg.....	1919	12	2	1	15	212	37	15	264	263	1	1	1	1	1	129	51	15	125.00	42.00	167.00	
35	West Pennsylvania.....	1919	81	25	34	140	3992	795	1315	6102	4840	500	762	166	285	249	62	1929	1428	18	2518.45	266.00	2784.45
36	Kansas.....	1919	29	7	4	40	601	41	59	701	558	114	29	16	29	115	16	432	211	17	196.50	260.57	490.03
37	South Carolina.....	1919	73	52	125	976	.....	.....	.....	1116	976	140	144	312	141	7	446	52	4	229.46	260.57	490.03	
38	N. W. Synod.....	1905	25	1073	1073	1065	8	8	1073	1065	8	8	109	1	1	1	155	77	13	.....	.....	.....	
39	Central Conference.....	1908	17	4	3	24	621	621	621	621	17	17	160	69	109	12	3	300	1	1	.....	.....	.....
40	Wisconsin Conference.....	1917	7	1	2	10	213	38	251	213	38	38	69	109	12	3	300	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
41	Western Conference.....	1917	7	1	2	10	213	38	251	213	38	38	69	109	12	3	300	1	1	.....	.....	.....	
42	TOTALS.....	1685	465	533	2683	52307	8940	17747	79134	71839	4677	2937	1912	6700	4056	979	28146	18251	820	17441.16	5022.05	22750.69	

## TREASURER'S BIENNIAL REPORT

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SYNOD OF																				
Number	General Fund	India	Japan	Africa	South America	West Indies	Immigrants	Home and Church Extension	Life Member-Memorials	Travel Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Fund	Annuities, Legacies and Endowments	Lace Industry	Synodical	Young People's	Junior Specials	Miscellaneous	Totals	
1 Allegheny.....	\$3113.00	\$513.00	\$199.00						\$1405.00	\$200.00	\$3357.00	\$390.00	\$200.00	\$4.00		\$61.00	\$21.00	\$65.00	\$9328.00	
2 California.....	538.23	92.00	30.00						130.00	31.00	684.63	70.20		6.00		3.00		25.00	1810.06	
3 Central Canada.....	377.68								40.00	16.95								12.00	446.58	
4 Chicago.....	1323.68	173.00	\$7.20						80.00	13.54	484.93	16.00		108.57			50.00	33.75	2436.27	
5 Georgia and Adjacent States.....	334.80		247.25						95.00	8.55	15.75	9.91						70.00	781.26	
6 Holston.....	1053.78		243.39						260.00	13.84	93.37					44.10	18.98	7.10	1795.76	
7 Illinois, Central.....	211.20	42.00	27.00						60.00	32.29	15.00			9.97		10.00	15.00	15.00	2072.46	
8 Illinois, Southern.....	556.66	30.00	35.00						280.00	25.00	588.93	47.46		1.50				49.00	2129.55	
9 Illinois, Northern.....	1203.36	88.00	118.50						495.00	20.05	1660.70	75.00		25					4110.21	
10 Indiana.....	136.15	30.00							40.00	50.00	12.00						1.00		303.52	
11 Indiana, Northern.....	182.95	30.00	23.30						205.00	41.85	787.00	65.00		19.16		2.40	23.00	87.00	2827.66	
12 Indiana, Southern.....	647.00	273.00	100.00						110.00	44.50	499.00	51.00		7.00		8.00		46.50	1646.48	
13 Iowa.....	789.48	45.00	5.50						315.00	46.60	896.87	66.00		7.00				41.15	2302.61	
14 Kansas.....	846.99	75.00							490.00	286.60	3712.63	275.63		4.00		117.96	19.00	25.50	13263.64	
15 Maryland.....	4391.22	1340.25	58.00	\$15.00					310.00	72.00	1524.00	104.00		7.00		60.00	1.00	2.00	4086.00	
16 Miami.....	1391.00	192.00							30.00	4.50	948.00	110.00				32.00	8.00		390.50	
17 Michigan.....	164.00	7.00							255.00	30.00								21.00	2571.45	
18 Nebraska.....	872.45	207.00	96.00																233.18	
19 Nebraska, German.....	176.10	5.00							385.00	181.00	1769.00	140.00				18.00		27.00	5763.00	
20 New York and New England.....	2303.00	424.00	25.00						185.00	122.90	361.71	10.00		24.50				30.51	4944.74	
21 New York.....	2713.05	899.10	12.00						2020.00	169.50	2390.07	80.65		21.40				668.55	17669.01	
22 North Carolina.....	4569.53	120.00	2532.60																215.00	
23 North Carolina, Y. P. Federation.....		90.00	125.00																	
24 Northwest, Central Conference.....	781.42	241.09																	1665.48	
25 Northwest, Western Conference.....	332.48								20.00	17.95	12.75	41.37						7.00	1665.48	
26 Northwest, Wisconsin Conference.....	1649.47								330.00	59.50	665.82	39.20		32.05				25.00	433.78	
27 Nova Scotia.....	351.60	95.00							35.00	9.75	90.66					22.42		15.00	2845.52	
28 Ohio, District.....	1864.60	99.85	282.23						365.00	114.21	208.55	243.93		233.51				52.69	116.64	
29 Ohio, East.....	2057.52	565.00	5.00						1360.00	82.68	2744.43	260.75		100.00		20.25	60.00	50.88	3654.76	
30 Olive Branch.....	1036.56	145.00							155.00	37.05	958.23	94.15		7.67				10.00	7375.23	
31 Pacific.....	135.42								15.00	9.35								7.00	2940.66	
32 Pennsylvania, Central.....	1574.36	28.00	70.00						450.00	59.40	1323.94	46.12		3.00		14.05	2.20		3578.07	
33 Pennsylvania, East.....	4446.30	481.50	50.00						1190.00	330.20	3841.54	218.25		10.00		49.00	44.00	145.50	12453.49	
34 Pennsylvania, West.....	4324.50	1011.50	30.00						665.00	312.30	4567.00	137.00		2250.00				44.00	14333.80	
35 Pennsylvania, Ministerium.....	12517.24	1048.18	275.20						1920.00	551.74	2095.40	25.00		3100.00				32.75	22131.28	
36 Pittsburgh, U. I. C.....	5193.18	496.00	15.00						685.00	474.85	5898.00	222.00		12.13		108.00		61.00	7569.91	
37 Pittsburgh, G. C.....	3433.25	731.00							140.00	55.15				5.00				67.22	1214.80	
38 Pittsburgh, G. S.....	797.00	31.00	41.00						230.00									64.00	1380.00	
39 Rocky Mountain.....	336.41	105.00	35.00						190.00	16.55	251.08	9.62						7.50	916.61	
40 South Carolina.....	2302.65	100.00	2014.25						505.00	179.30	2367.00	156.00		103.78		300.00		5.00	6347.92	
41 Susquehanna.....	2542.50	130.00	157.00						80.00	25.00	389.19							45.00	7237.38	
42 Tennessee.....	529.32								603.10	77.73	455.49							200.00	1047.41	
43 Virginia.....	1102.38	105.00	23.90						379.60	77.73	455.49							57.72	2805.99	
44 Virginia, Southwest.....	2056.92	100.00	166.51						305.24	76.00	590.00							63.00	3756.16	
45 Wartburg.....	339.40								40.00		246.42	13.60						10.00	776.42	
46 West Virginia.....	471.02		5.00						115.00	32.70	400.18	26.50		107.00					1050.40	
47 Wittenberg.....	2335.00	245.00	145.00						1110.00	235.00	2566.00	100.00		172.38		44.00		3.55	7617.93	
48 General Council W. M. Society.....	4018.85																		4018.85	
49 Gen. Synod W. H. & F. M. Society.....	15442.77	1350.20																	15442.77	
50 W. H. & F. M. Soc. Augustana Synod.....	900.00	1117.00	131.54	263.10															2644.54	
51 Gettysburg Summer Assembly.....	600.00																		600.00	
52 Temple Church Philadelphia.....																			2576.76	
53 Mrs. A. C. Cronk, Treas.....	122.40								705.00										827.40	
54 Life Mem. & In Mem. Dept.....	2300.00																		2807.00	
55 India Lace Industry.....	633.29																		633.29	
56 Board of Trustees.....	81.00																		81.00	
57 Literature Committee.....	6.80																		6.80	
58 Lima Svc. Bank Co. Toledo, O.....																				
59 Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, O.....																				
60 Persons.....	942.43	245.00	\$6.00	80.18					20.00		20.00								10.00	984.04
Total Receipts for Year.....																				
Total Receipts for Year.....																				

REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER FOR THE FIRST BIENNium,  
ENDING JULY 31, 1920

Receipts as per Tabulation .....\$251605 60

## DISBURSEMENTS

To Executive Expenses..	\$5384 65
" Office Rent, Telephone, etc.....	729 15
" General Treasurer...	863 54
" Treasurer, Board of Trustees .....	244 82
" Literature Appropriation .....	11000 00
" Lutheran Boys and Girls .....	145 80
" Life Membership and "In Memoriam Department .....	2648 66
" India Lace Department .....	58 07
" Department Secretaries .....	139 01
" Board of Education, U. L. C. ....	1375 72
" Board of Foreign Missions, U. L. C. ....	255 00
" Board of Trustees, Miss Prince, Treasurer .....	9880 00
" Annuities, Endowments, etc.—Interest to Annuitants..	2046 91
" Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Treasurer, U. L. C.:	
India .....	\$77510 22
Japan .....	17447 97
Africa .....	24745 10
South America ..	167 54
Travel Appropriations for Missionaries .....	11384 03
Outfit Allowances for missionaries .....	1650 00
Foreign Board ..	5998 52
West Indies Bd..	1449 01
Immigrant Bd. ..	2493 50
Jewish Missions Committee ...	868 00
Home Missions and Ch. Ext..	29009 46
Miscellaneous ...	2302 98
Medical Student.	566 00
Refund .....	45 50
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	175637 83
To Miscellaneous .....	1659 64
" Refunds .....	2244 45
" Summer Schools ...	214 76
" Workers' Conference.	190 95
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Total Disbursements ..	\$214718 96
Net Balance, July 31, 1920 .....	\$36878 25

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE C. WEIER, General Treasurer.

The report of the Auditor for Treasurer's report was read and approved.

TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 10, 1920.

Mrs. Nettie C. Weier, Treasurer,  
The Women's Missionary Society of the  
United Lutheran Church in America,  
Toledo, Ohio.

DEAR MADAM:

Pursuant to your request we have made an examination of the records of the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America for the period from December 9, 1918, to July 31, 1920, inclusive, and herewith submit our report thereon.

A condensed statement of the receipts and disbursements for the period is set forth as follows:

Total Receipts .....	\$251,597 21
Total Disbursements .....	214,718 96

The excess of receipts over Disbursements, representing the cash balance and accounted for as follows .....	\$36,878 25
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio, Checking Account .....	\$27,935 96
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio, Savings Account .....	2,057 34
Dime Savings Bank Co., Toledo, Ohio, Savings Account .....	634 70
Cash on hand .....	6,250 25

Total as above ..... \$36,878 25

We checked in detail the recorded receipts for the period and traced the same into the bank deposits made with the various depositories. The receipts are classified on Schedule 1 as to origin and on Schedule 2 as to the respective funds into which they have been distributed.

All recorded bank disbursements for the period were checked in detail and found to be supported by properly executed vouchers. The various bank balances were confirmed by direct communication with the depositories and the cash on hand as of July 31, 1920, was verified as follows:

Cash and checks in hands of Treasurer .....	\$393 94
Cash items which were traced into deposits made subsequent to July 31, 1920, and verified by correspondence with the bank .....	5856 31

Total ..... \$6250 25

Liberty Bonds and War Savings Certificates, which had been received by the Treasurer as payment upon the purchase of Annuity Bonds, but which had not been recorded on the Treasurer's books awaiting the final decision of the Executive Board as to whether or not they would accept such securities for the payment of said Annuity Bonds, were submitted for our inspection and are listed as follows:

Third Liberty Loan 4½%, Serial No. 13913568, par value .....	\$50 00
10 1919 Series War Savings Certificates, with a maturity value on January 1, 1924, of .....	50 00
2 1918 Series War Savings Certificates, with a maturity value on January 1, 1923, of .....	10 00



During the course of our examination we found that through an error of order No. 220 of the Executive Board, the check paying same was entered for \$208.76 and the correct order ultimately came through for \$218.76; we also found that a debit memo of \$8.39 for exchange made by the bank had not been entered on the books. Both of the foregoing items have been adjusted in our report.

Expressing our appreciation of the courtesies extended us, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

KONOPAK, HURST AND DALTON,  
Certified Public Accountants.  
(Indiana.)

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## EXHIBIT AND SCHEDULES

### EXHIBIT A

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From December 9, 1918, to July 31, 1920, inclusive

Receipts—Schedule 2 ..... \$251,597 21  
Disbursements—

Executive Expenses .....	\$5,384 65
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. ...	729 15
General Treasurer .....	863 54
Treasurer, Board of Trustees. ....	244 82
Literature Appropriation .....	11,000 00
Lutheran Boys and Girls ....	145 80
Life Memberships and In Memoriam Dept. ....	2,648 66
India Lace Department .....	58 07
Department Secretaries .....	139 01
Board of Education, U. L. C. ....	1,375 72
Board of Foreign Missions, U. L. C. ....	255 00
Board of Trustees, Miss Flora Prince, Treas., Annuities, Endowments, etc. ....	9,880 00
Interest to Annuityants .....	2,046 91

Mr. E. Clarence Miller:

Checks drawn in favor of E. Clarence Miller and distributed on the Treasurer's books as follows:

India .....	\$77,510 22
Japan .....	17,447 97
Africa .....	24,745 10
South America. ....	167 54
Travel Appropriation for Mission ....	11,384 03
Outfit Allowances for Missionaries..	1,650 00
Foreign Board. ....	5,998 52
West Indies Board .....	1,449 01
Immigrants' Board .....	2,493 50
Jewish Missions' Committee, ..	868 00
Home Missions and Church Extension ..	29,009 46
Miscellaneous .	2,302 98

Medical Student .....	\$566 00
Refund .....	45 50
	<hr/> \$175,637 83
Miscellaneous .....	1,659 64
Refunds .....	2,244 45
Summer Schools .....	214 76
Worker's Conference .....	190 95

Total Disbursements..	\$214,718 96
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements, representing Cash Balance and accounted for as follows .....	\$36,878 25
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio, Checking Account .....	\$27,935 96
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio, Savings Account .....	2,057 34
Dime Savings Bank Co., Toledo, Ohio, Savings Account .....	634 70
Cash on hand .....	6,250 25
Total as above .....	<hr/> \$36,878 25

### SCHEDULE 1

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From December 9, 1918, to July 31, 1920, inclusive  
Synodical Societies—

Alleghany .....	\$9,328 00
California .....	1,810 06
Central Canada .....	446 58
Chicago .....	2,436 27
Georgia and Adjacent States .....	781 26
Holston .....	1,795 76
Illinois .....	2,072 46
Illinois Central .....	2,129 55
Illinois Northern .....	4,110 21
Illinois Southern .....	303 52
Northern Indiana .....	2,827 66
Indiana .....	489 25
Iowa .....	1,646 48
Kansas .....	2,302 61
Maryland .....	13,263 64
Miami .....	4,086 00
Michigan .....	390 50
Nebraska .....	2,571 45
Nebraska German .....	233 18
New York .....	5,763 00
New York and New England .....	4,944 74
North Carolina .....	17,669 01
North Carolina Y. P. Federation .....	215 00
Northwest Central Conference .....	1,665 48
Northwest Western Conference .....	483 78
Northwest Wisconsin Conference .....	2,845 52
Nova Scotia .....	1,165 64
Ohio District Synod .....	3,654 76
Ohio Eastern .....	7,375 23
Olive Branch .....	2,940 66
Pacific .....	159 77
Pennsylvania Central .....	3,578 07
Pennsylvania Eastern .....	12,453 49
Pennsylvania Western .....	14,353 80
Pennsylvania Ministerium .....	22,131 28
Pittsburgh U. L. C. ....	15,519 91
Pittsburgh General Council .....	7,267 53
Pittsburgh General Synod .....	1,380 00
Rocky Mountain .....	916 61

South Carolina .....	\$6,347 92
Susquehanna .....	7,237 38
Tennessee .....	1,047 41
Virginia .....	2,805 99
Virginia Southwest .....	3,756 16
Wartburg .....	776 42
West Virginia .....	1,050 40
Wittenberg .....	7,617 93

## Sundry Items—

General Council .....	4,018 85
General Synod .....	15,442 77
W. M. F., Augustana Synod .....	2,644 84
Gettysburg Assembly .....	1,117 00
Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia ..	600 00
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Treasurer .....	2,876 76
Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Secretary, Life Mem-	
bership .....	827 40
India Lace Industry, Annette S. Woll ..	2,800 00
Board of Trustees, Flora Prince, Treasurer	6,839 29
Literature Committee, Mrs. C. L. Fry,	
Treasurer .....	81 00
Dime Savings Bank Co. (Interest) .....	6 80
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co. (In-	
terest) .....	934 04

\$248,336 08

## Personal Items—

Mrs. P. M. Rossman (balance from merger) .....	\$36 48
Ethelyn Obergh, Titusville, Pa. .	10 00
Busy Bee Mission Band, Cobles-	
kill, N. Y. ....	50 00
Woman's H. & F. Mission Soc.,	
Fairfield, Pa. ....	5 00
Woman's Missionary Society, First	
Lutheran Church, Leipsic, Ohio	100 00
Helen C. Beagle .....	8 00
Mrs. E. Augustus Miller, Phila-	
delphia, Pa. ....	30 00
Mrs. C. E. Cesander, Orient,	
S. D. ....	10 00
Mrs. G. C. Feanzier, Vinton, Ia. .	5 00
Pearl Rhoads, Dorcas Society,	
Somerset, Pa. ....	10 00
Ruth S. S. Class, Monroeville,	
Ind. ....	10 00
Ladies' A. & M. Soc., Trinity	
Church, Lancaster, O. ....	5 00
St. Petries S. S. & W. M. Society,	
Toledo, O. ....	45 00
W. M. Society, Zion's Church,	
Syracuse, N. Y. ....	25 00
Class No. 10, St. Paul's Church,	
New Castle, Pa. ....	10 00
W. M. S. & Y. P. M. S., St.	
Paul's Church, Spring Grove,	
Pa. ....	2,000 00
Ministerium of N. Y. and adja-	
cent S. & C. ....	50 00
United Lutheran Church, Mr.	
E. Clarence Miller .....	10 00
Ladies' Guild, First Eng. Luth.	
Church, Fresno, Cal. ....	5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Brommer, Harris-	
burg, Pa. ....	10 00
Ruth Cesander, Chaska, Minn. .	10 00

W. M. S., North Robinson, Ohio,	
Congregation .....	\$30 00
S. S., Eng. Church of Redeemer,	
Yonkers, N. Y. ....	30 00
Women's Missionary Society,	
Williamsport, Pa. ....	34 25
New Freedom, Pa., Group ....	15 00
Lancaster District, Harrisburg-	
Lancaster L. W. League ....	108 92
Miss Mary A. Miller, Philadel-	
phia, Pa. ....	2 50
Mrs. Sarah Schweitzer, Elkhart,	
Ind. ....	500 00
Women's Missionary Soc., Phila.	
Conferences .....	16 80
Women's Missionary Soc., Brad-	
dock, Pa. ....	1 00
Miss Flora Prince .....	1 00
Wittenberg College Chapter, Y.	
W. C. A. ....	17 00
Miss Margery D. H. Lilley ....	20 00
Rev. C. H. Brosius .....	40 18
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	3,261 13

Total distributed as itemized  
on Schedule 2 ..... \$251,597 21

## Schedule 2

## CLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From December 9, 1918, to July 31, 1920, inclusive

General Fund .....	\$113,206 81
India .....	13,485 67
Japan .....	8,805 88
Africa .....	3,675 05
South America .....	171 54
West Indies .....	542 21
Home and Church Extension .....	7,834 11
Immigrants .....	532 85
Life Memberships .....	18,558 10
Travel Fund .....	4,217 80
Thank-Offering .....	50,674 36
Christmas Offering .....	3,170 44
Annuities, etc. ....	13,280 00
Lace Industry .....	900 94
Synodical Specials .....	6,135 55
Young People's Specials .....	983 93
Junior Specials .....	1,661 21
Miscellaneous .....	3,780 76

Total as shown on Exhibit A ..... \$251,597 21

Report of the Board of Trustees was given by  
Miss Flora Prince.

