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TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1907, 2:00 P. M.

The Fifteenth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, met in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Tuesday afternoon, May 7, 1907.

The following officers were present :

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The opening services were in charge of Mrs. Selina B. Belmer, Cincinnati, O. After a service of song and praise, prayer was offered by Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Springfield, O. The young people and children were remembered in the opening meeting, since herein lies our strength for the future.

Theme: "Love conquers all things," the motto of William Penn, and an appeal to try the "Holy Experiment," with which the founder of Philadelphia met the strangers with whom he came in contact, was combined with the thought that God hath done great things for us. Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D. D., pastor of the church, offered a few informal words of welcome that were highly appreciated by the delegates.

Mrs. P. A. Heilman, Baltimore, Md., President of the General Society, then called the Convention to order and offered prayer. Credentials were received, and a sufficient number of delegates being present, the President declared the Convention opened for the transaction of business.

Mrs. J. G. Traver, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y., was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. William Caspar Stoeber, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, gave the address of welcome in these words:

Words of Greeting.

Madam President and Members of the Convention: Memory recalls the picture of a quaint old hostelry in a town of Eastern Pennsylvania visited one summer. Over the huge fireplace is inscribed in illuminated old English text a greeting to the traveler, expressing a hearty welcome, and inviting in most cordial terms to the hospitality of the house. The impression made is a pleasant one, and has the desired effect, that of making the guest feel at home. Travelers are gathering in this church to-day, coming from the North and the South, the East and the West, ready to enjoy the feast of good things before us during our Convention, and we, the members of St. Matthew's Church, and of the other churches in the Philadelphia Conference, desire that our first words shall be those of greeting. To me has been assigned this most delightful part of the program, that of extending to this fine representative body of women actively interested in mission work, a welcome which carries with it all the warmth and sincerity that can be expressed. We trust you will feel at home among us. We welcome you to the hospitality of our city, our churches, and our homes. For several years we have been anticipating the holding of this Convention in our city, and we feel that the memory of the spirit mani-

fested in all our sessions will long continue with us, and the inspiring words we shall hear will echo in our hearts for many days. We welcome you most heartily to this City of Brotherly Love, trusting that your stay with us will prove to you that it is worthy of the name. Philadelphia is a historic city. A visit to the State House will be interesting. Upon entering the building attention is attracted to the old bell which first rang out liberty to all the inhabitants of the land. In a room at your left the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Constitution of the United States adopted and signed; there also the first Continental Congress sat.

In our neighborhood several important battles of the Revolution were fought. Valley Forge and Germantown have much of interest. Many of the old landmarks in the latter place are pointed out to visitors. One of the first Luthern pastors in this country settled at "The Trappe," a short distance out of the city. The old church in which he preached in 1745 is still standing. The two oldest places of worship in the city proper are Christ Church and Gloria Dei; the latter was erected by the Lutherans. Philadelphia has the largest park in the United States, and the most beautiful in the world. She it was, among American cities, who printed the first daily newspaper and the first magazine, established the first circulating library, the first corporate bank, and the first Medical College. She laid the keel of the first American warship. Here was held the first Supreme Court of the United States, and the first American flag was here unfurled. The house in which it was made is still standing. In writing of our city, Agnes Repplier has said, "Philadelphia does not boast, she only occasionally remembers that she might do so if she pleased."

We welcome you to our homes and our hearts. Although many of you are unknown to us, we greet you in the name of our Master, recognizing our kinship in Him, feeling that many friendships will be formed which will prove a blessing.

May your stay among us be to you a pleasure long to be remembered. We earnestly desire to minister to your comfort and happiness, and to serve you in every way possible while you are with us.

We welcome you because you are a part of the great company leagued together to assist in carrying out the Savior's greatest command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

You represent the highest form of Christian service which our Master has intrusted to us, the highest in which it is possible to engage. Sometimes we grow discouraged, and it cheers us to know that we are a part of God's great army, who still work on and pray on.

We welcome you because of the influence which this Convention must, by God's blessing, exert upon all our churches and missionary societies, stimulating and promoting Christian work. We welcome you further, because of the spirit of Christian unity exhibited. The earnest prayers, the fervor breathed in the utterances of those who shall speak to us, the spiritual uplift experienced, cannot fail to bring down from heaven abundant blessings upon all

here assembled, and prove an inspiration to the spiritual life of our churches. Many prayers have been offered for God's blessing on this Convention. May they be abundantly answered.

In a missionary address, J. R. Mott said recently, "May the wish of Spurgeon be ours, the wish that there might be 500 Elijahs each one upon his Mt. Carmel, making incessant mention of the mission cause in prayer. Then that little cloud which is no larger than a man's hand would spread and spread until it darkened the heavens, and the windows above would open, and the showers come down upon this thirsty earth."

Our coming together means earnest work, not simply hearing what has been accomplished, but formulating plans for better service. Some writer has said, "The more we connect the missionary cause with the person of Jesus Christ rather than with effort and organization, the more divine will be the inspiration for each detail of the work."

"O matchless honor all unsought!
High privilege surpassing thought
That Thou shouldst call us, Lord, to be
In fellowship of work with Thee!
To carry out Thy wondrous plan,
To bear Thy message unto man
'In trust' with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of human race."

Mrs. J. E. Hoick, of San Diego, California, responded as follows:

Madam President, Ladies of Philadelphia: In behalf of the many delegates, I acknowledge with hearty thanks the kind words of greeting and the cordial welcome extended us. For months our minds have centered upon your beautiful and historic city. We have looked forward with fond anticipation and fervent petitions for this Fifteenth Convention. Some of us come to you as the representatives of large and influential societies, some from home mission fields white already to the harvest, some of us have come from busy centers here in the East, while others have journeyed over mountain and plain; but whether from near or far, grateful to our Heavenly Father for a safe journey, we are gathered here trusting that a time of refreshing and a season of inspiration will be experienced by us all.

We deeply appreciate the privilege of assembling in this city of "Brotherly Love." We recognize that the principle of brotherhood is one of the highest conceptions that has ever entered into the mind of man. We hold this truth was not evolved but revealed. That God the Heavenly Father hath made of one blood all nations. The universal tendency is toward many brotherhoods. The subdivision of mankind in caste and class, slave and sovereign, neglected and privileged, are evidences of the natural inclinations of the human heart. But from realms above came the Son of God to lead men from egotism to altruism. He came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Altho the

Lord of glory, He came to the lowly that He might exalt them to a high degree. No longer servants they are now sons, brethren in Christ. Truly we can say :

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

It was this brotherly love which characterized the dealings of the early settlers of your honored state with the aborigines, and achieved by peaceful measures what could not have been accomplished otherwise than with bloodshed.

Brotherly kindness is the keynote of missionary activity. We love because He first loved us. Fired by the constraining love of Christ, the missionaries have gone into fields at home and abroad and have borne the glad tidings of pardon, purity and power.

In this great work of the Church we recognize, as sisters in Christ, that an important share of the world's evangelization devolves upon us. The heart's devotion, like Mary's ointment, is not wasted even when lavishly expended. We believe in missions and we are convinced of the need of woman's missions. It is true that for years woman has been inactive.

Seventy years ago, one morning in June, two messengers, persons no less distinguished than the Lord Chamberlain of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury, made their way from Windsor Palace where William IV had just breathed his last, to Kensington Palace where the Princess Victoria lived. They rang, they knocked for a considerable time before they could rouse the porter at the gate. After being admitted they desired the attendant to inform Princess Victoria that they wished an audience with her on matters of importance. After another delay the attendant returned saying, "The Princess is in such a sweet sleep that she cannot be disturbed." Said the messengers, "We are come on business of state to the *Queen*, and *even her sleep* must give way to that."

Dear friends, a message from one higher in authority than any messenger of Church or state has gone forth. It has not been to a favored one, but to *every woman* whatever be her position. The message is, "Go, disciple all nations." This message must be heard. This message must be executed. Some women are *faithfully* and *heroically* striving to obey the command; *others are asleep*. But sleep must give place to work, indifference to interest, selfish ease to self-sacrifice. We sincerely hope many will come with us and join our ranks, whose prayer shall be :

"Use me, God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide, like a great sea;
The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me."

And now in closing, let me say that we appreciate the preparations made for the entertainment of this Convention. And as the message-bearer, I extend the united thanks of the delegates to the Lutherans of Philadelphia for

their kindly welcome. We trust that over all the sessions the Great Head of the church will preside, warming our hearts with true Christian affection, and wisely directing by His unerring guidance our deliberations.

The following greetings were received from sister denominations :

Mrs. Charles L. Fry, representing the Synodical Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania :

The mere fact that addresses of welcome shall continue to be, as much as ever, an unexceptional part of every missionary convention program, is proof that like the phrase Happy New Year on January 1st, the expression is not an empty, meaningless formula. Somehow, even the cynic himself would not banish it. This is a hypercritical age, and whatever survives the ordeal of its sifting, must have a substantial reason for continuance. Expressions of welcome would share the fate of the many other things which have been relegated to the waste-basket as being at least superfluous, were it not an integral trait of human nature to refuse to be satisfied, to always take such a thing as a body's welcome for granted.

The human soul will never grow so self-sufficient in this world that it can afford to take for *granted* either love, or sympathy, or encouragement, or fellowship, or goodwill.

No matter how much progress shall be made in learning or achievement, these *heart* qualities will always be what makes our work worth while, and they will always seek expression, audible and substantial expression, both in words and deeds. The pity is that in every sphere of life we do not, as a rule, express ourselves enough. A vast deal of generous affection is going to *waste* in our homes and our churches. Deep down in our hearts we cherish kindly thoughts which never blossom into cheering, helpful words, hence they do no one any good. This old world was stored with electricity ever since its creation, but not until the present day did this electric force find expression, and now the darkness of our cities is as light as day. The power was there all the time during these thousands of years, but nobody made it manifest. Is it not true, after all, that nothing is real until it is incarnated? Even the love of God could not save until it was embodied in the living person of His Son. Here is the message of stimulus and incentive for us missionary workers confronted with all the tremendous missionary tasks which this great world presents. We do not have to furnish the *Power* that is adequate for the world's rescue and redemption, else we might well despair. But the power is already furnished, and all we need do is to apply it, make it manifest. This gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ claims to be the very "*Power of God* unto salvation," and that is omnipotence. Luther found it so in his day. The stupendous Reformation was effected through the inherent efficacy of the Divine Word, when that word was applied to men's souls. And so our problem in this pre-

sent age reduces itself to terms as simple as this: the personal application of God's saving grace to sinful souls, through His appointed means of grace—the Word and sacraments. Such effort reacts upon our own spiritual life, and as we strive to hasten the coming of the kingdom, our relation to our Master becomes closer and dearer.

In behalf of the Woman's Synodical Society of the venerable Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Mother Synod of Lutheranism in America, I assure you most heartily that every branch of our church in the hospitable city of Philadelphia is deeply interested in your convention in our midst. The women of the Society which I represent were glad to accept your invitation to be present at your sessions, and we confidently look forward to deriving great profit and incentive from your discussions. Please therefore accept this word of cordial greeting from us, with the prayer that your meeting may be abundantly blessed.

Mrs. W. P. White, of Philadelphia, of the Woman's Presbyterian Society of Home Missions of West Philadelphia :

Madam President and Ladies : It is not only an honor and a privilege but a joy to convey to our sisters, the good women of the Lutheran Church of the United States, the greetings and best wishes of the women of the Presbyterian Church. We take the greatest delight in what you have been enabled to accomplish in the way of sending "glad news of salvation" throughout our own land and to the ends of the earth." We realize, as you must, the truth so tersely put in the words of another that: "It is the whole business of the church and it is the business of the whole church, to give the whole gospel to the whole world as speedily as possible." It is exactly what we are working for. Keeping this constantly before us, let us not "be weary in well doing" neither grow discouraged because we cannot at once convert everybody nor overcome all the evils in this world; but let each one, in her place, endeavor to faithfully and prayerfully perform her part, firmly believing that, in the end,

"The good she tried to do shall stand as if t'were done;
God finishes the work by noble souls begun."

Again we give you our heartiest greetings. May God direct you in all your councils together and the Holy Spirit guide you in all your deliberations. May this convention stand out prominently in the future as one where fellowship and good feeling were uppermost and where such enlargement of plans and gifts never before were thought of! God bless you everyone and give you a happy, prosperous year's work in service for Christ. We join you in earnest prayer for the time to come when "every knee shall bow to and every tongue confess Him Christ." "God speed the day."

Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, of the United Synod of the South.

We bring you greetings from the South. Our Woman's Missionary Conference is the youngest of the sister synodical societies; but there is always a

warm feeling for the little ones. Your welcome is most cordial. We are at home.

We, scarcely a year old, come to you, who have been working successfully for 27 years, to learn of your principles, your plans and your prospects.

We would breathe the same spirit of prayer which is in your midst to-day. We would breathe the same spirit of consecration.

Then we are eager to study your plans for conducting business, inspiring generosity and developing intelligence. We wish to stand with you on this mountain top to-day, to look out on the world and know what are your prospects—what your possibilities.

We join you in this great work. It has ever been God's plan that his people should work together. When there was any great national movement, any great battle, any special day of consecration, then God's chosen people were called to meet together.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another and the Lord hearkened and heard it."

To-day there is a great movement in the church of God. See that earnest Convention at Nashville! See the organization of the Laymen's Movement! See that large body of student volunteers! There is a battle to be fought and won. There is special need of consecration.

Now, as in the past, we need to meet together in God's name. Let us remember that it was when "they were all with one accord in one place" that the great blessing of the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Christ.

And let us not only join together in this great work; but let us press forward quickly. The doors are open to hundreds of millions of heathen people. "The King's business requireth haste."

Then, too, we know that victory awaits us.

Not the mightiest earthly General, with the bravest soldiers behind him, can surely say "We Will Conquer."

But "our prospects are as bright as the promises of God." Surely, yes surely. "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

Mrs. E. D. Sewall, of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church :

To the members of the Biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Society of the General Synod: The Foreign Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church at their last monthly meeting by a unanimous vote resolved to send to you assembled in this city of brotherly love, our warmest greetings and assurances of friendship. May God's richest blessings be yours, and may His holy spirit fill your hearts and thus guide and help your conference. Be assured of our heartfelt prayers and warm sympathy.

Miss Mary C. S. North, of the Episcopal Church :

As a member of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary to the

Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, I am glad to bring to you this afternoon the cordial greetings of our President, Mrs. Thomas Neilson. Mrs. Neilson regrets that, as the last executive meeting of the season has been held, she is unable to send you a greeting from the ladies as a committee. She assures you, however, of many good wishes, with earnest prayers for a blessing upon the meeting of this Convention, and upon all the work of the Lutheran Church in its Home and Foreign fields.

From Philadelphia Christian Temperance Union :

To the Fifteenth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church: We, the Philadelphia County Woman's Christian Temperance Union in executive committee sitting, extend to you our hearty sympathy and loving greeting. May your labors continue to be blessed as they have been in the past, and may you each be abundantly rewarded for your missionary spirit in sending abroad the *good news* of our Savior's love.

Mrs. David Morris expressed greetings for the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Pennsylvania, the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Philadelphia, the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Philadelphia and vicinity, and the Philadelphia Baptist Training School for Christian Work.

Telegram—"Greetings from St. Paul's Society, Denver, Colorado. Hebrews, xiii, 20, 21."

Miss Donahugh spoke for the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Anna S. Kugler, of Guntur, India, and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht, of Rentachintala, India, were brought to the platform and introduced and greeted with the Chautauqua salute, and each spoke briefly, bringing greetings from associate workers in India.

Greetings from Africa.

Though seas may divide and oceans roll between us, still we can clasp hands in the bond which unites all hearts in one common interest, the great interest of extending the Lord's teachings among mankind.

The girls of the E. V. Day Memorial send greetings, and pray that God's blessings may rest on the Woman's General Convention of 1907. May much good be done and may you all be brought into a closer touch with Africa!

Two years have passed since last you met in Convention. Then our African work was much like the walls of Jerusalem, fallen down, the people sad and sighing at the condition.

They prayed, and their prayers were heard, like Nehemiah's.

They sent one of the weak trembling women to build up, one woman leaning on His promises to go before and prepare the way.

May many give themselves for Africa! Let them come free from any thought other than serving the Lord.

To an empty house God sent twenty-three girls in seven months. No more the quiet, sad, lonely hill, but the gay, laughing girls, intent upon one thing or another.

Many girls desire to come to the school. Where would they have been if no mission door had been open to receive them?

Pray for us that strength and wisdom may be given us to accomplish His will here. With love to the members of the Convention, God bless you all.

Yours in His service,

AMELIE A. KLEIN.

The Round Table participated in by the Synodical Delegates and conducted by Mrs. W. W. Witmer, Des Moines, Iowa, First Vice-President, was very interesting. After an opening talk on the subject, *Progress*, by Mrs. Witmer, the delegates spoke as follows:

Iowa Synodical Society—MRS. WITMER.

In a great gathering like this, the first thought of the lone delegate from Iowa is to wonder if any but the few western women present realize the difficulties of mission work in a state nearly as large as Pennsylvania, with eighteen societies scattered throughout its territory. These difficulties fade away if we think of that modest piece of cardboard two feet square hanging on the left side as you enter the exhibition room upstairs, whereon are pasted photographs of the little church (now destroyed) at Lisbon, Iowa, and photographs of Mrs. Laura B. Snyder and of Rev. Mr. Bloom.

During the past two years we have had several new societies, and the revival of two that had disbanded, and an encouraging increase of membership. We have now a full list of all department secretaries, but have so far sent no delegate to a summer conference. We are glad to report that the extra effort made for the Silver Jubilee did not cripple our work of the next year. Our Treasurer reported that over \$600.00 passed through her hands during the last Synodical year. We pack a box during the meeting of our Synodical Society. All garments put in these boxes are new and fresh, and this feature has been especially appreciated by the recipient. The first box was sent to the Nachusa Orphans' Home. We have done no great thing, but are glad to report "Progress" in all lines of work.

Northern Illinois Synod—MRS. LIZZIE BRIMMER.

In these days of missionary activity and progress, God is abundantly blessing all efforts of his servants to evangelize the world.

There is an increasing demand for Missionary Literature, and a greater desire for missionary information is manifested as knowledge and interest in the work deepens. Thus are we becoming more intelligent workers, and we trust, more zealous and ready to respond to calls for extension of effort. We find tithing and self-denial is on the increase among our members.

At Rock River Assembly last year, we were very grateful for one day to devote to missions. This year we have secured four days, and expect much good to result from these days—"the open door" of missionary effort. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

1905, we had in our Synodical Society 533 members; 1906, we had 867. A gain of 334 in one year. The outlook for more effective work in the future is very encouraging. As we look back over the way "the Lord hath led us," we thank God for the privilege and pleasure of consecrated Christian service. May His spirit rest upon us in rich measure as we plan greater things for the future of our society. In order to accomplish grand results we know we must put into our work thought, time, patience, self-denial, and thus help to answer our own prayers.

We are truly thankful that we have sent one from our synod who will assist in the great work for the redemption of Africa, Rev. John K. Reed. He knows that the sympathy and love of all our missionary societies added to our prayers will follow him in his work "preparing the way of the Lord."

On April 25 last there was a new society organized in Chicago, and while few in number they are an earnest band of workers in the service of the Lord. "Thy people shalt offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power." Ps. cx. 3.

East Pennsylvania—MRS. J. P. KELLER.

East Pennsylvania gladly and thankfully brings her offering of growth and success to the altar of "Progress."

She has progressed—not with the rapid march of some, but with steady and persistent effort she has followed in the way marked out for her. Always loyal to the General Society—and, "As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress," so she watches and waits the orders from the hand of her superior. Quickly her willing auxiliaries take up the work, each according to her ability, and East Pennsylvania's response to the regular calls is always sure. Her desire to adopt and follow the general motto, "An Organization in every Congregation," has resulted in the accession of fourteen new societies. When it is considered that her strongest centers are already organized, progress cannot be very rapid when the byways and highways are entered. Within the biennium the membership has been increased by several hundreds—the contributions in the same or even greater proportion.

The present work of East Pennsylvania is faithful response to the general calls, and the securing of new organizations. While no "special plan of work for the year" can be reported, she can promise effort to persevere in her en-

deavors to enlarge her borders and her contributions; and as success has heretofore crowned her efforts, she is encouraged to hope that progress in the future will be still more marked with still more successful work.

If you will permit a digression, you will be interested and pleased to learn that the society which now has the honor of entertaining you is one of the strongest of East Pennsylvania societies. You can feel safe in your missionary deliberations here. You are on solid ground—on a firm foundation. This society was in existence fifty years before its union with the Woman's organization. It did good individual work in that time, and then, fifteen years ago, threw its strength into the Woman's organization of East Pennsylvania. Like a good tree deeply rooted it has sent up young shoots of like nature. Its Young People's Society has done a work worthy of record. The work, though not a direct call from this body, is parallel with ours, and is cause for rejoicing. Without detracting from its regular work or any obligations, it has endowed the support of a native ordained preacher in India—thus perpetuating a living ministry in our own mission field.

Not with boasting, but that East Pennsylvania may stand approved of her work, you will be reminded that our Dr. Kugler—India's indispensable, and our latest helper to Africa, Miss Goodman, are both from within her bounds. We extend "Welcome Home" to the one and "God-Speed" to the other.

Miami Synodical Society—MRS. S. B. BELMER.

The society has worked for increase in every department. Persistent effort has met with success.

Miami records the largest thank-offering in its history, \$549.00.

Seven new societies have been organized.

Membership has increased to 1,135, one society has doubled its membership.

One hour given to parliamentary drill has proved helpful at our Synodical Convention, giving delegates information in the conduct of their societies.

New societies are instructed to raise their funds by free-will offerings.

All societies are urged to stand *first* in the congregation; missionary work and workers are *entitled* to that position. The spiritual needs of the church are most important, and material needs will not be overlooked when the missionary spirit prevails.

The helpful literature for Y. P. S. has proved most helpful to our senior societies as well. The thank-offering services prepared by the Secretary, Mrs. Bond, have furnished excellent programs for that service. In one of our churches the service was held on Sunday morning, the pastor giving a most helpful talk in connection with other services of a missionary character. In still other congregations the services were held on Sunday evenings.

Our aim has been to make our Conventions a sort of model for our auxiliary societies, and to this end we lay great stress on our Synodical Conventions.

The Treasurer's books are audited before the Convention. The funds are sent only in dollars, thus relieving the Treasurer of much unnecessary labor, as well as saving space in the journal.

We urge delegates to more information concerning the Guild, more *practical* study for the monthly lessons, more prayer for help in knowing what is the *best* way to do this *best* work that God has given us to do.

Pittsburgh—MRS. H. E. BERKEY.

During the past biennium the Pittsburgh Synodical Society has made commendable progress along various lines of activity. There has been an increase in the number of Societies, in the number of members, and in the contributions made to the regular objects.

We also have two special objects—Crafton and “A Helper to Miss Klein.” Crafton is a mission on our own territory, to which we give \$400.00 annually toward pastor’s support. And for a helper to Miss Klein we pledged \$800.00 annually for two years. We have more than met our obligations for these special objects.

For the future we do not contemplate the inauguration of many new plans, but rather concentration upon those already in use. We expect to continue our contributions to Crafton, and to raise the \$800.00 pledged for this year as our share of the “Helper to Miss Klein” fund. The Alleghany Synodical Society has made the same pledge as we have with reference to the helper to Miss Klein. Miss Garret, who will go to Africa very soon as a helper to Miss Klein, is a member of our own Pittsburgh Synodical Society.

Our support to all the objects of the General Society will be given as heretofore. In order to do this more liberally, we are endeavoring to secure a more efficient use of all our missionary literature. We also hope to organize new Societies, to revive some that have become indifferent, and to add many new members to all our Auxiliaries.

Special emphasis will also be laid upon the Thank-offering. Our aim this year is to raise \$1000.00 for this object, and to attain this each Society is urged to hold a public Thank-offering meeting, and to appoint a secretary to aid in securing the best possible results. All Auxiliaries will be supplied with free programs and mite boxes or envelopes by our Literature Committee. Thus we hope to help in the realization of the prayer—Thy kingdom come.

Nebraska—MRS. LYDIA A. BENDER.

During the past Biennium the Nebraska Synodical Society has made some forward movement. Four Women’s Societies, two Mission Bands, and two Young People’s Societies have been organized. The pastors and people, where no societies have been organized, are showing more interest in our work.

The last two fall conventions were largely attended by the ministers of churches without a W. H. & F. M. Society. Many new faces were seen among the ladies. Societies and congregations were represented that were never represented before. All took part in the discussions, and great interest was manifested. This was very encouraging to the officers and those who attend the conventions regularly.

Our special work during the Biennium has been to gather money to endow a bed in the India Hospital at Guntur, India. We now have more than \$500.00 of the amount on hand.

Our funds have increased during the Biennium. Total receipts for all purposes during Biennium, \$1,369.65. Our last Thank-offering was especially gratifying.

We are more than 25 years old. In September, 1905, we celebrated our twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. At this time a silver offering was asked for from each Auxiliary, thereby creating a fund for state work.

We have on hand money to pay expenses of Traveling Secretary to make a tour among our churches to organize new Societies. Although we have waited for over a year and a half for her to make a visitation among our churches, we still hope she will find time to come to Nebraska before our next Synodical Convention in September. We think our opportunities were never better. The people of Nebraska are large-hearted, if only they are once aroused to a sense of their duty and obligations. God has wonderfully blessed us in our past and we are trusting Him and hope to do and see great things accomplished for Him.

Kansas—MRS. R. B. WOLF.

The territory of the Kansas Synodical Society originally included both St. Louis and Denver, a distance east and west greater than that from New York to Chicago. Our range has been considerably shortened since; neither St. Louis nor Denver belong to us now, yet our territory to-day is more than three times the size of the whole state of Pennsylvania. In this wide expanse we maintain 31 societies, which have all told 605 members, and have contributed during the last biennium \$2,657.00. The Synodical Society is twenty-seven years old and has contributed, in addition to its annual box work, a grand total of \$17,506.00.

The general note of progress sounded all along the line has its echo in the Sunflower State. Our Auxiliaries came to their convention last October with the largest membership and the largest contributions in their history, exceeding even the banner Jubilee year by nearly \$400.00. There is among our Auxiliaries a growing appreciation of the relative importance of the special objects, and everyone of the different funds participated in the increase. However, the ideal in this respect has not yet been reached by us, and a more equable distribution of our gifts is one of the things for which we are working.