## RECEIPTS

## ANNUITIES

1920.	
December 12.	Mrs. Emma J. S. Thummel,
	Sterling, Ill. ....
	\$100 00
" "	Mrs. Jessie Allen Herren, Fill-
	more, Ill. ....
	100 00
" "	Miss Leila May Moody, Fill-
	more, Ill. ....
	300 00
" "	Mrs. Clara B. Stough, Ship-
	pensburg, Pa. ....
	250 00

December 12.	Mrs. Theresa D. Combe, Los Angeles, Cal. ....	\$100 00
" "	Mrs. Sophia M. Fabrey, Hollywood, Cal. ....	100 00
January 19.	Mrs. Anzonetta H. Murphy, Sterling, Ill. ....	100 00
" "	Mrs. Mary N. Laich, Bridge-town, N. Y. ....	100 00
February 17.	Mrs. M. L. Yonker, St. Johnsville, N. Y. ....	100 00
" "	Miss Mellie I. Gladfelter, Spring Grove, Pa. ....	2000 00
" "	Mrs. Oscar G. Schmidt, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	200 00
March 15.	Miss Elizabeth Weigle, York, Pa. ....	200 00
" "	Miss Minnie Dempwolf, York, Pa. ....	500 00
" "	Mrs. C. R. Gladfelter, Spring Grove, Pa. ....	1000 00
May 17.	Mrs. Sarah Schweitzer, Elkhart, Ind. ....	500 00
" "	Mrs. Frances B. Barrett, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	100 00
" "	Miss Catherine Gunteroth, Phoenixville, Pa. ....	500 00
" "	Mrs. Carrie Sypher, Jersey Shore, Pa. ....	1000 00
" "	Miss Lydia Berhencke, Lena, Ill. ....	100 00
" "	Miss Louise Reeve, York, Pa. ....	100 00
Total .....		<b>\$7450 00</b>

Total Annuities ..... **\$7450 00**

#### PERMANENT FUND

January 19. **\$20 00**

1920. AFRICA  
January 19. Phoebe Hospital, Muhlenberg Mission, Africa ..... **\$100 00**

Total ..... **\$7570 00**  
Interest ..... **4369 72**

Total ..... **\$11939 72**

Cash on hand November 12, 1919.. **\$8384 76**  
Investments on hand November 12, 1919 ..... **91800 00**

Total Receipts ..... **\$112124 48**

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Interest Money.  
1920.

January 28. To Mrs. W. C. Weier, Treasurer ..... **\$1266 41**  
April 28. To Mrs. W. C. Weier, Treasurer ..... **1755 05**  
July 16. To Mrs. W. C. Weier, Treasurer ..... **1153 26**  
Total ..... **\$4174 72**

#### Refunds.

1920.

June 11. Refund to Olive Branch Synodical Society ..... **\$150 00**  
July 12. Annuity to Mrs. W. C. Weier ..... **100 00**

Total ..... **\$250 00**

Total Disbursements ..... **\$4424 72**

Balance ..... **\$107699 76**

The above balance is composed of:

Permanent Loans ..... **\$101800 00**  
Cash in Springfield, Ohio, Building and Loan. 5557 32  
Cash in Springfield, Ohio, Savings Bank..... 147 44  
Interest in Springfield, Ohio, Citizens' Bank.. 195 00

Total ..... **\$107699 76**

Report of all funds in the Treasury July 31, 1920:

For Endowment of Beds, Guntur Hospital, Guntur, India ..... **\$23000 00**  
For Endowment of Beds, Chirala Hospital, Guntur, India ..... **1000 00**  
For Endowment of Beds, Children's Ward, Guntur, India ..... **563 40**  
For Legacies ..... **24787 43**  
For Trust Funds ..... **13100 00**  
For Permanent Fund ..... **3260 72**  
For Annuities ..... **38825 00**  
For Endowment of Beds, Sylvanus Stall School, Guntur, India ..... **2868 21**  
For Phoebe Hospital, Muhlenberg Mission, Africa ..... **100 00**

Total Funds ..... **\$107504 76**

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA PRINCE, *Treasurer.*

MRS. F. F. FRY, *President.*

The report of Auditor was read and received.

I hereby certify that I have this day audited the cash records of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America, and found same to be true and correct; also that the above conforms with said records.

WILLIAM J. GRIM,

*Certified Public Accountant.*

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 13, 1920.

The reports of the Executive Secretary and of the Literature Committee were heard and referred to the proper committees.

#### FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Deeply grateful to the Head of the Church for the favor which attended the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church



during its first biennium of service, the Executive Board respectfully submits the following report:

#### ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS

In accordance with the constitution adopted by the society at its first convention held in New York City, November 16, 1918, the Executive Board was thus constituted: Four general officers, Mrs. J. G. Traver, President; Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Recording Secretary; Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Statistical Secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Weier, Treasurer, with fifteen members-at-large: Miss Flora Prince, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Mrs. J. B. Markward, Mrs. F. F. Fry, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Mrs. C. F. Stifel, Miss Constance Cline, Mrs. J. A. Hemming, Mrs. C. E. Gardner, Miss Mary A. Miller, Mrs. R. T. Bowe, Mrs. W. J. Caldwell and Mrs. F. G. Gotwald. The Board held its first meeting in New York City, November 18, 1918, subsequent quarterly meetings being held at Pittsburgh, Pa., the place chosen as the society's executive headquarters.

At its first meeting, organization was effected by the election of Mrs. J. G. Traver, President; Mrs. C. F. Stifel, Vice-President; Mrs. R. T. Bowe, Secretary pro tem, and Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Executive Secretary. Mrs. Gotwald tendered her resignation and Miss Alice L. Gaumer was elected to membership. Mrs. Cronk and Mrs. Caldwell resigned in favor of two more members convenient to the Pittsburgh headquarters, thus to serve on the Administrative Committee, Mrs. C. L. Herbster and Miss Elenora E. Demmler being elected to fill the vacancies. Mrs. Herbster was elected Recording Secretary to the Board.

The Board of Trustees organized by electing Mrs. F. F. Fry, President; Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Vice-President; Mrs. C. L. Herbster, Secretary, and Miss Flora Prince, Treasurer.

*Administrative Committee.*—Mrs. Stifel, Mrs. Herbster, Mrs. Jensen, Miss Demmler, Mrs. Traver, Miss Prince and Miss Hirt were elected to serve as this committee, the three latter with the privilege of optional attendance. The committee elected Mrs. Stifel, Chairman; Mrs. Jensen, Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. Herbster, Secretary.

*Meetings.*—The Executive Board has held seven quarterly meetings; the Board of Trustees has met at the same time and place as the Executive Board, and the Administrative Committee has held a number of monthly meetings *ad in-*

*terim* between the meetings of the Executive Board.

#### CONSTITUTIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

As a Committee on Constitutions for Synodical, Conference and Congregational Societies, Mrs. M. J. Bieber, Miss Flora Prince, Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, Mrs. R. H. Hay and Mrs. H. C. Bell were appointed. As a Committee on Departments and Department Secretaries, Miss Mary A. Miller, Mrs. J. B. Markward and Mrs. J. G. Bringman were appointed.

The Committee on Constitutions framed the specified constitutions which were submitted to the Synodical Societies for approval and suggestions. After a careful revision, these constitutions are now ready for distribution.

The Committee on Departments and Department Secretaries submitted the following report of Departments and Department Secretaries: *Annuities*, Mrs. D. A. Davy; *Deaconess Work*, Mrs. W. P. M. Braun; *Foreign Missions and Box-Work*, Miss Mary A. Miller; *Home Missions and Box-Work*, Mrs. I. D. Worman; *Home*, Mrs. S. H. Yerian; *India Lace Industry*, Mrs. A. S. Woll; *Immigrants' Missions*, Miss Laura R. Swope; *Inncr Missions*, Miss Zoe I. Hirt; *Interdenominational*, Mrs. P. M. Rossman; *Juniors*, Mrs. J. D. Belt; *Life Membership and In Memoriam*, Mrs. L. K. Sandford; *Mission Exhibit*, Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten; *Mission Study*, Mrs. C. P. Wiles; *Thank-offering*, Miss Margery D. H. Lilly; *West Indies and Lace Industry*, Miss May C. Mellander; *Young People*, Mrs. Virgil B. Sease.

Readjustment of certain departments and to fill vacancies necessitated the following later appointments: *Foreign Missions and Candidates*, Miss Mary A. Miller; *Foreign Missions Box-Work*, Mrs. E. B. Hanzsche; *Home Missions*, Mrs. F. E. Jensen; *Home Missions Box-Work*, Mrs. Frances C. Reeves; *Home Department*, Mrs. H. C. Bell; *Women Students*, Miss Mary E. Markley. Mrs. John M. Cook, Concord, N. C., was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Board.

#### ADVISORY MEMBERS, CHURCH BOARDS

*Deaconess.*—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. W. P. H. Braun; *Education*, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Mrs. C. L. Herbster; *Foreign Missions*, Miss Mary A. Miller, Mrs. C. E. Hay; *Home Missions and Church Extension*, Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Mrs. Mary S. Kinzer; *Immigrants' Missions*, Mrs. J.

B. Markward, Miss Laura R. Swope; *Inner Missions*, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Mrs. J. G. Traver; *West Indies*, Mrs. F. F. Fry, Miss May C. Mellander.

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL

The Board having taken action "To maintain constituent relationship with the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America," representatives were appointed as follows:

*Council of Women for Home Missions.*—Mrs. Willard Larkin, Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Mrs. C. L. Fry, Mrs. V. B. Sease, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Mrs. J. P. Krechting, Mrs. G. B. Young, Miss Mary E. Markley.

*Federation Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America.*—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Mrs. J. G. Traver, Miss Mary A. Miller.

*American Board of Governors Madras Christian College for Women and Vellore Medical College for Women.*—Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Miss Mary A. Miller.

*Central Committee United Study of Missions.*—Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, *Foreign Missions*; Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Mrs. C. P. Wiles, *Home Missions*.

#### POLICY

The Policy of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church is:

To exert all possible effort, by the grace and power of God, to fulfill the commission of our risen Lord, "Teach all nations."

To stimulate and promote interest in the work of Missions throughout the Church, by disseminating missionary information, by promoting missionary education, and by aiding financially the missionary activities of the Church, through its regularly established Boards.

To strive diligently to co-ordinate its work with that of the Church, and, likewise, to co-ordinate and unite the work of the Synodical Societies composing the Women's Missionary Society.

The scope of its activity is the continuance of the combined work, in this country and in Foreign Mission fields, formerly conducted by the three Missionary Societies composing the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church; also the enlargement of such operations and the extension of missionary activities along such other lines as are approved by the Church.

Its further aim is to maintain and extend organization, until in every congregation of The United Lutheran Church there shall be a Women's Missionary Society.

Every opportunity is afforded the Committee on Women's Work to become acquainted with the details of the society's activities; also all possible publicity of its operations is given, in order to stimulate interest and to inform the Church at large of its aim and activities.

#### ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Board of nineteen women, charged with the constructive legislation which was to shape the policy of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church, and the administration of its affairs in accordance therewith, has fulfilled the trust committed to it. The successive quarterly meetings of this Board have established a unity of spirit and fellowship to be commended. Likewise, the meetings of the Administrative Committee have been characterized by the same spirit.

*Fraternal Relationship* was early established with the General Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church and the several Church Boards with which the society has co-operated. Through the Committee on Women's Work appointed by the former Board, timely and helpful counsel has been afforded, the representative of that committee being accorded a seat and voice at the meetings of the Executive Board; also the counsel and courtesies extended by the Church Boards with which the society is closely affiliated have been highly appreciated.

*Co-operation.*—The co-operation of Synodical Societies has been especially gratifying and helpful, during this constructive period of the society.

#### ACTIONS

*Work Undertaken.*—To assume the work carried on by the three constituent societies was a fundamental action shaping the society's policy.

*Charter, Seal, etc.*—The procuring of a charter, a seal and insurance on office furnishings was committed to special committees.

*Majority Vote.*—That a majority vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, on questions of marked importance, be required.

*Fiscal Year.*—To close the fiscal year July 31, in accordance with the date fixed by the General Executive Board.

*The Lutheran.*—Congregational Societies are authorized to assist in increasing the circulation of *The Lutheran*.

*Plans Formulated.*—A plan for beneficiary education and a plan for consideration of candidates for Foreign Mission service were outlined and adopted.

*Week of Prayer.*—The observance of the first week of Lent as a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Missions; also that each Synodical Society be privileged to designate the object to which its resulting offerings be appropriated.

*Specials.*—Approval of specials, in accordance with the desire of organizations and individuals. (See list under "Special Support," "Funds of the Society.")

*Secretary, Women Students.*—To co-operate with the Board of Education in the appointment and support of a Secretary for Women Students in colleges of the Church and other such institutions.

*Other New Work.*—The partial support of seven additional Home Missions has been assumed; the support of a woman assistant for Messiah Hebrew Lutheran Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.; the maintenance of two homes for sick and neglected children in the Virgin Islands and Box-Work for the Virgin Islands.

#### HISTORIC EVENTS

*Joint Conference.*—As preliminary to the merging of the three General Societies, representatives thereof met in conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., in September, 1918, and drafted the constitution for the General Society.

*Merger Convention.*—In New York City, November 16, 1918, after holding individual conventions for the transaction of business, the Women's Missionary Societies of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South united to form the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America.

*Workers' Conference.*—In Pittsburgh, September, 1919, a conference of general officers and synodical representatives was held, affording opportunity for a survey of the various lines of the society's activities, with their respective problems and methods of operation.

*Synodical Mergings.*—November 19, 1919, the two Pittsburgh Synodical Societies, General Council and General Synod, united, forming the Pittsburgh Synodical Society; June 10, 1920, the Central Illinois, the Northern Illinois, the Southern Illinois Synodical Societies and the portion of the Chicago Synodical Society local to Illinois, united, forming thus the Illinois Synodical So-

ciety; June 10, 1920, the Northern Indiana Synodical Society and the portion of the Chicago Synodical Society local to that territory, united, thus forming the Michigan Synodical Society; also, June 24, 1920, the Olive Branch Synodical Society and a portion of the Chicago Synodical Society local to that territory, united, thus forming the Indiana Synodical Society.

*Diamond Jubilee.*—The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Rajahmundry Mission, India, was an event of marked significance.

*Transferred.*—During the biennium two who delighted in mission service, in an official capacity, were transferred to the society of the redeemed: Miss Mary E. Lowe, missionary to India for fifteen years, and Mrs. S. H. Yerian, Secretary of the Home Department.

#### FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

The total receipts of the society for the biennium were \$251,605.60. The sources of such income were the regular contributions, in accordance with the specifications of the constitution, and voluntary contributions, through the annual Thank-offering, the Christmas offering, the Lenten offering, Life Memberships, In Memoriam Memberships, bequests, annuities and special gifts for special objects.

#### SUPPORT OF MISSIONARIES

The following organizations and individuals have assumed the support of missionaries to foreign fields:

*The Augustana General Society.*—Miss Betty A. Nilsson, M.D., India.

*Synodical Societies.*—*Alleghany*, Sister Ruth Robeson, Africa; *Maryland*, Miss Mary Baer, M.D., India; *Pittsburgh*, Sister Laura Gilliland, Africa; *West Virginia*, Miss Elsie R. Otto, Africa; *Wittenberg*, Sister Jennie Larmonth, Africa.

*Congregations, etc.*—*Temple*, Philadelphia, Pa., A. Pohlman, D.D., pastor, Miss Gertrude Rupp, Africa; *Advent*, New York City, A. Steimle D.D., pastor, Miss Agatha Tatge, India; *Holy Communion*, Philadelphia, Pa., J. Henry Harms, D.D., pastor, Miss Mary S. Borthwick, India; *Emanuel*, Souderton, Pa., Rev. Warren Nickel, pastor, Miss Eleanor Lange, India; *Missionary Union*, Washington, D. C., Miss Tillie E. Nelson, India; *Mrs. A. M. Thompson*, Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Eleanor B. Wolf, M.D., India; *Mrs. E. C. Cronk and friends*, Miss P. Paru Ammal, M.P., India; *Kountze Memorial*, Omaha,



*Neb.*, O. D. Baltzly, D.D., pastor, Miss Mette K. Blair, R.N., India.

*Young People's Department.*—Miss Louisa A. Miller, *India*; Miss Mary Lou Bowers, *Japan*; Miss Mabel A. Dysinger, *Africa*.

*Junior Department.*—Miss Christina Eriksson, *India*; Miss Annie P. Powlas, *Japan*.

#### SUPPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

The following organizations have assumed either entire or partial support of certain Home Missions:

*Synodical Societies.*—*Maryland*, Clarksburg, W. Va.; *Michigan*, Kalamazoo, Mich.; *Illinois*, Champaign, Ill.; *North Carolina*, High Point, N. C.; *Pittsburgh*, "Trinity," Butler, Pa., and Settlement Work, Spring Garden Valley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; *East Pennsylvania*, "Messiah Hebrew Mission," Philadelphia, Pa.

*Junior Department.* — "Watauga Mission," Sands, N. C.

#### PATRONS AND PROTEGES

Through the Patron and Protégé Plan, a line of special work is open to organizations and individuals desiring to contribute to some special object. Many of the native Christian women employed as Bible-women in the India and Japan missions are thus supported, some such patrons having continued such support for years.

Likewise, this system provides for the support of students in the schools for girls, in India, Africa and Japan, by organizations or individual patrons. Such patronage is doubly helpful, since, in addition to the contributions thus made, the interest in such work and the prayers for the protégés are a valuable contribution.

#### DEPARTMENTAL WORK

Although nearly all of the Department Secretaries were experienced in their respective lines of work, yet conditions incident to reconstruction delayed activities somewhat; however, as shown by the following brief reports, much has been accomplished by these Secretaries:

#### ANNUITY DEPARTMENT

June 10, 1919, was the beginning of my service. On that date the first bond was issued. The total number of bonds for the thirteen months is thirty-nine, distributed as follows:

5 bonds for \$1000 .....	\$5000
4 bonds for 500 .....	2000
1 bond for 300 .....	300
1 bond for 250 .....	250
5 bonds for 200 .....	1000
23 bonds for 100 .....	2300

39

\$10850

Of the above, one gift of \$100, by Dr. Guy A. Gerberich, in memory of his mother, was transferred to the Permanent Fund.

Two bonds, of Mrs. Annie N. Deihl, deceased April, 1919, amounting to \$300, were transferred as designated.

Two bonds, of Miss Annie R. Leidigh, deceased January, 1920, amounting to \$500, were transferred as designated.

Amount of bonds on hand June, 1919 .....

Amount of bonds transferred as stated above....

\$31975

900

Amount of bonds issued during 1920 .....

\$31075

Present total .....

\$41925

A bond of \$1000, donated by Miss Caroline Willman, is held in abeyance until the donor decides as to its final disposition.

During this period the Executive Board authorized a revised scale of interest, as follows:

Age	Interest (Per cent)
1-45 .....	4
46-50 .....	4½
51-55 .....	5
56-60 .....	5½
61-65 .....	6
66-70 .....	6½
71-75 .....	7
76-80 .....	7½
81 and over .....	8

A folder, "Life Annuity Bonds an Adequate Business Policy," was issued and distributed to Synodical Annuity Secretaries, and wherever it seemed it had a mission to perform.

This has been a year of organization and adjustment, as only one of the three former bodies had the system in operation. Now it is introduced and in operation in all sections of the Church.

We are thankful for the degree of success the several Annuity Secretaries and the donors have made possible. It has been gratifying to receive words of appreciation, from those who have taken out one or more bonds, for the system of *Annuities*. We hope that many more consecrated people will make careful investigation and share in this method of "Business and Benevolence."

#### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that, in addition to the Department Bulletin, advertising space in LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK be allowed for the presentation of the Annuity Plan for Investment.

BERTHA P. DAVY, Secretary.

#### DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

The work of the Deaconess Department is more difficult to bring into the actual thinking and planning of our every-day missionary societies than is the work of some other departments. Deaconess work is new to many of the societies, but secretaries for the Deaconess Department work are being appointed in many of our synodical and congregational societies. New literature has been prepared, and we are trying to develop an outline of the work of secretaries. There are certain duties and opportunities which are immediate and evident.

Our greatest need is more deaconesses. Our greatest opportunity for securing them is the one given by our Lord Himself, "Pray ye."

Also we must talk deaconess work. If there is a college on your territory, see that deaconess work is presented to the young women in attendance. Give it a place on your convention programs. Make it the subject of private conversations and interviews and the theme for public addresses.

Distribute literature. Send out the leaflets prepared at our Literature Headquarters. Place them in the hands of possible candidates and give them a wide circulation in every society.

Surely there must be many young women who have heard the call. May they have the consecration and the determination to say, "Here am I, Lord, to serve Thee as Thou wilt." MRS. W. P. M. BRAUN, *Secretary*.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS AND CANDIDATE DEPARTMENT

The Foreign Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church has charge of fields in India, Japan, Africa and South America.

In India, the Guntur and Rajahmundry fields have united, working under a common Council, each having its own Conference. They have the same rules and regulations governing them, and all missionaries are treated alike as to salaries, furloughs, etc.

New buildings must be erected on both fields: a home for unprotected women, district boarding schools and other buildings necessary to carry on the work. But the greatest need is for physicians; some of our hospitals may be closed before long, if this need is not supplied.