The endowment of a bed in the India Hospital has long been the hope of the Kansas Society, and the first effort in this direction was taken last year. The Auxiliaries expected to raise one-half of the necessary one thousand dollars, but when the report was read at the convention, and it was found that the half had been exceeded by nearly one hundred dollars, the greatest enthusiasm and joy prevailed. This fund will undoubtedly be completed during the current year.

A final object for which the Synodical Society has long been working is an

Auxiliary in every pastoral charge. There remain 15 charges in the Kansas Synod which have no Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Six of these churches have for a long time been without a pastor and some of them may never again enjoy regular services, but there are probably ten or more congregations where we ought to have auxiliaries and our executives are hoping and working to accomplish their organization. We have one earnest missionary society in a city where the congregation has long since become defunct and has disbanded.

The Lutheran women of Kansas are becoming awake to their opportunity. From the first year of the Society's work, when the organization's ingatherings amounted to twenty-five dollars, to the last year, when the treasury received over fifteen hundred dollars, the growth has been both steady and continuous. The enthusiasm and energies of our Kansas Society insure its continuance. With a retrospective glance at the breadth of our territory and the Lutheran possibilities contained therein, we feel assured that the women of Kansas will fulfill the words of our text: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

Maryland—MRS. S. F. ZIEGLER.

The work of Maryland Synod at present is to swell the total contribution of 1907, our Silver Jubilee year, to \$25,900. This is our hope. Our work consists in supporting all the objects given to us by the General Executive Board including two special objects. One in the home field and one in the foreign field. We make a special effort in our Thank-offering and have seen it grow year by year, until, the past year we contributed nearly \$1,500. We have supported all the home mission points, the Girls Boarding Schools in India and in Africa.

Dr. Mary Baer, our medical missionary in India, is our special Foreign work and the support of the Pastor at the Clarksburg Mission, West Virginia, is our special home mission work. We have increased our Life Membership 100 per cent and report 119 since October. Our progress has been in forming and carrying out plans for all special objects, believing that a definite plan given to the auxiliaries is conducive of better results than if the object is merely presented to them to raise whatever they can. Since the last Biennium we have adopted a home mission point to balance our foreign mission point. Our Synodical Committee meets monthly to discuss and plan for the work that is before us, and endeavor to keep in touch with the auxiliaries and through their quarterly reports feel the pulse of the whole synod.

We have been without a visiting secretary the past year which we believe has been to our detriment and one of our plans for the future is to appoint a visiting secretary, not only to organize new societies but to strengthen and encourage the weak ones. Another plan is to have each auxiliary reach her full apportionment on all objects. If her members have not contributed sufficient for the amount of their apportionment we advise them to make up

the deficit from their contingent fund. We hope always to have a home mission point, the support of a pastor, and would like some day to build a mission church.

Alleghany—MRS. T. B. PATTON.

Madam Chairman and Ladies of the Convention: It is my pleasant duty as the Synodical Delegate from the Alleghany Synod to report to you the progress relative to our work and our plans for the future.

Our moneys for our regular work increased \$567.77 more for this biennium than for the preceding one, and our Thank-offering which was \$494.68 was the largest one we have had.

Our Woman's and Young People's Societies have gained in organizations and membership, though we regret to report that our Children's Bands and the Cradle Roll have not done so; but we do hope that in the future we will make better progress in this part of our work.

Our special work during this biennium was to raise money to fulfill the agreement that our Synod made with the Pittsburgh Synod, which was to unite with them in raising a sum sufficient to send an assistant missionary to Miss Klein in Africa. God has wonderfully helped us and we have \$476.25 ready for this work, and it is our plan to continue this effort for the present. The readiness with which the various Societies contributed towards this special object and also toward the work in general was of a character which fully manifested their deep interest in the cause of missions of our beloved Church.

Central Pennsylvania Synod—MRS. W. M. REARICK.

The W. H. & F. M. Society of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania has done no one great thing during the last biennium but has endeavored to be faithful to the General Society in all its demands. One progressive step we have taken is the organization of the Northern and Juniata Conferences, which meet each spring, in places where they are not able to entertain Synodical conventions, thus enlisting new workers, and strengthening the societies with whom we meet.

The Field Secretary, Mrs. Beegle, canvassed our Synod through the month of December and organized four woman's societies. Six woman's societies were organized during the last two years. The realization of our hope rests with the rising generation. The Children's Bands of to-day will be the workers of to-morrow. Three Young People's Missionary Societies and four Mission Bands were organized. We note progress in the box-work department. In 1905 we sent a box to the India hospital valued at \$144.00, one to Africa in 1906 valued at \$153.56. The Northern Conference sent one to California valued at \$114.00, the Juniata Conference sent one to Nebraska valued at \$115.60. The total value of boxes sent was \$527.26.

Total number of organizations, 40 woman's societies, 4 young people's societies, 8 mission bands and 8 cradle rolls. There are 6 home departments with a membership of 58, and 49 life members. The total enrollment in all

departments is 1,293. There has been a marked increase in the contributions during the last biennium, and we are looking forward to still greater progress in the coming years.

East Ohio—MISS SUE BIXLER.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," has been a great truth and strong incentive to the little handful of consecrated missionary workers of the East Ohio Synod and realizing that we are being used as co-workers with God, our hearts as a gateway for the forward march of saving power, we are striving to be so filled with the quick wonderful strength that shall further the progress as Christ wills, that we shall consider no effort too great, no condition too discouraging to try to establish a W. H. and F. Missionary Society in every church in our Synod.

The Synodical (officers) organizers, in addition to the valuable service of our Field Secretary Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, have bent every energy within the year to increase our membership, with the result of adding ten new societies to our number.

Another important feature of our present work is the endowing of a hospital bed in India, for which our Synodical Society is endeavoring to raise \$1,000. After much earnest prayer this object was broached to the Synodical executive body by the president, and adopted under divine guidance. Our brave women are making noble sacrifices, and have the courage to believe that the amount shall have been fully made up by our next Synodical Convention, October, 1907.

Cheerfully and loyally the requests for special objects are being met, and we are glad to note a gradual increase in giving.

In all our different departments of work we aim to obtain a fuller knowledge and more activity, by a close, loving, intelligent touch with each other.

The possibilities for the future are so great, the need so urgent that we are not only planning and praying for Woman's Societies, but for the formation of mission study classes and mission bands as well, and that a larger number of our dear sisters may deem it a privilege to be true leaders and workers with the young in developing them for higher service.

We believe the organization of young people for mission study should be strongly emphasized and the missionary spirit be infused into every department connected with church work. We are also aiming to go forward introducing missionary literature more widely among disinterested persons, placing it in the hands of Aid Societies, requesting topic use in connection with their work at regular meeting hour, trusting thereby to gain a missionary foothold, and finally a new auxiliary. The hearty co-operation of every pastor in the Synod means much to us, and as our work and method is being more fully understood, we are gradually gaining the same, the fact being evident that the woman's work is not in opposition, but in direct harmony with all phases of church requirements and God's expectancy.

May we come up to the full stature of the requirements of God, with unwavering faith, stronghold of hope, wells of love and depth of spirituality, and may we not halt by the wayside, but drawing strength ever from the rich throne of grace, have the courage to do and dare all things for God and His progression on earth.

"Ever upward, ever onward, ever ready, *here am I*.
To do thy bidding, Father, humbly I will try."

West Pennsylvania—MRS. L. C. BELL.

As the delegate of the West Pennsylvania Synod, the largest and one of the oldest of our Synodical bodies, I bear you as sister delegates, gathered from over the whole field, fraternal and kindly greetings.

To reply to your request for evidences of progress in our field should not be difficult. As Lutherans, with our rugged faith and clear beliefs, we ought not only expect, but demand progress. The word must make for itself a place and the prayers of the faithful must be answered. This is our confidence in God and His gospel.

We note four phases of this progress:

1. There has been a very marked growth in missionary spirit. A very much larger number of our women are interested and sympathetic than formerly. We who have been marching in the ranks of this growing army are fully aware of this larger spirit, and are pleased to make mention of it as one of our present assets.
2. We are pleased to note an increased and increasing degree of missionary intelligence. It is not yet as general or as full and clear as we hope it will be eventually, but we are thankful it is growing and widening.
3. A further evidence of progress is seen in the enlarging and increasing responsibility observable.

The preaching, teaching and reading, and general activity of the interested for years back, have been reaching the hearts of some and producing the proper effect in bearing fruit.

This is not as common as we should wish, but to see any improvement is encouraging and incites hope for the future.

4. A fourth evidence, and one most highly prized, in this practical and progressive age, is that of material results. We are pleased to be able to present a few.

Our last Synodical Convention was pronounced about the best attended and most enthusiastic held in years.

The money raised and the work reported done were most encouraging. It being our Silver Jubilee meeting, a recital of the past years furnished much encouragement and inspiration.

To specify. There are now 40 Women's Societies, 15 Young People's Societies, 16 Mission Bands.

As jubilee offering a fund of \$1,000.00 was collected for assuming the support of a Synodical nurse for India.

During the last year a Young People's Society was transformed into a Woman's Society, and a Mission Band became a Young People's Society.

Wittenberg Synod—MRS. H. C. BELL.

The women of Wittenberg Synod feel that unless we add the word "blessed" to progress, and make the story of the last two years read "Blessed Progress," we are not truthful. Surely the work has been blessed to our officers who have directed it; to the weak societies and unorganized places where it has been done; and blessed in every line by the Lord.

We have been given increase in numbers, having sixteen new organizations: we have grown in intelligence and liberality as shown in our increased contributions. But the work of which we are gladdest is the completion of our endowment fund. We wanted to do this to mark the close of 25 years of work; we wanted to do this because we love our medical work and believe in it; and above all, we wanted to do it as an honor to the one woman to whom we owe our synodical existence. And I am glad to announce to you the endowment of the Wittenberg Bed in honor of the first president of our synod—Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, of Springfield, O. And if the past has been told in the word "blessed progress," the future is told in the words, "blessed responsibility." We, too, have the privilege of nourishing the weak societies, interesting unorganized churches, and above all, of growing, through prayer and giving, into a closer communion with the Great Head of the Church.

Susquehanna—MRS. F. H. JENKINS.

I feel that I can say that we are growing numerically, financially and spiritually. Last May Mrs. Beegle, the Field Secretary, visited all the Churches in our Synod that did not have a Missionary Society, and succeeded in organizing five new Societies. Our Synodical Society is twenty-seven years old. We have always worked in line with the Executive Committee, and if at any time we attempted any outside work, it did not in any way interfere with the work laid out for us.

We now have 38 Woman's Societies, 3 Young People's and 8 Bands. We also have four Cradle Roll Societies and several Home Department Societies. We now have 67 Life Members—4 were added the past year. Total membership (active), 1,625. We now take 570 *Journals*, a gain of 52 over last year. There was a gain this year in our Christmas offering, Thank-offering and General Fund. The value of boxes this year was \$477.77.

Two lady missionaries went out from our Society to India—Miss Jessie Brewer and Miss Mary E. Lowe. We were the first Synodical Society to endow a bed in the India Hospital. There are several Mission Study classes in our Synod, and they report very favorably. The total contributions for the past year were \$1,998.

Northern Indiana—MRS. F. H. WIPPERMAN.

Northern Indiana does not wish to say that she has lived up to the full measure of either her opportunity or duty, but I believe that all over the territory of our Synod there is a great awakening along missionary lines. Our young people and our children are becoming more interested in our work. The literature is being enjoyed and used as never before. We had hoped to be able to report more new societies and bands, but as our Field Secretary, Mrs. Beegle, has been so busy and successful in the East she has not yet come to us—but we are next. As to the new missionaries to Africa, although at present Miss Ruth Garrett is within the confines of the Alleghany Synod, yet she belonged to Northern Indiana for so many years and also to my own town, Logansport, that we must claim a little of her.

Also I want to call attention to something within the bounds of Northern Indiana that you cannot all boast, viz., the school for missions at Winona Assembly, Ind. It is of great inspiration to those who take advantage of it.

Olive Branch—MRS. A. K. MUMMA.

Mrs. President and Co-workers: I think I can truthfully say Olive Branch is really trying to be a good and faithful servant along all lines of the regular work, and that she is growing spiritually. However, we are trying especially hard to do three things this year.

1. We expect to celebrate our silver jubilee in convention at Louisville, Ky., this fall, and hope at that time to endow a bed in the Woman's Hospital.

2. We are making an effort to enlarge our list of systematic givers. The ever-increasing demands of an ever-enlarging work are helping us to realize that God's way of giving is best, just as His way is best in everything else. And when the burden seems greater than our strength, is it not often, because we have tried to lift it in our own way—not His way?

3. We are trying to increase our membership. In Olive Branch, as everywhere else, we feel that we have need to ask God to deliver us from the "peril of comfortable ideals." As Dr. Jowett said before the great Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, that when the call of missions is given, there may not be one who will excuse herself, as Jonah did, on the ground that "our God is a gracious God, full of compassion, slow to anger, plenteous in mercy." "Therefore there is no urgency about the heathen, His banner over them is love." But that there may be a return to the good old-fashioned doctrine that "to be ignorant of God is to be lost," and that "mission work is life-boat work," that the missionary fleetness of our step may be quickened. The best thing I can tell you is that we have organized one Children's Band for every month since our last Synodical Convention.

Hartwick—MRS. J. H. WEAVER.

The Hartwick Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has reached her quarter of a century way-mark. Appropriate Silver Jubilee

services were held at our regular Convention last October. The Anniversary offering amounted to \$200. The special efforts in behalf of organization resulted in several new Mission Bands, but no new Woman's Societies. Mrs. Beegle's faithful and efficient services created a deep interest within our territory, but the delinquent churches have not as yet organized. Our present status is, 21 Woman's Societies, 2 Young Peoples Societies, 9 Mission Bands and 5 Cradle Rolls. This leaves 11 congregations without missionary organizations in connection with our Synodical Society. The General Convention Watchword has not been so nearly realized as we had hoped. Our plans for the future will largely circle around our children and young people, and the Home Department. The Department Secretaries are new features in our work, and prophesy added interest and results. One of our bright young women has been elected a delegate to the Missionary Conference at Northfield this summer. By this means we hope to gain a larger knowledge and keep in closer touch with the Missionary efforts at large. The Mission Study classes, or the United Study of Missions are a great source of edification in many of our Societies, and tend to create and maintain interest in and love for the work.

Franckean—MRS. I. M. DERRICK.

With the history of another biennium made, we pause to take a glance backward, to sort of cast-up accounts. As we look over the years just passed we see that much of the hope with which the term began has not been realized. Be that as it may, the work of the Franckean Synodical Society has been done and the record made. There has been one new Auxiliary organization, two new Mission Bands have been organized, for which we are most thankful; also one Cradle Roll. The largest Thank-offering in the history of the Society is a part of the record. All special appeals have been met. There has been loyalty to all departments of work. Franckean Synodical Society is one of the smallest in connection with the General Society. About seventy-five per cent. of the congregations have Missionary Societies. Mission Study classes have been held in several of the Societies with most excellent results in all cases. For the future we can but hope for better things, for the enlistment of *all* the women of the Synod, for the further organization of the young people and the stimulation of societies to the holding of public meetings, and the proper distribution of literature, and an advance along all lines of work. Enlargement and strengthening the watchword.

New York and New Jersey—MRS. E. A. OTTMAN.

When the importance of missionary work for the women of our church first began to be realized, our dear Mrs. Hamma was living in our Synod, and through her efforts the first Society was organized in 1878. The work begun by one endowed by such a self-sacrificing spirit, and having at heart the extension of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of immortal souls, could not help but be felt. The influence of her life caused the missionary spirit to extend

its borders until 1884, when the New York and New Jersey Synodical Society was organized with seven auxiliaries and a membership of 254.

The good work begun by our pioneer members has been steadily increasing during these years. All departments of work have been making commendable progress. There is a steady increase in our annual thank-offering and in our contributions to all objects. We now have a total membership of 652.

We expect to send a delegate to Northfield this summer to attend the Missionary Conference. We hope to receive many new suggestions for active work from this noble body of workers.

During the year our field Secretary, Mrs. Helen Beegle, visited a large number of our societies and churches without missionary societies. The inspiration and help she brought to us must bring fruitful results. It was a time of seed-sowing in our fields where time will develop organizations.

We are receiving more active sympathy from pastors than ever before. This is a great encouragement.

The outlook for more effective work was never more promising. We are making a special effort to reach the young people in our churches. We are much encouraged because of the large number of young ladies belonging to our auxiliaries. They are being trained to carry on the work when we, in time, must lay it down.

At times we are discouraged when we see the work moving along so slowly, but we have learned not to allow ourselves to think of this, but to turn quickly to the bright shadows cast by the reflex action of the Christ-life in our consecrated workers, and we press on to grander and nobler results.

We know that the measure of our success is the measure of the influence of all missionary enterprises upon those who engage in them. Every true and faithful member must be a better Christian and a more efficient church member as she takes up the duties and assumes the responsibilities of membership in our auxiliary societies. So the real progress and ultimate result in the last analysis will be measured by Him who looketh on the heart and judgeth righteously.

Central Illinois—MRS. A. E. MARTINIS.

All of us had a few "irons in the fire" to get ready for this convention. Some had many, and all doubtless felt that time was making more progress than the labor of our hands.

If our railroad trains had taken leaps of 19 miles a second, we should have felt our progress was more rapid than wise. Yet at that rate our earth travels. In the hands of the Creator, such progress is success; with us, it would be destruction. Along one line the present age is going at the 19-miles-a-second speed—in the accumulation of riches.

Our common household conveniences were undreamed of luxuries to our parents. To-day tenement houses are better than the palaces of the Middle Ages.

Last year we imported from Europe \$125,000,000 worth of extravagances like laces, diamonds and feathers.

A bricklayer to-day gets more than a professor used to.

The engineer waits impatiently beside the desk of the mathematician, like the office boy on the editor, to snatch his formula from him before the ink is dry, to construct a new dynamo with it.

In some manufactories where twenty men were at hard labor for life, two or three now accomplish the same with little to do but watch dials and press buttons.

The future will have little use for the physical strength of man.

The secret of it is, more knowledge of the laws of nature and more willingness to apply them.

Applied science is yet in its infancy. No one can tell what it will accomplish when it is full grown. It is a new exponent that raises the efficiency of the individual to a higher power, but its limiting power we do not know.

And this largely for material things only. Isaiah says "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea."

The expression is figurative, but how vast the meaning?

I believe the women's missionary societies are banner-bearers in the spreading of this knowledge.

California—MRS. J. E. HOICK.

As the representative of the California Synodical Society, I am pleased to report the best year spiritually and financially in our fifteen years of history. This progress has been made notwithstanding the fact that some of our societies suffered from the most destructive calamity that has ever visited our land. As an example of devotion, let me cite the auxiliary connected with St. Matthew's Church of San Francisco. Although their fair city lay in ruins, although many had suffered the loss of all, although their church home and pastor's residence were destroyed, they never ceased to remit to the Synodical Treasurer their customary quarterly dues. Do you think my friends, were we placed in similar circumstances, that corresponding loyalty and fidelity would have been manifested?

California has ever been a favored field with our Executive Committee. Missions have been established and liberally aided. We can assure you that this kindness is deeply appreciated. The Missionary Society is held in high esteem. A large per cent. of our churches have missionary societies. This distinction makes your mission field the banner Synodical Society.

While we have not as yet adopted all the departments, we are doing so as opportunity affords. Our Thank-offering Secretary has created such interest that an average of fifteen dollars was contributed by each auxiliary as a thank offering last year. Our recently appointed Young People's Secretary enters upon her work with enthusiasm which promises much for the work.

Considerable interest has also been manifest in Life Members of the Gen-

eral Society. Two years ago we had only one Life Member, now there are fourteen, with the promise of more. We are at that stage of the work when the land has been surveyed, when the field is well mapped out, when strategic positions have been chosen and workers are bravely toiling. The hour has come for an advance along the line. There are several important towns and cities where missions should be planted. We are grateful for all that has been done for us and trust the same attention and support that has been given in the past will still be continued.

Mrs. A. H. Studebaker, Baltimore, in calling attention to the Exhibit prepared for the Convention by the Literature Committee and Historian, spoke as follows :

The Missionary Exhibit.

Fifteen months ago the General Literature Committee began its work upon the Missionary Exhibit. To-day we come to present to you, the representatives of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod, the result of the work of these months.

This result has been made possible only by the co-operation of the departmental secretaries, the Synodical Literature Committees, our Home Mission pastors, and our Foreign missionaries. Much valuable material has been obtained from the general historical collection. Our special thanks are due Mrs. A. Pohlman for the preparation of the African village, and also the committee of young people from St. Matthew's Church of Philadelphia, for the invaluable services they have rendered us.

Before, however, the Exhibit is opened for your inspection, it seems fitting that we should indicate the purposes and hopes expressed in it. This exhibit is not intended, primarily, as an entertainment for the Convention, though we believe that you will be entertained by it.

Neither is this review of our Woman's Work offered that you may be made proud by the growth of the Society, though the evidences of this growth as presented here, will rejoice, we are sure, the hearts of all to whom our great Lutheran Church and her causes are sacred.

Modern education has been well nigh revolutionized in method by the emphasis laid, by the leaders in educational thought, upon the importance of the appeal to the eye. Our text-books are profusely illustrated, the lecture is reinforced by the display of objects and the stereopticon. It would be unwise for us, as missionary workers, to ignore these methods that have proved so successful in similar work in so-called secular fields.

This exhibit, then, has been planned as an educational agency in our great cause, a complement, through what will appeal to the eye, of what will be addressed here in Convention sessions to the ear.

It is intended, first, to give a more intelligent view of the past history and the present condition of our home and foreign fields. Hence, the exhibit in-

cludes charts showing the growth of the General Society, synodical exhibits presenting matters of interest concerning the work of each Synodical Society, so that the women of one Synod may learn what the women of the others have done and are doing; scenes from our Home Mission churches; and representations by means of maps, curios, and photographs of the actual work and the social conditions of our Indian and African fields.

That we might look a little into other and allied fields, we asked the women of the General Council and the women of the United Synod of the South for exhibits of their work. The General Council has sent us one of their work at Rajahmundry, India.

The second purpose of this exhibit is to suggest methods of increasing the efficiency of congregational Societies. As a means to this end the departmental secretaries have collected and prepared suggestions and devices, as well as literature pertaining to their respective departments, and issued by our own and other denominations. The Mission Study class work has been emphasized in the Young People's department. In the Children's department there will be found helpful and practical plans for the thorough, and at the same time interesting, instruction in missions of the members of Children's Bands.

This exhibit, then, has been planned and developed for these serious purposes. We ask you to co-operate with us by accepting it in the same serious attitude. With God's blessing we may then hope that the results of the exhibit will be a more intense interest in our woman's work, because more intelligent, and a higher ideal of the manner in which this work should be carried on by individuals and societies, excited by the presentation of more varied and better methods for doing it.

It gives us great pleasure, Madame President, and members of the Convention of 1907, to present to you this Missionary Exhibit.

MISS JESSIE S. WENNER,
MRS. ALBERT H. STUDEBAKER,
Exhibit Committee.

Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Salina, Kansas, made the closing prayer and the Rev. J. F. Hartman, D. D., Lafayette Hill, pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING.

MAY 7, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

The evening exercises were opened with the Holy Communion in charge of the Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D. D., assisted by the Rev. H. C. Alleman, D. D., of Messiah Church of Philadelphia.

The regular program followed, Mrs. Willard Larkin, of Cobleskill, N. Y., Second Vice-President, presiding.

Hymn No. 146 was sung.

Rev. U. S. G. Rupp, of Baltimore, read the scripture lesson, and Rev. Dr. J. F. Hartman offered prayer.

A solo was sung by Miss J. Ethel Albert, of Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Delk then took charge of the evening offering, during which the choir rendered an anthem.

The presiding officer introduced the President, Mrs. P. A. Heilman, of Baltimore, who read her address which was as follows :

President's Address.

More than a century ago, in this historic city, two conventions were held at the same time and only a short distance apart. In the one body sat the leaders of the American Independence, for the formation of the Constitution of the United States, and in the other gathering the heroes of the cross, for formulating and adopting the constitution and polity of the Presbyterian Church. The one to reconstruct a broken country, and fix the seal of Independence with the added dignity of self-government, with peace well earned in faithfulness never excelled by any soldiers; the other to plan for a warfare against sin and ignorance which shall never end. "There is no discharge in that war."

We call to mind the men of those early days and beginnings—we may trace the spirit of the American citizen to this present time. We understand the difference between America and other countries. While the old world is *conscripting* soldiers and *compelling* allegiance, America is making PATRIOTS, willing and ready to respond to every call of our country's need.

Those old soldiers of state and church have fought their last battle—have vanquished their last temptation. The conquering heroes have entered into a triumphant rest, leaving us an imperishable legacy of duty.

To-night we meet in convention as missionary workers not alone because of what has been done for America, but to represent the power of Christianity, and the effects of Christianity upon the world and upon the women of the world. We love the memory of the noble fathers who brought to pass so much out of unfavorable and hindered circumstances, and we virtually acknowledge by our presence in this gathering, the trust of the legacy descended to us and reaffirm our loyal patriotism and our loving consecration to the Great Captain of our salvation and by His help endeavor to accomplish more than did the pathfinder in religion because of our favorable surroundings and as becometh worthy successors to Patriots and Christians

The "Peace Conference," with its distinguished prelates and dignitaries is a beautiful object lesson to the world, but many problems arise and *diplomacy* must wait for the "convenient season" before universal peace is established.

The "**Layman's Missionary movement**," the mighty leaven of sanctified business geniuses, the spirit of inquiry among hundreds of *men* in the important business centres, more than a thousand delegates to the men's missionary convention at Omaha, pledging themselves to "resolutely" work to meet the responsibility of 100,000,000 unconverted souls in non-christian lands, which means \$6,000,000 annually to the Presbyterian Church, and instead of 900 missionaries there would be 4,000, are signs of preparation for advancement for the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the earth. These signs and wonders carry with them a *promise* that thrills the heart as we read.

And in this city of "Brotherly Love," under the shadow of the statue of William Penn, the champion of peace, the grandfather of this country, this gathering of Christian women represents the real, true principles of a world-wide peace, Christianity to all teach nations, to educate, to win to the wondrous power of the name of a wonderful Savior. "*He shall rebuke strong nations afar off, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks,*" "*and He shall speak peace to the heathen, and His dominion shall be from sea even unto sea.*" The world is not to be conquered by *power* or *magnificence* or *display*, but in the meek spirit of love and peace. *Power* can never control the world. Napoleon tried it and failed. Looking down the ages in the gloom of defeat, with a homesick yearning, he said, "The great need of France is *MOTHERS*." Alexander tried power and wept because there were no more worlds to conquer, but could not conquer *himself*, and the brilliant nation he has ruled over has gone into decay.

For nineteen hundred years the kingdom of Christ has been growing stronger through the power of his followers to *overcome* and *conquer* self. The historian tells us that the endurance of the Christians wore out of the hate of the heathen.

"Greater works than these shall ye do," said our Great Teacher: "*Ye are the light of the world.*" The martyrs burning at the stake lighted the garden of the cruel tyrants, the earnest faithful Christian is the light of the *world*. Jesus said so.

Josiah Strong says, "It is fully in the hands of the Christians of the United States to hasten or retard the coming of Christ's kingdom by hundreds and perhaps thousands of years.

This body of Christians is an important part of the United States. Shall we hasten or retard the coming of the kingdom? Shall we join hands to help fulfill this prophecy?

Back of the glorious effort of the awakened "laymen" are scores of praying women for years asking for just such eventful happening in the work of the Church. And still farther back, it may be, the old story in missionary societies, the wife pleading for church money will one day realize that her needs are supplied and the husband interested in the whole wide world so marvelously does our God work in the hearts of men when women are faithful. What this woman's missionary society has done and is doing for the Lutheran

Church, going through it, renovating it, permeating it these many years, no mortal may say. We know that this work has made Sunday-school teachers more earnest, has led church members to be more zealous and generous, has brought legacies to churches and our church boards, to the institutions supported by our church, and given property and money to care for the orphan. When the scope of our woman's work is realized, when we remember what God has done and will do, our feeble faith takes new life and fresh energy. Our vantage-ground is great.

The experience of twenty seven years warrants us in looking into a most hopeful future, but there remains much to be done. More is expected of us because of what has been done. God expects of us greater things than our forerunners accomplished.

There is a vast array of uninterested women to be enlisted. Not less than 180,000 women members of our churches, deducting 80,000 as mothers, nurses and invalids, there ought to be 100,000 women available for service in our Lord's cause in the Missionary Society. We do poor work if others are not inspired by our work; we are failing somewhere. If we fail in an *honest* effort "God is as able to overcome our failures as our fears."

The Christian wife and mother who assumes the responsibility of deciding that she has no talent, no time, that home duties require all her interest, can be assured on the authority of the word of God that she has the ability to *do* something in her Lord's work. It does not involve the neglect of home duties, but when these duties are done the best use of the spare time. He who setteth the solitary in families never commissioned a work in opposition to the *sacred duties of wife and mother*, or that would in any wise conflict with HOME. *Life* means the ability to do, consecration the thing done.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you—inclination, time, talents employed, faith increased, zeal encouraged, strength for mind and body.

"Thy God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." According to his riches by Christ Jesus must mean more than all the splendor of earth and the glory of heaven. Christ Jesus was the *best* heaven had. God *so* loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. The Christian *so loves the world* that time, money and sacrifice are held inactive or grudgingly given.

Our Savior conquered temptation as a *man*. He performed his miracles as a *man*, teaching us that we shall through prayer and faith accomplish great things for his honor and glory.

We have had twenty-seven years' experience in the IDEAL organization for Home and Foreign Missions. Our love and interest is equally divided, but the weight of responsibility is in the home field, in the glorious America whence the missionary spirit may radiate through the world.

A great work is waiting for us, is *coming to us* in every steamship from other lands. In the last twenty years twelve million foreigners have landed

in America. As has been said, "We are not to become foreigners, but the foreigners are to become *WE*." Our truest and sweetest effort must be at home, then we are ready to reach out to the foreign field, not because we love the heathen, but because we love Jesus Christ, and He has said, "Go."

Marcus Montgomery says: "The United States of to-day is the mountain-top of the *HOPES* of many nations." To understand mountain-top *hopes*, one must have a mountain-top *view*. On the top of Mt. Washington, in the White Mountains, I spent a night to see a sunrise, overlooking a thousand mountain peaks blending into a limitless sky—God's great sanitariums, where the air is purified and sent down to the teeming cities in mighty currents; acres upon acres of rocks, none defaced by the agencies of man.

The rising sun is heralded by the first faint streak of dawn stretching out into marvelous colors. In this mountain-top view the wide area of color is portrayed *black*, *dull red*, yellow and rich amber. More and more the splendor increases, and the colors melt together as the immense ball of fire rolls up and blends the indescribable beauty into rosy dawn.

The snow-white clouds at our feet completely hide the 1,000 peaks, earth is shut out, we are *shut in with God*. The wondrous sight must be sought for, the expensive climb, the loss of sleep, the extreme cold, the long fast, must be endured, for the reward of a vision beyond the power of pen or brush to reproduce. No artist could paint colors in the early gray morning, even if the picture traced by the finger of God, remained long enough to be copied. No camera could be found of sufficient scope to cover the majestic sweep of morning glory. You must go to this Mountain; *it never can be brought to you!*

From the mountain top of the United States we see all nationalities, a long line of unblended colors, to be tolerated, educated and Christianized, and *over* all, the Sun of Righteousness shall shine and blind these colors and shades and wash them *white* in the blood of the Lamb.

Twenty long years I had waited to see the glorious outlook of Mt. Washington, but this night we each may have a vision of the *GREATNESS* of our Woman's work. When our Lord sent out the disciples He expected them to be in earnest. "*Salute no man by the way,*" and when their great leader had ascended, the secret that bound them together in faithfulness was the *vision* of the *greatness* of the work before them, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, preaching everywhere, the Lord working with them.

The cause of Church Extension was ably presented by addresses by Rev. Dr. Freas, of Baltimore, President of the Board, and by Rev. Dr. Yarger, of Atchison, Kans., Field Secretary of the Board.

The Doxology was sung, and Rev. Dr. Delk pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

MAY 8, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. L. C. Bell, York, Pa.

The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. Dr. Pohlman offered prayer. Hymn No. 460 was sung.

The roll call was responded to by a large number of delegates.

The minutes of the previous afternoon and evening services were read and approved.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

The delegates were seated in order of date of organization of their Synodical Societies.

The President announced the appointment of committees as follows:

List of Committees.

On President's Address—Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. O. C. Roth, Miss Anna R. Keiser, Mrs. I. W. Abbott, Miss Sue Bixler.

On Report of Executive Committee—Mrs. F. C. Karper, Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Mrs. W. H. Dunbar, Mrs. Chas. F. Stiefel, Miss Mary Baylies.

On Literature Committee Report—Mrs. R. H. Hay, Miss S. Elizabeth Stoeber, Mrs. J. F. Seebach, Mrs. Simon Smith, Miss Louise Reeve.

On Report of Historian—Mrs. John Weidley, Mrs. M. C. Yeiser, Mrs. Samuel Newcomer, Miss Mary E. Bell, Mrs. P. W. Culp.

On Report of Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. C. Bell, Mrs. F. H. Crissman, Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Mrs. F. W. Beck, Jr., Mrs. S. A. Diehl.

On Resolutions—Mrs. A. K. Mumma, Mrs. T. B. Patton, Mrs. Jessie Hunter Foust, Mrs. L. B. Dutcher, Sister Louise Stitzer.

On Letters and Papers—Mrs. S. B. Belmer, Mrs. B. Q. Hal-
lenbeck, Mrs. Thos. Deaver, Mrs. Julia A. Breckenridge, Miss
Anna Kauffman.

On Report of Box-Work Committee—Mrs. Alice Gaumer, Miss
Clara Peterson, Mrs. Melvin Shults, Mrs. D. U. Bair, Mrs. E. D.
Deitrick.

On Minutes of Last Convention—Mrs. U. S. G. Rupp.

On Credentials—Mrs. A. V. Hunter.

On Nominations—All Synodical Delegates.

On Field Secretary's Report—Mrs. I. M. Derrick, Mrs. S. T.
Himes, Mrs. C. H. Traver, Mrs. L. S. Keyser, Mrs. Edgar G.
Miller.

Reporters for Church Papers.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. A. V. Pohlman.

Lutheran Evangelist—Miss Rebecca Gordon.

Lutheran World—Mrs. Helen C. Beegle.

Zionsbote—Miss Elizabeth Winkler.

Missionary Journal—Mrs. K. B. Shaffer.

Children's Missionary—Miss Laura Wade Rice.

The five hundred programs printed as per custom, not proving a sufficient number, a motion prevailed that a committee of two ladies be appointed to confer with Mr. H. S. Boner, Superintendent of the Publication House as to getting an additional number printed at once. Mr. Boner appeared upon the platform and announced to the ladies that one thousand programs would be ready for the use of the Convention to-morrow morning free of charge. He was greeted with applause and tendered a rising vote of thanks.

Attractive invitations were distributed through the audience, inviting all delegates and visitors to visit the Publication House.

The reading of reports was then called for and Miss M. H. Morris, of Lutherville, Md., Corresponding Secretary, submitted the following :

Report of General Corresponding Secretary.

To the President and Members of the Convention: The report of the General Corresponding Secretary, as you will see from the figures on the black-board, compared with the report of two years ago, shows increase in every column except number of Children's Bands, number of Journals and Children's Missionaries.

The increase in members is 5,369, the largest in one Synod being in the Pittsburg Synod, 526; the next in Maryland Synod, 386; the next in East Pennsylvania Synod, 305.

The increase in number of Woman's Societies is 65, in Young People's Societies 16. The decrease in number of Children's Bands is 8.

The largest increase in the number of auxiliaries has been in the East Ohio Synod, 17.

In view of the decrease in the number of Children's Bands, and the small increase in the number of Young People's Societies, and the comparatively small increase in number of members in both, it is well for us to consider ways and means for enlarging our work among the young people. To this end I recommend that special efforts be made for the organization of Young People's Societies and Children's Bands in all our churches, and the formation of a Cradle Roll in every Mission Band, that the very little ones may be educated and trained to love the cause of missions, and to work for it. Then the next generation of missionary women will not have to mourn the dearth of missionary interest among the women, or the lack of leaders.

In four of our Synods there are no Young People's Societies, and in two no Children's Bands. In two others there is only one Children's Band. This shows the need of greater efforts to interest the young people.

I wish to lay especial emphasis upon the matter of exact and careful quarterly reporting by the auxiliary secretaries. The Synodical Secretary is dependent on them for full reports to send to the General Secretary, and cannot do it without their help. Let each one take this matter to heart, and be very accurate and correct. In several reports of Synodical Secretaries the number of members is not fully reported, on account of inaccuracy on the part of auxiliary secretaries, hence our numbers given in this report are not as large as they should be.

I must mention here the pleasure it has been to me to correspond with the Synodical Secretaries. Though many of them I will never see face to face, we are friends and sisters in a common bond of Christian love and service.

MARY HAY MORRIS.

Report of the General Corresponding Secretary, W. H. & F. M. Society, for the Two Years ending March 31, 1907.

NUMBER OF SYNODICAL SOCIETIES, 23.

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES.	Organized	SYNODICAL. CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	AUXILIARIES.				WOMAN'S SOCIETIES.		YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.		CHILDREN'S BANDS.		Cradle Roll Members...	Total Members	Total Amount Contributed	Number of Boxes and Packages	Value of Boxes	Life Members	Home Department Members	Journals	Children's Missionaries ..	
			Woman's Societies	Young People's Societies	Children's Bands	Total	No. of Members ..	Amount Contributed ..	No. of Members ..	Amount Contributed ..	No. of Members ..	Amount Contributed ..										
Iowa	1875	Mrs. E. A. Spraker, Iowa City, Ia.	13	3	...	16	355	\$1154 34	60	\$94 08	20	...	415	\$1250 02	...	...	3	12	183	85		
Northern Illinois ..	1877	Mrs. J. S. Maloney, Polo, Ill.	25	3	4	32	697	2531 11	52	107 15	118	...	867	2660 85	...	...	35	19	234	93		
East Pennsylvania ..	1879	Mrs. J. P. Keller, Harrisburg, Pa.	66	14	29	109	2130	5407 42	485	1002 97	1207	...	3822	6778 51	22	1220 82	43	86	1057	474		
Miami	1879	Miss Flora Prince, Springfield, O.	28	7	5	40	774	2030 43	188	377 06	173	...	64	1135	3067 09	12	590 38	44	27	447	405	
Pittsburg	1879	Mrs. D. K. Hill, Leechburg, Pa.	59	8	11	78	2868	7725 13	203	657 68	496	...	1155	3507 84	25	988 32	101	65	715	300		
Nebraska ..	1880	Miss Lydia Bender, Yutan, Neb.	18	2	4	24	248	688 38	10	3 00	44	...	12 86	16	302	704 24	6	27 70	4	7	193	70
Kansas	1880	Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser, Abilene, Kan.	21	3	4	28	432	1520 89	25	28 98	179	...	105 02	48	636	1654 89	...	...	...	240	120	
Maryland	1880	Miss Mary Baylies, Baltimore, Md.	53	15	35	103	2108	6921 27	735	1381 66	1840	...	653	4683	9054 33	89	2802 65	176	24	914	1205	
Allegheny	1880	Miss Lena Gleichert, Altoona, Pa.	33	8	10	51	971	2860 19	287	571 90	502	...	114	1760	3718 32	...	...	...	514	332		
Central Penna.	1880	Miss F. May Barry, Hartleton, Pa.	38	4	7	49	892	3184 96	79	160 23	210	...	51	1181	3505 56	30	780 62	49	58	455	185	
East Ohio	1880	Mrs. G. P. Maurer, New Philadelphia, O.	20	0	12	38	504	1961 14	127	199 19	307	...	103	998	2229 00	2	400 91	42	26	326	207	
Wittenberg	1881	Mrs. A. J. Houk, Convoy, O.	38	4	7	49	974	2793 55	119	38 10	281	...	65	1374	2905 75	3	28 00	19	43	422	233	
Susquehanna	1881	Miss Georgie M. Derickson, Milton, Pa.	39	5	12	56	1340	3661 32	69	156 67	216	...	150 61	266	1625 39	73	1226 67	65	4	570	89	
Hartwick	1881	Mrs. M. A. Sand, Altamont, N. Y.	20	1	8	29	747	2070 20	21	5 00	256	...	198 09	122	1024	2273 29	4	576 45	39	27	260	297
New York and New Jersey	1881	Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Newark, N. J. ...	21	5	4	30	504	2282 83	92	144 76	110	...	120 87	47	706	2548 46	8	407 86	14	...	313	91
Northern Indiana ..	1882	Mrs. J. C. Showalter, Three Rivers, Mich	16	3	4	23	319	959 09	37	...	50	...	27 50	30	406	986 59	1	56 56	5	9	188	116
West Pennsylvania ..	1882	Miss M. D. H. Lilly, Mechanicsburg, Pa	40	14	14	68	1525	5993 99	575	2062 45	635	...	789 44	145	2735	8845 88	10	798 22	80	33	957	438
Olive Branch	1882	Mrs. Minnie Foley, Broad Ripple, Ind.	28	5	10	43	716	1995 86	163	431 09	391	...	157 40	84	470	2584 35	2	10 50	21	...	423	743
Frankcean	1883	Mrs. Grant Shull, Little Falls, N. Y. ...	15	2	5	22	326	715 54	...	44 91	47	...	26 04	59	373	786 49	3	89 55	20	8	112	155
Central Illinois	1887	Mrs. Chas. Fetzer, Springfield, Ill.	10	2	2	20	345	1028 60	47	85 30	39	...	14 66	76	431	1128 62	11	391 65	14	...	172	20
California	1892	Miss Kate J. Stuber, Sacramento, Cal.	12	1	1	14	321	1030 60	...	15 00	...	...	11 67	14	321	1057 27	7	206 50	13	25	125	140
Rocky Mountain	1902	Mrs. S. C. Dimm, Denver, Col.	4	...	1	5	99	266 70	...	...	...	...	20 21	2	113	286 91	1	10 00	...	...	48	113
Southern Illinois ..	1906	Mrs. H. L. McGill, Anna, Ill.	4	...	...	4	104	173 85	...	...	...	...	...	104	173 85	1	6 50	...	...	3	...	5
Wartburg .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	7	7 40	...	...	...	...	...	7	7 40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals .....	...	...	628	115	189	932	19366	59564 85	3374	\$7567 18	7135	\$3508 30	3617	29875	70640 33	339	10852 68	911	473	8924	5911	

Mrs. E. D. Miller, of Baltimore, Md., Treasurer, read her report, which was as follows :

Treasurer's Report.

Madam President, Delegates and Ladies of the Convention :

The world is moving in our day much faster than it carried the people a generation ago. Everything has been forced up to a higher pressure; electricity and steam have set the pace, and whether in our missionary work or our social duties, we all should naturally adapt ourselves to new conditions.

The desire of reaching out and getting together to accomplish large results is the spirit which animates our organization to-day. It requires study to see things as well as to do things—observation is a matter of education.

Our silver offering has given new life and enthusiasm to our work. We never knew our strength until we saw how much was accomplished by united effort. Practically all the obstacles we meet would disappear if we made up our minds to go through them boldly.

We should not waste life in doubts and fears, but spend it on the work before us, believing that the right performance of daily duties will be the best preparation for the hours that follow. What more noble ideal can one have than cheerful self-sacrifice? If you ask me to give you the secret of the strength of woman's endurance, woman who, in all ages, has made the world better for being in it, I will tell you: "she endured as having seen Him who is invisible." There are times when faith in the "Invisible" is most valuable to every one.

I know of sacrifices that have been made during the last two years by our noble Christian workers, but they are happier to-day for it, as they are laying up treasures that can never be taken from them.

In July, 1906, the Executive Committee granted me the privilege of securing an iron safe to carry the books belonging to the General Treasurer. One of our Baltimore pastors advised me to write to the York Safe and Lock Co., York, Pa., which I did, asking for the very lowest price, giving the dimensions required for the books. The reply came, "I have failed to find a stock safe to suit your requirements, so have ordered one to be built. This safe, I beg you to accept with my compliments." This gift was from Mr. J. A. Dempwolf, of York, Pa. It is marked W. H. & F. M. Soc.

We received five bequests this biennium amounting to \$1,473.29. Total amount received in legacies since organization, \$4,053.11.

From our Columbus Church Building Fund we paid to Treasurer Church Extension Board, for Kansas City church building, \$250.00, donation; to Fresno, Cal., \$250.00, donation; St. Paul's, Los Angeles, Cal., \$200.00; Pasadena, Cal., \$125.00; and Santa Barbara, \$550.00.

From our Silver Offering, to Treasurer Board of Trustees: for Barnitz and Day Memorial Trust Fund, \$11,558.74; To Board of Foreign Missions, for Rowe Bungalow, and site for college, \$3,000.00; balance due college, \$8,558.74; to Treasurer Church Extension Board, for Kansas City church building,

loan, \$750.00; Crafton, Pa., loan, \$1,000.00; Fresno, Cal., loan, \$750.00; St. Paul's, Los Angeles, Cal., loan, \$600.00; Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1,000.00; Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill., loan, \$220.00.

Christmas offering for 1906 has a deficit of \$1,020.56; Clarksburg Church building, deficit, \$1,075.62.

Interest on deposits: Howard Bank, \$917.92; \$118.85 of this amount is not included in my report for biennium, as I was compelled to close the books for the March report before I could give up the bank-book to be balanced and have the interest added, which is done at the close of each quarter. This amount of interest will appear in the June report. The largest quarterly report which we have had since our organization was in December, 1906, which amounted to \$15,416.55.

The increase over our previous biennium, for General Fund, is \$2,664.01; the increase in Thank-offering, \$5,892.64; the increase in Life Membership, \$1,420.00, an increase of 142 members. The increase in total contributions is \$40,612.43; after deducting the silver offering the increase is \$11,715.56.

The Executive Committee asked for a working basis of \$65,000.00; this amount we received with an increase of \$6,033.71. Our total contributions for the two years, deducting our silver offering, amounted to \$72,507.00. After deducting the bequests, our working basis amounted to \$71,033.71. Total amount received since the organization is, \$579,185.22.

You have certainly done nobly and I want to thank you all for your hearty co-operation, good cheer and the kind words of encouragement that came to me in letters during the busy days.

Since the books were closed, Mrs. Jeremiah Zimmerman, of Syracuse, N. Y., sent a check of two thousand dollars, for the India Chapel. We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for this princely gift for our work. May this noble, Christian woman be greatly blessed in all her efforts, and may her life be spared for many years of usefulness. A woman of faith, with heavenly powers behind her, may have untold possibilities.

It is, after all, the assurance of God's existence, and readiness to help, that is our deepest consolation.

Christ calls us to success, not failure. As a proof of this success, I present to you, to-day, the largest report ever given at a convention, since our organization in 1879.

MRS. E. D. MILLER, *General Treasurer, in account with the W. H. & F. M. Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Church for two years, ending March 30, 1907.*

1905.		DR.	
March 31.	To Cash balance in bank.....		\$9741 85
1907.			
March 30.	" General Fund		30412 51
	" Life Membership		2860 00
	" Thank Offering		19386 09
	" Silver Jubilee Offering		28896 87

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March 30.	To Arundelpet Caste Girls' School Building	\$266 25
	" A Nursery in connection with India Hospital...	28 00
	" Bequest from the late Mrs. Charlotte Clugston...	250 00
	" Bequest from the late Mrs. Jane Reamer.....	547 09
	" Bequest from the late Hon. D. K. Ramey.....	475 00
	" Bequest from the late Mrs. A. V. Hamma.....	100 00
	" Bequest from the late Mrs. Elizabeth Stoever...	101 20
	" Crafton, Pa., pastor's salary, Pittsburg Synod....	807 73
	" Christmas Offering for Kalamazoo and Arundelpet School	1199 20
	" Christmas Offering to send trained nurse to India.	972 04
	" California Relief Fund	2025 19
	" Clarksburg Mission, W. Va., pastor's salary, Maryland Synod.....	418 01
	" Clarksburg Mission, W. Va., Church Building ..	924 38
	" Girls' School in India	3162 38
	" Girls' School in Africa, E. V. Day Memorial ...	945 17
	" New Haven, Conn., Church Building.....	11 05
	" Pasadena, Cal., Church Building.....	182 26
	" Philadelphia, Immanuel, Pa., Ch. Building	2020 50
	" Kansas City, Kan., Church Building.....	9 50
	" Permanent Fund	514 29
	" Penny a Day Fund	100 00
	" Support of Beds in Woman's Hospital, India...	820 10
	" Support of Dr. Mary Baer, India, by Maryland Synod	1000 91
	" Sales of Embroidery from Industrial School, India	181 58
	" Fund to send delegate to Interdenominational Conference	10 00
	" Interest on Endowment of Beds, Woman's Hospital, India	1428 00
	" Interest on Trust Fund for Woman's Missionary Journal	116 73
	" Interest on Day Memorial Trust Fund.....	426 86
	" Interest on Barnitz Memorial Trust Fund	426 87
	" Interest on Legacy Trust Fund.....	101 87
	" Interest on Olive Branch Synodical Trust Fund ..	11 50
	" Interest on Born Legacy.....	61 00
	" Interest on Clugston Legacy	7 50
	" Interest on Reamer Legacy	26 15
	" Interest on Frick Legacy	12 00
	" Interest on Ramey Legacy.....	14 25
	" Interest on Hamma Legacy	3 00
	" Interest on Benedict Legacy	11 40
	" Never-Spend-a-Penny Band.....	129 44

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March 30.	By Cash Expense account	\$4484 02
	" Home Missions	18897 19
	" Foreign Field, India.....	31076 67
	" Jersey City Mission, Church Building	750 00
	" Kansas City, Kan., Church Building.....	250 00
	" Fresno, Cal., Church Building	250 00

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March 30.	By Cash	St. Paul's, Los Angeles, Cal., Ch. Building.	\$200 00
	"	Pasadena, Cal., Church Building	373 55
	"	Santa Barbara, Cal., Church Building	550 00
	"	Church Extension, Silver Offering.....	5320 00
	"	Rowe Bungalow and site for College.....	3000 00
	"	Barnitz Memorial, Silver Offering, trust fund for investment.....	5779 37
	"	Day Memorial, Silver Offering, trust fund for investment	5779 37
	"	Clugston Legacy for investment.....	250 00
	"	Ramey Legacy for investment	475 00
	"	Mrs. A. V. Hamma Legacy for investment.	100 00
	"	Permanent Fund for investment.....	428 90
	"	Ch. Building, Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.	2000 00
	"	Church Building, Kalamazoo, Mich.....	1000 00
	"	Crafton Mission, Pa., pastor's salary.....	800 14
	"	Stoever Legacy for investment	101 20
	"	Reamer Legacy for investment.....	547 09
	"	California Relief Fund.....	1255 00
	"	Support of Dr. Mary Baer, India	900 00
	"	Miss Ida Heming, Treasurer Susquehanna Synod. Refund	9 00
	"	Mrs. E. Johansen, Treasurer California Synod. Refund	2 50
	"	Geo. E. Neff, Esq., settlement in full for services in Reamer Legacy	25 00
	"	Prof. L. L. Hindson, for typewriter for India missionaries.....	70 70
	"	Miss Jessie Brewer, for camera and photographic outfit for India	25 00
	"	Chas. Lertz and Son, instruments for India Hospital.....	20 85
	"	Hoskinson Co., Mimeograph for India missionaries	35 00
	"	Dr. Mary Baer for Mimeograph.....	35 00
	"	Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, bond for General Treasurer	15 00
	"	S. H. Miller, Agent for Bankers' Surety Co., bond for General Treasurer.....	15 00
	"	John Wanamaker, for Dr. Mary Baer	15 00
	"	Loan on Children's Missionary.....	100 00
	"	Seating and painting Fresno, Cal., church building	200 00
	"	Nashville Chapel or Prayer-House, India .	100 00
	"	Girls' School, Africa, E. V. Day, Memorial.	3214 65
	"	Arundelpet Caste Girls' School Building..	1000 00
	"	Sales of Embroidery, Industrial School, India.....	268 61
	"	Delegate to Interdenominational Conference	10 00
April 1.	"	National Howard Bank.....	21416 91

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BALANCES.