Japan.—Here the Danish Mission has joined us. Our work is prospering. Nineteen native young men and four young women are preparing for Christian work. Our schools have applicants for admission, two and three times the number that can be accepted, owing to the limited accommodations. Want of buildings is the greatest want here. We need a rescue home and a girls' school building badly.

The Africa work is growing, and spreading inland, gathering in the Liberians and natives alike. The boys' school is well equipped and flourishing. The school being built for the girls is about half completed, as is also the hospital, both of which are greatly needed. They are the work of the women, so the women must attend to the completion.

In Northern South America, in British Guiana, we have a mission, but as yet there are no women missionaries and no work being done specially by the women.

In Buenos Aires we expect soon to have a woman on the field. Mrs. Anna Mueller, a self-supporting missionary, is now on her way there to open up schools for the children.

As Candidate Secretary, we report the following as prepared to be sent at once to their respective fields:

For India.—One doctor, two nurses, one teacher, two zenana workers.

Africa.—Three workers, one of them a trained nurse.

South America.—One worker.

We have one student in Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., who has finished her second year.

Several young women are preparing for the study of medicine, and we hope one, at least, will be able to begin her medical course this fall. A large number of our young women are considering the consecrating of their lives to the work of Foreign Missions. Your Secretary

has been in correspondence with one hundred and seven who wish to work for our Lord in foreign fields. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives and hearts.

For our candidate work we ask the full co-operation and sympathy of our members in helping to seek out, first, doctors. The need for doctors is greater than can be told. We ask your prayers and assistance, that doctors may be found, so our hospitals in India may not be closed. There is need, too, for educated teachers, nurses, zenana workers and industrial workers for all of our fields.

Let us work as though all depended on us, and pray as though all depended on God.

MARY A. MILLER, *Secretary*.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS BOX-WORK

The work of the first biennium has been somewhat retarded, due to changes in the organization, for part of the time, and by serious difficulties in both local and foreign shipping, also in the increased prices of medicine and all cotton fabrics.

Most of our goods have been sent by missionaries returning to their fields; and we wish to express our appreciation of their services, as it meant additional responsibility, purchases having to be made in other cities and countries.

While neither India nor Africa has suffered materially, the quantity of goods sent has been greatly lessened, as it has taken three dollars to secure the former value of one dollar.

According to the bulletin of the June, 1920, issue of the magazine, new plans have been suggested for the furtherance of the work—each Synodical Box-work Secretary to take charge of the work prepared by her societies, and ship the goods to the missionary for whom intended, annually, so as to avoid double freight charges, and relieve the General Secretary of work which has become too burdensome to handle as formerly.

Having secured from missionaries on the fields lists of just what their annual needs will be, it will make very interesting work for societies to provide for certain missionaries and thus put them in direct communication.

Miss Dysinger, who is hoping to return early in the fall, will take with her a supply of clothing, books and Christmas goods for Africa.

Central Pennsylvania Synodical Society, as for some years past, holds the lead in this work, with Olive Branch Synodical Society as close second, East Ohio Society ranking third.

The estimated value, exclusive of the work done by the Young People for the Virgin Islands, is \$2085.96.

#### SUGGESTIONS

That Box-work Secretaries be appointed in every Synod and the same reported, at once, to the General Secretary.

That reports of donations of money or value of other articles given to missionaries or sent to foreign fields—unless personal—be included in their reports.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA BURT HANSCHKE.

#### CASH STATEMENT

##### Receipts

November, 1918—Balance on hand.....	\$480 06
Receipts .....	1423 30
Interest .....	42 00

Total receipts .....\$1945 36

*Expenses*

<i>India—</i>	
Per Dr. Kugler .....	\$435 52
Per Miss A. Sanford .....	258 79
<i>Africa—</i>	
Per Miss B. Koenig .....	453 85
Per Miss Dysinger .....	500 00
Stationery .....	6 50
Postage, etc. ....	6 15
Total expenses .....	\$1660 81
Balance, August 1, 1920 .....	\$284 55

We, the undersigned, have examined the report of Mrs. F. A. Hanzsche, Secretary of Foreign Box-work, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MAURICE ROUTSON,  
MRS. WILLIAM F. STECK.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 28, 1920.

## HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Your Department Secretary was appointed as late as May, 1920. This was occasioned by the fact that two other persons had been appointed, but, in both cases, it developed that neither one qualified for such service. There has, therefore, been little opportunity to present to the local society Department Secretaries the facts that would otherwise have gone out to impart information and stimulate interest in the great field of Home Mission work.

Since the announcement of the appointment of the undersigned as Secretary of this department, it has been gratifying to receive the many letters from our women making request for information, and also desiring to know the plans for the work in this department for the coming biennium. This gives assurance of a large development in this very important department through the constituted Synodical and Congregational Home Mission Department Secretaries.

The society's Home Mission work has been largely increased during the past biennium, by assuming the partial support of five missions on the territory of the former United Synod South, and such support of six missions on the territory of the former General Council, increasing thus the list published in LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK. The detailed statement of all this will be given in the official report of our Executive Secretary.

The methods of support given to missions vary: In one instance, we assume a portion of the current expenses needed to conduct the mission, the amount given being an appropriation towards the pastor's salary; in another instance, we make an appropriation in the form of a loan without interest, to assist in securing church property; in other cases, we pay the interest on a loan the mission may secure, in order to assist in providing a place for worship; and, in still other cases, a small cash donation is given towards the payment on property or on indebtedness.

The Executive Board keeps in close touch with the Home Mission and Church Extension Board of The United Lutheran Church and its work, through the quarterly reports of the missions aided by our society, which are sent to our headquarters office, Pittsburgh, Pa.; also through

reports of the Advisory Members of our Executive Board who attend the meetings of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

We appeal to all the Congregational and Synodical Home Mission Secretaries to co-operate fully in the Home Mission Department of the society. The society needs your assistance to bring about the blessed results that shall witness our entire constituency, praying and working for the accomplishment of all that is undertaken for the coming biennium. Our labors will build the kingdom of God, will make a better America, and, through a better America, will come a better world.

MRS. FRANK E. JENSEN, *Secretary*.

## HOME MISSIONS BOX-WORK

The report of Home Mission Box-work is submitted with a feeling of incompleteness on the part of the Secretary.

A request was made for a report including all work of the department done from November, 1918, to July 31, 1920. The present Secretary taking charge of the department about September 15, 1919, makes her tenure of office under the present administration about ten months.

The work is usually begun in June, or even before that time. This brief explanation will be all that is necessary in the form of an apology for failure to supply work promptly, and, in some cases, inability to furnish it at all.

Owing to changes in our synodical boundary lines, it will be impossible to give a financial statement by Synods, as has heretofore been customary. We are happy to state that the old-time interest in this department of our work has shown no signs of flagging.

In the days of Peter there was one Dorcas, in Joppa, while to-day hundreds of Lutheran women are making garments and giving generously of the goods bestowed on themselves, that others may have comfort as well as freedom from financial worries.

The blank forms used during the biennium have remained unchanged, because there was a sufficient supply for our needs, and, in the interest of economy, their use was continued.

Since 1918, one hundred and three blanks have been sent to pastors and pastors' widows and families. The total value of boxes for the biennium is \$11,883. One Synodical Society totals \$2281.10, and another \$1951.88. To all of our enthusiastic workers, synodical and congregational, we say, Well done! and Thank you! in behalf of this department and the Women's Board. We especially appreciate the co-operation of the General Superintendent of the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Central and Western Districts, H. L. Yarger, D.D., whose advice and assistance has been invaluable in securing real information regarding our work in the West.

There has not been careful attention to reporting value of boxes or amount of money sent beneficiaries. We hope there will be improvement in this respect during the next biennium. Also, in accepting or declining an assignment for work, please notify the Secretary promptly, and, if the latter, return the blank at once.

Thanking each one for hearty support and co-operation, and knowing that our Master expects our best, let us give Him our best in work, in faith, in love.

FRANCES C. REEVES, *Secretary*.



## HOME DEPARTMENT

The Home Department is among the smaller of our departments, but its importance cannot be over-estimated. Its work is always slow and difficult, and this first biennium under the merger has been complicated in many ways.

First, the work of the department was comparatively unknown among the women of the former General Council and United Synod of the South, so there was a vast territory not only unorganized but unfamiliar with the work. Second, the former General Secretary's illness and death brought to a close, in the middle of the biennium, her faithful and painstaking work. We owe much to the labors of dear Mrs. Yerian, who had brought the General Synod women to complete synodical organization. In much pain and weariness, she held the work until my appointment, in October, 1919. So the present Secretary has held the office less than nine months.

My chief duty was at once to get out the material for the January number of the Home Department Readings—which had to be in the printer's hands within three weeks of my appointment. Material for the other three numbers for the year 1920 has been prepared by the Secretary, also a tract, "Two Sides of the Home Department" and the Literature Committee has ordered reprints for the Department of "The Why and How of the Home Department," also "A Home Department Call." We expect to add to the list of tracts from time to time.

The correspondence on organization was hampered for awhile because the editions of leaflets were exhausted when I took charge. During the next year we will concentrate on the organization of every Synodical Society, and, through these Secretaries, on the Congregational Societies. Two-thirds of our Synodical Societies are organized. No attempt has been made to give statistics this time, as, owing to the facts related above, our present records are very incomplete.

May I ask your patience with and your prayers for this department and its Secretary?

(Mrs. H. C.) RENA N. BELL, *Secretary*.

## IMMIGRANT WORK

There seems to be some confusion in reference to the name of this department.

Not all seem to understand that "the immigrant work" includes all work among foreigners. Your chairman asks that action be taken at the Chicago Convention, that all may learn the name we are to use in the future.

A letter was sent to each Synodical President of the Women's Society of The United Lutheran Church. Three questions were asked, as follows: "Do you have an Immigrant Secretary? If not, will you kindly appoint one? What has been done for the immigrant in your Synod?"

The majority of presidents responded very promptly. Very few have secretaries, but the most of the answers expressed interest and were very encouraging.

Last year we had thirteen students in various colleges and seminaries. The majority of these students have had a number of preaching points, while pursuing their studies. In the fall our student body will be increased to twenty-one, which will mean additional funds.

As a Church, are we doing our duty toward the more than 17,000,000 foreign-born in our country, and the 200,000,000 foreigners with their descendants?

If we could prove to the world our own spirituality as a Christian nation, the whole world would soon be won for Christ.

LAURA R. SWOPE, *Secretary*.

## INDIA LACE INDUSTRY

During the past biennium laces have traveled in consignments all over the United States. North, south, east and west, widespread and growing has the interest been, and many the kind words of encouragement received. The possibilities of the lace industry are almost limitless, but the dominant thought always is its great influence for good and christianization among the Hindu women and girls.

Being one of the commercial features of our Missionary Society, the results of labor for the industry show greater in figures than words, yet, in handling the laces, we ask friends to think of the life devotion of the missionaries, who have learned in deepest measure the joy of helping these needy ones to help themselves; of the patient toil of these Hindu women and girls who execute this exquisite work, and of the lovely message of beauty and Christian co-operation which these laces bring to us from the dark-skinned sisters in far-away India.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1920

## Receipts

Balance in bank, July 1, 1918 .....	\$77 99
Lace Sales—	
July 1, 1918, to January 1, 1919..	\$1593 68
January 1, 1919, to July 1, 1919..	2346 86
July 1, 1919, to January 1, 1920..	3149 94
January 1, 1920, to July 1, 1920..	5699 69
Total .....	\$12790 17
Interest, July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1920.....	25 73
Total .....	\$12893 89

## Expenditures

Expenses (July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1920)—

Duties and customs, postage, insurance, printing, stationery, clerical work, incidentals..	\$2831 26
To Board of Foreign Missions .....	7800 00
Balance in bank, July 1, 1920.....	2262 63
Total .....	\$12893 89
Laces sent out in 1919 (full year) .....	\$11279 35
Laces sent out in 1920 (half year, January 1 to July 1) .....	\$6974 15
Cash donations for thread received, 1919.....	619 96
Cash donations for thread received, 1920.....	970 03
Spools thread received, 1919 .....	About 4000
Spools thread received, 1920 .....	About 7000

ANNETTE S. WOLL, *Secretary*.

## INNER MISSIONS AND BOX-WORK

This department is not yet fully organized. The Secretary has been in communication with Inner Mission Secretaries from only twelve Synodical Societies. In but three cases have reports been received telling of work done, and in each of those cases boxes were sent to orphans' homes.

There are within our United Lutheran Church:

- 16 Orphans' Homes.
- 12 Homes for the Aged.
- 3 Homes for Defectives.
- 3 Hospices.
- 3 Immigrants' and Seamen's Missions.
- 9 Inner Mission Societies and City Missions.
- 7 Institutions of Miscellaneous Inner Mission character.

Undoubtedly, the women of our Church have a large part in the support of all these institutions.

We hope, through our department, to direct the attention of our workers to the most important of all fields of Inner Mission endeavor, viz.: the local congregation. To this end, we hope to secure the appointment with each Congregational Missionary Society, of an intelligent, active Inner Mission Committee—intelligent, because familiar with the Inner Mission principles and history of our Church; active, because aware of the needs of the community.

The Inner Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church has outlined a splendid program for "Christian Church culture and practice," commending to all congregations for careful study the following schedule of subjects:

#### I. Family and Child Welfare

1. Restoration of the family altar.
2. Necessary relief to families of the Church temporarily embarrassed.
3. Required assistance to families of the Church permanently incapacitated for self-support.
4. Prevention of delinquency in boys and girls.
5. Assistance in the protection and care of defectives and delinquents.
6. Relief of needy people outside the Church membership, but within its sphere of activity and influence in the neighborhood.

#### II. Christian Citizenship

1. Social Problems.
  - (a) Guidance of community recreation and amusements.
  - (b) Precaution of social purity, especially by preventive measures.
  - (c) Molding of public opinion towards the more serious Christian view of marriage, and in favor of proper preparation and qualification therefor.
2. Economic Justice
  - (a) Incultation of and insistence, in practice, upon the principle of truth and honesty in all commercial relations and transactions.
  - (b) Mutual obligations of employer and employee.
  - (c) Community obligation to the incapacitated and superannuated.
3. Duty to the State
  - (a) To exercise right of suffrage.
  - (b) Obligation in the election to office of men of the right moral as well as mental qualifications.
  - (c) Humane treatment of persons serving penalties.
  - (d) Prevention of crime and offences leading to it.

III. Congregational Societies as groups for the study of all problems presented, and as centers of activity in all work proposed. ZOE I. HIRT, Secretary.

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL DEPARTMENT

It is impossible to give complete reports of the various interdenominational organizations with which the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church is affiliated, in the space allowed each department.

Annual reports of the Council of Women for Home Missions can be secured from the Council headquarters 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., Room 1025, and

of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions from Miss M. H. Leavis, West Medford, Mass., on receipt of two cents for postage.

This report will be in the form of a bulletin, giving some interesting items of special work.

The first *Annual Day of Prayer* for World-Wide Missions was observed the first Friday in Lent, 1920, under the auspices of the Council and the Federation. Programs may be secured each year from headquarters.

A *Constitution for Local Missionary Federations* has been prepared by the Council and the Federation, and can be secured from either headquarters.

An *Illustrated Lecture* to accompany Mrs. Montgomery's text-book, "*The Bible and Missions*," has been prepared, and can be secured from Mr. L. E. Orcutt, 48 W. Eighteenth Street, New York N. Y., Lantern Slide Department, for \$2 and expressage.

Work for women and children in *Migrant Groups* has been inaugurated by the Council at Riverton, N. J., Bellair, Md., and Houston, Del.

There are 22,000 migrant workers in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland—mostly foreign-speaking people, with no home life, no sanitation, no educational advantages and no religious affiliation. All the Women's Boards are asked to co-operate in this work.

*Scholarships for the Velle Medical School* have been paid by the following:

- \$500 Quadlander Bible Classes, Buffalo, N. Y.
- \$100 W. M. S., First Lutheran Church, Leipsic, Ohio.
- \$100 Y. W. M. S., Weeater, Ohio.

Government has granted 100,000 rupees toward the new *Science Building* for the *Women's Christian College, Madras*, and the College Council is looking to America for \$50,000. This should be provided before January 1, 1921, for on that date the Department of Education will be transferred to the Indian Government, and we have no assurance that the attitude of the Indian Government will be sympathetic toward mission schools.

EULLA T. ROSSMAN, Secretary.

#### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Your Junior Department Secretary begs to submit the following report, from the time of her appointment, July 1, 1919:

1. We tried to get the names and addresses of all the Synodical Junior Secretaries. To date we have all but two.

2. Two letters have been sent to each Secretary, containing greetings and instructions, packets containing constitution, "Duties of Junior Synodical Secretaries," statistical blanks for synodical and local societies, "The Junior Leaders' Guide," "Program Plans for Junior Missionary Societies," and samples of "The Junior Leader's Quarterly."

The statistical report accompanying this will show the status of the Junior work to date.

All communications have been answered promptly and fully.

Your Secretary attended East and West Pennsylvania Synodical Conventions, met the Literature Committee, and planned for the publishing of the "Quarterly," prepared "The Junior Leader's Guide" and "Hints for the Mission Baby Roll," which is now in printer's hands. The Junior page and the material for the Graded Lessons have been prepared for the year, with the aid of the Misses Berg, Schoch and Sigmund, who write the lessons.

There seems to be a general feeling among the Synodical

Secretaries that the Graded Lessons should be published in *Lutheran Boys and Girls*. We therefore recommend that, if possible, the Graded Lessons be published in *Lutheran Boys and Girls* in the coming year.

We further recommend that the Junior hand-work pass through the regular channels of Box-work.

And, as a third recommendation, may every Synodical President see that the General Secretary be notified of any change of Junior Secretaries, thus enabling us to keep in touch with the proper persons.

Our results for the biennium have not been what we might have hoped for the Junior Department of the work, but as this has been the formative period of the new society, we are grateful to Almighty God for all the blessings of the past year, and trust the future to His guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN D. BELT, Secretary.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND "IN MEMORIAM" MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Life Membership and "In Memoriam" Memberships began its enrollment for the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church, April 1, 1919, by order of the Executive Board. From that date to August 1, 1920, 271 Memorials and 1276 Life Memberships have been received. Seventy of the memorials were transferrals from previous Life Membership. One pastor was honored twice with full Memorials, and one with a transference and a full Memorial. One person was enrolled twice as a Life Member. The total receipts from the Memberships amounts to \$18.835.

These Memberships were received from forty-two Synodical Societies (a number of which are now merged), and were enrolled by themselves, by friends, by Missionary Societies of all grades, Sunday school classes, Mission Study classes and congregations. North Carolina Synodical Society gave the largest number, 166 Life and 22 Memorials, with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania second—108 Life and 38 Memorials.

All but one of the Synodical Societies appointed Department Secretaries within the first five months. These Secretaries were instructed in the rules and methods of procedure, and have written several times to their respective constituencies, and forwarded the two sets of folders prepared by the General Secretary. They have aroused and stimulated interest in the local societies, and in many cases have secured most gratifying results.

The co-operation of the Synodical Treasurers was secured through two circular letters, and acknowledgment is hereby made of the efforts these Treasurers put forth to expedite the reporting of Memberships to the General Secretary.

Five Supplements, containing the names of all members, and many pictures of children, Life and Memorial Members, have been published. One hundred and eighty-two dollars was received for making the "cuts" of child pictures; 204 pins were sold to Life Members in the former three General Societies; credentials were furnished all members; to the extensive correspondence was given careful attention, and thirteen conventions had the work presented to them by the General Secretary.

In concluding this brief report of work accomplished, the General Secretary wishes to thank the Synodical Secretaries, Treasurers, and the local societies for their noble support of the department, and asks that the rules for the latter be read frequently and followed closely;

that Memberships be forwarded to Synodical Treasurer and from her to the General Secretary as soon as taken, and not retained until the end of the quarter; also that data be given correctly and written distinctly so as to insure perfect and prompt results.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. K. SANDFORD, Secretary.

#### MISSIONARY EXHIBIT

The Missionary Exhibit which was in existence before the merger and visited a large number of churches and conventions, has visited many new fields since its transfer. The following is a list of the places to which it has been invited: Brooklyn, N. Y.; Decatur, Ill.; Altoona, Pa.; Salisbury, N. C.; Hickory, S. C.; Hagerstown, Md.; Marietta, Ohio; York, Pa.; Cumberland, Md.; Lone Star, S. C.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Louisville, Ky.; Altamont, N. Y.; Newberry, S. C., and Charlotte, N. C.

The different occasions were Synodical and Young People's Conventions, special meetings of Congregational Societies, Sunday schools, Luther Leagues, a Lutheran Missionary Union and an Interdenominational School of Missions. Unfortunately, owing to the very poor transportation facilities, the express companies have failed to deliver the Exhibit on time, in a few cases.

The Exhibit has received many hearty commendations on its helpfulness in creating a new and deeper interest in the Church's varied activities along the lines of our institutional and our missionary activities.

Since there have been repeated requests from the Far West for the loan of the Exhibit, I am now gathering material for a new set of charts to be used throughout that section of our Church, thus making it possible to meet the demands and save time and expense. It is an especially encouraging fact that wherever the Exhibit has been used, there have been repeated requests for its return, some Synodical Societies using it for every convention.