General Fund	\$8558 21
Church Extension Silver Jubilee Offering	459 37
Church Building, Clarksburg Mission, W. Va.	924 38
Clarksburg Mission, W. Va., Pastor's Salary	418 01
California Relief Fund	770 19
Crafton Mission, Pa., Pastor's Salary	104 28
College Plant in India	8558 76
Christmas Offering	979 44
Dr. Mary Baer, support	530 88
Nursery in connection with Woman's Hospital	28 00
Permanent Fund	85 39
	<u>\$21416 91</u>

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SYNODICAL SOCIETIES AND PERSONALS,
RECEIVED DURING THE TWO YEARS ENDING MARCH 30, 1907.

Alleghany Synod	\$6258 39
California Synod	1396 72
Central Pa. Synod	4870 00
Central Illinois Synod	1612 33
East Ohio Synod	2900 23
East Pa. Synod	10056 08
Franckean Synod	1011 44
Hartwick Synod	3317 44
Iowa Synod	1605 85
Kansas Synod	2092 76
Maryland Synod	12880 18
Miami Synod	4905 16
New York and New Jersey Synod	3475 40
Nebraska Synod	973 09
Northern Indiana Synod	1385 00
Northern Illinois Synod	3434 60
Olive Branch Synod	3740 97
Pittsburg Synod	9029 71
Rocky Mountain Synod	373 69
Susquehanna Synod	6095 75
Southern Illinois Synod	205 65
Wittenberg Synod	3874 98
West Pa. Synod	10371 43
Wartburg Synod	7 40
Personals	5529 62
	<u>\$101403 87</u>

DETAILS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Executive Committee.

Salary of Secretary, Traveling Expenses of Officers, Printing, Postage and Stationary	\$1131 12
	<u>\$1131 12</u>

Springfield Convention.

Traveling Expenses of Officers and Delegates, Printing Minutes of Convention and Programs, etc	\$790 79
	<u>\$790 79</u>

General Literature Committee.

Appropriation, Credential Cards, Thank-Offering Boxes, Printing Tracts, Constitutions and Exhibit for General Convention ...	\$1060 06
	<u>\$1060 06</u>

General Corresponding Secretary.

Postage, Printing Blanks for Reports and Seal.....	\$36 00
	<u>\$36 00</u>

General Historian.

Expenses as Historian and Convention Exhibit.....	\$28 36
	<u>\$28 36</u>

Field Secretary.

Salary and Expenses as Field Secretary.....	\$872 84
	<u>\$872 84</u>

Treasurer Board Trustees.

Salary, Postage, Recording and Cancelling Mortgages	\$102 47
	<u>\$102 47</u>

General Treasurer.

Salary, Postage, Books, Stationery, Printing Blank Reports for Auxiliary and Synodical Treasurers	\$462 36
	<u>\$462 36</u>

In connection with the Treasurer's Report the following report was read and adopted :

Report of Auditing Committee.

BALTIMORE, April 19, 1907.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States: Mr. Oliver F. Lantz died January 5, 1907; the remaining members appointed to audit the books and accounts of Mrs. E. D. Miller, your Treasurer, herewith report that they have examined the books and accounts and found them correct, and that payments were supported by proper vouchers. Also that the bank book was balanced, showing a credit of \$21,416.91 on March 30, 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS J. LEDERER,
PEARRE E. CROWL.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Delaware, O., Secretary of the General Executive Committee, read her report, which was as follows :

Report of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia Convention, May 8, 1907.

The story of the biennium began with the Silver Anniversary Convention. The holy zeal and enthusiasm enkindled at that convention have burned through the years with a clear steady glow, and the faith and hope and courage awakened there have continued to live and grow and inspire to better work and more prayerful effort. Progress has been the key-note of the biennium. Quietly and systematically the work has gathered volume and power until the summing up is a great song of praise and thanksgiving. All honor to our Lord and King.

ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS.

The following members constituted the Executive Committee as elected at Springfield, Ohio, May 26, 1905 :

Mrs. E. S. Prince, Honorary and Advisory; Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Mrs. A. V. Hunter, Mrs. L. A. Gotwald, Mrs. J. L. Zimmerman, Mrs. L. L. Belmer, Mrs. Fanny C. Reeves, Mrs. E. H. Dornblaser, Mrs. Zella B. Watkins, Mrs. J. A. Work, Mrs. A. J. Kissell, Miss Flora Prince and Miss Alice L. Gaumer.

The Committee met at Springfield, Ohio, June 9, 1905, and organized by electing Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, President; Mrs. L. A. Gotwald, Vice-President, and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary. The Committee held twenty-four meetings with an average attendance of eleven.

After an illness of several months' duration, Mrs. A. J. Kissell was called to her eternal rest, December 5, 1905. Mrs. Kissell was first elected a member of the Executive Committee in July, 1901, and from that date until the time of her last illness she was seldom absent from meetings of the Committee. She was a woman of keen judgment and kind and lovable nature, and from her long experience, as the wife of a home missionary, loving sympathy never failed to find expression in her decisions. Alert, self-denying and self-sacrificing, she was ever active in the Master's service and her wise counsel was greatly missed by the Committee.

Mrs. A. H. Smith of Springfield, Ohio, was elected to fill the vacancy in the Committee caused by the death of Mrs. Kissell and she took up the work April, 1906.

Board of Trustees.—The Board of Trustees organized June 9, 1905, by electing Mrs. L. A. Gotwald, President; Mrs. L. L. Belmer, Vice-President; Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Treasurer, and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary. It is the decision of the legal advisers of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees that the Board of Trustees must be elected each year in April and that in case of a change in the Executive Committee at any biennial meeting, the Board of Trustees will hold over until the following April.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees were held April 13, 1905, April 12 and May 6, 1906, and April 11, 1907.

The sum of \$13,406.23 has been transferred from the General Treasury to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for investment during the biennium.

ACTIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Minutes.—Four thousand copies of the minutes of the Springfield Convention were published by the Lutheran Publication Society at a cost of \$461.81. They were distributed at the rate of one copy to every seven members.

Delegate to General Synod.—Convention having adjourned without a delegate being appointed to General Synod, it became the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint said delegate. Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, President of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, was chosen as delegate, and Mrs. E. B. Scholl, General Historian, as alternate. Mrs. Breckenridge represented the Society at the meeting of the General Synod in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 18, 1905.

Appointments.

Box-Work.—Home Department, Mrs. Fanny C. Reeves, Dayton, Ohio. Foreign Department, Mrs. F. A. Hanzsche, Baltimore, Md.

Patron and Protege Work.—Miss Alice L. Gaumer, Urbana, Ohio.

Children's Missionary.—Miss Laura Wade Rice, Editor and Business Manager, Baltimore, Md.

India Goods.—Mrs. E. B. Scholl, Custodian of Goods from the Mohammedan School in India, Baltimore, Md.

Secretaries.

Field Secretary.—Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, of Midland College, Atchison, Kansas.

Department Secretaries:

Home.—Miss S. M. Protzman, Baltimore, Md., Miss Clara V. Sadtler, Baltimore, Md.

German.—Mrs. G. H. Knollenberg, Richmond, Ind.

Thank-Offering.—Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Salina, Kan.

Young People's.—Mrs. R. H. Hay, Allegheny, Pa.

Mission Band.—Miss Sue Elizabeth Stoeber, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Rebecca Gordon, Lionville, Pa.

Magazine Committee.—Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Delaware, Ohio, Mrs. J. P. Krechting, New Germantown, New Jersey.

Committee on Loans.—Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D. D., and Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, all of Springfield, Ohio.

Central Committee on United Study.—Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, Philadelphia.

Central Committee for Summer Schools.—Mrs. J. P. Krechting, New Germantown, New Jersey.

Summer School for Middle West.—Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser, Mrs. A. B. Kuhlman, and Mrs. Albert Olgen, all of Chicago, Ill.

Interdenominational Home Mission Study Course.—Mrs. C. E. Derr, Indianapolis, Ind.

Warburg Synod.—Mrs. Bruno Lederer, Chicago, Ill., Treasurer W. H. & F. M. Societies of Warburg Synod, and Miss Charlotte Siegle, Pittsfield, Ill., Corresponding Secretary.

Program.—Mrs. A. V. Hunter, Mrs. L. L. Belmer, and Miss Alice L. Gaumer.

Transportation.—Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Delaware, Ohio.

Bonds.—A bond was taken in the Bankers' Surety Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, for \$5,000.00 for the General Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Miller, for 1906 and renewed for 1907.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, is under bond for \$5,000.00, with Hon. J. L. Zimmerman and Dr. S. F. Breckenridge as bondsmen.

Permanent Fund.—Early in the biennium, "Permanent Fund" was added to the list of special objects for which money is received by the General Treasurer. \$505.29 has been paid in on this Fund, and \$428.90 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for investment.

N. S. P. B.—That the pennies might be saved to the work there came a call for a "Never-Spend-A-Penny Band." This band was adopted as a special object, but after a trial of one year and one-half the results were not sufficient to justify special work, and it was decided to close the fund and recommend that the Band be used as a source of revenue for the various lines of work in the Societies and Mission Bands. The amount realized from this fund, \$129.39, was transferred to the Arundelpet Caste Girls' School Building Fund.

Day of Prayer.—The observance of the Annual Day of Prayer received earnest attention. In May, 1906, a circular letter was sent to every pastor in the General Synod calling attention to the Day of Prayer, and requesting its observance as a time for special intercession and supplication for the missionary operations of our Lutheran Zion.

Field Secretary.—In July, 1905, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle was appointed Field Secretary on a salary of \$300.00 per annum and expenses. It was the understanding that Societies and congregations addressed by Mrs. Beegle should provide entertainment, and that at such meetings an offering should be taken for our General Fund. Mrs. Beegle began work September 1, 1905, and in the seventeen months to April 1, 1907, the following summary may be gleaned from her reports: Visitations—Synods, 15; congregations without a missionary organization, 135; congregations with missionary organizations, 121. Organizations effected—Synodical, 1; Auxiliaries, 54; Young People's Societies, 5; total, 64. Letters and post cards written, 1,409. Number of miles traveled, 16,116. Expenses of travel and correspondence, \$362.11. Offerings at meetings to General Fund, \$280.75. The interest and enthusiasm created in the work by Mrs. Beegle's tours of visitation cannot be counted by

figures or measured by dollars and cents. The five hundred dollars invested in this work through the Field Secretary will, undoubtedly, bring forth fruit many fold.

Organization.—Much prayerful consideration has been given to the work of organization, and every possible effort put forth to reach the goal for the biennium—"A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation in the General Synod." Through pastors of congregations without a Woman's Missionary Society, the Executive Committee came in touch with every unorganized congregation in the General Synod. Four hundred and twenty letters were sent out urging organization. The Literature Committee furnished two leaflets to accompany these letters. Lack of leadership and fear of taking from the apportionment seem to be the two hindrances to organization. The question of leadership is not difficult of solution if interest can be aroused, and facts will not bear out the conclusions that a Missionary Society interferes with the apportionment. A leaflet, recently issued by the Literature Committee, "The Woman's Missionary Society as a Factor in our Church Work," by Rev. A. H. Stuebaker, D. D., gives promise of being an important factor in breaking down existing barriers. Ten thousand copies of the leaflet should be scattered broadcast throughout the Church. We can but report progress in organization and recommend untiring effort until the goal is reached.

Exhibit.—Initiative plans, for the splendid exhibit prepared for this Convention, were entered into unitedly by the Executive and Literature Committees, the Executive Committee, however, very cheerfully turning over the management of the exhibit to the Literature Committee. The Executive Committee has been in hearty sympathy and co-operation with all that has been done and the Committee congratulates the Literature Committee and the Society on the splendid success which has come out of the undertaking. Such an exhibit as this must stimulate missionary interest. An appropriation of \$35.00 was made to the Literature Committee for the exhibit and the General Historian was granted \$10.00.

California Relief.—Immediately upon receipt of the news of the San Francisco disaster by earthquake and fire April, 1906, an appeal was made to our societies for money and box-work supplies for our churches and people in California. About \$600.00 were contributed in box-work supplies and \$2,025.19 in money. The money was distributed as follows: On rebuilding St. Andrew's Church, North Beach, San Francisco, \$800.00; on repairs, First Church, San Francisco, \$100.00; on repairs, Grace Church, San José, \$100.00; on support of pastor, North Beach Mission, San Francisco, \$1,025.19.

Treasurer Board of Trustees.—It was deemed advisable to give the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees a small salary. The amount was fixed at \$50.00 per annum. The duties of this office are not only responsible and laborious, but they require considerable outlay.

First Memorial College.—In glad appreciation of the offer of Mr. John F.

Firch to give \$10,000.00 for a College for Women in India, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS Mr. John F. Firch of Spokane, Washington, in the goodness of his heart felt impelled to promise the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod, through the Secretary of the General Executive Committee, the sum of \$10,000.00 for a College for Women in India. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express to Mr. Firch our deep heart felt appreciation of his interest in Christian education, and that we thank him sincerely and heartily for his generous offer.

2. That this munificent gift be accepted gratefully, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. That this money shall be used for the enlargement of the Girl's Boarding School plant in Guntur, India, and that the school shall be named the "Firch Memorial College for Women."

4. That the India Conference, through the Board of Foreign Missions, be authorized to enlarge the plans for the Girl's Boarding School plant, so that the cost of buildings and equipment for the college shall be \$20,000.00, exclusive of the \$3,000.00 to be paid for the site.

5. That the time for the payment be left to Mr. Firch, but that the work may not be delayed, it is hoped that the money may be paid into our Treasury within one year.

Under date of March 11, 1907, Mr. Firch writes, "The \$10,000.00 will be available as promised." In a letter of earlier date, he intimates that he will give in addition to the \$10,000.00 promised for the "Firch Memorial College for Women in India," interests from which the Society will realize from three to ten thousand dollars annually for the college.

Hospital Chapel.—When Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, D. D., LL. D., and Mrs. Zimmerman visited India in 1904, they were impressed with the need of a place of worship for the people of our Woman's Hospital at Guntur, and out of the goodness of their hearts they have donated \$2,000.00 for a chapel for the hospital. This money has been paid into our Treasury through the New York and New Jersey Synodical Society since the books closed for the biennium. Blessed gift of love for healing of the soul.

Central Committee on United Study.—Our Society has been honored with a place on the Central Committee on United Study of Missions and Mrs. A. V. Pohlman has been appointed to this important position. This is the Committee which prepares the text-books for all the Mission Boards in the United States and Canada. The Committee was first appointed by the Ecumenical Conference in New York in 1900, and since that time it has issued six text-books which have had a sale of nearly half a million copies.

Home Mission Study Course.—An invitation to unite with the interdenominational Home Mission Study Committee was gladly accepted and Mrs. C. E. Derr was appointed to represent the Society at the annual meeting in Indian-

apolis in 1906. It is possible that in our eagerness to learn all we can of the foreign field that we have failed to avail ourselves of the helpful courses of study on our own land.

REPORTS.

Administration.—With the growing work, the duties of the administration become more intricate each year, and with the reaching out of our women for larger fields of usefulness and influence, the responsibilities of administration have become heavier each year. Both conditions indicate a healthy progress, and both have been met bravely and cheerfully. No stone has been left unturned in the interests of the work. With the exception of the small salary granted the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, there has been no increase in cost of administration over preceding bienniums.

Columbus Funds.—By order of the last General Convention the Columbus Fund has been paid out in donations as follows: Kansas City Mission, Kansas City, Kansas, \$250.00; St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles, Cal., \$200.00; Fresno Mission, Fresno, Cal., \$250.00; Santa Barbara Mission, Santa Barbara, Cal., \$550.00; Pasadena Mission, Pasadena, Cal., \$125.00; General Fund, \$2.37; total, \$1,377.57.

Jubilee Fund.—The Silver Jubilee Fund of \$28,896.87, was divided as follows: Girl's Boarding School in India, \$11,558.76; Church Extension Fund and Day and Barnitz Memorial Funds, each, \$5,779.37. The Day and Barnitz Memorial Funds were ordered to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for investment. Of the Girl's Boarding School Fund, \$3,000.00 have been paid to the Board of Foreign Missions for the Rowe bungalow and site for the college. Loans have been made from the Church Extension Fund as follows: New Haven Mission, New Haven, Conn., \$1,000.00; Crafton Missin, Crafton, Pa., \$1,000.00; Kansas City Mission, Kansas City, Kansas, \$750.00; St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles, Cal., \$600.00; Fresno Mission, Fresno, Cal., \$750.00; Immanuel Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1,000.00; Rogers Park Mission, Chicago, Ill., \$220.00; balance in Treasury on Jubilee Fund: Church Extension, \$459.36; Girl's Boarding School, \$8,558.76.

Finances.—Words seem empty to express the gratitude of our hearts for the generous support of the work during the biennium. In 1905 the Executive Committee asked for \$65,000.00 to carry on the regular work of the Society. You have given us \$72,507.00, and with the \$2,000.00 paid into the treasury by Dr. and Mrs. Zimmerman since the books closed for the biennium, \$74,507.00. Such a record must cause joy even among the angels in heaven. Thank God for our loyal, self-sacrificing Lutheran women. As the funds seemed to justify, the Committee has taken up new work and assumed additional responsibilities. The generous support given the work has made possible a healthy growth in all departments of our missions, and the outlook for substantial progress was never as encouraging as to-day.

Thank-Offering.—The Thank-offering for the biennium has been \$19,386.09, a gain of \$5,792.54 over the preceding biennium. The offering

amounted to \$8,713.36 the first year, and \$10,692.73 the second year, a gain of \$1,978.37 the second year over the first. Blessed love-offering fraught with so many hallowed influences and sacred memories!

Christmas Offering.—The Christmas offering for 1905 amounted to \$1,199.20. One thousand of this amount was loaned to Kalamazoo Mission, Kalamazoo, Mich., on church building, and the remainder, \$199.20, was credited to the Arundelpet School Building Fund. In the fall of 1906 an appeal was made for a Christmas offering for expenses and support of a nurse for our India Hospital. The response was generous, and \$972.04 are in hand for this purpose. These love-gifts in the last four years have amounted to \$4,622.04. In 1903 the offering was \$1,362.00, in 1904, \$1,088.80, in 1905, \$1,199.20, and in 1906, \$972.04.

Legacies.—We have reason to believe that a number of legacies have been left to the Society during the biennium, but only three have been paid in full and two in part. Those paid in full are from the bequests of the late Mrs. Charlotte Clugston, of La Grange, Ind., \$250.00; D. K. Ramey, Altoona, Pa., \$475.00; and Mrs. Elizabeth Stoever, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., \$101.20: Those in part from the bequests of Mrs. A. V. Hamma, \$100.00, and Mrs. J. H. Reamer, \$547.09, making a total of \$1,473.29. These funds have all been paid over to the Board of Trustees for investment.

Memorial Fund.—There not being a sufficient amount realized from the Memorial Fund to justify special work, it was decided to place the Memorial Fund for the present in the Permanent Fund. When the income from this source is sufficient to support special work it will be advisable to have it used for such purpose.

Diversion of Funds.—The old cry of diversion of funds must be renewed. The minutes of our last General Synod indicate that our W. H. & F. M. Society contributed \$69,785.06 during the biennium, while the report of our general Treasurer shows that only \$60,791.44 passed through her hands. What of the \$8,983.52? In the fourteen years between 1891 and 1905, the General Synod reported an aggregate of \$477,817.12 contributed by Woman's Missionary Societies. In the same years the amount reported by our General Treasurer was \$389,655.16, or \$88,261.96 less than what went to the work of the Society. Auxiliary treasurers should not receive or report money which is not for the support of the work of the General Society.

Special Work.—In accord with the action of the last General Convention several Synodical societies have undertaken special work. Maryland Synodical Society supports Clarksburg Mission and Dr. Baer in addition to its regular work. Pittsburgh Synodical Society supports Crafton Mission, and Pittsburgh and Alleghany Societies have assumed the support of Miss Ruth Garrett, missionary to Africa. Several of our Synodical Societies are making strenuous efforts to endow beds in our India Hospital. West Pennsylvania Society celebrated its silver anniversary with an offering of \$1,000.00, and Hartwick by an offering of \$200.00. Both these offerings will be applied to special

work. As far as we have been able to ascertain, special work has not interfered with the regular work. Synods and auxiliaries and individuals are to be commended in their special efforts, and we trust the day is at hand when much more of this kind of work can be undertaken. No work, however, should be planned without the approval and co-operation of the General Executive Committee.

Reports of General Officers.—The General Treasurer has reported quarterly, and her reports have been printed in the *Missionary Journal*. The General Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, and General Literature Committee, have reported annually. The Field Secretary has reported monthly.

Department Secretaries.—Our Department Secretaries have done faithful and efficient work during the biennium. In February, 1906, Miss Sue Elizabeth Stoever felt compelled to give up the Secretaryship of the Mission Band Department. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Miss Rebecca Gordon, of Lionville, Pa., was appointed to fill the vacancy. On account of increasing duties in the work of the Literature Committee, Miss S. M. Protzman resigned from the Home Department, and Miss Clara V. Sadtler, of Baltimore, was appointed to the work which Miss Protzman had so ably inaugurated. The results of the faithful and systematic efforts put forth by the Thank-offering Secretary, Mrs. Alice G. Bond, are manifest in the largely increased offering, as are also the increased contributions for our India and Africa schools through the efforts of the Young People's Department Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Hay. The Home Department is making slow but substantial progress. There has not been the gain in work among our children which we might reasonably expect. This, however, is not due to lack of effort and vigilance on the part of our Mission Band Secretaries. They have done all they could. It is a matter of vital concern that the one minor chord in this report should touch our children—the place where we should be strongest—the very foundation of our missionary enterprise.

Children's Missionary.—Miss Laura Wade Rice, editor and business manager of the Children's Missionary, has kept the paper up to its high standard of excellence and it has gone out regularly on its mission of love. The advisability of changing the name and form of the paper has been favorably considered, but definite action was postponed until our other publication interests are settled. A donation of \$100.00 was made to the paper during the biennium. To be self-supporting the paper must be more liberally patronized by the Society, and to fill the place it is intended to fill it should meet with more hearty co-operation from the entire membership of the Society. The solution of the problem facing the Children's Missionary will help to solve the problem of work among our children.

Missionary Journal.—There have been no changes in the Missionary Journal during the biennium. It has continued to be issued monthly in its pleasing form and to be sent out regularly to take its place, as best it could in

its limited form, among the woman's missionary publications of the country. One exceedingly pleasant feature in connection with the Journal is the cordial co-operation of Mr. Henry S. Boner, Superintendent of the Lutheran Publication Society. It is a satisfaction and a joy to have a publisher so interested and painstaking with whom to deal.

General Literature Committee.—The biennial appropriation of \$800.00 has been paid to the General Literature Committee, also the \$150.00 deficit voted to the Committee by the last Convention, and the \$10.00 subscribed for a delegate to an Interdenominational Conference. The Committee printed new editions of constitutions and 15,689 Thank-offering Boxes for the Executive Committee at a cost of \$92.35. One thousand leaflets sent to pastors without a missionary organization were furnished gratuitously, as were supplies of leaflets for the use of Field Secretary and Secretary of the Executive Committee. The new life-membership certificates have been gotten out for the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee has been in hearty co-operation with the Literature Committee in settling on badge design.

The faithful and efficient work done by our Literature Committee is telling on all departments of our work. The creation of a rich and abundant literature takes the first rank as a means to stimulate missionary enthusiasm.

We cannot close this report on the Literature Committee without a word of regret that Mrs. W. H. James, for seventeen years Chairman and member of the Committee, has been compelled to give up work on the Committee. Clear in judgment and strong in intellect, Mrs. James filled an important place in our literature work, and with her long experience and deep interest she is a member we can ill afford to lose.

Box-Work.—While there has been a slight falling off in Box-Work for the Home field, the amount for the Foreign field has nearly trebled. The appeal for the relief of our California sufferers was prompt and generous. Aside from this the work has been voluntary and has met the demands.

Patron and Protege.—The Patron and Protege work of which Miss Alice L. Gaumer has had charge is one of the special chains of our work linking the girls in our School in India and Africa with friends in this country. The chain grows stronger and longer each year. There has been a gain of \$1,403.31 in contributions for this purpose over the preceding biennium. Miss Gaumer says, "The unusually large offering for the schools in India and Africa must be accredited to the activities of the host of young people putting method in their giving by the Share Plan."

New Societies.—One new Synodical Society has been added to our list since last we met in Convention. Southern Illinois Synodical Society was organized at Jonesboro, Ill., September 18, 1905. The gain in organizations and membership has been a source of encouragement and cheer all through the biennium. We have come short of the goal, but there has been a continuous movement forward and undaunted we will press on until the victory is ours.

Synodical Visitation.—Our missionaries, Miss Brewer, Dr. Baer and Miss Knauss have done much effective work in the visitation of Synodical Conventions. Together with our General President and General Recording Secretary, the Field Secretary and Secretary of the Executive Committee have answered numerous calls for synodical visitation.

Our Boards.—It is with feelings of deep appreciation that we touch upon the hearty support and co-operation that *our* Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension have given to our Woman's work. As a Society we are under many obligations to these Boards and their genial and obliging Secretaries. All honor and loyalty and praise to *our* Boards.

Interdenominational Conference and Student Volunteer Convention.—The Secretary of the Executive Committee was privileged to represent the Society at the Seventh Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada, and the Student Volunteer Convention, held at Nashville, Tenn., February 28-March 4, 1906. She had a place on the program of the Interdenominational Conference, and was on several important committees. These conventions were characterized by enthusiastic interest and the whole missionary world took a great step forward by reason of them.

Summer School.—Mrs. J. P. Krechting has continued to be our representative on the Central Committee for Summer Schools. Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser has been our active representative on the committee for the Middle West. Since our last Convention schools have been organized at Winona, Ind., Chautauque, N. Y., and Monteagle, Tenn. Missionary programs have been carried out at Rock River Assembly, Dixon, Ill., and at Ottawa, Kansas, in which our Lutheran women have taken prominent parts. The interest at Northfield has grown each year and the numbers have doubled. The promise is that other schools will be opened in different sections of the country. These schools are doing splendid work, and our women will do well to avail themselves of every opportunity to attend them. Synods and auxiliaries should have representatives at every school on their territory. As a general society we have official connection with both the Northfield and Winona Schools.