Since the Exhibit presents every phase of our educational and missionary work, it makes a strong appeal to old and young alike, and we cannot too strongly urge its use by Sunday schools, Congregational Societies and conventions.

The cost of renting the Exhibit is \$1.10 plus the expressage one way.

#### RECEIPTS

Balance from General Council Society..	\$25 21
Exhibit rental .....	11 00
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#### EXPENSES

Telegram to Decatur, Ill. ....	\$ 81
Postage .....	3 46
Bank exchange .....	50
World Outlook .....	1 50
Missionary Review .....	25
Express .....	2 80
Fifty cards for charts .....	7 50
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Balance, August 1, 1920 .....	\$19 39

MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN, Secretary.

#### MISSION STUDY DEPARTMENT

Perhaps no department of our work has suffered more from unusual conditions than has this department. First, there were the war demands on the women of our



churches, and they responded nobly, giving full measure of time and strength to the wonderful Red Cross work. We have reason to be justly proud of their record.

Then, for two winters, the epidemic swept the country. The first autumn the ban on gatherings, making conventions and conferences impossible, had its reactionary effect on the organization of classes. While more classes were organized the second year, the nervousness of fear had its effect.

But we have not been discouraged. The old proverb says, "This, too, will pass away." Reports from Synodical Secretaries contained much that encouraged. I quote from one: "At the closing session of a Study class, the organization of a Young People's Society was suggested, and the group that had been studying 'Christian Americanization' were asked if they would like to form a society. One girl replied, 'Why, to be sure! I thought that was the idea.'" A society of twenty-one members was organized that day, as a direct result of studying about missions.

During the biennium, new leaflets have been prepared by the Secretary, as well as sketches for use in conferences, conventions and local societies, showing How and How Not to teach a class.

Many requests have come from presidents of Synodical Societies, asking that the General Secretary be present at their annual convention to present the book in from one to four periods. These requests have been fulfilled, except where dates conflicted.

Under the Inter-Church World Movement, Institutes were held in various cities. Your Secretary taught in the following: Philadelphia and Allentown, Pa., and Youngstown, Ohio, or a total of six interdenominational classes.

Each year has seen the class at Gettysburg Summer Assembly grow by leaps and bounds. This class has been conducted primarily for leaders. During the summer of 1920, an urgent appeal coming from the committee arranging the program for the school at Waterloo, Canada, the class at Gettysburg was placed in the hands of another, and your Secretary took charge of the Mission Study work at Waterloo.

The demands that these needs be met coming with more and more urgency, is a healthful and encouraging sign. Your Secretary now has two understudies, so that when convention dates conflict, in all probability one of the number can be able to arrange to present the book.

MRS. CHARLES P. WILES, *Secretary*.

#### THANK-OFFERING DEPARTMENT

On April 28, 1919, the present Secretary was appointed, but the real work of this department was begun in July, 1919.

Correspondence was opened with thirty-nine Synodical Societies and three Conferences. Those Synodical Societies which had no Thank-offering Department were urged to establish this department and appoint a Synodical Thank-offering Secretary, whose duty it should be to communicate the plans of work of this department to the Congregational Societies of her Synodical Missionary Society. At this writing, thirty-seven Synodical Societies and two Conferences have Thank-offering Secretaries.

The Synods of Central Canada and Nova Scotia have been permitted, by the Executive Board, to contribute their offerings to the Waterloo Seminary at Waterloo,

Canada, hence no Thank-offering Secretaries have been appointed within the bounds of these Synodical Societies. The Western Conference of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest has reported a Thank-offering, but no Thank-offering Secretary has as yet been appointed. We appreciate this interest in the spirit of our work, and we hope to correspond with the appointed Secretaries of these three organizations soon.

The amount of the Thank-offering is \$50,674.36.

Thirteen Secretaries reported on time; six Secretaries sent no report; the reports of the amount of money sent by the Secretaries of the Synods of California, German Nebraska, Western Conference of the Synod of the Northwest, and West Virginia, agreed with the General Treasurer's report. Those from Central Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Rocky Mountain and West Pennsylvania Synodical Societies agreed, with slight variation. The largest offering was received from the merged Pittsburgh Synod; West Pennsylvania stands second and East Pennsylvania third in the amount of offering. Many societies have given more than the sum of one dollar per capita, while a few have not come up to the standard.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Synodical Secretaries use the blanks prepared for their use.

2. That each Congregational Society have a Thank-offering Secretary to distribute the boxes, report to the Synodical Secretary and look after the interests of this department.

3. That November be the time for the public Thank-offering meeting, and that the Thank-offering be sent to the General Treasurer with the January remittance.

4. While we would not presume to limit anyone to a special amount for a Thank-offering, we recommend that each member make a daily offering. If this is not possible, we recommend that one dollar a year be the goal for each member.

This amount would make our goal \$80,000 for one year and \$116,000 for the biennium.

MARGERY D. H. LILLY, *Secretary*.

#### WEST INDIES MISSIONS AND LACE INDUSTRY

Miss Mellander's bulletin tells us, "There is need for the support of Christian kindergartens in Porto Rico. The school age in the islands has been raised to ten years. Who shall care for the many little ones whose mothers like to send them to school when they are four or five years old? Think of the influence of the Christian kindergarten and the primary school!"

Then, the children of the Virgin Islands, although of a different type, are just as lovable and interesting, in their way, and they, too, have many, many needs.

This department has not particular plans to offer at this time, as we are just being organized. Work among the children and industrial work are to be emphasized at present.

MAY C. MELLANDER, *Secretary*.

#### WOMEN STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT

The work among Lutheran women students in the institutions of our own Church and in other colleges and universities was begun in September, 1919. Something of the need and opportunities along this line of church activity can be deduced from the following outline:

## A. Institutions Visited—

Lutheran .....	19
State .....	11
Non-state and non-sectarian .....	3
Sectarian .....	8

Groups of students met representing other institutions .....	41
States in which these institutions are located number 13. ....	8

49

## B. Conferences Attended—

Y. W. C. A. Student .....	2
University Workers .....	2
Missionary .....	3

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C. Formal addresses made to student groups .....	52
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D. Formal addresses made to audiences other than student groups .....	12
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## E. Statistics—

Compiled from reports of Synodical and Conference Chairmen of Student Work up to August 10, 1920.

Synodical and Conference Societies reporting .....	41
Synodical and Conference Societies not reporting .....	5

## United Lutheran women attending:

State universities and colleges ..	186
Non-state and non-sectarian universities and colleges .....	278
Denominational universities and colleges .....	134

Lutheran colleges .....	598
Other institutions—medical, preparatory, normal, hospital .....	262

399
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1259

## F. Statistics—

Compiled from reports of Registrars or Presidents of 92 institutions.

Lutherans (not United Lutheran alone) attending:

State universities and colleges ..	814
Non-state and non-sectarian universities and colleges .....	594
Denominational universities and colleges .....	158

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Lutheran colleges .....	650
Other institutions—medical, preparatory, normal, hospital .....	769

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## G. Statistics—

Compiled from reports of Registrars or Presidents of all United Lutheran colleges or preparatory schools admitting women.

Average percentage of Lutheran women among women attending Lutheran schools, 62.

Women attending:

College .....	650
Preparatory .....	290
Special .....	296

## Lutheran women attending:

College .....	403
Preparatory .....	180
Special .....	183

## H. Prospects for Future Workers from College Women—

Your Secretary has met about fifteen Student Volunteers, and as many more who are seriously thinking of foreign missionary work. Scores of our young women are asking about opportunities for Christian service here in the homeland; our Church and the Women's Missionary Society should open such channels.

In order to expedite the placing of such Lutheran women as may wish to do church work, the Board of Education, at a meeting held in Harrisburg, May 4, took action as follows:

"That the correlating of positions now existent in church work and women students capable of filling such positions be taken care of, as far as possible, by Secretary Markley for the present.

"That the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church be apprised of the imperative need of more possible lines of activity in our Church for Lutheran college women who wish to do Christian work and who must be self-supporting in that work."

The merest beginning has been made in this field of student work. If the work of the kingdom is to prosper as it should and can, we must follow with our prayers and our active personal help our Lutheran students—men and women.

MARY E. MARKLEY, Secretary.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Sixteen years ago a Young People's Department was established in the former General Synod Society. The 1917 report showed *two hundred and seventy-five* auxiliaries, with a membership of about *six thousand*. The work was begun in the South about ten years ago. Synodical Federations in the Carolinas have been doing splendid work, their present membership being about *four thousand*, with an approximate budget of *five thousand dollars*. The General Council Women's Society, still in its infancy, had not yet been able to begin Young People's work. When your Secretary took up the united work in April, 1919, she faced the task of affiliating the existing organizations and of organizing a large field. The Young People's leaders in the South fully expect the Federations to adopt our constitution at their coming conventions, in August and October.

Progress in organizing new work has necessarily been slow. We are happy to announce that thirty-five Young People's Secretaries have been appointed. Many of them are doing pioneer work, and are meeting many difficulties. We hope to begin to see results by the end of the next biennium.

## STATISTICS

Many reports failed to arrive in time for this report. Best figures obtainable show *auxiliaries* (Young People's Societies and Kings's Helpers), 476; approximate membership, 12,203; approximate budget, \$17,000. The Synods with more than 25 organizations are: South Carolina, North Carolina, Pittsburgh, Maryland, East Pennsylvania, Alleghany, West Pennsylvania. Ten Synods have between 10 and 25 societies. Nineteen Synods have less than 10; seven Synods have none.

## PLAN OF WORK

Our general work is planned having in view development along four lines: (A) Education; (B) Intercession; (C) Benevolence; (D) Life Service.

- A. (a) In response to urgent demands from mixed societies, programs for 12 monthly mixed meetings have been issued, and extensively used. The 1920 theme was "The Call to Service"; studies correlated closely with those used by Women's Societies.
- (b) The Literature Committee allows us a page in LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK each month.
- (c) Reading Circles are enlisting much interest.
- (d) Declamation Contests are being successfully introduced.
- (e) Suggestive programs for Young People's Conferences are ready for use. (Secure from Literature Headquarters.)
- B. The *Twilight Hour of Prayer* has been adopted. A *Prayer Calendar* will be ready for use by 1921.
- C. (a) Our *Specials*. Three young women missionaries are assigned our department for support: Miss Louisa A. Miller, India; Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Japan; Miss Mabel A. Dysinger, Africa. Salaries are divided into shares of \$10 each.
- (b) We support our mission schools in India, Africa and Japan, at \$5 per share.
- (c) Four Special Offerings are to be observed: *Thank-offering*; *Christmas Love Offering*; *Lenten Self-Denial Offering for Home Missions*; and *Inner Mission Offering* (July).
- (d) Special Box-work in the Virgin Islands was assigned us. Our young people have also done sewing for India. Many boxes have been sent to Home and Inner Mission institutions.

## DEPARTMENTAL LITERATURE

More than 2000 pieces of departmental literature have been mailed by General Secretary to the Synodical Secretaries. Official communications numbering 108 have been sent Secretaries, in addition to hundreds of personal letters.

We feel that only a beginning has been made. The work is difficult, but it is of paramount importance. On this department depends the future of our missionary work. Let us take courage and press forward!

(MRS. VIRGIL B.) ROSALYN SUMMER SEASE,  
Secretary.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED STUDY OF  
FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Of the making of many books there is no end," said Solomon in his day; and, with greater emphasis on the "many," we repeat the statement.

Among the books that help in building the kingdom are the study books printed by the Central Committee.

This year's text-book, "The Bible and Missions," by Mrs. Montgomery, and the children's book, "Lamp-lighters Across the Sea," by Margaret Applegarth, close the twentieth year of publications by the Central Committee. Ten years ago, after much prayer, ten topics were chosen for the text-books during the following decade, and these have been given to the public with but little change in the order of publication. Yet each book, started by its author two years before it was studied in

our Missionary Societies, fits the need of the religious and economic conditions of the world, at the time of its study. Especially was this noticeable at the appearance of "World Missions and World Peace," published at the opening of the World War. "A Crusade of Compassion" came at the close of the war, in time to utilize the medical and Red Cross workers for missions. Then came the present book, "The Bible and Missions," as a safer preventive of future wars than armies or ammunition. The new book for 1921 is being written by Dr. North and deals with the spiritual reconstruction of our neighbors across the Atlantic.

The committee believes that it has been divinely guided in the material and time of publication. Many helpful letters from varied sources show that these books have stimulated greater zeal for missions among those interested, and aroused interest in many indifferent Christians. "The Bible and Missions" comes at a time when there is an awakening in our country to the necessity of religious training of our children.

The Catholics and Jews have school teachers well versed in their religion, but the Protestants are far from able to supply the required number of teachers with a knowledge of the Bible. This is a task that we must undertake for the sake of our children. Bible classes, as an adjunct to the Missionary Society, will give training to the public school teacher or others. In the Sunday school and Home Department the energetic mission worker will find avenues for promoting Bible Study with its message of missions.

The Central Committee has printed over five million books besides the large amount of "Helps," and most of the printed matter for the Federation of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies.

Much of the credit of the success of the Central Committee is due to the unselfish and untiring devotion, as well as the wise administration of the chairman, Mrs. W. H. Peabody. AUGUSTA V. POHLMAN, Secretary.

STUDY COURSE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR  
HOME MISSIONS

Owing to the illness of Miss S. M. Protzman there has been no representative in attendance at the Study Course Committee meetings for the past nine months. Miss Protzman has also served as our representative on the Publication Committee of eleven, whose duty it is to attend to the publication of all Home Mission text-books.

The text-books issued during the biennium were "The Path of Labor," for Seniors, and "Jack-of-all-Trades," for Juniors, for the year 1918-19.

The plan of using the Home and Foreign text-books alternate years in Mission Study classes working satisfactorily, the text-book, "The Path of Labor," was used in few classes, this being the year when the Home Mission text-book was used in the monthly meetings of the societies.

For the year 1919-20, the book for Seniors was "Christian Americanization" and the book for Juniors was, "Called to the Colors."

The text-books for 1920-21 are, "The Church and the Community," for use in study classes of women; "Serving the Neighborhood," primarily for Young People's study classes, and "Mr. Friend-o'-Man," for Juniors.

The theme of the study for 1921-22 will be, "The Unfinished Task of the Churches," and will be written by Dr. H. Paul Douglass, author of "New Home Missions."



The title of the book has not yet been decided upon. The study will deal with the migrant groups in America.

Mrs. CHARLES P. WILES, *Secretary*.

#### HOME MISSIONS

The biennium opened with thirty-nine Home Missions receiving aid from the society. These missions are local to sixteen states, thirteen thereof being in California; five in Illinois; four in Pennsylvania; two in Colorado, New York, Ohio and Virginia, each, and one in Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia, each.

*Self-supporting*.—During the biennium six of these missions assumed self-support: "*Christ*," Chicago, Rev. J. P. Lottich, pastor; "*Oklahoma City*," Oklahoma, N. H. Royer, D.D., pastor; "*St. Thomas*," New York City, Rev. A. J. Traver, pastor; "*Wartburg*," Fresno, Cal., Rev. F. Fritzler, pastor; "*St. Mark's*," Los Angeles, Cal., Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., pastor, and "*Immanuel*," Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. D. U. Bair, Ph.D., pastor.

Eight of the remaining number made considerable reduction in their appropriation requests, also to several others increased appropriations were granted, the total increase about balancing the decrease. The largest annual appropriation to any one mission was \$1100, and the smallest \$175. The regular monthly budget for appropriations has been \$1633.76.

Under somewhat unfavorable conditions, our home missionaries have been faithful and courageously resourceful, with attendant blessings upon their service. Notwithstanding losses in membership, by removal, etc., an increase of over five hundred members is reported. A change of pastors has occurred in ten missions. Loyal appreciation of aid received has influenced to liberality in benevolence. Also, in a large majority of these missions, women's missionary societies are maintained.

*New Missions*.—During the last year of the biennium, partial support of seven new missions has been assumed. These missions are located as follows: "*Atonement*," Wyomissing, Pa., Ministerium of Pennsylvania; "*Watauga*," Sands, N. C., North Carolina Synod; "*New Salem*," N. D., and "*Incarnation*," Milwaukee, Wis., both of the Synod of the Northwest; "*Belmont Park*," Chicago, Illinois Synod; "*Salem*," Cleveland, Ohio, District Synod of Ohio, and "*Bellingham*," Wash., Pacific Synod. Thus the biennium closes with forty missions listed to the society.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION

Building operations have been in progress in a number of our society's missions during the biennium. At *Champaign, Ill.*, F. B. Heibert, D.D., pastor, a new church was completed, the dedication occurring in June, 1919; "*St. Thomas*," New York City, will soon dedicate a rebuilt and enlarged church with a parsonage adjoining; "*St. James*," Cleveland, Ohio, also the "Indianola Avenue" Mission, Columbus, Ohio, having outgrown present accommodations, are erecting churches. Five congregations improved their church buildings, parsonages were secured by three others; another enlarged its parsonage, and still others decreased indebtedness to a considerable extent. In this Church Extension activity, the society rendered assistance to the amount of \$14,900; also assistance through payment of interest on loans amounted to \$3000.

#### INNER MISSIONS

The Spring Garden Settlement Work, Pittsburgh, Pa., one of the "Specials" of the merged Pittsburgh Synodical Society, is the only institution for Inner Mission work receiving its main support from the society, \$1500 being thus appropriated annually. The influence of this settlement work is an inestimable blessing to the community. A Neighborhood House adapted for this enterprise is a present urgent need. That the other Inner Mission institutions of the Church are receiving sympathetic and practical attention is evidenced by the contributions being received by our General Treasurer for their benefit.

*Immigrants' Missions*.—In this important feature of mission work in this country the society has had a part through assistance rendered in the education, for the ministry, of young men of the several nationalities to be thus served, \$2400 having been contributed to this work annually.

*Jewish Missions*.—The support of a woman assistant in the good work being done by the Messiah Hebrew Lutheran Mission, Philadelphia, \$900 annually, has been the extent of our part in this work, the East Pennsylvania Synodical Society having assumed this contribution as a special.

*Education*.—Our society has had a part in making possible due attention to the young women students in Lutheran colleges and state institutions of higher education, meeting thus a

long-felt need. Miss Mary E. Markley has been the efficient Secretary for Women Students.

*Deaconess Board.*—Nor has the special ministry of the Deaconess Board and its family of consecrated deaconesses been overlooked, although no financial aid has been rendered thereto. Hearty endorsement of the calling and high appreciation of the devoted service being rendered by the deaconess missionaries in Africa, is the tribute we offer.

*West Indies.*—The maintenance of two homes in the Virgin Islands, for sick and neglected

lack of missionaries and funds.

An introduction of our foreign missionaries in this report seems superfluous, as our periodicals and our leaflet literature have made informing presentation of both the missionaries and their work.

#### INDIA

*Medical Work* was carried on in the hospitals at Guntur, Chirala and Rajahmundry and their annexed dispensaries. At Guntur, Dr. Anna S. Kugler and Dr. Eleanor B. Wolf were in charge of the medical work, assisted by Miss M. Paru,



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children, was the work assumed in the West Indies, \$1500 having been thus appropriated annually. Also, through Box-work, the Young People's Department rendered appreciated assistance, special contributions and Box-work supplies aiding the work in Porto Rico.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Prosperity marked by advance can be reported of the work in India, Africa and Japan, the only limitation to the measure of advance being the

M.P., with Miss Katherine Fahs, R.N., and Miss Rebekah Hoffman, R.N., as nurses, who conducted a Training School for Nurses, in addition to hospital work. In the Chirala Hospital, Dr. Mary Baer, with the assistance of native nurses, conducted medical work, while at Rajahmundry, Dr. Betty A. Nilsson and Miss Hilma Levine, R.N., were in charge of the medical work and a Nurse Training Department. Patients numbered by thousands were treated in these institutions, also nurses were trained for the entire medical

work of the mission, also for that of neighboring missions.

The *Educational Department* includes two central boarding schools for girls, each affording high school training: The Central School for Girls, Rajahmundry, Miss Agnes I. Schade, principal, and the Sylvanus Stall Memorial School for Girls, Guntur, in charge of Miss Tillie E. Nelson and Miss Florence M. Welty. The combined annual enrollment of these two schools was over five hundred.

District boarding schools for girls are being established, also numerous secondary and elementary schools throughout the mission have been under the supervision of Misses Emilie L. Weiskotten, Mary S. Borthwick, Agnes Christiansen, Jessie S. Thomas, Louisa A. Miller, Helen H. Breneman, Mrs. Isaac Cannaday and Mrs. A. R. Neudoerffer, the teaching being done by educated natives prepared for teaching in the normal departments of the two boarding schools.