Magazine.—In accordance with the action of the Springfield Convention, "That this Convention authorize the appointment of a Magazine Committee, to consist of two members to be elected by the Executive Committee and one member to be elected by the Literature Committee, said Committee to proceed at once to plan for the publication of a Woman's Magazine." Mrs. K. B. Shaffer and Mrs. J. P. Krechting were appointed representatives of the Executive Committee and Miss S. M. Protzman of the Literature Committee. At the same meeting that the representatives of the Magazine Committee were appointed by the Executive Committee September 14, 1905, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no financial obligation shall be assumed by the Magazine Committee without the approval of the Executive Committee.

The Magazine Committee has held four meetings and the editor of the Woman's Department of the Lutheran Missionary Journal has attended three meetings of the Editorial Staff of the Journal and a Committee from the Lutheran Publication Society. As a result of the meetings of the Journal and Publication Committees it has been decided to discontinue the publication of the Lutheran Missionary Journal and in its place publish a general Church Magazine and a Woman's Magazine, the former to represent all the interests of the General Synod, including the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and the latter to be devoted exclusively to woman's work.

At a conference held in Philadelphia February 18, 1907, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and signed by Arthur King, W. H. Dunbar, Albert H. Studebaker, Wm. C. Stoeber, Henry S. Boner, K. B. Shaffer, Louise K. Krechting and Sallie M. Protzman:

1. The Woman's Magazine to be confined strictly to missionary work.
2. This magazine to be a companion magazine with the general magazine, "Lutheran Church Work," to be named "Lutheran Woman's Work."
3. This magazine to be issued coincident with the issue of "Lutheran Church Work," January, 1908.
4. The issue of this magazine is not to be regarded as antagonistic to the "Lutheran Church Work," nor to interfere with the hearty co-operation of the women in the preparation and circulation of "Lutheran Church Work," but to bring about a more effective co-operation to cover and till the field of our Lutheran activities.
5. That we on our part agree to aid in the furtherance of the interests of this woman's magazine, and to present it to the General Synod with the recommendation of our Publication Board for its endorsement.
6. We recommend that the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society arrange for the presentation of "Lutheran Church Work" at their Convention in Philadelphia, and that we agree to secure a presentation of "Lutheran Woman's Work" at the meeting of General Synod.

Mrs. J. P. Krechting was appointed to represent "Lutheran Woman's Work" at General Convention and General Synod, and Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., to represent "Lutheran Church Work" at General Convention.

Details for the publication of "Lutheran Woman's Work" were left with the Superintendent of the Lutheran Publication Society and the Magazine Committee. The general plan, as far as we can enter into it in this brief report, is, that upon the discontinuance of the Lutheran Missionary Journal with the December, 1907, issue, that "Lutheran Church Work" and "Lutheran Woman's Work" shall be issued simultaneously in January, 1908, from the Lutheran Publication House, "Lutheran Woman's Work" to include "Mission Studies" and be the official organ of the Woman's Home and For-

eign Missionary Society. Conclusions reached have been hearty and unanimous, and now that the way is opened for the long coveted magazine, it is earnestly hoped that our women will take hold of it with an enthusiasm which will at once insure its success, and that at the same time, as loyal members of the Church, they will be loyal to our General Church Magazine.

HOME FIELD.

At the close of the last biennium there were nineteen Home Missions on our pay roll; to-day there are twenty-eight. Amount appropriated for Home Missions during the biennium, \$18,897.19, an increase of \$3,909.28 over the preceding biennium. At the present time the annual pay-roll is \$13,825.00. On account of the increased cost of living, salaries have had to be increased rather than decreased, and for the good of the missionaries and the missions the support should be even more generous than it now is. None of our Home Missions have become self-sustaining during the biennium. Alameda Mission, Alameda, Cal., was dropped from the list in June, 1905, but was again taken up Nov. 1, 1906. Upon the resignation of Dr. Nelander in May, 1905, the mission in San Francisco, Cal., which gave promise of such large results at the time of the last Convention had to be given up. Before a missionary suitable to the field could be secured, the earthquake and fire came on, and the field has been practically abandoned.

New missions taken up during the biennium are as follows: Clarksburg, W. Va., at an appropriation of \$400.00 for the first year and \$500.00 for the present year; Kalamazoo, Mich., \$400.00; South Omaha, Neb., \$500.00; Long Beach, Cal., \$700.00; Salinas, Cal., \$400.00; Oklahoma, Okla., \$500.00; Pueblo, Col., \$600.00.

St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles, Cal, and Immanuel, Philadelphia, are vacant at the present time.

Our Home Mission outlook is such that the committee is convinced that specific work should be undertaken among immigrants, or foreigners, preferably those of our own faith—work which in the scarcity of ministers, might be carried on for a time with a lay force.

The Board of Home Missions has given much time and attention to our missions, and we are under many obligations to the Board and its kind and obliging secretaries.

Dr. Hartman made a tour of our California churches in December, 1905, and at the request of the Executive Committee in January of the present year, he made a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., looking to the opening of a woman's mission.

The following statistical table and brief reports will indicate the present status of our various home missions and the progress they are making. (See table and reports.)

Statistics of Home Missions for 1907.

	PLACE.	MISSIONARY.	Appropri- ation	Members	When Organized	REMARKS.
1	Oakland, Cal.....	Rev. O. H. Gruver	\$400 00	119	Dec., 1890	Substantial progress.
2	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Rev. G. W. Snyder	350 00	117	April, 1891	Strenuous effort to complete church building.
3	San José, Cal.....	Rev. W. E. Crouser	475 00	89	Jan., 1892	Church damaged by earthquake April, 1906.
4	Riverside, Cal.....	Rev. A. E. Deitz	450 00	54	Jan., 1894	Fine record for benevolence.
5	Scranton, Pa.....	Rev. J. L. Hoffman.....	425 00	137	Sept., 1894	Substantial progress.
6	Alameda, Cal.....	Rev. H. S. Feix	500 00	42	Dec. 16, 1906	Discontinued June, 1905. Reorganized Dec., 1906, by Rev. H. S. Feix.
7	Jersey City, N. J.....	Rev. J. H. Meyer	400 00	279	Jan., 1900	Self-supporting Jan. 1, 1904. Taken up again as a Mission April 1, 1906.
8	Immanuel, Chicago, Ill.	Rev. B. F. Grenoble	500 00	120	Sept. 17, 1899	Debt decreasing and membership increasing.
9	Redlands, Cal.....	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	650 00	66	April 21, 1901	Banner Mission in benevolence.
10	Rensselaer, N. Y.....	Rev. I. N. Derrick	375 00	124	Oct. 27, 1901	Encouraging outlook for self-support.
11	Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill....	Rev. A. J. Hesson	500 00	62	Jan. 5, 1902	Burdened with debt, but bravely pushing forward.
12	Santa Barbara, Cal.....	Rev. W. L. Remsberg	700 00	42	April 12, 1902	Church purchased 1906.
13	Pasadena, Cal.	Rev. Geo. R. Bird.....	600 00	53	Aug. 2, 1903	Rev. P. W. H. Frederick resigned Dec. 1, 1906; Rev. Geo. R. Bird took charge March 1, 1907.
14	N. Beach, San Francisco, Cal.	Rev. A. Jatho	750 00	61	.....	Church destroyed by earthquake and fire April, 1906.
15	Crafton, Pa.....	Rev. W. E. Brown.....	400 00	70	Sept. 3, 1903	Church dedicated March 18, 1906.
16	New Haven, Conn.....	Rev. J. L. Sieber	450 00	129	Sept., 1902	Substantial progress.
17	Kansas City, Kan.....	Rev. R. B. Wolf.....	500 00	69	Sept. 14, 1902	Work prosperous and encouraging.
18	Fresno, Cal.	Rev. W. J. Roehmer.....	400 00	32	Feb., 1904	Church dedicated July 8, 1906.
19	Sanger, Cal.....	Rev. W. J. Roehmer.....	.....	17	Sept., 1906	Work carried on in connection with Fresno.
20	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Vacant .....	.....	39	Dec. 4, 1904	Rev. Geo. R. Bird resigned March 1, 1907.
21	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	Rev. W. L. Tedrow.....	400 00	75	Dec. 4, 1904	Assumed as a Woman's Mission July, 1905; Church dedicated May 13, 1906.
22	Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.	Vacant .....	.....	100	Easter, 1904	Rev. R. S. Patterson resigned March 31, 1907.
23	Clarksburg, W. Va.....	Rev. L. W. Sifferd....	500 00	48	April 2, 1905	Assumed as a Woman's Mission Feb. 1, 1906; Chapel dedicated March 17, 1907.
24	Pueblo, Col.....	Rev. J. M. Herbst.....	600 00	.....	.....	Assumed as a Woman's Mission November 1, 1906.
25	South Omaha, Neb.....	Rev. R. W. Livers.....	400 00	75	Oct. 15, 1906	Assumed as a Woman's Mission March 1, 1907.
26	Long Beach, Cal	Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler, D. D.	700 00	40	Feb. 24, 1907	Assumed as a Woman's Mission December 1, 1906.
27	Salinas, Cal.....	Rev. S. W. Young	400 00	42	May 6, 1906	Assumed as a Woman's Mission May 1, 1906.
28	Oklahoma, Okla.....	Rev. Geo. Beiswanger	500 00	54	.....	Assumed as a Woman's Mission February 1, 1907.

Reports.

Oakland, Cal.—All departments of our Oakland Mission show decided gain.

Council Bluffs, Iowa.—Council Bluffs Mission is making a determined effort to finish the audience room of its church. Contracts have been let for one thousand dollars' worth of work. Work will be pushed as fast as money is in hand. Mr. Carnegie has promised the mission \$1,000.00 on an organ.

San Jose, Cal.—The San Jose Church was considerably damaged by the earthquake in April, 1906, but with assistance from the Board of Church Extension and \$100.00 from our relief fund, the building has been put in good condition. Large gains have been made in the mission and the work which seemed almost hopeless for so many years is now full of encouragement.

Scranton, Pa.—There has been a net gain of 52 in membership at Scranton during the biennium and the outlook for self-support is fair. A debt of \$8,700.00 rests on their \$20,000.00 church property.

Alameda, Cal.—The appropriation for Alameda was discontinued June, 1905. November, 1906, Rev. H. S. Feix resigned the pastorate of Fresno Mission to take charge of the work at Alameda. The congregation was re-organized with 18 members. The present membership is 42 and the Sunday-school has grown from 2 to 69. The church property is poorly located and has a debt of \$1,000.00 resting upon it. The attendance at services is good and the outlook promising.

Jersey City, N. J.—Jersey City Mission went off the funds of the Society January 1, 1904, but with a seventeen thousand dollar debt and a vacancy in the pastorate, the mission stood in great need of assistance and it was again taken up January 1, 1906, with Rev. J. H. Meyer as pastor. An appropriation of \$400.00 was made towards the pastor's support and a loan of \$750.00 was granted. The pastor writes "We had a most blessed Lenten and Easter season."

Immanuel, Chicago.—Immanuel, Chicago, is making substantial progress and pastor and people are greatly encouraged. The debt is being gradually decreased and the membership increased.

Redlands, Cal.—Redlands Mission has made an extraordinary record in benevolence. In 1904-1905, forty-four members contributed \$4,080.73, \$129.44 of which was for benevolence. In 1906-1907, the contributions of sixty-six members amounted to \$3,500.00, of which \$743.75 were for benevolence. The W. H. & F. M. Society, with an active membership of nineteen, has seven life members, all secured during the biennium. The Society contributed through regular channels \$195.75 and \$100.00 in Box-work sent to the San Francisco sufferers.

Rensselaer, N. Y.—Our Mission at Rensselaer has doubled in membership and the outlook is encouraging for self-support. They have a Church property worth \$10,000.00, with \$2,150.00 debt. The Sunday-school, Luther League, Woman's Society and Children's Band are active and doing well.

Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.—Rogers Park Mission, on account of street

paving and local expenses, has had difficulty in meeting its interest. The Board of Church Extension volunteered to share with the Executive Committee in providing for the interest for two years more. The Committee not having any fund from which to draw for interest, decided to make the congregation a loan of \$220.00 for five years without interest.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—In the summer of 1906, Santa Barbara Mission secured a church property valued at \$15,000.00 at a cost of \$5,250.00. The Executive Committee in loan and donation aided to the extent of \$1,250.00, and the Board of Church Extension \$650.00. The church will be dedicated in the near future. The work is encouraging.

Pasadena, Cal.—Rev. P. W. H. Frederick resigned his pastorate of Pasadena Mission December, 1906, after nearly four years of faithful and efficient work. Rev. G. R. Bird accepted a call to the mission March 1, 1907. A church was erected at a cost of \$4,000.00, which was dedicated, free of debt, April 17, 1907. The church property is worth \$10,000.00. The mission received \$1,000.00 donation from the special fund and \$125.00 from the Columbus fund. This was the last mission on our list to come under the old rule of outright donations.

North Beach, San Francisco, Cal.—The very name of North Beach has a pathetic ring. It was to this mission that our first Christmas offering was made. After the fire following the earthquake in April, 1906, not a sign of the church building was left. Rev. A. Jatho has faithfully stood by this afflicted people, and gradually they are taking heart and planning to rebuild. \$800.00 of our California relief fund was appropriated to this mission. The Board of Church Extension aided to the extent of \$3,700.00, and it will pay interest on \$2,500.00 for five years.

Crafton, Pa.—Crafton Mission dedicated its beautiful church March 18, 1906. The mission now has 70 members, and all departments of the work are encouraging. The debt on church has been reduced to \$2,000.00 and the record for benevolence is excellent. This mission is supported by Pittsburg Synodical Society.

New Haven, Conn.—The missionary pastor of New Haven reports substantial progress. The church has recently undergone extensive repairs, and new carpets and pews have been put in. The Sunday-school, Aid Society, C. E., and a boys' club called "Melancthonians," are in splendid working order.

Kansas City, Kans.—There has been healthy growth at Kansas City Mission. Present membership, 69. Contributions to all purposes, \$2,141.00. Church property worth \$10,000.00, with \$2,850.00 debt.

Fresno, Cal.—Rev. Lutz Horn resigned the pastorate of Fresno Mission June 1, 1905. The mission was vacant until Oct. 16, 1905, when Rev. H. S. Feix took charge. During the vacancy the members withdrew until but five remained faithful to the work. Nov. 1, 1906, Rev. Feix resigned to reopen work in Alameda, and Rev. W. J. Roehmer was commissioned pastor. The present membership of the mission is thirty-one, and the work is encouraging.

The church was dedicated July 8, 1906. The Executive Committee has recently made the congregation a donation of \$200.00 towards seating and painting the church.

Sanger, Cal.—In addition to the work at Fresno, Rev. Roehmer preaches at Sanger, where a congregation has been organized with sixteen communicant members.

Los Angeles, Cal.—St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles, has made substantial progress. They worshipped first in their church Dec. 31, 1905. The mission received a loan of \$600.00 from the Silver Jubilee Fund and a donation of \$200.00 from the Columbus Fund. After two and one-half years' successful pastorate, Rev. George R. Bird resigned March 1, 1907, to accept a call to our Pasadena Mission.

Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.—Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., resigned the pastorate of Immanuel Mission, Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1905. Rev. R. S. Patterson took charge March 1, 1906, and resigned March 31, 1907. The corner-stone for the church was laid July 8, 1906, and the church was dedicated December 3, 1906. The cost of lot was \$9,000.00, and of church \$17,000.00—\$3,000.00 of which was a loan and donation from the Society. The communicant membership is over one hundred and the Sunday-school over two hundred.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Kalamazoo Mission was organized by Rev. W. L. Tedrow, December 4, 1904, with 55 charter members. Early in the spring of 1905 a lot was purchased at a cost of \$3,300.00, on November 12, 1905, the corner-stone of the church was laid, and May 13, 1906, the church was dedicated. A loan of \$1,000.00 was made from the 1905 Christmas offering to this mission. The outlook is very cheering.

Salinas, Cal.—Salinas Mission was assumed as a woman's mission May 1, 1906. The congregation was organized May 6, 1906, by Rev. J. C. Pedersen, with 29 charter members. The membership has increased to 42. Rev. Pedersen resigned February 1, 1907, to accept a call to Muhlenberg Mission, Liberia, Africa. The mission has purchased a desirable lot and part payment has been made on it. Rev. S. W. Young has had charge of the work since Rev. Pedersen resigned.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—Work was opened at Clarksburg, February 1, 1906, by Rev. L. W. Sifferd. A lot was purchased for \$3,000.00 and a temporary chapel erected, which was dedicated March 17, 1907. Clarksburg is a rapidly growing town and an important centre for our church. Maryland Synodical Society has provided for the support of this mission. An appeal was made for \$2,000.00 for a church building, \$924.38 of which amount are in hand.

Pueblo, Colo.—Pueblo, Colo., was assumed as a woman's mission November 1, 1906, Rev. J. W. Romich, pastor. A congregation was organized at Pueblo several years ago, but the work did not assume permanent form until November, 1905, when Rev. Romich became pastor. A church was bought with the aid of the Board of Church Extension, which was dedicated November 11,

1906. Rev. Romich resigned February 1, 1907. Rev. J. M. Herbst has been called to the pastorate.

Long Beach, Cal.—Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., began work at Long Beach, Cal., December 1, 1906. February 24, 1907, a congregation was organized with forty charter members. The prospects are more than ordinarily bright for a large missionary enterprise. Long Beach is the seaport of Los Angeles, and an influential residence city. This mission has already made application for assistance in securing a church home.

Oklahoma, Okla.—Oklahoma Mission, Rev. Geo. Beiswanger, pastor, was assumed as a Woman's mission Feb. 1, 1907. Oklahoma is growing by leaps and bounds, and there is a good field there for our Church. The mission owns a small church property which will meet the demands of the congregation for some time to come.

South Omaha, Neb.—South Omaha was assumed as a Woman's mission March 1, 1907, Rev. R. W. Livers, pastor. This work was organized by the present pastor Oct. 15, 1905, with thirty-three charter members. Rev. Livers not having completed his Seminary course, did not become regular pastor until June, 1906. The mission has a Sunday-school of one hundred and forty, and is greatly in need of a church home. South Omaha will be our next special Church Extension object.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

During the biennium \$11,893.55 has been appropriated to Church Extension work—\$5,320.00 in loans from the Silver Jubilee Fund, \$1,375.00 from the Columbus Fund and \$1,000.00 from the California Relief Fund in donations, and \$4,196.55 from special funds in loans and donations. Loans from three to five years without interest have been made to missions as follows:

New Haven, Conn.	\$1,000 00
Kansas City, Kan.	750 00
Crafton, Pa.	1,000 00
Kalamazoo, Mich.	1,000 00
Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,500 00
St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Cal.	600 00
Fresno, Cal.	750 00
Jersey City, N. J.	750 00
Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.	220 00
	<hr/> \$8,570 00

Donations have been made as follows:

First Church, San Francisco, Cal.	\$100 00
San José, Cal.	100 00
North Beach, San Francisco.	800 00
Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.	500 00
St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Cal.	200 00
Santa Barbara, Cal.	550 00
Fresno, Cal.	450 00
Pasadena, Cal.	373 55
Kansas City, Kan.	250 00
	<hr/> 3,323 55
Total.	\$11,893 55

Special appeals have been made for Church Extension work during the biennium for Immanuel, Philadelphia, Kalamazoo, California Relief Fund and Clarksburg. On account of the special funds in hand, the calls for Church Extension have not been as numerous as heretofore, but the responses have been prompt and the amounts realized have met the demands. The Board of Church Extension has generously shared proportionately in all the loans and donations made to Woman's missions during the biennium, and the Society is under many obligations to its genial Secretaries for the labor and time they have given to our Woman's work. The Executive Committee has in safekeeping certificates of mortgages and notes on all loans and donations made to missions through the Board of Church Extension.

There will be no special funds available for Church Extension work for the coming biennium, so appeals for this cause will necessarily have to be more numerous. The missions at South Omaha, Nebraska, Long Beach, Cal., and Salinas, Cal., will be needing assistance in the near future. \$1,075.62 is still due on the Clarksburg church building fund.

FOREIGN FIELD.

\$34,291.67 has been appropriated to work on the foreign field during the biennium, a gain of \$9,617.62 over the preceding biennium. Of this amount \$31,076.67 has gone into the India work and \$3,214.65 to the Africa work, a gain of \$7,094.95 for India and \$1,519.07 for Africa.

India.—Progress is the word which has characterized our India work through the biennium. Advancement has been made along all lines and the work is in a healthy and satisfactory condition.

Statistical exhibit of Woman's work in India for 1905-1906:

	1905.	1906.
No. of schools	17	17
“ pupils in day-schools	914	1,020
“ Sunday-schools	17	17
“ pupils in Sunday-schools	905	871
“ Zenana pupils	132	346
“ Bible women	15	18
“ hospital patients	813	821
“ dispensary patients	7,193	6,562
“ home patients	75	75
“ office patients	340	542
“ visits of physicians to homes	194	2,811
“ visits of patients to office	950	1,886
“ visits of patients to dispensary	20,407	21,731
“ operations at hospital	175	172
“ operations at dispensary	235	285
Cash receipts	Rs. 15,067	Rs. 14,132

Missionaries on the Field.—Dr. A. S. Kugler, Miss Katharine Fahs, Miss Ellen B. Schuff, Miss Annie E. Sanford, Dr. Elsie Reed Mitchell, Miss Jeanne L. Rollier, Miss Mary E. Lowe, Dr. Mary Baer and Miss Jessie Brewer.

Missionaries in charge of Woman's work who are not supported by the

Society.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley McCauley, Mrs. John Aberly, Mrs. Amy Sadtler Albrecht, Mrs. E. H. Mueller, and Miss Johanna H. Wunderlich.

Missionaries on Furlough.—Missionaries on furlough, all or part of the biennium: Miss Mary Knauss, Miss Jessie Brewer, Dr. Mary Baer, and Dr. A. S. Kugler.

Miss Knauss arrived in this country, May 18, 1904. She has not improved in health, as was expected, and she asked to go off furlough salary. Her name was dropped from the pay-roll January 1, 1907, with the understanding that if at any time she needed help she is to have it, and that she is to be returned to India as soon as her health will permit.

Miss Brewer, after four years in this country, two of which she was on furlough salary, sailed from New York, October 24, 1906, and arrived at Bombay, December 6, 1906.

Dr. Mary Baer arrived in New York, May 18, 1904, and sailed from the same port, in company with Miss Brewer, October 24th, and landed at Bombay, December 6, 1906.

Dr. A. S. Kugler, after seven and one-half years continuous service, sailed from Bombay, February 15, 1907, and landed in New York, March 26, 1907. Dr. Kugler first went to India in 1883, and she has had but two short furloughs in that time.

Miss Ellen B. Schuff, after nearly seven years' service, will sail for home about the second week in May. She will come by way of the Pacific, and expects to land in San Francisco about July 9th.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley McCauley, in company with her husband, expected to sail for home about April 1, 1907.

Mrs. Amy Sadtler Albrecht and Miss Wunderlich have been on vacation since April, 1906.

New Missionary.—In August, 1906, Miss Johanna H. Wunderlich was appointed a missionary of the Society. Miss Wunderlich accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht to India in 1902, and was Mrs. Albrecht's assistant in the work in the Palnad up to her return to Germany in the spring of 1906. She passed her second examination in Telugu at the end of eighteen months' residence in the country and has been remarkably successful as a teacher. During the past winter she has been in a Bible training school in Berlin. Miss Wunderlich expects to sail for India early in July, 1907, and she will at once take up full work.

Appropriations.—Every call for money for the India work has been met. The budget of \$8,500.00 has been paid each year, \$500.00 were appropriated to hospital extension, \$1,000.00 to the Arundelpet Caste Girl's School Building, and \$3,000.00 for the Rowe Bungalow and site for the college.

Medical Work.—In a brief report like this it is not possible to give any comprehensive idea of the magnitude of our India work, and especially is this the case in regard to the medical work. Dr. Kugler will tell you that the hospital wards have been crowded and that the medical work is opening along

many new lines. A dispensary was established at Chirala, February, 1906, which has had an average daily attendance of 79. In ten months 1,066 persons were treated at this dispensary, and there were 2,477 visits of patients. Many such dispensaries might be opened on our mission territory. The medical work is slowly, but surely reaching self-support. The financial summary, under income for the past eight years, since the hospital was opened, shows Rs. 34,594 against expenditure of Rs. 102,957. Report for 1906 shows a total expenditure of Rs. 17,046, of which Rs. 7,268 were provided on the field. At the last Hospital Donation Day, January 30, 1907, Rs. 1,000 were contributed. A rest house, intended especially for the friends and relatives of the patients who come to the hospital for treatment, has been erected near the hospital grounds by a Hindu gentleman at a cost of Rs. 7,000. The Choultry is named after the Rajah's wife whose life was saved in the hospital. A diet kitchen has been erected in connection with the hospital at a cost of Rs. 3,500. Plans are under way for a hospital chapel, a nurse's home and a nursery. After Dr. Baer left on furlough in April, 1904, Dr. Kugler had charge of both the hospital and dispensary until January, 1906. Dr. Mitchell assisted at the dispensary during her second year's study of the language and after passing her second examination in the vernacular, she was given full charge of the dispensary. Miss Fahs has faithfully remained at her post as head nurse in the hospital.

Educational Work.—Miss Schuff continued to have charge of the Girls' Boarding School in Guntur until April, 1907, when the work was given over to Miss Brewer. With the last report there were 129 boarders and 48 day pupils in the school. The work in this school was seriously interfered with by the cholera epidemic during the summer of 1906. The standard of the school has been raised to that of a high school, and it is from this school that our college is to develop. The time seems a long way off, but when we consider what has been done in the medical work within a comparatively few years, we may take heart and believe that under proper conditions higher education may develop as rapidly as other lines of work.

Since Mrs. Albrecht left for home in April, 1906, Mrs. McCauley has had charge of the Girls' Boarding School at Rentachintala. There are 17 boarders in this school. Mrs. McCauley has also had charge of a school at Sattenapalli with 54 pupils, a Sunday-school at Sattenapalli with 45 pupils and Zenana work at Sattenapalli with 37 pupils. Mrs. Mueller has a girls' school at Narasarowpet with 75 enrolled, and a Sunday-school with 50 in attendance. Miss Sanford and Miss Lowe have had charge of the other girls' schools in connection with their Zenana work. At the close of 1905, Mrs. Aberly, after very successfully carrying on the work in the Industrial School and Mohammedan School, retired, and Miss Rollier was placed in charge. Miss Rollier passed her second examination in Hindustani, and has been giving some time to the study of Telugu. There are 25 pupils enrolled in the Industrial School and 51 in the Mohammedan Girls' School.

Zenana Work.—Since passing her second examination in the vernacular, Miss Lowe has been associated with Miss Sanford in Zenana work. The report for this branch of the work for 1906 is not at hand, but there was an average of 182 pupils for 1905. After writing of some of her pupils, Miss Sanford says in a recent communication, "I cannot tell you what joy it brings to our hearts to know that you are planning to give us a Converts' Home."

Evangelistic Work.—All our missionaries have been active along various lines of evangelistic work. The Bible is regularly taught in all our schools. There are 871 pupils in our Sunday-schools. Regular services are held at the hospital, and Bible women are constantly engaged in teaching at the hospital and dispensary. It is a word here and a word there, a deed of mercy, a kind act, a work of love here and there, and gradually but surely caste and superstition are giving way to righteousness and salvation.

Africa.—Miss Anna Amelie Klein sailed from New York, May 24, 1905, to resume work in the E. V. Day Memorial School at Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. She landed at Monrovia, June 27, 1905, and immediately began the reorganization of the school. She began teaching August 23d, and has been actively engaged ever since. There was an average attendance of 24 pupils in the school during 1906. With the last report a new scholar had been admitted. The work has been trying and difficult, and Miss Klein deserves our highest praise for her self-sacrificing devotion to it. She has long been calling for help, and we are glad to report that that call is about to be answered.

New Missionaries for Africa.—Miss Ruth Garrett, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., and Miss Lulu Mott Goodman, of Philadelphia, Pa., have been appointed missionaries of the W. H. & F. M. Society to the E. V. Day Memorial School, and they are expected to sail from Philadelphia for their chosen field of labor May 11th. We are glad that the delegates and visitors at this convention may have the pleasure of meeting these young ladies and wishing them God-speed. Miss Garrett is to be supported by the Alleghany and Pittsburgh Synodical Societies.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The story of the biennium has been briefly and imperfectly told. *Now what of the future?* "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The future is full of hope, and the prospects were never brighter than they are to-day. After the strenuous efforts to attain the goal for the Silver Anniversary celebration, fear was expressed 'that there might be a reflex action. What has been the result? What were then only visions of the imagination have become realities, and the triumphs in this biennium have been greater than in the last, because there has been no pressure, simply quiet, systematic, prayerful work which has led to healthy growth and unity in spirit and action. The biennium has brought us an increased force of workers and it has witnessed more generous giving, more systematic study, and more intelligent action.

To-day our work is well provided for and the way is open for new fields of service. With the increased force of workers and the faith and courage which have come from past successes no goal seems too great or no burden too heavy.

Then the hope, which comes with our long coveted magazine, fills our hearts with gratitude, and we are ready to exclaim, Thy goodness and thy lovingkindness, O God, are past our comprehension. We humbly bow in thy presence and leave thy work in thy hands.

OUR NEEDS.

A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation in the General Synod.

Every woman in the church a member of the Society.

More and better work among our children.

Twenty thousand subscribers to our new Woman's Magazine and a like number to "Lutheran Church Work."

Two new missionaries for India. A nurse for the hospital and a woman of large executive and teaching ability to organize and promote the interests of our "Fitch Memorial College for Women;" some one who can do for higher education what Dr. Kugler has done for our medical work.

A Converts' Home, where high caste women who become Christians may find shelter and protection.

A Nurses' Home and a Nursery in connection with our India Hospital.

Africa has many needs; her specific needs can better be determined when our new missionaries are on the field.

More prayer, more and better work, a larger vision of our opportunities and a deeper sense of our responsibilities.

Enough funds to support the growing work as the minimum of our giving for the biennium and our ability to give as the maximum.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are presented for consideration and action:

1. That we thank God for a larger vision of Christ and the world for which He died, and for a more vivid realization of our resources in Him and our privilege of living and working for Him.

2. That with increased zeal we pledge ourselves anew to make good our watchword, "A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation in the General Synod."

3. That the Mission Boards of the church be extended a hearty vote of thanks for their assistance and co-operation.

4. That a systematic effort be made to increase the permanent funds and to secure legacies, bequests and special donations.

5. That synodical and auxiliary societies be encouraged in taking up the support of a missionary or some specific work along the line of woman's work,

in addition to their regular work; said work to be first approved by the General Executive Committee.

6. That the financial items be dropped from the reports of corresponding secretaries.

7. That Mission Study classes be encouraged and that synods and auxiliaries be encouraged to avail themselves of the summer schools for the training of their workers.

8. That our children be given more attention and that a systematic campaign be inaugurated to interest them in missions.

9. That the Board of Home Missions be requested to give us some work exclusively among immigrants or foreigners.

10. That Col. John F. Fitch and Dr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Zimmerman be extended a hearty vote of thanks for their munificent gifts, respectively for the "Fitch Memorial College" in India and the Chapel in connection with our hospital in India.

11. That the subscription list to "*Lutheran Woman's Work*" be started at this Convention, and that we give to this long coveted magazine our heartiest support and encouragement.

12. That as loyal members of the Church we be loyal to "*Lutheran Church Work*," the magazine of the Church.

13. That the Executive Committee be authorized to plan the work for the biennium on the basis of \$90,000.00.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the General Executive Committee.

K. B. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

It being past the noon hour the Convention adjourned until 1:30 o'clock with our own benediction, which is as follows: 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.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MAY 8, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Troy, N. Y.

The Convention was called to order for business by the President, and the reading of reports was resumed.

Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, sub-

mitted the following report, accompanied by the report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted :

Treasurer's Report.

MRS. S. F. BRECKENRIDGE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, U. S. A., from March 31, 1905 to March 31, 1907 :*

March 31, 1907.

To fund endowing beds Woman's Hospital, India	\$12,000 00	
To cash held in trust for Olive Branch Synodical Society	150 00	
" " " Woman's Dept. Lutheran Miss. Journal.	1,000 00	
" Borns' Legacy.....	1,000 00	
" Jacob Frick Legacy	200 00	
" Mrs. Eliza A. Benedict Legacy.....	380 00	
" Mrs. A. V. Hamma Legacy.....	100 00	
" D. K. Ramey Legacy	475 00	
" Mrs. Charlotte Clugston Legacy.....	250 00	
" Mrs. Jennie H. Reamer Legacy	492 39	
" Mrs. Elizabeth Stoever Legacy	101 20	
" Barnitz Memorial Trust Fund.....	5,779 37	
" Day Memorial Trust Fund	5,779 37	
" Permanent Fund.....	428 90	
By cash, loaned on first mortgage.....	\$27,200 00	
" in savings bank	936 23	

\$28,136 23 \$28,136 23

Interest on loans for year ending March 31, 1907:

March 31, 1907.

Interest endowment beds Woman's Hospital, India	\$1,428 00	
" Olive Branch Trust Fund.....	11 50	
" Lutheran Missionary Trust Fund	116 73	
" Borns' Legacy.....	121 00	
" Frick Legacy.....	18 00	
" Benedict Legacy.....	34 20	
" Hamma Legacy.....	9 00	
" Ramey Legacy	18 25	
" Clugston Legacy	10 57	
" Reamer Legacy.....	26 15	
" Barnitz Memorial Trust Fund.....	426 87	
" Day Memorial Trust Fund	426 86	
" Permanent Fund.....	9 00	

\$2,656 13

By cash, to Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer 2,656 13 | |

The accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the W. H. & F. M. Society for the last two years ending March 31, 1907, have been carefully examined and found to be correct.

HELEN B. ZIMMERMAN,

ZELLA B. WATKINS,

Auditing Committee.

Report of Committee on Home Mission Box-Work, 1905-1907.

Mrs. Fanny C. Reeves, Dayton, O., Committee on Home Box-Work, read the following :

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES.	Number of Boxes.	Value.
Alleghany.....	1	\$74 00
Central Illinois.....	2	257 25
Central Pennsylvania.....	3	230 00
East Ohio.....	2	401 25
East Pennsylvania.....	23	2405 92
Hartwick.....	2	340 68
Iowa.....	2	92 00
Kansas.....	1	130 00
Maryland.....	25	2648 61
Miami.....	24	967 72
New York and New Jersey.....	3	215 00
Cash.....		15 00
Olive Branch.....	1	106 00
Pittsburgh.....	8	589 45
Rocky Mountain.....	1	10 00
Susquehanna.....	4	373 00
West Pennsylvania.....	10	797 50
Wittenberg.....	4	247 00
Total.....	116	\$10,500 38

The report shows that four synodical societies, which contributed \$574.00 in 1903 and 1905 have not reported any box-work for the past biennium.

One synodical society, Rocky Mountain, has been added to the list of contributors.

The totals show a decrease of 24 in the number of boxes sent and in value, \$57.24.

A number of societies and congregations failed to do the usual amount of box-work, because there were no application blanks to send them. As a committee we thank the societies for the generous and prompt relief sent to California in April last.

Quite a sum of money and numerous boxes were sent to pastors in that State, very little of which has been reported to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY C. REEVES,

Chairman.

Mrs. Fred. Hanzsche, Baltimore, Committee on Foreign Box-Work, read the following :

Foreign Missionary Box-Work, 1905-1907.

We come with the largest report in the history of our work, due not to special appeals to the Church, but because of renewed interest in the cause.

AFRICA.

During the previous biennium the Girls' School at Muhlenberg being closed

for some months, at the reorganizing of the school many friends responded by supplying such articles as were necessary to make the home habitable, and supply the girls with requisites for their education and home comforts; since which time much has been prepared and sent as tokens of love and good wishes. In anticipation of the going forth of our two young friends to the Muhlenberg field of work, the S. Conference of Pittsburgh Synod have just furnished three boxes which contain many articles that will brighten the home and cheer the hearts of those who are about to go forth, as also the one who is now laboring so faithfully in her lonely sphere. Among some of the things sent were kindergarten outfit, medicine cases and outfit, fine camera, steamer rug, dishes, table and kitchen utensils, rubber boots, books, student's lamp, blankets, washable rugs, etc.

To the many boxes prepared by Synodical Societies, Conferences, churches and Auxiliaries, the C. E. Society of St. Matthew's, Philadelphia, S. S. of Milton, Pa., and many individual friends have added their gifts of love.

While our figures \$862.00 make a large showing for Africa, but a small portion has gone to the direct work of furnishing clothing and necessities for the children.

Miss Klein's requests for the school have been very moderate; much has been sent to both girls' and boys' school for children and missionaries as Christmas gifts.

Although permission was given to make an appeal for Africa, we have not felt the necessity, but when we announce our small balance in the Treasury and the annual needs of the school to be met by October 1st, the situation will speak for itself, for so long as we have mission schools and missionaries in Africa supplies must be sent.

I have prepared in connection with our exhibit specimens of the character and quality of goods needed for both our Africa and India fields, and believe that you will thus have a better conception of what, when and how to send, and spare the Committee considerable correspondence, time and labor.

INDIA.

Our report for India far exceeds anything of the past, due to a placing before you at our last convention the statement that we had done so little and the needs were urgent.

Your liberal response exceeded our brightest hopes, and to-day we can only say thank you, and ask that you continue your good work.

The number of beds in the hospital have greatly increased, and the need for bedding is ever before you. We have furnished sheets, spreads, towels, draw-sheets for the hospital, and books, scrap-books, Sunday-school rolls, pictures, sewing bags, pencils, handkerchiefs, thimbles, cotton, scissors, soaps, doll clothes, writing pads, etc., which are used as prizes and gifts for the children of the day and Sunday-schools.

The interest has been great among our young people as well as our women. We have had gifts of valuable books illustrated by Doré, which will prove

instructive and entertaining to the older students. As regards the character and quality of the goods sent to both fields there can be no objectionable criticism. Circulars explaining the work will be found with the exhibit.

We cannot close this brief report without a word in regard to the great loss we have sustained in the going home of our best friend to the work, Mr. O. F. Lantz. For nearly thirty years he has been the staunch friend of the missionaries in both India and Africa in this special department.

Since my connection with the work, in the last eight years, the demand upon his time and patience has been great; but never by a word or look has he shown any desire to be relieved of this additional care, or made us feel that we were trespassing upon his business hours and space.

You will realize something of the conditions when I say that frequently when preparing for a shipment to both Girls' and Boys' School in Africa, there have been as many as fifty-seven cases on the first floor of his warehouse, covering a space of ten days or more while collecting preparatory for shipment.

He personally supervised the numbering, marking, and strapping of the boxes and barrels, and in many instances, when we found it necessary to open and repack cases which were not considered seaworthy, he showed the greatest interest in the materials and quality of the goods sent to the Girls' School, as he remembered the high silk hats and ill-shapen garments of years ago.

His place has not been filled, as no one has come forward who is willing to undertake the shipping, but the Committee have made temporary arrangements, and so the work has been going on, as two shipments have been made since his death.

For the use of the Boys' School we have purchased and shipped over \$1,400.00 of goods at the expense of the Board of Foreign Missions.

SUGGESTIONS.

Again we ask for annual Synodical returns, since it seems so difficult to secure correct biennial returns.

That you take with you and follow carefully the directions given in the circulars, that the labors of the Committee may be lightened and the work expedited.

That you accept the thanks of the Committee for your more than liberal response to the needs of the work without any special appeals.

SYNODICAL VALUATION FOR 1903-1905.

SYNODS.	India.	Africa.	Total value.
Alleghany		\$42 87	\$42 87
East Pennsylvania.....	\$130 89	88 50	219 39
Central Illinois	13 00	17 50	30 50
Olive Branch.....	65 75	22 75	88 50
Franckean	7 00	53 66	60 66
Susquehanna.....	266 86	29 82	296 68
Hartwick	22 20	.....	22 20
New York and New Jersey	37 75	.....	37 75
West Pennsylvania.....	15 00	.....	15 00

Northern Illinois.....	63 49	55 50	118 49
Central Pennsylvania.....	174 64	156 56	331 20
Miami.....	7 50	7 50	15 00
Pittsburgh.....	48 85	253 99	302 84
Maryland.....	26 00	150 00	176 00
Nebraska.....	4 50	.....	4 50
Rocky Mountain.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Per Dr. Scholl for hospital.....	150 00	.....	150 00
	<u>\$1036 43</u>	<u>\$878 15</u>	<u>\$1914 58</u>

AFRICA 1905-1907. CASH STATEMENT.

April 1, 1905. To balance.....	\$116 21
Cash for general fund.....	191 98
Interest.....	6 60
	<u>\$314 79</u>
Cash expended.....	257 40
April 1, 1907. Balance.....	\$57 39

INDIA, 1905-1907.

April, 1905-1907. Cash received for hospital.....	\$223 20
Cash expended.....	223 13
April 1, 1907. Balance.....	07

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. A. HANZSCHE,

Chairman.

Mrs. E. B. Scholl, Baltimore, Historian, submitted the following report :

Historian's Report.

With thanks to our heavenly Father for His love and for His watchful care over our work during the last two years, we come again to measure the distance traversed and the results accomplished by the reports which we present at this our Fifteenth Biennial Convention.

There is occasion for rejoicing in the fact that your Historian is able to come before you with good tidings concerning the work. Could the replies received from our Synodical Historians in response to the question, "Watchman! tell us of the night," be formulated in a sentence, the response would be "The morning cometh."

It would be impossible to formulate a correct statistical report from those received from the Synodical Historians, as many of the Auxiliaries did not report to them. Aside from the collecting, as far as possible, of all historical material pertaining to the respective Synodical Societies, their reports depend largely in statement of methods employed in the development of workers, and used by them to awaken the indifferent, stimulate the interested, educate and train the young. Among those given we find a great similarity in the persistent use of old and effective means, as sermons by pastors, missionary ones

of course, by the distribution of tracts and placing leaflets in the pews, by personal effort such as house-to-house visitation, holding public meetings, forming Home Departments and Mission Study classes, and arranging an extra-attractive program for the monthly meeting in which the special occasions such as Woman's Day, Ingathering, Thank-offering and May Memorial is observed.

LIFE MEMBERS.

This goodly company of those thus designated as life members "interested for life," now number 1,144 by the addition of the 239 new names reported to me for the biennium. Out of the whole number, however, 30 have been removed by death, and we pause as we say

IN MEMORIAM.

In the home-going of some our members whose practical knowledge of and long experience in the work made them such valuable advisers and helpers, there have been vacancies created not only in family circles, but also in the ranks of our leaders and workers. Mrs. Elizabeth Stoeber, whose beautiful life of 87 years has closed, is among the number. For ten years she served as president of a Woman's Society, and her interest in all missionary enterprises grew with her advancing years. And the friend and helper of our woman's work, Mr. Oliver F. Lantz, through the quiet gentleness of his manner and the labor of his hands, won the love and gratitude of our hearts. All over the church he is missed, but his memory shall ever be cherished. In the foreign field Africa has received the life-offering of another worker, Rev. W. R. Miller, whose "sun hath gone down while it is yet day." We have also to record the death of Mrs. S. S. Waltz, the organizer and first president of the Northern Illinois and Kansas Synodical Societies, president for one year of the Olive Branch Synodical Society and vice-president for one term of the General Society. No words of ours can add to her life of loving service and consecrated activity. Mrs. M. J. Schauer, first Historian of the Kansas Synodical Society, and Mrs. A. J. Kissel, a faithful member of the Executive Committee, are also worthy of special mention. With heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved parents we also mention that precious little "bud of promise," youngest life member of our Society, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Hay, of Allegheny, Pa., whom heaven has recently claimed. During the biennium 152 of our active members have gone to their reward. These, with the thirty life members, bring our loss by death to 182. We extend our sincere and hearty sympathy to all who have thus been bereaved and commend them to the loving care of our heavenly Father. Their memories will ever linger with us and be perpetuated in our special memorial offerings. One of our synodical historians, writing on this subject, says, "With these departed ones always in remembrance, we have come each year to bring a little gift to the altar, that the good work of their hands may not have died with them. As our death-roll grows in number let our work grow in spirit and in good gifts, holding the faithful always in remembrance."

Two requests have come to me from many synodical historians and by members of the societies.

First, Cannot the names and membership of life members be retained on the roll of the Synod in which they were made?

Second, Can we not have a special object for which to apply our May Memorial Offering?

The Executive Committee has decided that matter for the present.

From the reports received by your Historian it appears that the majority of our members believe that systematic and proportionate giving and tithing are the methods best adapted both for the securing of funds and the spiritual development of our membership. In the language of one of our synodical historians, "The Prayer Circle and Tithe Givers are now established little bands among us. In these observances we find the germ of future growth. They are in the line of our future development. They are a species of regular nutriment. They turn into blood in the veins of our work. Thus increasing effort, with wide-spreading system, shall eventually build for us a body of history that shall endure in the annals of the church."

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT.

For some time past it has been my pleasure and privilege to spend many hours among the records of the past years, collecting facts, figures and dates, and in securing from our Synodical historians the material, printed and pictured, which is calculated to keep fresh in our memories the faithful workers whose lives of earnest consecration have made a sacred heritage for us to cherish. Much of this accumulated material has been placed in the mission exhibit which is open for your inspection to-day.

The contribution from the historian's collection consists of 14 charts representing in a brief panoramic view the development of the work from one biennium to another. A mere skeleton of history, topics which we trust will afford profit in their contemplation, and keener appreciation of the work which each represents. Also 14 other charts illustrative of the country and people in India and Africa, 18 double charts prepared from material sent by Synodical historians, and 14 double charts illustrative of our home missions and photographs of home missionaries, 60 in all. In addition to these are samples of bound volumes of the *Missionary Journal*, *Mission Studies*, *Children's Missionary*, General Convention minutes, and a few samples of scrap books containing published writings of our missionaries. All this material with other records of the biennium are added to the general historical collection.

We wish to express our appreciation of the liberal contribution by Mr. Boner in the binding, free of charge, twenty books, consisting of copies of the *Missionary Journal*, *Mission Studies* and minutes of the General Convention.

This exhibit as an educational factor marks an epoch in the history of our work and the lessons which it teaches should be imparted in our homes, demonstrated before the societies and at our Synodical Conventions. For some time past a number of our Synodical historians have been asking for the

appointment in the local societies of such auxiliary historians, and our earnest desire is to have such an appointment made in each auxiliary.

OUR SOCIETY.

According to the latest statistics the Lutheran Church of the General Synod has a communicant membership of 263,821. Of this number nearly 30,000 are members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, including 3,784 members of the Young Peoples' Society and about 7,000 members of the Children's Bands. There are 24 Synodical Societies and 911 Auxiliaries. The oldest Synodical Society is the Iowa and the youngest the Rocky Mountain. The East and West Pennsylvania and the Maryland Synodical Society embraces one-fourth of the entire membership of the General Society.

The approximate total offering since the organization of the work at Canton, O., is \$750,000. Although our work was organized only 28 years ago 16 Synodical Societies have celebrated their 25th anniversary. We congratulate them upon the interesting and inspiring historical records they have made, and wish them still greater successes in the future.

BASIS OF GROWTH.

Having briefly referred to the Church as a whole and to the development of our department of its work, we might raise the question as to whether in our anxiety for immediate results we have not overlooked one important branch of the work on which the permanency of the whole largely depends. I refer to the development of the missionary spirit in the Sunday-school. As mission workers we need to take a long look ahead. We give years of time and effort and spend large sums of money in the secular education of our children before we see any returns from the investment. The same holds good in the training of the children for the Master's service. Ten, fifteen, twenty years from now this work will be in the hands of the children who are in our Sunday-schools to-day. We dare not take the position that all our money is needed to support the work in our Home and Foreign Mission fields. Taking the long look ahead, it must appear to every thoughtful person that the foundations for a large and permanent success must be laid in our Sunday-schools, and that a liberal expenditure of money in furnishing them with interesting and attractive missionary reading would be the wisest possible expenditure we could make. The leading idea of our Society from its very beginning was the dissemination of missionary information. Where can this be done with better and more lasting results than among our young people? If we fail here we fail at the most vital and strategic point. If we succeed here with our 225,000 children and young people we shall secure the largest possible results for the work in the years to come. The *Children's Missionary* is admirably adapted for this work, but its circulation needs to be increased ten-fold. It might be worth while to try the experiment of circulating it in all our schools free of charge for a year or two in order to create a larger de-

mand for it. If this should be thought to be too expensive let us begin with attractive, illustrated leaflets.

We have been told that there is very little demand for "children's" literature, then let us create it.

At a brewers' convention held a few years ago in one of our large cities, a great anxiety was expressed about the fact that the receipts appeared to be lessening and measures *must* be adopted looking to their increase. After long discussion and deliberation the conclusion arrived at was that "a taste for liquor must be created in the appetite of the children," and so they began by putting brandy in the cheap candy. A Satanic result to be reached, but the method employed was most reasonable.

In conversation with a successful business man a few weeks ago he said, we did not start out to make money in a year or two, which we could have done easily, but we spent thousands of dollars of our capital during the first years in laying a foundation for the future. We looked twenty years ahead in our planning for large and permanent results, and we were not disappointed. In order to accomplish the best results in this line of work, not only in the Sunday-school, but also in the Church, in the administrative work of our Executive, General Literature, and indeed all of our Committees, all need our generous support and ought to be well supplied with means for the largest development of each department.

The material issued by our General Literature Committee, compares most favorably in quality and attractiveness with that of other denominations, but it needs a very much wider circulation. How this should be done might be a profitable subject for discussion. Why do we have so few members in our Young People's Societies as recruits for the women's organizations? It may be that we have been slack in the sowing of missionary seed.

It must be conceded then that large and successful as our work has become under the faithful and efficient services of our missionaries, and notwithstanding their call for more liberal aid in their needs to establish work begun and open new lines for activity, the truth remains, that the future of our work depends largely upon the success we may have in developing an intelligent missionary spirit not only among our women but in the children and youth of the Church and to this work we need to address ourselves with ever increasing devotion and liberality.

We are confident that our pastors would not regard our coming like unto a great wave of the sea, sweeping everything before it, but actively entering, as an educating force, and not to get the offerings, which the larger church work needs, we will be welcomed.

In a recent issue of the *Sunday School Times* the following statement is made: "The implanting of the missionary spirit so as to give it control of the life of every pupil may fairly be said to be the chief and sole purpose of the Sunday-school. Therefore if a Sunday-school fails here, it fails not only as a powerful ally of the great missionary boards, but it fails as a Sunday-school."

There is a great movement being inaugurated toward the introduction in the Sunday-schools at large of manual and illustrative work supplemental to the International lessons. Shall we not have a large share in this laudable movement which is also being introduced into missionary organizations?

In closing we congratulate the officers and members of the Executive Committee and indeed all who by their efforts and offerings have aided the work, on the splendid results achieved; but let us remember that only as "we strengthen the stakes" can we "lengthen the cords."

In doing this let us not rest until we have not only a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every Church, but every woman and child a well informed member of the Society.

ADDITIONS TO THE HISTORICAL COLLECTION.

Minutes of General Society for 1903 and 1905.

MINUTES OF SYNODICAL SOCIETIES.

Minutes of 1905 and 1906 for each of the Synodical Societies.

LUTHERAN MISSIONARY JOURNAL.

Volume XXII contains issue of 1903.

Volume XXIV contains issue of 1904.

MISSION STUDIES

Volume VI contains issue of 1905 to 1907.

THE CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY.

Volume XV contains issue of 1905.

Volume XVI contains issue of 1906.

BOOKS.

Books in the United Study Course:

Christus Redemptor.

Christus Liberator.

Report of the India Conference for 1905 to 1907.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Photographs of buildings, natives and native life, illustrative of our woman's work in India and Africa.

Photographs of Home Missionaries.

Photographs of Foreign Missionaries.

Illustrated books containing matter of historical interest connected with each Synodical Society, with reports of Historians, illustrated books of Home Missions and missionaries, and in addition scrap books containing the writings of Home and Foreign missionaries.

Historian's Report—Appendix No. 1.

General Society was Organized at Canton, O., June 11, 1897.