*Zenana and Village Work* was under the direction of the missionaries supervising the schools of stations and in districts, also of Misses Jessie Brewer, Jessie Thomas, Sigrid Esberhn, Christina Eriksson and Susan E. Monroe, native Bible-women visiting the homes and conducting meetings of organized societies for women. Training for such work is afforded by the Bible Training School, Guntur, Misses Annie E. Sanford and Jessie Brewer having been in charge thereof; also Miss Sigrid Esberhn has conducted such training at Rajahmundry.

Miss Charlotte Hollerbach has supervision of the *Lace Industry* in the Rajahmundry Conference, with over five hundred women thus employed. This enterprise is proving a double blessing to the women employed, through their earnings and the Christian teaching and moral uplift afforded.

Miss Agatha Tatge, of the Rajahmundry Conference, has been supervisor of nurses in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle. Miss Virginia Boyer has been an instructor in the Kodai Kanal School, for the children of missionaries and others. Misses Emma Baer and Eleanor Lange are studying the Telugu language in preparation for work. Miss Ella B. Schuff was on furlough during the biennium.

#### AFRICA

The *Emma Virginia Day Memorial School for Girls* has been the center of the society's work in Muhlenberg Mission, Sisters Laura Gilliland

and Jennie Larmonth and Misses Gertrude Rupp, Bertha Koenig and Mabel A. Dysinger being in charge. The Christian home life of this boarding school for girls, together with the secular and domestic education afforded, also the influence in the community through visitation of homes and supervising district schools has been an inestimable blessing. Work among women and girls will soon be opened at interior stations. The completion of the new building for the E. V. Day School and the Phoebe Hospital is eagerly anticipated.

#### JAPAN

Misses Martha B. Akard, Mary Lou Bowers, Maude O. Powlas and Annie P. Powlas are our missionaries to Japan. Although their work has been recently established (Misses Akard and Bowers were sent to Japan in 1913), the beginning thus made is highly promising. Kindergartens are conducted, and still more such schools are in demand, also classes for women and girls are conducted, combining religious with secular instruction. The need of a building suitable for a girls' boarding school is imperative.

#### SOUTH AMERICA

Beginning with the new biennium, our society is having a part in the work recently resumed at Buenos Aires, Argentine, South America. Mrs. Anna H. Mueller's work amongst women and children will be supported by our society, although Mrs. Mueller is an honorary missionary. E. M. Mueller, D.D., and his wife are in charge of the Argentine field. Their daughter, Miss Hannah V. Mueller, is preparing for Medical Mission work, having completed two years of the course at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW BIENNIUM

Considering the progress in the mission work of The United Lutheran Church, at home and abroad, during the past biennium, still greater progress may be anticipated during the new biennium upon which we have entered. Likewise, considering the progress of our society, both in its organization and in its activities in co-operation with the Boards of the Church, we may assuredly anticipate that larger results will obtain during the new biennium.

The natural growth of the work our society has undertaken means enlargement, calling for



more missionaries and more funds. Ten additional missionaries will soon join the forces in foreign fields, and it is planned to assist seven additional Home Missions, whilst still other enlargement of the society's activities may be anticipated.

A careful listing of the work carried on during the past biennium, with such moderate enlargement as seems necessary and possible, calls for the following budget of appropriations:

*For One Year—*

HOME MISSIONS, ETC.

Appropriations, support of Home Missions..	\$30000 00
Appropriations, Church Extension .....	15000 00
Immigrants' Missions, education Slav students	2400 00
Inner Missions, Settlement House, Pittsburgh	1500 00
Jewish Missions, woman assistant, Phila., Pa.	900 00
Board of Education, Secretary women students .....	2000 00
West Indies, Homes for Children, Virgin Islands .....	1500 00
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	\$53300 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Africa*

Salaries, Budget, etc.

Salaries missionaries, eight women .....	\$5100 00
Salary, builder .....	900 00
Budget .....	2700 00
Travel appropriations .....	3000 00
Building operations .....	7500 00
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	\$19200 00

*India*

Guntur Rajah-mundry

Salaries .....	\$14000 00	\$10000 00	\$24000 00
Budgets .....	33040 00	20000 00	53040 00
Building .....	15000 00	15000 00	30000 00
Travel appropriations..	4000 00	3000 00	7000 00
Inter-Mission institutions, India: Madras and Vellore .....			2500 00
Loss in exchange .....			15000 00
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			\$131540 00

*Japan*

Salaries, Budget, etc.

Salaries missionaries, four women .....	\$9500 00
Budget .....	1800 00
Travel appropriations .....	1500 00
Building operations .....	35000 00
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	\$47800 00

SUMMARY

Home Missions, etc. ....	\$53300 00
Africa .....	19200 00
India .....	131540 00
Japan .....	47800 00
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Total (for one year) .....	\$251840 00

Total (for biennium) .....	\$503680 00
Total expenses administration (for biennium) .....	50000 00
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Grand total (for biennium) .....	\$553680 00

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are respectfully presented for your consideration and action:

1. That the Executive Board be authorized to plan the regular work of the biennium in accordance with the budget-estimate of this report.

2. That the General Specials for the biennium be Building Funds: For Church Extension in America; for a Girls' Boarding School in the Japan Mission; for District Boarding Schools for Girls in the India Mission, and for the completion of the building for the Girls' Boarding School and the hospital in the Africa Mission.

3. That earnest and constant endeavor be put forth to extend organization, also to increase the membership in existing congregational societies, the watchword being, *A Women's Missionary Society in every congregation of The United Lutheran Church in America.*

4. That the officers of Synodical and Conference Societies maintain careful oversight of the activities of the congregational societies of their respective districts, thus to promote loyalty and co-operation in fulfilling their obligations to the General Society.

5. That the Society's periodicals, *Lutheran Woman's Work* and *Lutheran Boys and Girls*, be read attentively, thus to become informed as to the Society's activity, and that like attention be given to the Church periodicals, in order to become informed in reference to the activities of The United Lutheran Church; also that more extensive and diligent use be made of the publications of the Literature Committee.

6. That increased effort be made to establish Departmental Work, by those appointed to assist the Department Secretaries in presenting the interests of their respective departments.

7. The general observance of the first week of Lent, as a *Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Missions.*

8. That the concluding statements of Article XII, Constitution, General Society, be amended to read: One delegate for every four hundred members and major fraction thereof, in each Synodical Society. Each Synodical Society shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

9. The exercise of greater diligence in the fulfillment of our privileges and obligations, as in-

dividual members of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America.

May the guidance of the Spirit be realized throughout this convention.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

HELEN C. BEEGLE,

*Executive Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

(For Sixteen Months, from April 1, 1919, to July 31, 1920)

At the merger meeting of our United Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, organized two years ago, we looked forward with mingled hopes and fears to the first biennium as being, in a peculiar sense, a testing time.

The anxieties were natural, because we were launching a larger ship on an untried sea. The question was whether three separate bodies, which heretofore had worked independently, each with its own equipment, methods and fields of work, could so correlate their work and adjust their policies as not only to eliminate all friction, but, on the other hand, to triple their efficiency? We now see how needless were those fears. We cannot be thankful enough to the good providence of God that the woman's sphere of activities in the kingdom has shared in full measure the unanimity which has characterized all other branches of our church organization, in the process of the merger. It is not too much to say that never in all the history of Protestant Christendom has there been a similar instance of three separate and distinct church bodies, each with a noble history of its own, of which it was justly proud, each equipped in all departments for its own work, at home and abroad, suddenly merging into one body, in so short a time, in so thorough a manner, and to so complete an extent, that all thought of their former selves and of their separate interests was almost immediately forgotten, or rather dissolved in a fine enthusiasm for achieving their greater task, and preparing the way for still larger Lutheran Church unity in America.

Fortunately, we had had, for three years previous to the merger, a Co-operative Literature Committee, which issued leaflets for use of all three bodies. And we acted more wisely than we then realized, in thus preparing for the second stage of the evolution. If that Co-operative Literature Committee had not been so per-

fectly harmonious in its spirit and in its work, we would not have been so ready to make the further venture.

### ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

At the merger meeting held at New York, November 16, 1918, the following members were elected to serve on the Literature Committee: Mrs. Louise K. Krechting, Mrs. C. P. Wiles, Mrs. Virgil Summers Sease, Miss Mary Bayliss, Mrs. C. T. Benze, Mrs. J. A. Weyl, Mrs. J. H. Harms, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Mrs. S. D. Daugherty, Miss Erin Kohn, Mrs. Charles L. Fry, Mrs. T. W. Kretschman, Mrs. G. T. Rygh, Mrs. Annette Kahler Von Paulson.

Vacancies created during the biennium by the resignation of Mrs. G. T. Rygh, Mrs. J. H. Harms, Mrs. Annette Kahler Von Paulson, were filled by the election of Miss Mary Delk, Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, Mrs. B. E. Copenhaver, Mrs. Bernard Repass, Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars.

At the last meeting of our committee, held in June, 1920, Miss Mary Delk resigned in favor of Miss Sallie M. Protzman, who was elected to fill the vacancy. Hence the committee as now constituted is as follows: Mrs. Charles L. Fry, chairman, Philadelphia; Mrs. Louise K. Krechting, Washington; Mrs. C. P. Wiles, Philadelphia; Mrs. C. T. Benze, Philadelphia; Mrs. Virgil B. Sease, Newark; Miss Mary Baylies, Baltimore; Mrs. Laura Scherer Copenhaver, Marion, Va.; Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars, Gettysburg; Mrs. C. E. Hay, Baltimore; Mrs. S. D. Daugherty, Philadelphia; Mrs. J. A. Weyl, New York; Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, Philadelphia; Mrs. E. C. Cronk, New York; Mrs. Bernard Repass, Scranton; Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Lebanon.

The committee organized at its first called meeting on November 18, two days after the merger meeting, with its present chairman.

By unanimous vote, at the first meeting held in New York City, the Literature Headquarters was located in the Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

### MISS PROTZMAN'S OVERTAX

Miss Sallie M. Protzman was elected to the salaried office of Secretary of the Literature Committee. For twenty-eight years she had held a similar position in the General Synod Society, with headquarters at Baltimore. The removal to the Drexel Building, Philadelphia, involved a change of environment which proved a tax on Miss Protzman's energy. She was very happy in the work and thoroughly enjoyed it, yet the at-

mosphere in Philadelphia was more strenuous than she herself was aware, and after nine months she was obliged, through a nervous breakdown, to relinquish the work, much to the regret of her many warm friends throughout the Church.

Since January 1, 1920, she has been making her home with her sister in Lebanon, Pa., where she is keeping in touch with the progress of the work in all departments.

Appropriate resolutions of affection and appreciation have been passed by the Literature Committee, and will doubtless be ratified by this convention.

#### THE NEW COMMITTEE GETTING TO WORK

When our committee met on December 2, 1918, staggered though we were at the magnitude of our task, we approached it with a determination to discharge it to the best of our knowledge and ability. To-day I have the privilege of presenting to you the encouraging facts and figures for this first biennium in the Department of Literature.

We started without capital, and the chairman and Secretary of the committee advanced out of their personal funds the amount necessary to cover the rental of our newly leased suite of rooms, and the traveling expenses of the members living at a distance. True, we had been voted an appropriation of \$4000, but at that date no check had come to us, yet the work had to be launched and we had to plan for 1919.

We met together in the first meeting as members of three bodies supposed to be dissolved, or rather fused, rather than as a truly merged committee. We were unable to disassociate ourselves immediately from the background of our past experience. We were still thinking and planning in our former synodical terms. It was so difficult to detach ourselves. The expression was often heard, when something different from our own past experience was suggested, "We never did it before," or "We always did it this way."

We have progressed in our thinking and mental attitude since December 1, 1918, until now we are able to detach ourselves from our former synodical connection and discuss plans for the development of our united work with unbiased judgment. The former lines are being rapidly obliterated.

#### ACTUAL MERGING OF OUR LITERATURE

Only the expense of the office rental and the traveling expenses of the members of the Lit-

erature Committee were tangible proofs of our merging between November 16, 1918, and April 1, 1919. The three Literature Committees did not merge the literature work until April 1, 1919. We tried to harmonize our programs for the first six months of 1919 by basing our monthly topics on "The Path of Labor," but the General Synod Society continued its monthly leaflet subscription plan, using, in so far as it could, the leaflets included in the program packet assembled for the societies of the former General Council and United Synod South constituencies. We could not adopt a uniform plan until our periodicals had merged. Beginning with the July, 1919, issue, LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK (with the *Lutheran Mission Worker*, the quarterly publication of the General Council Society, and the one page published weekly in the *Lutheran Church Visitor*), now became the official organ of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church.

With this issue we also began our uniform monthly study, and the last six months of 1919 were spent in fields of work of our United Lutheran Church. In the first six months of 1919 we based our lessons on a study book. In the second six months we introduced the program packet, which included a Leader's Supplement, and supplemental leaflets referred to in the Monthly Meeting Department of the magazine.

At least 2231 program packets were sold.

#### THE MERGED HEADQUARTERS

On April 1, 1919, the three former committees began their merged practical work at the Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia. From Columbia, S. C., had been shipped their stock of literature, including a typewriter. From Baltimore came an auto truck with the General Synod reserve of literature, and a gift of substantial office chairs and table, together with a rug.

Our suite of rooms, previously equipped for the work of one constituency, had to be expanded to meet the greatly enlarged demand. When you note the sum of \$1291.90 for office supplies and expenses, the fact should be borne in mind that we had to equip not only for the work formerly carried on in three separate offices, but that the unifying gave us added momentum, with demand for advance along every line.

Special boxes for our current leaflets, and



more shelving to hold these boxes, had to be installed. Corrugated boxes for packing shipments to be sent to conventions had to be laid in by the hundred, for wooden boxes—under present conditions—are not to be thought of in these days. Filing cabinets, another typewriter, huge rolls of wrapping paper, large and small size, clasp envelopes in three sizes, rope and twine, stout cardboard backs to protect the books in mailing, a bookkeeping outfit, new billheads, filing cards, etc.—in short, all the equipment necessary to handle a work which would rapidly develop into a bona fide business.

#### INITIAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING US

During the last year preceding the merger, the three offices had purposely allowed their stock of current leaflet literature to run low. We were waiting for the new imprint. Departmental leaflets, therefore, needed immediate attention. Secretaries were asking for material to develop their special work. Printing and paper were climbing steadily in price, and so were the salaries of our workers in the office. We had asked at the New York convention for an appropriation of only \$4000 a year for all this outlay, and we had absolutely no capital in reserve.

Bills for the Mission Study books, 1000, 2000, 5000 copies, came in, and there was no money to meet them. True, when the books should be sold, we could pay our bills, but we were jealous of our credit. A good business man always pays his bills within thirty days.

Office rent was averaging \$102 per month, salaries were averaging over \$325 per month. We were receiving from the Board only \$1000 every three months. That was all we had asked for at the merger meeting. Our expense for office rent and salaries averaged \$1281 every three months. In addition we printed for free distribution (which netted no return) leaflets which cost us \$1161.38.

Fortunately, the relations between the Executive Board and the Literature Committee have been ideal. A representative from the Board has attended the quarterly meetings of the Literature Committee, and the Literature Committee have been in attendance at the regular quarterly meetings of the Executive Board. Hence, when the financial deficit was presented to the Executive Board, with sympathetic understanding they responded, and \$3000 additional to the \$8000 voted for this biennium was granted to our Literature Committee. Such intelligent

understanding and sympathetic co-operation with our plans encouraged us to push on with even greater zeal, in the full assurance that the Board was standing with us.

We have scarcely realized how rapidly our ideas relative to our work have of necessity enlarged. Two years ago, when we thought of dollars, it was in terms of hundreds. To-day we are thinking in thousands, and tens of thousands. This will be evidenced by the budget to be presented by the Board, which will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

#### VITAL NEED TO DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP

How shall we meet this greatly enlarged program? The answer is plain. We now have 1685 organized missionary societies, with 52,415 members, averaging about 31 to a society. Two thousand congregations in our United Lutheran Church have no organized women's work. Give us in each of these 2000 congregations the same average of 30 members, interested in our work, and 60,000 women would become new members of our organized United Society. This would double our contributions. Surely this is within our reach, and is the goal for which we must strive. But this will mean the development and enlargement of the Publication Department. Is there any activity to-day without the printed page? What the life-blood is to the human body, missionary literature is to our organization. What we need for a strong vitality and effective work, is a vigorous "circulation of the blood."

When a new chairman is appointed anywhere, her first move is to write to our office for material published on her line of work.

A glance at the work of the departments will show the vital connection with the literature work. We will begin at the bottom with the Junior Department. Under this comes the Missionary Baby Roll, with its apparatus, five kinds of birthday cards, mite boxes, two types of certificates. For the Juniors, the four quarterlies per year for the teachers, also the mite boxes, story leaflets and dramatics, then the Junior study-books, with supplemental story material.

The Young People's Department has two half-yearly program packets, and its organization leaflets.

The Senior Department has its leaflets on the organization and conduct of the local societies, also the monthly program in the magazine, with its supplemental leaflet material, then the program packet, the topic folder or program booklet.

Mission Study requires the development of special leaflet literature, in line with the theme of the book, and leaflets giving methods of work for the study class leader.

The Home Department issues quarterly, for use of the Home Department Visitor, not only the general departmental leaflets, but the readings on the monthly topic, to be left at the home of each Home Department member.

In the Thank-offering section, a program is developed for the annual public service, offering-boxes are provided, the story leaflet, the free leaflet to stimulate a better understanding, and thus increase the gift, the Thank-offering envelope, and the card invitation. All these must be provided. The Christmas-offering likewise requires an informing leaflet and the offering envelope.

#### MORE LITERATURE NEEDED

In the sphere of Home Missions there is need for greatly increased literature for the Slav work and for the Italian work.

Leaflet literature for every department of work is being asked for, including the Virgin Islands, Porto Rico, Inner Missions, etc.

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial requires a leaflet packet, including six outlines with comments, a general invitation folder, and a contribution envelope.

There is a constant call for inspirational and story leaflets, also for biographical sketches of our missionaries now on the fields, with their pictures, especially the women workers, for whose support we are responsible.

#### THE HOME DEPARTMENT

The literature for this department is being received with growing appreciation. The size of the quarterly had to be increased to supply the demand for sample copies.

#### THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Because of the soaring prices of paper, we were notified that *Lutheran Boys and Girls* would either have to be reduced in size or the price increased very materially. We chose the former alternative, and, as you know, the paper was reduced to four pages, but of larger size. A deficit has been reported by The United Publication House; half of the amount we are obligated to meet.

*Tidings*, the publication formerly edited by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., has com-

pletely changed its character. There is a paper still published monthly, but it resembles the original in nothing but its name. This has been a keen disappointment to those who feel the need of a distinctly junior periodical, and we discussed the practicability of issuing a junior paper, but found it to be impossible at this stage of our growth.

With the lessening of the pages of *Lutheran Boys and Girls*, a way had to be provided for the publication of the graded lessons for juniors. As a result, the *Junior Graded Quarterly* has been in existence since January, 1920. We have on our files 337 subscribers, with a steady increase. A large number of copies for publicity purposes have been sent to conventions, have been distributed whenever asked for, in the hope that this would stimulate a larger demand.

#### "MISSIONARY MOMENTS"

This is a reprint from *The Augsburg Teacher*, published to fill the widely-felt need for material for the missionary program, to be introduced once a month. Only a small number of subscribers listed thus far, not more than 41. But this is a new experiment and has hardly been in operation long enough to have been a real test.

#### DRAMATICS

This department may truly be called one of our specialties. I doubt whether there is a Literature Center under the direction of any Missionary Board that has a larger call for dramatics than we have. These calls come from all over the country, for "The Striking of America's Hour," "Hanging a Sign," "Waiting for the Doctor," and "Christ for America." A study of the financial statement, under this item, will reveal the fact that we are netting an income of no mean proportion from this source. Orders from other denominational Boards are received weekly.

#### OUR MAGAZINE

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK was adopted as the official magazine of our united societies. Mrs. Julius F. Seebach, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, was elected editor. There is no publication devoted exclusively to women's missionary work which has a more competent, more versatile and more scholarly editor. She has already made our official organ a high credit to our society and its work. This is universally recognized both within and without our Lutheran Church.

The associate editors elected are Mrs. F. A. Kahler and Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The first issue under our merged work was published in June, 1919, at the subscription price of 60 cents.

Because of the increased pressure of work at The United Lutheran Publication House, we were requested early this year to arrange for the removal of the mailing stencils. A room in the Drexel Building, No. 820, adjacent to the suite of our Literature Headquarters, was secured on July 1. Mrs. G. W. Baughman, President of the Maryland Synodical Society, was called to take charge of the business management of the magazine. On July 8, 1920, she took charge of the business end of the magazine, which includes the care and supervision of the mailing lists and the finances. Mrs. Baughman is assisted by a young woman typist. The office has been equipped with the necessary apparatus to carry on this piece of work. This includes shelving an addressograph machine, a stencil-cutting machine, a typewriter, a stenographer's desk and an office desk.

Total number of subscriptions, July 31, 1920, 30,899. The subscription list reached its highest point in April, 1920—34,400. The lowest in May, 1920—29,437. The average number of subscriptions for the year was 32,351.