	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Receipts.
May 7-9, 1881, Altoona, Pa.....	150	4,009	\$7,067 93
May 23-24, 1883, Springfield, O....	237	6,394	11,822 57
June 2-4, 1885, York, Pa.....	331	9,525	18,825 98
May 24-27, 1887, Wooster, O.....	425	11,129	28,078 22
June 4-7, 1889, Baltimore, Md.....	507	13,801	32,331 35
May 12-15, 1891, Canton, O.....	584	10,179	42,267 96
June 22-26, 1893, Omaha, Neb.....	678	18,422	40,640 23
June 13-17, 1895, Williamsport, Pa..	736	19,553	42,456 34
May 25-28, 1897, Dayton, O.....	722	19,490	42,817 74
May 9-12, 1899, Baltimore, Md.....	729	19,231	41,000 45
May 1-6, 1901, Washington, D. C...	762	20,078	50,641 64
May 26-29, 1903, Pittsburg, Pa.....	758	22,087	59,939 50
May 23-26, 1905, Springfield, O.....	867	27,362	60,791 44
May 7-10, 1907, Philadelphia, Pa...	932	20,875	\$101,403 87

Historian's Report—Appendix No. 2.

At the suggestion of the General Treasurer, Mrs. A. V. Hamma, at the convention held in Wooster, O., in 1887, it was decided to hold a Thank-Offering Service at the close of the first decade. The amount received was \$6,100.03.

A Thank-Offering Memorial Service was also arranged for at the close of the second decade. Mrs. Hamma preceded the reception of the Offering by a most impressive and suggestive address. The offering amounted to \$4,771.08.

The Memorial Offering for the Silver Jubilee Anniversary amounted to \$28,897.31.

Historian's Report—Appendix No. 3.

Mrs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg was elected President June, 1879, and resigned June, 1880.

Mrs. J. F. Shaffer succeeded to the office June, 1880, and died May 23, 1883.

Mrs. J. S. Detwiler was elected May, 1883, and continued in office until May, 1891.

Mrs. Dr. Alstead, First Vice-President, in the absence of the President, presided at the convention of 1887, Wooster, O.

Mrs. A. V. Hunter was elected May, 1891, and served until May, 1897.

Mrs. Alice G. Bond was elected May, 1897, and continued in office until May, 1901.

Mrs. J. P. Krechting was elected May, 1901, and continued in office until May, 1905.

Mrs. P. A. Heilman elected May, 1905.

By action of the convention, held in Dayton, Ohio, 1899, the office of President of the General Society was limited to two terms.

SCRAP BOOKS.

These contain the published correspondence of our Foreign missionaries, and all matter pertaining to the Home Missions fostered by the Woman's Society.

HOME MISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN AIDED BY THE W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY.

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| 1. Freeport, Ill. | 16. Immanuel, Chicago, Ill. |
| 2. Lincoln, Ill. | 17. Redlands, Cal. |
| 3. Denver, Col. | 18. Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill. |
| 4. San Francisco, Cal. | 19. Santa Barbara, Cal. |
| 5. Los Angeles, Cal. | 20. Rensselaer, N. Y. |
| 6. Sacramento, Cal. | 21. Pasadena, Cal. |
| 7. Oakland, Cal. | 22. North Beach, San Francisco, Cal. |
| 8. San José, Cal. | 23. Crafton, Pa. |
| 9. Council Bluffs, Iowa. | 24. Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 10. Ann Arbor, Mich. | 25. Kansas City, Kan. |
| 11. Riverside, Cal. | 26. Fresno, Cal. |
| 12. Scranton, Pa. | 27. Los Angeles, Cal. |
| 13. Stockton, Cal. | 28. San Francisco, Cal. |
| 14. Alameda, Cal. | 29. Clarksburg, Va. |
| 15. Jersey City, N. J. | 30. Long Beach, Cal. |

SYNODICAL HISTORIANS.

Iowa, Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Council Bluffs, Ia.
 Northern Illinois, Mrs. Harry Longman, Des Moines, Ia.
 Nebraska, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice, Neb.
 East Pennsylvania, Miss Rebecca Gordon, Lionville, Pa.
 Miami, Miss Sarah A. Pope, Dayton, O.
 Wittenberg, Mrs. S. E. Greenawalt, Bellefontaine, O.
 Pittsburgh, Mrs. Charles F. Stifel, Alleghany, Pa.
 Kansas, Mrs. Olive J. Peters, Salina, Kan.
 Central Pennsylvania, Mrs. Spangler, Yeagerstown, Pa.
 East Ohio, Mrs. W. B. Winch, New Philadelphia, O.
 Susquehanna, Mrs. Grant Herring, Bloomsburg, Pa.
 Alleghany, Mrs. Charles Geesey, Altoona, Pa.
 West Pennsylvania, Mrs. J. W. Richard, Gettysburg, Pa.
 Hartwick, Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Cobleskill, N. Y.
 Olive Branch, Mrs. Emma Crivel, Richmond, Ind.
 Northern Indiana, Mrs. W. C. Patterson, St. Joe, Ind.
 Franckean, ————

Maryland, Miss Sarah C. Trump, Manchester, Md.
 New York and New Jersey, _____
 Central Illinois, Miss Mary E. Springer, Springfield, Ill.
 California, Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Riverside, Cal.
 Rocky Mountain, Mrs. Albert F. Sittloh, Denver, Col.
 Southern Illinois, Mrs. McLaughlin, President and acting Historian.

TRACTS PUBLISHED DURING BIENNIIUM, 1905-1907.

For Sale :

- No. 236. Lutheran Missions in Japan.
- No. 237. How to do it.
- No. 238. Try Thanks Giving.
- No. 239. Coming.
- No. 240. What is Seen from the Pharos.
- No. 241. Peoples and Religions of Africa.
- No. 242. A Lutheran Outlook.
- No. 243. Lutheran Missions in Africa.
- No. 244. A Hero of the Cross.
- No. 245. My Visit to Guntur.
- No. 246. Our New Immigrant Problem.
- No. 248. Puschkaram.
- No. 249. The Marching Order of the Church.
- No. 251. The W. H. & F. M. S. as a Factor in Our Church Work.
- No. 252. Lutheran Missions among the Pacific Islanders.

Free :

- No. 247. The Thank-Offering.
- No. 250. The Mission Study Class. A Reward of Merit.

REPRINTS.

For Sale :

- No. 229. Her Offering.
- No. 103. Will's Star.
- No. 238. Try Thanks Giving.
- No. 88. The Society at Springtown.

Free :

- No. 206. The Why and How of Our Home Department.
- No. 209. Wanted! A New Generation of Missionary Workers! Second and Third Editions.
- No. 118. What Our W. H. & F. M. S. is Doing. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Editions.
- No. 178. The Cradle Roll.
- No. 222. How to Start a Mission Bank.
- No. 214. How to Start a Cradle Roll.
- No. 232. Cradle Roll Work.

LIFE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE BIENNIUM, 1905 TO 1907.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stoever, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. Nellie Ashley, Springfield, Ohio.
Mrs. S. S. Waltz, Louisville, Ky.	Mrs. Mary Gates, Mansfield.
Mrs. Lola Shanks, Louisville, Ky.	Mrs. Anna Hoover, Bucyrus, Ohio.
Mr. James A. Price, Hon.	Mrs. Asaiah Broken, Wapakoneta.
Mrs. Mary A. Philips, Yeagertown, Pa.	Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.
Mrs. Mary I. Gelwicks, Rockford, Ill.	Mrs. Lily, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Mrs. C. Gonnerman, Dixon, Ill.	Mrs. P. Anstadt, York, Pa.
Mrs. Catharine Haunty, Lewisburg.	Miss Kate Soliday, Wooster, Ohio.
Mrs. A. R. Howbert.	Mr. F. C. Miller, Hon., New Philadelphia, Ohio.
Mrs. Mary Stough.	Mrs. Maggie B. Starks, Allegheny, Pa.
Mrs. Albina Kemper, Bellefontaine, Ohio.	Rev. J. G. Goettman, D. D., Hon., Allegheny, Pa.
Mrs. Harriet Detweiler, Findlay, Ohio.	Katharine S. Hay, 4-year-old daughter of J. W. Hay, Allegheny, Pa.
Mrs. A. J. Kissell.	
Miss Maffie Ruhl.	

LIFE MEMBERS SECURED DURING THE BIENNIUM 1905 TO 1907.

Susquehanna Synodical Society.

Mrs. S. W. Kitchen, Hughesville.	Mr. Jacob Felter, Milton,
Mrs. Frank Catherman, Lewisburg.	Mrs. Catherine Kaupp, Hughesville.
Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D. D., Hon., Milton.	Mrs. Alice Heiser, Lewisburg.
Miss G. M. Derrickson, Milton.	Rev. C. R. Botsford, Berwick.

Nebraska.

Mrs. C. E. Aughey, Spokane, Wash.

East Ohio.

Mrs. Jacob Palmer, Wooster.	Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Wooster.
Miss Rilla Frey, Wooster.	

Northern Illinois.

Mrs. G. W. Halderman, Washington.	Mrs. C. E. Lincoln, Sterling.
Mrs. D. H. Thomas, Washington.	Mrs. Barbara Ramsdell, Sterling.
Mrs. H. O. Fleck, Sterling.	Mrs. H. M. Bannen, Rockford.
Mrs. S. L. Reed, Sterling.	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, Chicago.

East Pennsylvania.

Mrs. J. F. Seebach, Mahanoy City.	Mrs. S. S. Reigle, Philadelphia.
Mrs. S. D. Daugherty, Norwood.	Miss Mary Delk, Philadelphia.
Miss C. Cummings, Philadelphia.	

Olive Branch.

Mrs. G. C. Cromer, Louisville.	Mrs. O. Bushong, Louisville.
Miss L. Rehm, Louisville.	Miss Emma Estell, Edinburg.
Mrs. Q. Zimmerman, Louisville.	

Miami.

Rev. J. W. Kapp, D.D., Hon., Cincinnati.	Mrs. D. K. Royer, Springfield.
Miss Emma Schroeder, Cincinnati.	Mrs. Nettie Patterson, Urbana.
Miss Sarah A. Pope, Dayton.	Mrs. F. H. Cressler, Marietta.
Mrs. Mary Clappert, Brookville.	Miss Helen Louise Belmer, Cincinnati.

Wittenberg.

Mrs. H. L. Niles, Lexington.	Miss Ida May Moore, Bellefontaine.
Mrs. A. C. Miller, Plymouth.	Mrs. J. C. Fenner, Shiloh.
Mrs. E. H. Dornblaser, Springfield.	

West Pennsylvania.

Mrs. J. M. Strevig, York.	Mrs. Laura Mennigh, Shippensburg.
Miss Henrietta Eisenhart, York.	Mrs. E. Hatter, Shippensburg.
Miss Elizabeth McLean, Gettysburg.	

Pittsburgh.

Mrs. G. A. Kifer, Leechburg.	Mrs. B. C. King, Worthington.
Mrs. L. H. Smith, Allegheny.	Mrs. Dorothy Heckman, Rockville.
Mrs. Anna Wissell, Glenfield.	Mrs. W. J. Daugherty, Kellersburg.
Mrs. Emma Ross, Creighsville.	Mrs. Hannah Keller, Kellersburg.
Mrs. J. F. Graff, Worthington.	Mrs. George Bartz, Apollo.
Miss Virginia Graff, Worthington.	Miss Minnie Horning, Option.
Mrs. John Noble, Pittsburg.	Mrs. Will Zeiter, Punxsutawney.
Mrs. D. H. Fritz, Pittsburg.	Mrs. Harvey Walter, Punxsutawney.
Mrs. David Murray, Pittsburg.	Mrs. G. A. Weiss, Punxsutawney.
Mrs. J. C. Nicholas, Butler.	Mrs. Emma Kramer, Punxsutawney.
Mrs. Mary J. Clark, Worthington.	Mrs. S. T. Heimes, Punxsutawney.
Mrs. D. H. Hoover, East Pittsburg.	Rev. A. J. Turkle, D.D., Hon., Alleghany.

Central Pennsylvania.

Mrs. W. L. Goss, Belleville.	Mrs. John S. McNabb, Belleville.
Mrs. Joseph H. McClintic, Belleville.	Mrs. Elizabeth Ealy, Belleville.
Mrs. W. H. Dolbeer, Belleville.	Mrs. B. F. Klepfer, Reedsville.
Mrs. J. D. Stroup, Belleville.	Miss Margaret Axe, Yeagertown.
Mrs. Edward Stumph, Belleville.	Rev. J. P. Neff, Hon., Mifflin.
	Rev. D. E. McClain, Liberty.

Maryland.

Mrs. M. L. Trowbridge, Lutherville.	Mrs. C. G. Kriel, Sr., Baltimore.
Mrs. W. H. Dunbar, Baltimore.	Mrs. W. F. A. Kemp, Baltimore.
Mrs. Susan Dunbar, Baltimore.	Mrs. C. G. Kriel, Jr., Baltimore.
Mrs. G. M. Leisenring, Baltimore.	Mrs. Benjamin Sadtler, Baltimore.
Mrs. A. J. Hamilton, Baltimore.	Miss Kate Sadtler, Baltimore.
Mrs. W. H. Davis, Baltimore.	Miss E. Becker, Baltimore.
Miss E. L. Brauns, Baltimore.	Miss B. Appold, Baltimore.
Miss Minnie Scheuermann, Baltimore.	Sister Lina Scheuler, Baltimore.

- Mrs. A. Staib, Baltimore.
 Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., Baltimore.
 Mrs. Alabama Fitch, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Daniel Rider, Baltimore.
 Mrs. J. H. Todd, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Thomas Deaver, Baltimore.
 Miss Lula Deaver, Baltimore.
 Mr. Geo. Gilbert Deaver, Baltimore.
 Miss Marie Hynson, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Mary Beard, Uniontown.
 Mr. John T. Beard, Uniontown.
 Rev. U. S. G. Rupp, Baltimore.
 Mrs. U. S. G. Rupp, Baltimore.
 Mr. Lewis J. Lederer, Baltimore.
 Mr. Oliver F. Lantz, Baltimore.
 Mr. Charles A. Studebaker, Baltimore.
 Mrs. W. P. Chambers, Baltimore.
 Miss Bertha Appold, Baltimore.
 Mrs. John O. Yoder, Silver Run.
 Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D. D., Baltimore.
 Miss Amelie Anna Klein, Baltimore.
 Miss Ella Binck, Baltimore.
 Mrs. S. Short, Baltimore.
 Miss Hannah Broening, Baltimore.
 Mrs. H. F. Vogel, Baltimore.
 Miss Nellie A. Davidson, Baltimore.
 Rev. I. C. Burke, D. D., Baltimore.
 Miss Marie Staib, Baltimore.
 Miss Gertrude Kepner, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Sarah Schaffer, Middletown.
 Mr. Charles Abham, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Jonathan French, Baltimore.
 Mrs. George F. Miller, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Mary B. Schueler, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Margaret Moore, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Anna Biemiller, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Mamie Brill, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Annie Valentine, Baltimore.
 Mrs. Anna Minnich Rether, Baltimore.
 Mrs. F. A. Hanzsche, Baltimore.
 Miss Mary A. Senn, Baltimore.
 Mrs. J. S. Simon, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. W. H. Bixler, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. Clara Beard, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. Iva Hays, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. W. W. Stover, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. S. F. Ziegler, Baltimore.
 Mrs. A. Heiner, Baltimore.
 Mrs. E. Hollstein, Baltimore.
 Dr. F. H. Seiss, Taneytown.
 Mrs. F. H. Seiss, Taneytown.
 Mrs. Ezra K. Reaver, Taneytown.
 Mrs. Margaret Hampson, Baltimore.
 Miss Olivia Hampson, Baltimore.
 Miss Nellie Kranz, Baltimore.
 Mr. Robert Andrews, Baltimore.
 Mr. Robert G. Galt, Baltimore.
 Miss Margaret F. Klinefelter, Baltimore.
 Rev. P. A. Heilman, D. D. (Hon.), Baltimore.
 Dr. Mary Baer, Guntur, India.
 Mrs. G. S. Hill, Martinsburg.
 Mrs. C. S. Trump, Martinsburg.
 Mrs. Clara E. Blandell, Martinsburg.
 Mrs. Ella Sanner Weaver, Middletown.
 Mrs. A. C. Frey, Baltimore.
 Miss Mary Loney, Baltimore.
 Mrs. F. Goedeke, Baltimore.
 Mrs. H. Repson, Baltimore.
 Mrs. John C. Weil, Baltimore.
 Mrs. C. F. Steck, Frederick.
 Mrs. Bettie Englehecht, Frederick.
 Miss Louisa Englehecht, Frederick.
 Mrs. J. G. Shunk, Westminster.
 Mrs. G. H. Baughman, Uniontown.
 Mrs. Ellen M. Clark, Cumberland.
 Rev. G. W. Baughman, Uniontown.
 Mrs. Emma Weaver, Baltimore.
 Mrs. P. M. Spangler, Frostburg.
 Mrs. F. R. Wagner, Frostburg.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, Frostburg.
 Miss Louise K. Shaffer, Frostburg.
 Rev. F. R. Wagner, Frostburg.
 Miss Elizabeth Trump, Manchester.
 Rev. L. W. Shifferd, Clarksburg.
 Miss Louise Schweinsberg, Catonsville.

Miss Mamie Gogle, Baltimore.
 Miss Lizzie Gogle, Baltimore.
 Miss Lizzie Storey, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. J. F. Harmon, Hagerstown.
 Miss Grace Schindel, Hagerstown.
 Miss Estie Main, Hagerstown.
 Miss Mame Kephart, Cumberland.
 Mrs. H. R. Donnelly, Cumberland.
 Miss Mary Baylies, Baltimore.
 Mrs. F. W. Beck, Baltimore.

Miss Wilhemina Kriel, Baltimore.
 Miss Eleanora Kriel, Baltimore.
 Miss Anna Wilhide, Baltimore.
 Miss Emma Kate Schott, Baltimore.
 Miss Elizabeth V. Denby, Baltimore.
 Miss Rebecca Brewer, Hagerstown.
 Mrs. Abram Heilman, Baltimore.
 Mr. Charles C. Leithauser, Baltimore.
 Miss Mary C. Leithauser, Baltimore.

California Synodical Society.

Mrs. S. B. Myers, San Francisco.
 Mrs. J. E. Hoick, San Diego.
 Mrs. Marie Hill, Redlands.
 Mrs. Marie Jacobs, Redlands.
 Miss Anna Solem, Redlands.
 Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Redlands.
 Mrs. Chas. Oehler, Sacramento.

Mrs. Flora Eaton, Los Angeles.
 Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento.
 Mrs. Leora Reimer, Riverside.
 Mrs. O. J. Valentine, Redlands.
 Miss Elenor Wilson, Redlands.
 Miss Hilma Johnson, Redlands.

Owing to the length of the program it was moved and carried that the time of the afternoon session be extended one hour, making the hour of adjournment 4 p. m. instead of 3 p. m.

Mrs. M. H. Morris, Chairman of General Literature, read the report on Literature in these words :

Report of the General Literature Committee.

To the President and Members of the Convention : The report of the General Literature Committee is herewith presented :

Organization.—The Committee as elected by the convention at Springfield, Ohio, held their first meeting June 29, 1905. The organization of the previous biennium continued, as follows :

Chairman.—Mrs. W. H. James.

Recording Secretary.—Miss S. M. Protzman.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss M. H. Morris.

Secretary of Literature and Treasurer.—Miss S. M. Protzman.

In September, 1905, Mrs. W. H. James, on account of the ever-increasing pressure of home duties, felt obliged to resign her position as Chairman, and the Committee, with great regret, were compelled to accept her resignation. Mrs. James had served so long and so faithfully and efficiently in this position that the Committee felt it a great loss to be deprived of her valuable counsel and wise judgment; consequently she was made an honorary and advisory member. Miss Clara V. Sadtler was elected to fill the vacancy in the regular membership.

Miss M. H. Morris was elected Chairman in September, 1905. The office

of Corresponding Secretary being now vacant on account of this appointment, Miss E. L. Brauns was elected to that office.

In November, 1905, on account of having been elected to the position of General President, Mrs. P. A. Heilman felt obliged to withdraw from the Committee, and Miss Jessie Wenner was chosen to fill the vacancy.

In April, 1906, because of our increasing official duties, Miss T. M. Protzman found it necessary to give up the work of Recording Secretary, and Miss Mary Baylies kindly consented to undertake the position.

The appointments for corresponding members remain the same.

Mission Studies.—The circulation of *Mission Studies* is 1,200 copies including 137 complimentary, 50 of which are sent to theological students, 20 as exchanges with magazines of other denominations, and a copy to every Home and Foreign missionary supported by our General Society.

Tracts.—The total number of tracts published in the last two years is 101,500, this being 30,500 more than during the last biennium. Of these 42,000 were free tracts, 10,000 more than during the last biennium. In addition to these we have issued as monthly tracts 7,000 leaflets purchased from other denominations. We feel more and more that a larger circulation of our tracts would be greatly to the profit and extension of our general work.

Thank-Offering Boxes.—The number of these distributed was 15,689. Last biennium we reported 31,000, and the falling off is explained by the fact that the boxes are made to be used over and over again.

Thank-Offering Programs.—In the thank-offering season of 1905, at the suggestion of Mrs. A. G. Bond, Thank-Offering Secretary, the programs were sold, instead of being sent out free, the result being very satisfactory, as the number used is increasing each year. The number of programs sold is 8,500.

Topic Cards.—The number sold during the biennium is 4,200. They continue to be very popular, the last one on the Island World being particularly admired.

Post Cards.—These are very attractive and have been much in demand. We have published 17 with views of India, 4 of Africa, and 2 of Japan, 23 in all. Our first edition of 4,000 has been nearly exhausted, and we have a second edition of 8,500 ready for this convention.

Birthday Cards.—These are intended for the children of the Mission Bands and Cradle Rolls. We have four new ones of different kinds, one for members one year old, one for two years old, and two for older children, with the picture of a boy and girl.

Cradle Money Boxes.—These little money boxes for the Cradle Roll members are very attractive, and 1,000 of them have been sold.

Leader's Leaflet.—*What to do in the Mission Band*, by Mrs. C. E. Hay. This leaflet, lately published, will be found of inestimable value to leaders of Mission Bands, especially the new and inexperienced ones.

The Lutheran Woman's Missionary Magazine.—According to the decision at the last General Convention, that one member of the Literature Committee

should serve on the Committee to plan for the *Woman's Magazine*, Miss Protzman was appointed to the position. In accordance with this appointment she has attended four meetings of the Committee, three in Philadelphia and one in Baltimore, reporting to our Committee the proceedings of each conference. As the work of the Magazine Committee progressed we gave to them our heartiest support and endorsement. You have heard of the results of their work in the report of the Executive Committee.

United Study of Missions.—Abstracts of the lessons in the *United Study* have been continued in *Mission Studies*. These are, however, necessarily much abridged, and the Committee urge more thorough study of the subjects presented through the use of the text-book and the books in the Reference Library recommended by the Central Committee. Of *Christus Liberator* 500 copies have been sold, and of *Christus Redemptor* 650. Of Reference Libraries on the *Island World* 13 sets have been sold. Of Africa for Juniors 100 copies were sold, and of the Cruise in the *Island World*, this year's book for Juniors, 150. Of Africa pictures, 100 sets were sold, and of *Island World* pictures, 150. Maps of Africa 175, and of the *Island World* 165. Northfield Reports for 1905, 100, and for 1906, 175 were sold.

This United Study of Missions has greatly increased the interest of our women in missions, and also increased the circulation of our literature. The enthusiastic manner in which the study has been taken up by our women has been a subject of sincere gratification to our Committee, and also a wonderful stimulus to our work.

Mission Study Classes.—The Committee urge the formation of these classes in all our churches. It is impossible in the short time allotted to the study of the lesson in the monthly meeting to do justice to the subject, and the *Mission Study* class provides a much more thorough and comprehensive study. In congregations where there is no Missionary Society, this plan for the study of missions might be carried out and would certainly be a means of great pleasure and profit.

Literature to Theological Students.—The work of sending literature to the students in our theological seminaries has been continued, fifty copies of *Mission Studies* and a number of tracts having been sent every quarter.

Missionary Services and Hymnal.—As the publication of a new edition of this book was left to the discretion of the Committee by the last General Convention, and as the Committee feel there is a need for it, knowing the helpfulness of the former book and on account of frequent orders received, they decided to publish a new edition. This will be entirely different from the last edition having new services and new hymns, and will be much improved in every way. A sub-committee have charge of this work and progress is being made, but the matter is delayed from lack of funds.

Delegate to Interdenominational Conference at Northfield, Mass.—Mrs. T. M. Protzman was appointed to this position for the meetings of 1905-1906, and served very acceptably as our delegate. She carried with her a fine dis-

play of our literature, which was given a prominent place and attracted much attention. We recommend a larger attendance of our women at this and other summer schools of missions. Great profit is derived from the lectures on the subject of study for the succeeding year, from new ideas presented on methods of work, and from social intercourse and spiritual communion with highly educated and truly devoted Christian women of other denominations.

The Missionary Exhibit.—Early in the biennium our Committee decided to have a Missionary Exhibit at this Convention, which should illustrate our missionary work in general as well as the work of our Committee. A sub-committee was appointed and they have worked faithfully and well, as you will see from the results in the room above. We urge every member of this Convention carefully to examine this exhibit, as we feel that it is highly educational and instructive, as well as entertaining, as has already been presented to you. The work of the Exhibit has been financially supported by the Executive Committee. The Committee wishes to extend thanks to Synodical Literature Committees, Department Secretaries and the General Historian, who have so kindly co-operated in this work.

The Benediction.—In accordance with the decision of the last Convention, the Committee selected a benediction to be used at our monthly meetings. Request was made in the Journal for suggestions, and only three were received. One of these was selected, the 67th Psalm, 1st and 2nd verses. "God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known on earth, thy saving health among all nations." We hope that this benediction will be generally used.

The Badge Pin.—The Springfield Convention also gave this Committee the work of selecting a design for a badge pin to be used by our members. The design of a winged wheel, as was then suggested, was found to be impracticable, and it took much long and wearisome discussion as to design and coloring before the matter could be decided, and much vexatious delay before the badge pin could be finished.

The design is on exhibition at the Literature table, and orders will be taken for the pin.

The Committee present the following resolutions:

1. *Whereas*, The aim of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is to have an organization in every congregation, such broadening of the work means for the General Literature Committee additional expense of both publishing and administration.

2. *Whereas*, The General Literature Committee has endeavored to keep pace with this development of our General work, and with some success, as this report shows, we find our appropriation insufficient.

3. *Whereas*, The increased office work demands the full time of a Secretary, there should be an increase in the salary of the Secretary of Literature.