Because of the increased price of everything pertaining to printing, of the added expense for equipment and administration of the magazine work, the subscription price was increased on June 1, 1920, to 75 cents. The financial report will be presented by Mrs. Baughman.

#### REPRINT EDITIONS

- 5000 Christ in America
- 5000 Waiting for the Doctor
- 2000 The Missionary Dollar and What It Does
- 2000 Jesus, the Great Physician
- 3000 What the Nickel and the Dime Have to Say About It
- 5500 The Third Prayer
- 10000 Three Knocks That Summoned in the Night
- 3000 Every Day Thanksgiving
- 3000 Her Offering
- 2000 Two Types of Service
- 5000 Little Builders
- 5000 The Slovak Immigrant Woman
- 5000 Our Missionary Bible
- 7000 Key to the Best Society
- 10000 Your Kind Needs You
- 5000 The Women Who Did and Those Who Didn't
- 3000 When a Little Prince Came to the Hospital
- 5000 The Opening of the Little Green Door
- 5000 Is It Fair?
- 5000 The Doing-Without Box
- 5000 A Plea for the Twelve

- 5000 God's Answers to Our Questions About Prayer
- 5000 The Weak and Wicked Wing Lu
- 4000 Sentence Prayers for Children's Societies
- 3000 A Missionary Carol
- 3000 A Bag of Wishes

#### OFFERING BOXES

- 133637 Thank-offering boxes, which includes the quantity needed November, 1920
- 10156 Red Mite boxes for the Juniors
- 5000 Missionary Baby Roll boxes (pink)

#### STUDY BOOKS—JUNIOR

- 520 Called to the Colors
- 156 Jack and Janet in the Philippines
- 942 Mook

#### STUDY BOOKS—SENIOR

- 3040 Christian Americanization
- 5206 Crusade of Compassion

#### MAIL RECEIVED—NOVEMBER 15, 1919, TO JULY 31, 1920

- 12964 First-class matter
- 120 Packets, value 50 cents each, sent to Student Summer Conferences
- 89 Packets assorted leaflets to candidates for ordination

#### ADVERTISING FOLDERS

- 6000 Announcements for the summer, 1919
- 6000 Program order blanks for the summer, 1919
- 10000 Pink Junior folders for 1920
- 10000 Christmas offering folders
- 10000 Program Announcements for Women's Societies, 1920
- 10000 Young People's Program Announcements, 1920
- 5000 Guidepost to Mission Study, 1919-1920
- 5000 Lenten Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Announcements, 1920

#### ORGANIZATION

- 5000 Constitutions for the General Society
- 3000 Constitutions for Young People's Societies
- 3000 Credential cards
- 5000 Thank-offering report blanks
- 5000 Mission Study report cards
- 3000 Statistical blanks for Young People's Societies
- 3000 Blanks, Young People's
- 2000 Junior report blanks
- 5600 Mission Study card report blanks
- 2000 Life membership certificates
- 20000 Magazine slips (blue)
- 3000 Our Goal (Magazine)
- 20000 Life Membership Department leaflets
- 19500 Annuity Bond leaflets

#### FREE LEAFLETS—GENERAL

- 10000 Your King Needs You
- 20000 Your King Needs You (bookmark)
- 3000 Questionnaire, Young People's
- 5000 Standard of Excellence, Young People's
- 8000 Putting People to Work
- 5000 Secretary of Literature
- 37000 Lost Thank-offering boxes
- 8000 On the Other Side of the Wall
- 10000 Two Sides of the Home Department
- 7000 Junior Leader's Guide



## CONVENTION SALES—1919

Allentown Conference .....	\$12 96
Northwest Synodical .....	17 27
West Virginia Synodical .....	5 35
Easton Conference .....	10 04
Susquehanna Synodical .....	28 08
North Carolina Synodical .....	44 70
Tennessee Synodical .....	31 44
Holston Synodical .....	16 36
Southwest Virginia Synodical .....	16 42
Virginia Synodical .....	19 30
Alleghany Synodical .....	43 26
Maryland Conference .....	10 20
Somerset Conference .....	4 29
North Carolina Young People's Federation .....	16 92
New York and New England Synodical .....	14 72
Harrisburg Conference .....	6 81
Juniata Conference .....	2 45
Chicago Synodical .....	7 68
Wilkes-Barre Conference .....	9 34
Canton Anniversary (Fortieth) .....	114 03
Wartburg Synodical .....	4 01
New York Synodical .....	52 80
Maryland Synodical .....	76 57
Chicago Synodical .....	18 01
East Ohio Synodical .....	79 67
Central Pennsylvania Synodical .....	26 59
Kansas Synodical .....	36 82
Rocky Mountain Synodical .....	6 86
West Pennsylvania Synodical .....	64 04
Northern Indiana Synodical .....	54 43
California Synodical .....	3 90
Georgia Synodical .....	19 17
East Pennsylvania Synodical .....	117 32
Pittsburgh (G. S.) .....	28 19
South Carolina .....	25 36
Miami Synodical .....	62 69
Wittenberg Synodical .....	62 45
Northern Illinois Synodical .....	28 30
Olive Branch Synodical .....	42 58
Nebraska Synodical .....	40 85
Central Illinois Synodical .....	33 93
Pittsburgh (G. S.) .....	42 89
Iowa .....	24 08
Alleghany Northeast Synodical .....	9 81
Somerset Synodical .....	10 09
Western New York Synodical .....	12 39
Pottsville Synodical .....	11 90
Philadelphia Synodical .....	19 73
Norristown Synodical .....	12 92
Danville Synodical .....	9 52
Synod of Northwest .....	25 42
South Carolina Young People's Federation .....	14 96
Eastern Conference New York and New England Synod .....	5 27
Juniata Conference .....	4 29
Rochester Conference of Pittsburgh Synod .....	2 85
Wisconsin Conference .....	20 40

## SUMMER SCHOOLS—1919

Newberry College .....	\$5 85
Missionary School—Hagerstown .....	108 14
Northfield—Home and Foreign .....	117 93
Chambersburg .....	51 30
Blue Ridge .....	33 25
Thiel College .....	20 80
Gettysburg .....	86 84

Baltimore School .....	\$222 09
Frederick School .....	19 85

## CONFERENCES AND SYNODICALS—1920

Allentown Conference .....	14 74
Wilkes-Barre .....	20 55
Eastern Conference of Maryland .....	6 99
Reading Conference .....	6 30
Nebraska Synodical .....	14 31
Cumberland Valley .....	3 59
Pennsylvania Synodical .....	14 27
North Branch Conference .....	7 78
Northeast Conference—Alleghany Synod .....	6 67
Juniata Conference—Alleghany Synod .....	12 92
Northern Conference—Central Pennsylvania Synod .....	11 01
Winona Conference .....	9 46
Somerset Conference .....	17 23
Philadelphia Conference .....	13 22
Chicago Synodical .....	18 00
Olive Branch Conference .....	15 50
Easton Conference .....	7 86

## SUMMER SCHOOLS—1920

Chambersburg Summer School .....	45 50
Minnesota Summer School .....	16 77
Summerland College .....	20 95
Northfield Summer School—Home and Foreign .....	110 34

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR BIENNIAL

From April 1, 1919, to July 31, 1920

	Receipts	Disbursements
Leaflets .....	\$3272 83	\$3591 95
Dramatics .....	1336 81	1082 49
Bound books .....	1205 53	929 82
Senior Study books .....	3359 19	2323 98
Senior Helps and supplies .....	214 54	92 44
Junior Study books .....	418 74	241 58
Junior Helps .....	349 62	406 38
Mite boxes—Junior .....	98 64	104 02
Young People's supplies .....	273 46	909 50
Home Department supplies .....	346 22	265 01
Thank-offering Department .....	317 43	737 36
Cradle Roll Department .....	96 91	91 44
Junior Leader's Quarterly .....	103 50	140 00
"Missionary Moments" .....	19 85	62 57
Miscellaneous periodical subscriptions .....	99 78	82 65
Posters .....	114 71	188 50
Picture sheets .....	48 50	165 97
Manuscripts .....		65 00
Christmas gifts .....		34 00
LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK .....	677 47	677 07
Miscellaneous sales .....	77 19	1 11
Stationery .....		236 90
Office supplies and expenses .....		1291 90
Office rent .....	650 02	2191 62
Stenographic work .....		635 95
Office salaries .....		3136 04
Extra clerical help .....		159 65
Secretary of Literature—salary .....		1583 34
Salary of associate writers .....		240 50
Expressage .....	\$36 50	299 45
Postage .....	165 25	1145 12
Telephone .....	2 95	117 98
Traveling expenses .....		1368 29
Contributions .....	671 17	

Appropriation .....	\$11000 00	.....
Interest .....	18 33	.....
Bank charges .....	.....	40
Credits for excess payments.....	8 53	.....
Refunds on excess payments.....	4 43	134 25
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Total disbursements .....	\$24674 23	
Bank balance .....	280 21	
Cash box balance .....	33 66	
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	\$24988 10	\$24988 10

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) J. M. DECK,  
*Auditor and Public Accountant.*

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Literature Committee foresees in the near future a wide expansion of its influence and usefulness. The increase of its sales, its correspondence and its other business makes it imperative that the office force be enlarged by the employment of trained women who shall be able to give full time.

In preparing for this enlargement, the committee has considered the more distant, as well as the immediate future, and has tried to avoid making plans which would soon have to be abandoned.

In the opinion of the committee the duties of its chairman should be as follows:

She shall direct and develop the general work of the committee through its various departments and sub-committees; shall prepare for and preside at the regular meetings; shall be familiar in a general way with the office business; and shall present the report of the committee at the biennial convention.

(The committee calls attention to the fact that if its recommendations are adopted, Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution is superfluous.)

The committee recommends the employment of the following salaried officers:

(1) A General Secretary of the Literature Committee who shall have general supervision and direction of the office; who shall carry out the policies as formulated by the committee; who shall attend conventions and arrange conferences when it is deemed advisable.

(NOTE.—The committee is looking forward to increasing the sale of its literature through other parts of the Lutheran Church, and the Secretary is to have this matter in charge.)

(2) An Editor of Literature who shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of all general missionary literature issued by the committee. Like the General Secretary, she shall attend conventions and conferences when it is deemed advisable.

(3) An Office Administrator who shall be a skilled stenographer; who shall, under the direction of the General Secretary, be in charge of the practical work of the office; and who shall be the Treasurer of the literature funds.

Therefore, in view of this enlarged program for the next biennium, we ask for an annual appropriation of \$10,000 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA F. FRY, *Chairman.*

Motions were made that telegrams of greeting be sent to Miss Protzman, Mrs. Herbst and Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, who were prevented by illness from attending the Convention.

Dr. Keiter, Chairman of the Committee on Women's Work, was granted permission to present greetings from his committee and from the West Indies Board at this point. Dr. Keiter congratulated the women on the progress made during the biennium and especially commended the Executive Board for their faithful and efficient work. He urged us to set for our goal for the next two years the increase in membership to the 100,000 mark.

A telegram of greeting was read from the women of the Rocky Mountain Synod now in session in Pueblo, Colorado.

A five-minute period of intercession was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk before adjournment.

#### FOURTH SESSION.

The devotional service was on the topic "Our Attitude to Those Who Know Not Christ."

Miss Zoe I. Hirt gave a most thoughtful presentation of Women's Part in Inner Mission Work. Dr. Walter, head of the Tabitha Home, at Lincoln, Nebraska, gave a brief presentation of his work.

All of the home missionaries and wives of home missionaries in the audience were asked to come forward; over fifty responded. The Convention paid tribute to these heroes of the Church by rising and singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The venerable M. G. Boyer, D.D., responded for the home missionaries.

Dr. J. F. Seibert, of Chicago, President of the Illinois Synod, gave a survey of the opportunities for home missions in the city of Chicago, not only among the English-speaking Lutheran peoples, but among the foreign-speaking groups—notably, the Slovaks, Poles, Italians and Lithuanians.

At this point in the program the Convention separated into groups for departmental work. Each of the Department Secretaries was asked to present the work of her department to a number of small groups. A most successful and informing series of conferences resulted, the groups passing from one conference to another in rotation.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Mission Study Text-Book, which is to form the basis of our programs for the first six months

of 1920, "The Bible and Missions," was reviewed by Mrs. C. B. Newcomer, of Carthage, Ill. After a clear-cut synopsis of the book as a whole, Mrs. Newcomer brought out valuable facts and statistics concerning what Lutherans have done to translate the Bible into different languages.

Three simultaneous evening services were held. At Immanuel Church, Mrs. J. S. Maloney, presiding, the Vesper Service was conducted by Reverend C. E. Paulus, of Chicago. Addresses were delivered by Miss Louisa Miller, of Guntur, India; Mrs. Charles L. Fry and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

At Wicker Park Church, the pastor, Dr. S. P. Long, conducted Vespers. Addresses were made by Sister Jennie Larmonth, of the Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, and by Mrs. H. C. Bell, of Lakeland, Fla.

At Unity Lutheran Church, 8 o'clock, the Vesper Service was conducted by the Rev. Luther Hogshead. The Scripture Lesson was the first fifteen verses of II Timothy, 2d chapter.

Rev. Edward T. Horn, of Japan, presented "A United Lutheran Missionary Program for Japan."

After the anthem by the choir, Mrs. C. E. Hay, of Baltimore, Md., discussed the problem of "Changing the Background."

"Woman Power" was the theme presented by Miss Mary E. Markley, of New York City, Secretary of the Board of Education.

The offering was taken, after which Pastor Hogshead closed the service with prayer and the benediction.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16TH.

The topic for the devotional service was "Our Attitude Toward our Associates and our Rivals."

The calling of the roll was dispensed with and the minutes read and approved.

The work of our periodicals was next presented, Mrs. J. P. Krechting presiding. Mrs. J. F. Seebach, Editor of LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK, reminded the audience that a magazine is what the contributors make it. Mrs. Baughman, Business Manager, presented the financial report.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF "LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK"

On June 1, 1919, LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK became the official publication of the United Lutheran Church in America. At this time we had a subscription list of 23,470 names, with a credit balance at the publication house of \$2713.95.

In July the subscription list was largely increased, when the renewals of the *Mission Worker*, the woman's

publication of the former General Council, 7566, were added to the subscription list of the LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK. This brought us to August 1, 1919, with a list of 31,427. From this time till December a steady gain is shown each month. In December there were 10,500 expirations and only 8840 renewals and new subscriptions, showing a net loss of 1660.

January brought a gain of 1050, and February of 569; March a loss of 117; April a gain of 662, bringing our list to the high-water mark of 34,200 names. During May there were 7,900 expirations and only 3137 new and renewals, making a net loss of 4763, bringing the list to low tide, 29,437.

June, 1920, brought a gain of 1882, but July marks a loss of 420. Thus we close the year, July 31, 1920, with a subscription list of 30,899, a net gain of 7429 subscriptions, making an average for 14 months of about 32,000 names.

These figures will show you the necessity of carefully looking after all renewals.

While we started June 1, 1919, with a credit balance of \$2713.95, the increased cost of labor and all materials connected with the publishing of the magazine has brought us to the close of the year with a deficit of \$974.71. This deficit has been growing since then because new and renewal subscriptions have not kept pace with our expirations. However, we trust the coming months will bring us better results.

From these figures it will readily be seen that in order to make the magazine a financial success it will be necessary to very largely increase our subscription list. Even with a subscription price of 75 cents per year, at the increased cost of publication, we will not be able to meet all expenses unless we have an enlarged subscription list. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. BAUGHMAN,  
Business Manager.

A demonstration called "The Dreamer," prepared by Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars, of Gettysburg, was cleverly presented. The song, "Our Little Magazine," written by Mrs. Seebach, was sung by the Convention.

A message from Mrs. F. A. Kahler, Associate Editor, was read by Mrs. Franklin F. Fry. Mrs. E. C. Cronk, the other Associate Editor was presented to the Convention. Miss Laura Wade Rice spoke in behalf of *Lutheran Boys and Girls*.

The Report of the Committee on the Executive Committee's report was received and considered item by item.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your committee on the report of the Executive Board would respectfully present the following:

Having carefully read and examined this report, we wish to express our appreciation of the admirable manner in which our Board conducted the arduous work of the biennium. The spirit of harmony which has characterized them in the work of reconstruction, incident to the merging of the three former bodies, as well as the untiring effort they put forth in establishing the work,



has been an inspiration to the rank and file of our workers.

We also wish to express our appreciation of the work of the Executive Secretary all through the biennium and in preparing this clear and concise report.

We submit the following recommendations:

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Executive Board be authorized to plan the regular work of the biennium according to the budget estimate given in its report to this Convention.

2. That the general specials for the biennium be building funds: For Church Extension in America; for a Girls' Boarding School in Japan; for District Boarding Schools in the India Mission; for the completion of the Girls' Boarding School Building and the Hospital in the African Mission.

3. That earnest and constant endeavor be put forth to extend organization also to increase the membership in existing congregational societies.

4. That the officers of Synodical and Conference Societies maintain a careful oversight of the activities of the congregational societies of their respective districts, thus to promote loyalty and co-operation in fulfilling their obligations to the General Society.

5. That the Society's periodicals, LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK and LUTHERAN BOYS AND GIRLS, be read attentively, thus to become informed as to the Society's activity, and that like attention be given the Church periodicals in order to become informed in reference to the activities of the United Lutheran Church; also that more extensive and diligent use be made of the publications of the Literature Committee.

6. That increased effort be made to establish departmental work by those appointed to assist the Department Secretaries in presenting the interests of their respective departments.

7. The general observance of the first week of Lent as a week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Missions.

8. The exercise of greater diligence in fulfilling our privileges and obligations as individual members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. D. HOOVER, *Chairman*,  
MRS. P. GEO. SIEGER,  
MRS. ALBERT BELL,  
MRS. THEODORE L. CROUSE,  
MRS. ALLEN L. BENNER,

*Committee.*

Item 1 was adopted with the reading of the Budget, items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 adopted, item 7 amended to read "The week beginning with the first Monday in Lent," adopted, 8 adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

### BUDGET OF APPROPRIATIONS

1920-1922

Women's Missionary Society, United Lutheran Church

FOR ONE YEAR

Home Missions, etc.:

Appropriations, Support of Home Missions \$30,000 00  
Appropriations, Church Extension 15,000 00

Immigrants' Missions, Education Slav Students .....	\$2,400 00
Inner-Missions, Settlement House, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	1,500 00
Jewish Missions, Woman Assistant, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	900 00
Board of Education, Secretary Women Students .....	2,000 00
West Indies, Homes for Children, Virgin Islands .....	1,500 00
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	\$53,300 00

### Foreign Missions:

#### Africa—Salaries, Budget, etc.:

Salaries—Missionaries, 8 Women ..	\$5,100 00
Salary, Builder .....	900 00
Budget .....	2,700 00
Travel Appropriations .....	3,000 00
Building Operations .....	7,500 00
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	\$19,200 00

#### India Guntur Rajahmundry

Salaries .....	\$14,000 00	\$10,000 00	\$24,000 00
Budgets .....	33,040 00	20,000 00	53,040 00
Building .....	15,000 00	15,000 00	30,000 00
Travel App'ns ....	4,000 00	3,000 00	7,000 00
Loss in Exchange .....			15,000 00
Inter-Mission Institutions, India: Madras and Vellore .....			2,500 00
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			\$131,540 00

#### Japan—Salaries, Budget, etc.:

Salaries—Missionaries, 4 Women ..	\$9,500 00
Budget .....	1,800 00
Travel Appropriations .....	1,500 00
Building Operations .....	35,000 00
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	\$47,800 00

### SUMMARY

Home Missions, etc. ....	\$53,300 00
Africa .....	19,200 00
India .....	131,540 00
Japan .....	47,800 00
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Total .....\$251,840 00 for one year.

Total ..... 503,680 00 for biennium.

Total expenses administration 50,000 00 for biennium.

Grand total .....\$553,680 00 for biennium.

### ADMINISTRATION

FOR ONE YEAR

Meetings, Executive Board .....	\$2,000 00
Meetings, Administrative Committee .....	300 00
Headquarters' Expenses:	
Rent of Office .....	648 00
Telephone Service .....	42 00
Salaries:	
Executive Secretary .....	1,200 00
Assistant Executive Secretary .....	
Salaries of Treasurers:	
General Treasurer .....	500 00
Treasurer, Board of Trustees .....	150 00

## Supplies and Expenses:

Headquarters' Office .....	\$300 00
Treasurer's Office .....	150 00
Treasurer, Board of Trustees .....	100 00
Statistical Secretary .....	100 00
Other Officers .....	300 00
Department Secretaries .....	1,000 00
Appropriation, Literature Committee .....	10,000 00
Appropriation, Interdenominational Organ....	125 00
Printing India Report, etc. ....	1,000 00
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	\$35,830 00
Biennial Convention, etc. ....	<hr/>
	\$50,000 00

The report of the Committee on Statistical Secretary's Report was read and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Committee on the Statistical Secretary's report can truly say, "Surely Mrs. Jensen is a worker who needeth not to be ashamed, but has studied the facts and conditions of her office and can be heartily approved for the work accomplished."

The first report since the merger shows an enrollment of 41 societies. The response to the blanks sent out by the Secretary was very encouraging and proved the form used was decidedly satisfactory, as it could be used by all three societies.

A request has been made to the committee that the Inner-Mission box-work and Home Mission box-work be listed separately for the sake of accuracy.

Societies are urged to make a careful selection of a capable person to fill the office of Statistical Secretary in order that all members be properly listed in the columns so that the General Secretary may eliminate her unknown list.

The statistical report shows the pulse and temperature of our departments as the "love of God constraineth us, as our gifts represent."

With the Secretary's splendid work of encouraging totals before us, let us realize:

"No deed of love or goodness ever dies,  
But in the lives of others multiplies."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. L. VAN ORMER,  
MISS EMMA LOUISE SIGMUND.

The closing intercession was conducted by Mrs. Herbert C. Bell, of Lakeland, Fla.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The topic for the devotional service was "Our Attitude Towards Our Enemies."

Mrs. Coates, daughter of the Rev. Morris Officer, founder of Muhlenberg Mission, was presented to the Convention.

At this point the greetings from our sister organizations were brought by Mrs. Emmy Evald, Chicago, President of the Augustana Synodical Society, and by Mrs. I. D. Ylvisaker, Fargo, N. D., President of the Norwegian Missionary Federation.

Greetings from the Church Boards were given by the Rev. Wm. Freas of the Inner Mission Board; Dr. Ramer, Superintendent of the Slav and Hungarian Board. The Rev. Paul Crause, the Student Secretary for young men, of the Board of Education; Sister Sophia Jepson, of the Motherhouse at Baltimore. The deaconesses in attendance were called to the front. They represented the Baltimore, Chicago, Milwaukee and Philadelphia Motherhouses. Letters were read by Dr. A. V. Pohlman, of the Board of Ministerial Relief, and Dr. S. S. Waltz, Executive Secretary of The Lutheran Brotherhood.

"A glimpse into our Summer Conferences" was conducted by Mrs. P. M. Rossman. Enthusiastic reports of successful meetings were given of "Camp Luther," at Northfield, by Mrs. C. B. Young; Winona Lake, Mrs. C. E. Paulus; Lake Geneva, Mrs. Sardson; Boulder School of Missions, Mrs. Martz; Los Angeles, Mrs. Bentz; Wilson College, Mrs. C. P. Wiles; while Mrs. H. C. Bell told of a winter School of Missions at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. J. P. Krechting told of the need for a home for missionaries at Chautauqua, N. Y., and stated that she had been authorized by the Executive Board to solicit funds for this purpose. Miss Mary E. Markley described the College Student Conferences. Mrs. Cronk, who is an expert in Summer Conference work, made a plea for a larger attendance at the Summer Schools.

The returned Missionaries were called to the front to answer questions often asked. Miss Mary Borthwick, of Rajahmundry, India, explained the India Lace Industry. Miss Florence Welty spoke of the Girls' Boarding School in Guntur and the great need for District Schools. Miss Louisa Miller explained what is meant by District Work in the India Mission.

The closing intercession was conducted by Miss Zoe I. Hirt.

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

The Vesper Service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Bramkamp, of Chicago. Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. Harrisville, of the Norwegian Church.

Mrs. Maud Junkin Baldwin, Chicago, Superintendent of the Children's Division of the International Sunday School Association, spoke on "Missionary Education for Children."

The Pageant, given by the young people of the Chicago congregations, brought home forcibly to everyone present that "America's Hour" was about to strike and that if she failed in giving justice and liberty to the child-laborer, the immigrant, the Indian, and her duty in the heathen work, that she, too—like Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome—would be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Mrs. P. N. H. Munsing, of Chicago, parliamentarian, was introduced.

A telegram was read from the Lutheran Bureau, requesting that the Convention assist in increasing the circulation of the forthcoming *Lutheran World Almanac*. The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we express our pleasure at the announcement of the *World Almanac* to be published by our Lutheran Bureau, urge our delegates to give their advance orders at the literature tables, and authorize the publication of an announcement and endorsement of this valuable work in LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. Fry stated that subsequent subscriptions could be sent to 844 Drexel Building, Literature Headquarters.

Report of Committee on The Report of Literature Committee's Report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

In examining the report of this committee, we note with pleasure and gratitude the spirit of unanimity which has marked the merging of the three Literature Committees of our United Lutheran Church. In spite of many anxieties and grave issues to be faced, the report shows a marked increase in work accomplished.

Your committee cannot pass over the resignation of Miss Sallie M. Protzman as Secretary of the Literature Committee without expressing deep appreciation of her twenty-eight years of valuable service, during which she gave her time and talent to the development of Missionary Literature. We also feel that the thanks of the United Lutheran Church are due all the members of this committee who have labored so faithfully and efficiently during these past sixteen months.

In view of the enlarged program that confronts the Literature Committee, necessitating greater production and circulation of literature, with adequate force and

equipment, we recommend that they be granted an annual appropriation of \$10,000 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. U. S. G. RUPP,  
MRS. FRANKLIN CHRYST,  
MRS. ALBERT BELL.

Report of Committee on Resolutions adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

"Fear Jehovah only and serve Him."

Recognizing the leading of our kind Heavenly Father during the twenty months just passed, our hearts are filled with gratitude for His manifold kindnesses.

Therefore, be it resolved:

*First*, That we appreciate the faithful services of our beloved President during the biennium and the inspiring words of her address, also the untiring efforts of all the general officers, Department Secretaries and committees, especially the efficient work of Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten and her committee, who made possible the splendid missionary exhibit.

*Second*, That we appreciate the inspiration given the Convention by the presence of our Home and Foreign Missionaries; the words of greeting the young women candidates for foreign service brought us; the solemn commissioning of Sister Ruth Robeson, Miss Elsie Otto and Miss Marie C. Martens for the African work, and the gracious words of God-speed by Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church of America.

*Third*, That we acknowledge with gratitude the inspiring presence of our Deaconesses and all who brought encouraging words of greeting.

*Fourth*, That we hold in loving memory those who have left us during the biennium for Higher Service in the Great Beyond and extend our deepest sympathy to those bereaved.

*Fifth*, That we recognize the progressive movement of our Lutheran Church in our colleges and the presence of our new Student Secretary, Miss Mary E. Markley.

*Sixth*, That we are gratified with the work of the Literature Committee and the standing accorded to our magazine, LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK, and to *Lutheran Boys and Girls*, and we pledge our loyal support to our own publications.

*Seventh*, That we rejoice in the harmonious work of the women of the United Lutheran Church and in the bright outlook for enlarged service.

*Eighth*, That we recognize the responsibility placed upon Christian womanhood by the adoption of the 18th and 19th Amendments to the Federal Constitution.

*Ninth*, To Unity Church and its devoted pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Davy, we would express sincere appreciation of their untiring, unceasing efforts for our comfort. To the sister churches of Chicago that have opened their hearts and homes, we say a hearty "Thank you." To those who had charge of the Young People's Banquet and the Convention Banquet. To the Entertainment Committee, the choir, those who participated in the Pageant, to all who have in any way contributed their efforts towards making this our First Biennial Convention such a grand success, we tender





OFFICERS, DELEGATES, MISSIONARIES

sincere thanks, praying God's blessing to go with those who go and abide with you who remain.

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. B. Q. HALLENBECK,  
 MRS. JOHN W. RICHARDS,  
 MRS. W. F. BACHER.

Dr. Ramer made a plea for increased support to Immigrant Missions Board.

The Treasurer reported that the offerings during Convention amounted to \$333.41.

Mrs. Cronk announced that as a result of the meeting at Immanuel Church, on Wednesday evening, a member of the congregation had volunteered to go to the Mission Field.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAPERS AND LETTERS

The Committee on Papers and Letters respectfully submit the following:

We have been impressed by the breadth and scope of the program as prepared by the Program Committee. The numerous subjects presented, and so ably discussed, and the intelligent interest manifested by the Convention must result in larger vision and more efficient service on the part of all.

The theme of the President's address, "Behold, What Great Things Jehovah Hath Done For Us," forcibly brought before us the great advantages the women of America enjoy as compared to our less fortunate sisters in other lands and our responsibility to them. With sufficient funds, sufficient forces and adequate equipment we can more easily reach the goal, not only in our own denominational work, but in the reconstruction of the world.

The paper on Woman's Part in the Inner-Mission Work, as presented by Miss Hirt, comes with much force, especially because of the personal experiences and investigation upon which it is based. Can we not, as missionary women, try to apply our knowledge of facts as practically and definitely?

The unique plan devised by the Program Committee in presenting the Departmental work should result in greater efficiency for the coming biennium.

We are justly proud of our periodicals and would emphasize the Editor's statement that *we make the magazine*. We must not be the *dreamer*, but the *doer*, in increasing the subscription list, and intelligent interest in *Miss Maggie Zine*.

Dr. Keiter, in his greetings, helped us to realize that while we have accomplished much, there is still greater work to be done in the future. The messages from the Presidents of our two sister Societies emphasized this fact.

The word from our Rocky Mountain Synodical in Convention at this time was appreciated.

The greetings from the various Boards made the needs of our Church in America and our relation to them seem very real.

We rejoice that Ministerial Relief is to be provided not only for disabled and retired ministers and their widows in this country, but to our men and women missionaries as well.

The Summer Conferences with which we are affiliated are strong factors in the development of our workers—physically and mentally—but, above all, spiritually. Can we not go home, and by our influence greatly increase the attendance at the schools in our vicinity?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. RELLER,  
 MRS. BERNARD REPASS,  
 MRS. FRED SHEPHERD.



AND VISITORS, CHICAGO CONVENTION, 1920

The motion carried that the orders of the day be suspended and the report on Committee on Changes in Constitution be considered at this point. Miss Prince presented this report.

### PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### ARTICLE VI

"A Vice-President" instead of "two Vice-Presidents."

#### ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. The Executive Board shall consist of "twenty members" instead of "nineteen members."

SEC. 2. "Five General Officers" instead of "four."

SEC. 9. (Additional.) The Executive Board shall have a representative at each meeting of the Literature Committee.

#### ARTICLE IX

SECTION 5. "Shall have" instead of "may have."

#### ARTICLE XII

Strike out entire article.

Article XIII becomes Article XII.

Article XIV becomes Article XIII.

#### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I

SECTION 2. Omit "in order." Change "Vice-Presidents" to "Vice-President."

SEC. 3. Omit "continuously."

SEC. 4. "And report same semi-annually to the Executive Board" instead of "annually."

#### ARTICLE II

Change title to read "Life Membership and In Memoriam."

#### ARTICLE III

Insert "active" between "per" and "member."

#### ARTICLE VI

SECTION 3. Strike out last clause. After "America"; "one of these shall be a member of the Executive Board and the other the Secretary of the Corresponding Department. These advisory members shall make reports at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Board."

#### ARTICLE IX

SECTION 2. "Executive Board" instead of "Committee." After "in person" add "to the headquarters of the Executive Board as soon as possible after arriving in this country."

#### ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 2. The expenses to the Biennial Convention of the Officers, Executive Board and its Executive Secretary, Secretary, Chairman, Secretary of Literature and one delegate from the Literature Committee, the Editor of the Official Organ, the Editor of the children's paper and the Secretaries of the Departments shall be paid from the General Fund.

#### CHANGES

Article VI—Adopted.

Article VIII—Sections 1, 2 and 9 adopted.

Article IX—Adopted.

Article XII—Adopted.

#### BY-LAWS

Article I—Sections 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

Article II—Adopted.

Article III—Adopted.

Article VI—Section 3 amended to read as follows:

"The Executive Board shall appoint two women to serve as advisory members on each of the Mission Boards of the United Lutheran Church in America. One of these shall be a member of the Executive Board and the other the Secretary of the Corresponding Department. The advisory member, who is a member of the Executive Board, shall present a report at the quarterly meeting of the Executive Board."

Article IV—Section 2 adopted.

Article XIII—Adopted.

Two additional amendments were proposed—that Article XII of the By-Laws be amended to read "one delegate for every 400 members and major fraction thereof. Each Synodical Society shall be entitled to at least two delegates."

As this proposed change had not been published previously, it required a unanimous vote. It was lost on the first vote by two. One of the minority, Mrs. Baughman, moved to reconsider. The motion carried.

Article VI—Section 3. Strike out the word mission.

Pastor and Mrs. Davy were presented with a gift of India Lace from the ladies of the Convention as a token of appreciation.

A motion was made that the President and Executive Secretary select a suitable gift for Mr. Harvey Englehart, who has rendered invaluable assistance to the members of the Convention.

The motion made that a Historian be appointed by the Executive Board. The office to rank as a Department.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your Nominating Committee presents the following names:

### FOR OFFICERS

*President*.—Mrs. J. G. Traver, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.

*Vice-President*.—Mrs. Sidney Kepner, Pottsville, Pa.

*Recording Secretary*.—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.

*Statistical Secretary*.—Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Harrisburg, Pa.

*Treasurer*.—Mrs. Walter C. Weier, Toledo, Ohio.

*For Board Members*.—For 2 years (unexpired)—Mrs. J. M. Cook, Concord, N. C. For 4 years (unexpired)—Mrs. Philip Rossman, New York City. For 6 years—Mrs. H. A. Hoover, Carthage, Ill.; Mrs. H. C. Bell, Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. H. C. Ter Vehn, Covington, Ohio;

Mrs. J. W. Richards, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. H. C. Michael, Johnstown, Pa.

*Board of Trustees*—(3 vacancies).—Mrs. J. B. Markward, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Mrs. F. C. Hensing.

*For Literature Committee*.—Mrs. Chas. Fry, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Mrs. C. P. Wiles, Mrs. S. D. Daughtery, Mrs. C. T. Benze, Mrs. Virgil Sease, Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, Miss Mary Baylies, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. L. S. Copenhagen, Mrs. Bernard Repass, Mrs. Elise Singmaster Le-wars, Mrs. G. B. Young, New York City; Miss Mary Markley, New York City; Mrs. C. B. Newcomer, Carthage, Ill.

We also present the following recommendation: In recognition of the years of faithful service that Miss Sallie M. Protzman has given to the Literature work, we recommend she be made an honorary member, with full privileges.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. BELL, *Chairman*,  
MRS. W. M. HACKENBERG,  
MRS. G. B. YOUNG,  
MRS. C. G. PFLEGER,  
MRS. C. L. FLECK,  
MRS. I. L. MARTZ,  
MRS. F. A. BIESINGER,  
MRS. ARTHUR L. ERNST,  
MRS. W. J. BOGER.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

*President*, Mrs. Traver.

*Vice-President*, Mrs. Sidney Kepner.

*Recording Secretary*, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

*Statistical Secretary*, Mrs. F. E. Jensen.

*Treasurer*, Mrs. Walter C. Weier.

The remainder of the report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted that a message of appreciation of the life services of Mrs. George Scholl in the women's work, and of sympathy for her husband and daughter, be sent from the Convention by the Convention Secretary.

A resolution was adopted asking for such amendment of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church as would grant full voting membership to the representatives of the Women's Missionary Society who now attend the meetings of the various Boards as advisory members.

The following was adopted: In consideration of the establishment of our Treasury on a better business basis, be it

*Resolved*, That the Women's Missionary Society establish a Reserve Fund of \$10,000.00.

NETTIE C. WEIER, *Treasurer*.

A motion was carried that a letter be sent to Miss Schade who celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of her work in India.

The closing Devotional Service "Our Attitude Toward the Tasks We Face," was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.



Two of the most enjoyable features of the convention were the banquets—that for the young people held in Grace Church and presided over by Miss Mary E. Markley, and the Convention Banquet, held in Unity Church on Thursday at the dinner hour. Mrs. C. E. Gardner acted as toastmistress and an hour of fun and nonsense

made a welcome relaxation in the strenuous convention days. The toasts were responded to as follows: "The Executive Board," Mrs. H. C. Bell; "Our Periodicals," Mrs. W. F. Morehead; "Our Hosts," Mrs. G. B. Young; "Our Guests," Mrs. O'Brien; "The Future," Mrs. E. C. Cronk. They will long be remembered.

## MONTHLY PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

### PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

TOPIC.—These Little Ones.

Hymn.

Opening Prayer.

Bible Reading.—In this department.

Discussion of Topic.—(See Lesson Study. Consult "The Leader's Supplement" in the Program Packet.)

The Child in Arabia, in Africa, in India, in Porto Rico.

Giving for Christ's Sake.

"How Thanksgiving Came Twice in Saga." (See leaflet.)

Prayer for all the children of our churches in every land.

Opening Prayer.—We thank Thee, O Lord, for the sweet and silent years of the Holy Childhood; for the light and gladness brought into the world by little children; for Thy servants who, by word and good example, are protecting and guiding Thy lambs in the dark and waste places; for Thine assurance that inasmuch as we have done it unto the least of Thy little ones we have done it unto Thee; for the growing interest and co-operation of the children of the Church in the upbuilding of the world-wide kingdom. May it please Thee to guard and protect the innocence of children, and by their example to win men and women to a worthier life; to bless family life, and direct parents in their sacred task, that Thy children may have a fear and love of Thy holy name; to bring to the mothers of the world the knowledge which alone can sanctify their joy and soothe their sorrow.—*Spirit of Missions.*

### BIBLE READING

These Little Ones

By Mrs. H. C. Bell

Sometimes we have such good things in past lessons that it seems a pity to use them only once. This is true of the Bible lessons and prayers given us a few years ago in "The Child in the Midst." So for our lesson to-day we have simply brought together Bible passages, great thoughts and beautiful prayers from this most wonderful book on child life.

### Bible Passages

*The Child in Its Helplessness.*—"What manner of child shall this be?" (Luke 1:66-80.)

*The Child in the Home.*—The ideal home with the busy, godly father; the happy, devoted mother; the vigorous children. (Psalm 128.)

—*The Child in the Midst.*—At work and play, a great lesson from the lips of the greatest Teacher. (Matt. 18:1-6, 10-14.)

*The Child at School.*—Teaching the children. (Deut. 11:18-21, with 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-17.)

—*The Child at Worship.*—"Suffer the children" (Mark 10:13-16.)

*The Child at Work for Christ.*—Revealed unto babes; expressed by babes. (Luke 2:41-49; Matt. 11:25, 27; 21:14-16.)

### SIX GREAT THOUGHTS ON CHILDHOOD

1. "When I see a child he inspires me with two feelings—tenderness for what he is now and respect for what he may become hereafter."—*Louis Pasteur.*

2. "In the ideal home the natural, constant example of the father and the mother prepares the children to grow into prosperous, successful, spiritually-minded men and women. There is no other earthly blessing to be compared with a godly heritage."

3. "The feature of child life which Jesus uses in His teachings is its humility, its unpretentiousness."

What children are unconsciously, that Jesus requires His disciples to be voluntarily and deliberately."—*A. B. Bruce.*

4. Therefore, if to nature be joined the wisdom of the teacher in leading young wits into a right and plain way of learning, surely children, kept in God's fear and governed by His grace, may most easily be brought well to serve God and country by virtue and wisdom."—*Roger Ascham, about A.D. 1570.*

5. The touch of Christ on a little child's life brings blessing. Are we bringing the children to Him, or forbidding them? "The place of the lambs is in the fold."—*Woelfkin.*

6. "As the twelve-year-old boy in the temple understood His connection with His Father's work, as the children comforted the Saviour with their praise, so the children of to-day may understand and do for Christ."—*Peabody.*

## ✓ DECEMBER LESSON STUDY

### "These Little Ones"

Prepared by Mrs. Bernard Repass

#### Leader's Introduction

*Who says*  
The subject of our program this month is so large, so important and so fascinating that we would like to include in our study a great amount of material, all of it of deep interest. It is difficult to do justice to the children of heathen lands in a few pages, so we will not presume to call this brief study an exhaustive one. It is intended to be suggestive, and the women of our societies will want to use Mrs. M. S. Labaree's "The Child in the Midst" for a fuller treatment. (While it is true that conditions as regards education and many customs are being changed as a result of the great war, and an intellectual and religious awakening seems at hand in certain districts, still in these vast areas results cannot be seen at once,) so the statements made in "The Child in the Midst" are as true to-day as when written six years ago.

As we approach the birthday of the One who came as a child and who blessed little children our hearts must turn especially to those little ones in non-Christian lands who have so few of the rights and privileges of childhood; and shall we not as Christian women appreciate anew the gift of that Child to the world? Shall we not consecrate our time and talents anew to the extending of our Christian advantages to the millions in the lands that know Him not? As we exert our united efforts in training the children of our Church shall we not bear in mind the part these children should have in giving of their treasures to boys and girls less fortunate than they—those children in our hospitals and Homes, and to the ones afar off?

At no time as at the present have we as a nation realized the value of the conservation of the children of our country, and not only of our own coun-

try, but of those stricken lands of Europe and of all the world. The familiar saying that the "children of to-day are the fathers and mothers of tomorrow" has new force when we realize what power for evil lies in the hands of these future fathers and mothers if these little ones are not started aright, and trained in good Christian citizenship in the land we love. And the children of every land are worthy of conservation, for their own sakes, for the sakes of their nations and of the world and in the name of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has said: "One generation of all the world of children understood as they should be, loved as they ask to be, and so developed as they might be, would more than begin the millennium."

"Child welfare is at the foundation of world-welfare. Child nurture is the greatest science of the age. To arouse the whole world to a realization of its duty to the children is the propaganda in which all who see the infinite possibilities of the child should unite" (*Child Welfare Magazine*, February, 1913).

The cries of the suffering ones must always appeal to women, and the Christian women of America have a large responsibility in meeting the needs of the suffering little ones all over the world. We must study to know the woeful lack of conservation of child life, and then use our knowledge in a large way.)

## I. Treatment of New-Born Infants in Heathen Lands

### A. HOW ARE THEY WELCOMED?

#### 1. Infanticide.

Conservation of infant life means nothing to the parents in many unchristian lands. The unwelcome girl baby in China, India and the Pacific Islands need not be allowed to live. Even to-day girl babies are often destroyed immediately after birth. In China religious customs are responsible for infanticide; in the Pacific Islands the demands of tribal warfare are to blame, and in India girls are not wanted because they are supposed to be inferior to boys. This inferiority brings the family into disrepute with the neighbors, and causes inconvenience because it necessitates the expense of marriage. So the poor, miserable baby's life is forfeited. It must be stated, though, that in India the British government has passed laws against the crime of infanticide, and public opinion is turning against it, but our missionaries tell us of too many examples of it even now.

#### 2. High death rate.

Where babies are not deliberately put out of the way there is still a terrible death rate among them. In China we are told that it is 50 per cent, in Syria 75 per cent, and in Persia 85 per cent. This is due to the weakness and ignorance of the young mothers, to the frightful customs in treating sickness and to

the unsanitary conditions. What can one expect from a mother twelve years of age, who has never known loving care herself? But some infants do survive, and in a few years are themselves the parents of a new generation. (For examples see the Supplement.)

## II. Conditions of Child Life in Non-Christian Lands

### A. HOME CONDITIONS.

#### 1. *What are they?*

The child of non-Christian parents is as easily influenced by the home surroundings as are our little ones in Christian America. But how much lower these surroundings at their best are only those who have seen or read widely about heathen homes know. In most of the homes of China, India, Persia and Africa the life is not usually fitted to bring out good traits in the children. The low plane of living, the low morals, vile talk and harsh treatment encourage all that is evil in the young members of the family.

#### 2. *How do our missionaries try to change the home conditions?*

To elevate the influence the mother must be reached. This is the constant effort of our missionaries. Through the Mothers' Meetings and by the wonderful object lessons of the Christian homes of the missionaries themselves a change is evident in many instances. It cannot be estimated just how much the missionary's wife does to show the ignorant mother of India and China that the life of her little one can be saved if she uses ordinary common sense, sanitary methods and love in the care of her baby in its young years.

#### 3. *Examples of effect of Christianity on heathen homes.*

A Christian home in Zululand. "I have already given you a peep at the life in a heathen kraal. Now repair to a Christian home. Here we find everything simpler and more quiet. Here polygamy, with all its attending sensualities and riot, has given place to restraint of passions and a purer union. Here is but one house and one wife. The Christian man's love is now undivided, and all his efforts are centered in one objective. The single house is no longer a stack of grass enclosing a dungeon of darkness, but a square-walled building, humble indeed, but airy and bright. . . . In the kraal we found the whole family, old and young, male and female, huddled together night and day in the one small room; here we have a dwelling with separate rooms, so that parents and children and strangers may each enjoy some privacy. The air is not only light with sunshine, it is pure and clean, for no cooking operations are performed herein, but in a special kitchen outside. . . .

"At four or five o'clock in the morning, according to season—for the Zulu is an early riser—all are up. We hear a gentle murmur from within.

Ah, it is the familiar sound, so sweet to us, but never heard in the heathen kraal. It is the hour of morning prayer, when husband and wife and little ones join their hearts and voices together in a fervent hymn of praise or hopeful supplication for protection or aid" ("The Child in the Midst," page 51).

Dr. Dennis says: "Nothing in the history of human society, except the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, has wrought with such energy and wisdom in introducing saving power into social development as a sanctified home life. If parental training can be made loving, faithful, conscientious and helpful, if womanhood can be redeemed and crowned, if childhood can be guided in tenderness and wisdom, if the home can be made a place where virtue dwells, and moral goodness is nourished and becomes strong and brave for the conflicts of life, we can conceive of no more effective combination of invigorating influences for the rehabilitation of fallen society than will therein be given."

### B. EDUCATION.

#### 1. *Children in different countries—how do they compare with those in our own land?*

In our own land the parents depend largely upon the school to develop the children. Whatever the faults of our educational system, how superior it is to that of non-Christian lands! In few of the latter can there be said to be any *system* in education.

##### a. In Japan.

Japan has made great strides in her school system, and education is universal and compulsory—in theory. "Since 1910 over 97 per cent of the girls of school age in Japan have been attending school" (*World Outlook*, February, 1920). It might be said that surely here there is no need for the Christian missionary, and our efforts could be turned into other channels. But we must remember that the children of the poor—both boys and girls—cannot attend school in Japan because the charges for books and tuition are prohibitive. And the teaching is purely materialistic, with no moral and religious training. Add to this the thought that "All Asia is the ship; Japan is the rudder," and the danger to the children of the Orient is evident. There is great need for Christian education in Japan, and the mission schools must be as good and as well equipped as the government schools if they are to do effective work.

##### b. In China.

In China the educational system is being improved, but there, as in India, Persia, Turkey and Egypt, the illiteracy is so great it will take many years to overcome it. "To-day China's school problem is mainly one of finance and lack of trained teachers. There are probably 50,000 primary schools. There should be a hundred times as



many to make popular education as universal as it must be for the safety of China's new democracy.

c. In India.

"Only 28 out of 100 boys in India attend school. And 4 out of 100 girls. The government is reorganizing the educational system to make it more far-reaching. At present there are about 18,000 schools of all kinds in India, touching directly about 8000 towns or villages. In viewing the constant growth of India's school program it is gratifying to recall that the modern movement in education was introduced into India by the missions. And that 'one-third of the students who get a Bachelor's Degree receive their preparation in a mission school'" (*World Outlook*).

d. In Korea.

In Korea, "Japan has opened over 400 common schools, more than 50 industrial schools—covering all branches of industry—and a dozen agricultural stations" (*World Outlook*).

e. In Central Africa.

"Education in much of Central Africa consists in the training of the youths in the religious ceremonies for initiation into the tribe. Much of that training is obscene, most of it breeds superstitious fear. Before the war the nations of Europe had begun to open schools in their African possessions. Mission schools dotted the jungle trails, to which African youngsters—yes, and grown-ups, too—flocked eagerly. The war changed the 'nationality' of many settlements and called for reorganization of mission programs" (*World Outlook*).

Much of this sounds encouraging, but we must remember that for the smallest children the least is being done. In the non-Christian lands the small children show as much promise as do the small ones in other lands, and it is at the early kindergarten age that they should be reached, for as they grow older the degrading influences around them cause early promises to fail, and the unchristian education they will receive will at best be of low ideals and of short duration.

2. Are Christian mission schools approved in heathen lands?

The superiority of the Christian mission schools is acknowledged by educated Moslems and Hindus. With the awakening in Persia and Turkey came the realization of the needs of their children for better education, and the mission schools alone had the ideals. Japan and China want Christian kindergartens, and our missions would meet the needs were they properly equipped. That the children of these lands who receive a better education than their fathers and mothers had are worthy of the effort put upon them can be proved by many instances. Even though these children are not all converted while at school, they cannot escape the good influences, and will inevitably take back with

them many new ideals of health, sanitation, courtesy, and, above all, Christian love. Their influence at home is marvelous, and whole villages have been known to be changed by the example and teaching of one or more boys returned from the mission schools. Some fall back, of course. They do in Christian lands, too. But many remain true, and some become converts after they have returned from school and have had time to compare the old ways with the teachings of the "Jesus religion."

C. PLAY LIFE.

1. What is the "Child's Declaration of Dependence"?

It is that "Childhood is endowed with certain inherent and inalienable rights, among which are freedom from toil for daily bread; the right to play and to dream; the right to the normal sleep of the night season; the right to an education, that we may have equality of opportunity for developing all that there is in us of mind and heart."

2. Does America approve of this declaration?

Yes, in theory, and more largely lately in fact as well. This is not the place to dwell upon our own imperfectly carried out laws against child labor, which are aimed to give the American child the right to play. The latest statistics of the Child Labor Bureau should be studied in this connection, and we would find that we are not giving the children what is due them. But the greater interest in organized play for our American children is making an impression on our national life, which must increase in importance with its continued development. Other lands are, fortunately, being aroused by our example.

3. Is the declaration approved in non-Christian lands?

Apparently not, though America's example should do more than merely arouse these lands. The boys and girls of heathen lands love to play just as well as do boys and girls of the United States. But the play time of the former is very short. Early marriage ends it for the girls, and the centuries of custom make very solemn individuals of them, since they must so early bear heavy burdens. The Chinese girl, with bound feet, cannot run and jump—for there are still thousands of them. ("Crusade of Compassion," Chapter III.) A child carrying a baby on his or her back finds games too strenuous, though they manage it much better than we could. The child widow of India has little heart to play—and there are still thousands of child widows. The African, the Arabian, the Persian children have no protection against child labor. No laws, no sentiment is concerned about them. And what of the children of Central Africa who are sold as slaves? And of the little ones who live lives of unspeakable misery in Korea, Siam, Turkey, Morocco and Arabia? Is it nothing to us? Surely the *Child's*

*Declaration of Dependence* is not for America alone.

#### D. RELIGIOUS LIFE.

##### 1. *Are the general teachings of the heathen elevating for everyday living?*

No. The religion which teaches the children that demons lurk on all sides to harm them, that the angry gods must be appeased by vile and vicious rites, that cruelty is not wrong, that immorality is not wrong, that the mother is inferior and not to be obeyed, and that there is no hope for the present or for the future will seldom help the individual or the nation. Yet these are the teachings which are given to the little ones of non-Christian lands, and we ask, Are they good enough for the children of Africa, or Arabia? etc. And are they good enough for the children of America? We would shudder at the thought that the children of the United States should be taught these ideals. Christ died for all the little ones of the whole world.

##### 2. *What is the teaching of the Christian religion concerning children?*

"The Bible is the only sacred book that gives the child a place of importance. Christ was the only founder of a religion who raised childhood into a type of those who were fit to enter His kingdom. As E. G. Romanes says: 'Tenderness toward child life, appreciation of the simplicity and helplessness of children, affection of parents for their children, and children for their parents—all these are features of the Bible which the most superficial reader cannot fail to observe'." ("The Child in the Midst," page 197).

##### 3. *How do our missionaries try to teach these ideals to the children of heathen lands?*

The missionary policy is to make use of the various religious organizations—the Sunday school, Young People's Societies, Mission Bands—to teach the children Christian love and to lay the foundations of the facts of the Christian faith. These Sunday schools, societies and kindergartens are most valuable aids in the missionaries' work, and it is in this field that the children at the home base can help. They can send literature, hymns, pictures

and money to improve the equipment of the Sunday and secular schools. The influences of the associations in the Christian kindergartens are not easily overcome. The young child goes to her home, sings the "Jesus songs," recites the Bible verses, and tells of Jesus to her family. These latter are in many cases led to inquire further, and become real converts. The need for native workers is so great, and those who have received an early and continuous training are so valuable, that it is only the part of wisdom to give the native children the greatest advantages possible.

### III. Conclusion

We come back to the statement that the children of the world are worth saving; that even if we did not realize the necessity of conserving child life for the good of the nations, through education, better home surroundings and regulated play, we would still be under the necessity of saving *these little ones* through the Gospel, "for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Shall we give them the religion of love—now?

### MAGAZINE QUIZ

(Answers in October issue.)

1. What do the Hindu women think most strange in the story of Jesus?
2. Why was the missionary not afraid of the six hungry cannibals?
3. Why do the Hindu women treat missionaries differently after dark?
4. What is a "Liberian limousine"?
5. How many missionaries of our society go to India this fall, and how many to Africa?
6. How many of our new missionaries have nurses' training?
7. Which one of the new missionaries is self-supporting?
8. Why was Dr. Coan's wife singing a happy song?
9. What missionaries were present at Gettysburg Assembly?
10. What does Elder Yuan call his business, and how does he conduct it?

## The Junior Page

MRS. JOHN D. BELT, Department Secretary

### OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

1. Quiet Music. (To call attention that we are beginning.)
2. Service of Worship.
  - a. Doxology.
  - b. Opening Prayer. (Found on this page.)

c. Scripture Lesson.—Luke 2:8-21. (Read responsively.)

3. Offering. (God has given us such a great gift, His own dear Son; let us bring our offering with praise and love.)
4. Song, "Dear Little Stranger." (Jubilant Praise.)

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"Low in a manger, dear little Stranger,  
Jesus, the wonderful Saviour, was born;  
There was none to receive Him, none to believe  
Him,  
None but the angels were watching that morn.

## CHORUS

"Dear little Stranger, slept in a manger,  
No downy pillow under His head;  
But with the poor He slumbered secure,  
The dear little Babe in His bed.

2

"Angels descending, over Him bending,  
Chanted a tender and silent refrain;  
Then a wonderful story told of His glory,  
Unto the shepherds on Bethlehem's plain.

## CHORUS.

3

"Dear little Stranger, born in a manger,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all;  
I will love Thee forever! grieve Thee? no, never!  
Thou didst for me make Thy bed in a stall."

## CHORUS.

5. Separate into the three groups. (For variety call the third grade out.)

6. Lesson Topic.—Our Lonely Ones.

a. "Thou art the helper of the fatherless" (Ps. 10: 14).

7. Third Grade. (Above twelve years.)

a. One week in advance assign to seven members of the grade the following subjects:

1. God's Command and Promise.
2. The Loving Request of Christ.
3. The Legacy of the Church.
4. The Duty of the Church.
5. How It Has Been Fulfilled.

6. The Blessing Which Must Follow.

7. The Babe Who Had No Place to Lay His Sweet Head.

(See "Junior Leader's Quarterly," Third Grade.)

8. Second Grade. (Nine to twelve years.)

a. This is a chance to dress up and represent the guests from our homes. (See Second Grade, "Junior Leader's Quarterly.")

9. Story of the Christmas Boxes for the First Grade. (Six to nine years. "Junior Leader's Quarterly.")

10. Have business before bringing the First Grade back, except roll-call, and have them come in answer to their name.

11. Offering Service.

Responsive Reading.—"Gifts for the Lord."

Leader.—As Jesus is not on earth, how can we give to Him?

Juniors.—By giving to others for His sake.

Leader.—For whom does the Lord need gifts?

Juniors.—For His lonely ones, and that the news of a Saviour may be carried everywhere.

Leader.—Why is Christmas a good time for giving?

Juniors.—Because it tells of God's best gift to us.

Leader.—What is God's best gift to us?

Juniors.—Jesus Christ, His Son.

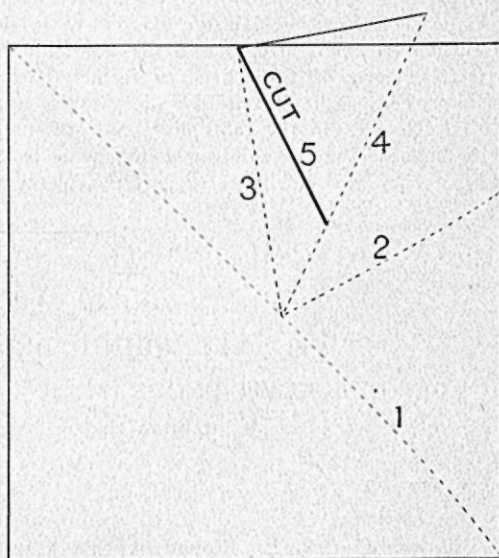
Leader.—What should we give first of all?

Juniors.—Ourselves.

Prayer.—Dear Jesus, bless our gifts to-day; may they help the children far away to know and love thee. Amen.

12. Song.—"Away in a Manger."

13. Closing Prayer.—"God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us,





that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Amen."

14. Dismissal. (March out to music.)

### Opening Prayer

"Our Lord and Saviour, for this day  
With rest and song and prayer  
We render thanks to Thee.  
Oh, help us, Master, all the way,  
Whate'er we do, where'er we are  
Still to remember Thee."

This is the one season of all the year when we want to think of our "lonely ones" and will try to

make them happy. Have you sent a box of dolls, scrapbooks or toys to the "Orphans' Home" or to our "Inner Mission"? If you have, we are certain Sr. Christine and others will see that they reach some children and help them to have a "Happy Christmas."

For your invitation use the star with a picture of Christ or a Madonna on it.

To make the star take a three-inch square piece of paper and fold on the dotted lines as indicated. Cut on line five and you will have the five-pointed star.

A Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you all.

## Articles of Incorporation

In compliance with the requirements of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April A.D. 1874, and the several supplements thereto, the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purpose hereinafter specified, and desiring that they may be incorporated, and that a charter may be issued to them and their associates and successors according to law, do hereby certify:

First. The name of the proposed corporation is Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Second. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is to disseminate missionary information, to promote missionary education, financially to aid the missionary operations of the Church through its regularly established Boards and to co-ordinate and unite the work of the Synodical Missionary Societies.

Third. The place where the business of the said proposed corporation is to be transacted is in the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Fourth. The corporation shall have perpetual succession by its corporate name.

Fifth. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: Elenora E. Demmler, Butler County, Pa.; Virginia S. Stifel, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Helen C. Beegle, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Elinore Jensen, Washington, Pa.; Lyda S. Herbster, Irwin, Pa.

Sixth. The management of the said corporation shall be vested in a Board of not less than

three nor more than twenty-five, as provided for in the By-Laws. The number of the Board for the present year is fixed at nineteen, and their names are as follows: Etta Traver, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.; Katherine F. Morehead, Salem, Va.; Lyda S. Herbster, Irwin, Pa.; Elinore Jensen, Washington, Pa.; Nettie C. Weier, Toledo, Ohio; Flora Prince, Springfield, Ohio; Zoe I. Hirt, Erie, Pa.; Ivy L. Markward, Springfield, Ohio; Virginia S. Stifel, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.; Minnie Fry, Rochester, N. Y.; Anna Gardner, St. Joseph, Mo.; Alice L. Gaumer, Urbana, Ohio; Elenora E. Demmler Butler County, Pa.; Fannie M. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.; Alma S. Cook, Concord, N. C.; Mrs. J. A. Hemsing, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Montreal, Canada.

Seventh. This corporation has no capital stock. Fees for membership and annual dues of members shall be assessed as the corporation by its By-Laws shall determine, which fees and dues, as well as money derived from all other sources, shall be applied to promoting the purposes for which the corporation is formed. New members may be admitted as provided for in the By-Laws.

Eighth. The yearly income of said corporation, other than that derived from real estate, shall not exceed the amount limited by law.

Witness our hands and seals this 25th day of October, A.D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen:

ELENORA E. DEMMLER, [SEAL.]

VIRGINIA S. STIFEL, [SEAL.]

LYDA S. HERBSTER, [SEAL.]

ELINORE JENSEN, [SEAL.]

HELEN C. BEEGLE, [SEAL.]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, } ss.  
County of Allegheny.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said county, personally came the above named Elenora E. Demmler, Virginia S. Stifel and Helen C. Beegle, who in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their act and deed for the purposes therein specified.

Witness my hand and seal of office, the 25th day of October, A.D. 1919 JOHN S. CORT, [SEAL.]  
Notary Public.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, } ss.  
County of Allegheny.

Personally appeared before me this 25th day of October, A.D. 1919, Elenora E. Demmler, Virginia S. Stifel and Helen C. Beegle, who being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the statements contained in the foregoing instrument are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

ELENORA E. DEMMLER,  
VIRGINIA S. STIFEL,  
HELEN C. BEEGLE.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

JOHN S. CORT, [SEAL.]  
Notary Public.

### Decree of Incorporation

And now, to wit, this 24th day of November, A.D. 1919, the within certificate of the incorporation of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America having

been presented to me, a Law Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, accompanied by the proof of the publication of the notice of this application as required by law, and by the rule of this Court in such case made and provided, I hereby certify that I have perused and examined the said certificate and have found the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April 29, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and it appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community, on motion of Robbin B. Wolf, of Attorneys for petitioners, I do hereby approve of the said certificate of incorporation and order and direct upon the recording of said certificate of incorporation together with this order, that the subscribers thereto and their associates and successors shall be a corporation by the name and title of Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America, for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated.

JOHN C. HAYMAKER,

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

From the Record.

WM. B. KIRKER, [SEAL.]

Prothonotary.

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October—The Call of Stricken Europe.  
November—The Lutheran Church and the World Field.  
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