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That we ask for an appropriation of \$700 a year.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

MISS MARY HAY MORRIS, *Chairman*.

Miss Sallie M. Protzman read the financial report of the Literature Committee which was accompanied with the report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted :

BIENNIAL STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL LITERARY COMMITTEE FOR
BIENNIUM ENDING MARCH 31, 1907.

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To Balance April 1st, 1905	\$46 30
To Tracts	413 74
To Mission Studies	512 28
To Christus Liberator	147 02
To Christus Redemptor	222 93
To Christus Liberator Pictures	5 00
To Christus Redemptor Pictures	62 97
To Africa for Juniors	25 28
To Cruise in the Islands	29 76
To Maps of Africa	25 12
To Map of Island World	91 52
To Northfield Report	25 75
To Reference Library	115 00
To Via Christi	1 60
To Lux Christi	1 40
To Lux Christi Pictures	25
To Rex Christus	2 10
To Rex Christus Pictures	1 00
To Dux Christus	20 25
To Dux Christus Pictures	3 25
To Maps of Japan	2 40
To Japan for Juniors	20
To Outline Maps of Africa	4 34
To Coming Americans	25
To Sunrise in Sunrise Kingdom	6 55
To Daybreak in Dark Continent	20 30
To Conquest of India	3 50
To Aliens or Americans	4 95
To Mosaic No. 2	18 75
To Exercises and Recitations	11 38
To Thank-Offering Programs	79 47
To Thank-Offering Record Cards	1 69
To Postage on Thank-Offering Boxes	18 40
To Cradle Rolls	8 70
To Cradle Roll Certificate	27 76
To Cradle Roll Birthday Cards	9 53
To Cradle Roll Money Boxes	9 52
To Penny Helper Cards	7 08
To Mite Boxes	24 95
To Birthday Boxes	6 60
To Souvenir Cradle Boxes	3 00
To Doll	7 30
To Photos	11 35
To Handbooks	3 78
To Home Department Literature	42 85
To Compendium Parliamentary Law	11 75
To Post Cards	64 34

To Clipping Books	9 50
To Topic Cards	79 75
To Missionary Services and Hymnal	1 00
To Jubilee Prayer Calendar	54 54
To German Tracts	16
To Literature Other Denominations	61 53
To Among the Telugoos	12 50
To Barnitz Memorial	30 45
To Lone Woman in Africa	11 00
To Heroes of Cross in America	2 00
To History Lutheran Mission (Laury)	2 50
To Missionary Books	7 40
To Pictures Home Mission Churches	30
To Prints of India Buildings	50
To Thank-Offering Boxes	15
To How to Study Dux Christus	1 20
To Coin Envelopes	95
To Twentieth Year Souvenir	10
To Pencils and Pads	35
To Postage	46 26
To Expressage	1 85
To From Executive Committee for Credential Cards	6 75
To Special Fund Expenses Delegate to International Conference ..	1 00
To From Executive Committee for Deficit	150 00
To General Treasurer for Expenses Delegate to Intr. Confr.	10 00
To From Executive Committee for Thank-Offering Boxes	47 31
To From Executive Committee for Constitutions	21 00
To From Executive Committee for Exhibit	35 00
To From Executive Committee for Appropriation	800 00
Total	\$3,557 66

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By Tracts	\$560 27
By Mission Studies	589 42
By Christus Liberator	106 70
By Christus Liberator Pictures	20 60
By Christus Redemptor	88 49
By Christus Redemptor Pictures	16 09
By Africa for Juniors	21 18
By Cruise of Island World	14 63
By Map of Africa	17 50
By Map of Island World	63 03
By Northfield Report	21 62
By Reference Libraries	104 80
By Via Christi	1 40
By Lux Christi	1 33
By Lux Christi Pictures	25
By Rex Christus	25
By Dux Christus	10 72
By Outline Maps of Africa	1 82
By Coming Americans	70
By Sunrise in Sunrise Kingdom	5 22
By Daybreak in Dark Continent	19 29
By Thank-offering Programs	82 00
By Cradle Roll Certificates	22 00

By Cradle Roll Birthday Cards.....	14	15
By Cradle Roll Money Boxes	19	70
By Penny Helper Cards	6	50
By Topic Cards	72	75
By Mite Boxes	18	90
By Birthday Boxes	7	20
By Souvenir Cradle Boxes	7	75
By Photos	18	50
By Home Department Supplies	50	35
By Post Cards	55	50
By German Tracts.....	22	80
By Literature other Denominations	104	53
By Barnitz Memorial	21	28
By Lone Woman in Africa	15	29
By Heroes of the Cross in America	4	50
By Missionary Books	14	20
By Thank-offering Boxes.....	47	31
By Coin Envelopes.....		90
By Compendium Parliamentary Law.....	12	55
By Credentials	6	75
By Manuscript for Tracts.....	40	00
By Catalogues	13	75
By Jubilee Prayer Calendar.....	49	00
By Subscription to Miss. Review of World	5	00
By Stationery.....	29	20
By Postage.....	303	70
By Expressage	26	05
By Office Supplies and Expense	56	88
By Car fare	11	60
By Use of Telephone	4	50
By Office Rent and Storage	110	00
By Traveling Expenses	8	80
By Expenses Delegate to Northfield	50	97
By Convention folder.....	3	25
By Pencils for Convention.....		10
By Registration Fee for Missionary Institute	1	00
By Pads		15
By Constitutions	21	00
By Exhibit Fund.....	19	46
By Badge Design		5 00
By Clerical Work	146	51
By Editorial	150	00
By Salary Secretary of Literature.....	200	00
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	\$3,546	64
Balance		11 02
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	\$3,557	66

May 3, 1907.

Examined and found correct. Bills payable to the amount of \$1.50.

PEARRE E. CROWL,
WILLIAM P. KRAUSS.

A motion prevailed that the regular order of business be suspended, and Miss Sarah Van Gundy, of Forest Glen, Md., be heard on Mission Study Class Work.

Miss Van Gundy's talk was most highly interesting and instructive, and Mission Study class work received a great impetus.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer read the report of the Magazine Committee, whose appointment was authorized by the last General Convention. Her report was in these words:

Report of Magazine Committee.

The Magazine Committee authorized by the last General Convention was appointed as follows: by General Executive Committee, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer and Mrs. J. P. Krechting; by the General Literature Committee, Miss Sallie May Protzman.

The Magazine Committee has held four regular meetings. Mrs. K. B. Shaffer was elected Chairman of the Committee and General Editor of the Magazine; Miss S. M. Protzman, Secretary of the Committee and Editor of the Monthly Meeting Department of the Magazine; and Mrs. J. P. Krechting, Business Manager of the Magazine.

The first step taken by the Magazine Committee was to clear the way for the publication of this periodical. This has been done to the satisfaction of all parties interested in the *Lutheran Missionary Journal*.

The name decided upon for the proposed Magazine is "LUTHERAN WOMAN'S WORK."

This Magazine is to be the official organ of the W. H. & F. M. Society, and *Mission Studies*, long and favorably known in the work of the Society, is to be merged into it.

It is planned to issue the first number of the Magazine, January, 1908. The size of the Magazine is to be from 32 to 40 pages, and the first edition is to be 36 pages.

The subscription price is set at 50 cents, with an additional copy for every five new subscribers.

The Badge adopted for the Society by the General Literature Committee is to be the central figure on the cover design, and it is to be worked out in the Luther colors, if found practicable.

The first copy of the Magazine will be given to the highest bidder. One hundred autograph copies will be issued which will be sold at \$5.00 each.

The Magazine is to be published by the Lutheran Publication Society in Philadelphia, the Publication Society to publish and print the Magazine, mail it and take subscriptions for it. The subscription list is to be entirely in the hands of the Magazine Committee, and it will be the property of the General Society, said Magazine Committee, with the General Executive Committee and General Society back of it, to be responsible for any deficit at the end of each year, and any surplus to be applied to the General work of the Society or the enlargement of the Magazine.

The aim of the Committee for this, the first magazine to be published by the

Lutheran women of the world, is 10,000 subscriptions for the first year. This goal is possible, practicable and reasonable.

The Magazine Committee would recommend :

1. That the plans mapped out for *Lutheran Woman's Work* be endorsed by this Convention.
2. That at an early hour of this Convention time be given to start the subscription list to this magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

K. B. SHAFFER,
LOUISE K. KRECHTING,
SALLIE MAY PROTZMAN,
Magazine Committee.

The President appointed Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Mrs. Willard Larkin and Mrs. J. E. Hoick as a committee to report on the Report of the Magazine Committee.

Miss S. M. Protzman offered the following : As our new magazine is the most important thing claiming the attention of this committee, I move that the report of the Committee on Magazine Committee's Report be made the first order of business Thursday morning.

Motion carried.

At this time the Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, D. D., LL. D., of Syracuse, N. Y., who has been an extensive traveler in the Far East, and who, with his wife, has manifested a deep interest in our India Mission, was called to the platform and introduced. Rev. Zimmerman spoke briefly of our work, and was heard with great interest.

The Department Secretaries and Field Secretary submitted their respective reports as follows :

Home Department.

MISS CLARA V. SADTLER, *Secretary.*

Madam President and Members of Convention: Owing to the short term of office of your present Secretary, she begs your kindly forbearance for any inaccuracies in her report. To the former Secretary must be given the credit of organizing this branch of our woman's work. While we cannot as yet call it a very sturdy member of the missionary family, still its growth is normal. Some of its characteristics are very human : it does not always like to walk in regular paths, to follow definite rules, but as it grows in years we feel confident it will grow in grace. We encourage a free discussion of differences of opinion, and have received many valuable suggestions from our co-workers, the Synodical Secretaries.

In answer to some objections a series of questions and answers were arranged by Miss Protzman and the Secretary of the Olive Branch Synod.

Copies of these were sent in time to be read at each of the conferences last fall, where the Home Department had any organization. We hope to hear of a clearer knowledge of its purposes, and of new auxiliaries taking up the work in consequence. One of the most frequent answers we receive, when an effort is made to introduce the Home Department, is, we have a Sunday-school home department and cannot use two. We do not see why they should conflict, as our aim is to give to the women who cannot attend the missionary meetings *missionary literature, not Sunday-school lessons*, in their homes. We fully realize that the amount and character of literature we have thus far been able to distribute is inadequate. But in the near future we hope to remedy this by issuing a leaflet to be distributed quarterly, which will contain *weekly* readings, along the same lines as those provided for the meetings of the W. H. & F. M. Society.

Complaint has been made of the pledge of reading one half-hour weekly, when insufficient matter was supplied. We hope the plan of weekly readings will answer this. We have had reports of large numbers who were reading tracts distributed at the expense of different auxiliaries. We suggest to our Synodical Secretaries that they make an earnest effort to secure these readers as regular Home Department members.

We wish to acknowledge the faithful work of the *majority* of our Synodical Secretaries. Many of them have written large numbers of letters to their auxiliaries, often meeting with scant response.

We ask all delegates present to request their auxiliaries to give the work of this department serious consideration and prompt action, and feel assured they will be benefited.

We would like to receive better statistics, and urge that *all blanks* be printed with Home Department columns.

As far as reported at present we have organizations in 18 Synodical Societies: these show over forty auxiliaries with a membership of nearly five hundred. This is not a complete list I am sure, though the best we could secure:

	Societies.	Members.
Pittsburgh.....	8	128
East Pennsylvania.....	5	95
Central Pennsylvania ..	8	71
Wittenberg.....	5	40
Hartwick.....	2	28
Susquehanna.....	2	28
Maryland.....	4	25
West Pennsylvania.....	1	23
Northern Illinois.....	1	15
Iowa.....	1	9

We would earnestly repeat the request made in last report, "That each Synodical Society *fill* and *keep filled* the office of Department Secretary, and send full statistics to General Department."

In conclusion we would say that while our department has not grown as fast as we would like, judging from the figures, we believe that is not a fair test. Much good work has been done in a quiet way, and when we gather our family in, we will form no small part of the great missionary force of the world.

German Department.

MRS. GEO. H. KNOLLENBERG, *Secretary*.

Read by Sister Louise Stitzer.

Correspondence, whenever practical, with the pastors of German Churches by your German Department Secretary and visitation by the Field Secretary whenever possible has resulted in only one organization. This was accomplished by the Field Secretary when visiting in the Synods of the West at Pittsfield, Ill., in the Wartburg Synod. Perhaps the most important forward movement that has been made for the German Department was when Mrs. Beegle was permitted to address the Synodical Meeting of the Wartburg Synod. The *Zionsbote*, in commenting upon it says: "If ten years ago a woman, perchance a missionary, were to have asked for a hearing before the body of the Wartburg Synod it would have caused all sorts of discussions and protests. We know some German Synods where the address of a woman would yet cause a heavy feeling about the heart. Her simple words have done more to advance the cause of the W. H. & F. M. Society than anything else that has been given us for many years."

A map prepared for the German Department indicates one hundred and eighteen German Churches in the General Synod; eighty-one of which are in German Nebraska Synod and forty-nine in the Wartburg Synod. Only eighteen have societies leaving one hundred and seventy without societies. Surely, there is still work among our German sisters to do, and with renewed efforts, greater diligence and God's blessing we hope to do it.

Thank-Offering Department.

MRS. ALICE G. BOND, *Secretary*.

Two years ago at Springfield the General Society rejoiced greatly over the generous special offering given in commemoration of its twenty-fifth anniversary. There was reason for the joy thus expressed as the \$28,897.31 then given was a gift over and above the regular contributions of the Society, and was in a measure a free-will offering.

To-day we have like cause for exultation. The handsome sum of \$19,386.09 is reported by the General Treasurer as the amount of the Thank-offering contributed during the last two years. This is an increase of almost \$6,000.00 over the amount shown by the last report.

This offering differs from that of the Silver Jubilee offering in that it represents an abiding spirit of gratitude and beneficence, instead of a strenuous effort covering one biennium only. The Thank-offering has become more than an annual custom, and this Society may well rejoice and be glad that she

practice of making Thank-offerings has grown into an every day occurrence, and come to be a potent factor in its operations.

The aim of the Thank-offering Department has been to stimulate and foster in the Society a sense of obligation to our bounteous benefactor, and encourage the making of frequent offerings as a token of remembrance of divine favor. That this intent and purpose has been at least partially realized is apparent in the marked increase in the sum of the Thank-offerings in recent years. From the date of the organization of the Thank-offering Department in 1903 to the present time most encouraging and gratifying progress may be noted.

The generous offerings made by some of the Auxiliaries indicate the instilling of a lively sense of gratitude. The increased interest on the part of the Church and Missionary Society in the November Thank-offering meetings, is a sign of the subtle and pervasive influence exerted by the Thank-offering Department.

But we do not believe that these things, gratifying though they are, represent the entire fruition of the work of this department. Human discernment is too restricted to enable us to comprehend the full scope and power of a work of this nature. I believe that it may be safely affirmed that the Thank-offering as summed up in dollars and cents is the visible token of, and gratitude for, bountiful blessings.

At the time of the last report the work of this department was still in the formative period. Now it is well organized and established. All of the Synodical Societies, except those of the East Pennsylvania and Rocky Mountain Synods, have Thank-offering Secretaries who have been in close touch with the General Secretary during the past biennium.

Lack of interest in department work seems to be the reason the East Pennsylvania Society is deficient in this respect, and the scarcity of workers in the Rocky Mountain Synod makes it difficult to secure a sufficient number of women to fill all the offices and also equip the various departments.

In most instances, the Secretaries in submitting their reports have been able to say that the offerings of 1906 were the largest ever made by their Synodical Societies, and that the Auxiliaries in their charge had reported the best meetings ever held. In some Synodical Societies greater advancement has been made than in others.

The Pittsburgh Society is notable for its progressive plans and lively activity. The secret of its success lies in the use it makes of all supplies and literature prepared for this department, whether of our own or other publications. It reaches out constantly for all help obtainable, and distributes supplies freely as well as gratuitously.

The suggestions of the General Secretary made from time to time to the Synodical Secretaries have been acted upon, and now it is possible to report concert of action all along the line—a Synodical fund for extending the work and progress in every direction. There is reason to believe that the future

has in store rapidly increasing development in the Thank-offering Department.

The outlines for work suggested in my last report, and adopted by the Convention, have been followed during the past biennium. The Executive Committee granted me the privilege of incurring any expense deemed necessary for the furtherance of this special work. Desiring to proceed carefully and economically, nothing was undertaken that would involve great expenditure.

In the fall of 1905, in addition to the regular work of preparing the monthly program and study for the November lesson in *Mission Studies*, I arranged a blank form for ordering thank-offering supplies and a selected list of thank-offering literature issued by denominations other than our own and also printed a general circular letter. All of these helps were distributed from Salina free of cost to the Societies. The size of the special program for November, 1905 was enlarged, and to cover, if possible, the expense of its publication, a suggestion was submitted to the Literature Committee to put a small price upon it, and sell these programs, instead of distributing, for postage only, as formerly.

This plan was adopted for the years 1905 and 1906. The price was fifty cents per hundred. The result justified the action.

In September, 1906, beside the regular work I prepared a leaflet entitled "The Thank-offering" for free distribution. This was published by the Literature Committee and distributed by them. A new supply of order blanks was issued and an invitation letter was printed.

In order to keep down the expenses of the department these letters were sold for twenty-five cents per hundred. This was less than the actual cost of note paper would have been to any society wishing to issue invitations to the November meeting, and these letters possessed the additional advantage of being all ready for signatures and address. Four thousand copies were sold, and many good words have since been spoken of their usefulness.

The closing work of the biennium has been the preparation of the exhibit for this Convention. At first thought one would conclude that the Thank-Offering Department would have but little to exhibit outside of statistics; but the united product of the labor of the General and Synodical Secretaries discloses an extensive display as well as one of varied interest. It speaks for itself of the joint effort and consecrated energy exerted upon the work of the W. H. & F. M. Society through this department.

If all the little threads of labor and love that have been spun by the workers in the Thank-Offering Department during the last two years could be gathered together in one bundle, and the patterns and pictures that have been woven into the lives and hearts could be suspended before our eyes, I apprehend that we would look upon a more beautiful and impressive exposition than the one which hangs upon the walls of this church.

Young People's Department.

MRS. R. H. HAY, *Secretary.*

"Strengthen the Stakes."

Madam President, Co-Workers and Friends: In 2 Timothy 2:15 we read an admonition from Paul to his young friend Timothy which seems to me peculiarly appropriate for our young people as a department text. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." While for the last two years we have been endeavoring to lengthen our cords, it behooves us now to more securely "strengthen the stakes," and this process must be through a stronger hold upon God in prayer and more diligent study of the great subject of missions. The more closely we watch the growth of a Young People's Society, the more clearly do we see that the development is in proportion to increased knowledge, to the revelation from God's word as to what He requires from His followers as stewards of the great gospel trust committed to them; and an acquaintance with facts and conditions of the Christless nations which almost invariably leads to a God-given determination to carry or send the light of life to some of these millions in the darkness of heathendom. We have never known a case where a *real vision* of the field and its needs has not awakened a feeling of personal responsibility and ever increasingly intelligent interest in the operations of the church for the extension of the Master's kingdom. We plead then for united *study*, that our young people may be skilled in their work, and that they may develop the "world-wide heart," a newly coined expression of one who claims that this is the grand desideratum or real solution of the missionary problem and the motive force for universal evangelization. After all this is but another expression of the words of the first great missionary, "the love of Christ constraineth us." In our churches there are many young women of marked mental ability, having enjoyed exceptional educational advantages, whose talents are lying dormant or being entirely utilized in other than Christian and missionary lines. It is the province of the Young People's Department to cultivate this latent power and call into service some of the splendid energy expended in other directions, which with the enlarged "world-wide heart" could be of untold value in our missionary operations.

THE WORK OF THE BIENNIIUM.

It is difficult, in a few minutes, to report a work of two years which has demanded constant earnest prayer, careful planning and much correspondence by the Secretary and her Synodical Helpers. We have written over six hundred personal letters, circulated hundreds of tracts and over a thousand printed and mineographed letters, besides the annual report blanks. The results have seemed sometimes to scarcely justify the efforts so many congregations ignoring our communications, or positively refusing to find place for an organization, fearing it will hinder the raising of their apportionment. It remains for the already organized societies to prove this a fallacy. Though sometimes a little discouraged we remember that it is required of a steward

"only that he be faithful," so we have kept steadfastly at it, knowing that while one plants and another waters *God* giveth the increase, and in His own good time, the seed we have sown will come forth with harvest.

GROWTH.

Twenty-three new societies have been enrolled during the Biennium and we would here tender grateful appreciation of the work of the Field Secretary through whose efforts many of the organizations were effected. The new bands are listed as follows: Young Peoples' Missionary Societies in Springfield, Ill.; Newberry, Lebanon, Lafayette Hill, Maytown, Shippensburg, Somerset, Brookville and Mifflinburg, Pa.; Emporia, Kansas; West Camp and Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Newark, New Jersey; First Church and Messiah Church, Baltimore and Westminster, Md.; Smithville and Delaware, Ohio; and Helpers' Circle Bands in Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh; Trinity, Allegheny; Hartleton and Blairsville, Pa.; and a Girls' Missionary Society in Apollo, Pa. Some of the very youngest of these already have Mission Study Classes and give promise of splendid work.

THE HELPERS' CIRCLE.

In order to enlist a greater number of Young Peoples' Societies as Auxiliaries, we have adopted the plan of enrolling them in a "Helpers' Circle," which is fully explained on the card at the Literature table. We urge each delegate to procure one of these and endeavor to interest the C. E. Society or Luther League in their home church in the matter, if a regular missionary society is deemed impracticable.

SPECIAL WORK.

In response to the call for the young people to take as their special work the education of our little foreign sisters, the "India-Africa Girls' School Plan" was formed, and during the biennium fifty-one shares have been subscribed, amounting to seven hundred dollars, with prospects of more, besides a number of pledges from the young people of the Allegheny and Pittsburg Synods for the support of Miss Garrett in Africa. The Guntur Band of Trinity subscribed \$150.00 to these funds, and the Luther League of Mifflinburg has undertaken the education of four girls. These are the banner Societies. We refer you to the honor list in the Y. P. D. Exhibit for other subscribers.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

From our annual report blanks we find that there are seventeen mission study clubs or classes in our Societies, and twelve in our college Y. M. and Y. W. C. A's. Many others are following the united study course at their regular meetings, but do not pursue systematic study. We hope many more may be reported in another year.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

In order to arouse new interest and give our young people larger visions of their opportunities, we urge that the delegates use their influence to have some

of the young women of their churches plan to attend one of the various splendid summer conferences for young people, all of which offer delightful companionship, invigorating exercise, or time for quiet rest, with exceptional advantages for Bible and mission study.

SYNODICAL SECRETARIES.

All but three of the Synods now have regularly appointed Young People's Secretaries. We trust that California, Rocky Mountain, and Wartburg will soon be in line. We cannot begin too soon to enlist our young women. The *world* has many channels which may soon engulf all their interests. Since coming to Convention, California Synod has reported a Young People's Secretary as having been just recently appointed.

TWILIGHT HOUR OF PRAYER.

We have selected four watch-words to accompany our text the coming biennium, *Hear, Obey, Work, Pray!* The last we consider most important and urge that it become a regular habit with our young people to observe the *twilight hour* as a time to unitedly pray for our work; to pray, *believing*, and for *great things*. Phillips Brooks says, "You cannot think of a prayer so large that God in answering it will not wish that you had made it larger." Do we wish to serve God in His own appointed way and for His glory? Then let us wholly depend upon His leadership by waiting upon Him in prayer and not deny it or limit our success by neglecting this important duty; but always remember, too, that as Robert E. Speer says, "Communion without service is a dream, and service without communion ashes." Do we wish to fill the missionary ranks? Remember then the only source of supply recommended by Jesus Christ, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, to thrust forth laborers into His harvest." Do we wish to fill our treasury and supply the means for an immensely widened work? Then as Pastor Gossner did, *pray!* His prayers enabled him to send out into the foreign field 144 missionaries. We read that besides providing outfit and passage, he had never less than twenty missionaries dependent directly upon him for support. A sentence from the funeral address read over his grave will explain it all: "He prayed up the walls of a hospital and the hearts of the nurses; he prayed mission stations into being, and missionaries into faith; he prayed open the hearts of the rich, and gold from the most distant lands." Delegates, if you can carry but one message home to your young people from their Secretary, let it be this: "*Pray, pray! Whoever prays most, helps most.*"

Report of Mission Band Department.

MISS REBECCA GORDON, *Secretary*.

Remembering that the children of to-day are the men and women of tomorrow, it is not exaggeration to say that this department is the *most important* of our work. Because of this, your present Secretary was loth to accept the appointment which came on the resignation of the former Secretary, Miss S. E. Stoever, March 31, 1906.

Being without experience in this line of work, the responsibility was accepted with not a little hesitation. However, the work on the whole has been encouraging. Efforts have been made to secure the name and address of each Synodical Band Secretary. It has required some time and correspondence to do this. With very few exceptions the twenty-two Synodical Societies have Band Secretaries, and as far as could be learned Bands and Cradle Rolls are found in every Synodical Society.

The largest number of Bands is found in Maryland Synod. The second largest in East Pennsylvania.

In membership Maryland is still followed by East Pennsylvania, with Pittsburg next in order.

In amount of money contributed Maryland ranks first, while West Pennsylvania follows close behind.

In number of Bands organized during the biennium East Pittsburg takes the lead, East Ohio coming next.

In Cradle Rolls Pittsburg again leads, while West Pennsylvania comes next. In Cradle Roll membership and in Cradle Rolls added during the biennium, Pittsburg is on the honor roll.

It must be remembered, however, that no doubt the percentage of increase is just as high, and perhaps higher in some of the smaller Synods, all of which report with more or less progress. It is often said "figures do not lie," yet figures do not always express the whole work done.

Since the reports from the several societies here received, word has come of at least a dozen Bands recently organized, and while in a few instances there has been loss, yet on the whole, we are glad to say there is a steady progress, and the future of the Children's Mission Band Department is bright with hope.

Numerous requests for Mission Band supplies have come from time to time, and have been promptly answered, but there has been a demand for something that would provide some definite practical suggestions and ways of working. For this reason we hail with delight the new leaflet, "*What to Do in the Mission Band.*"

We desire to express our appreciation of the kind and helpful coöperation of our wide-awake Field Secretary who has been on the alert to secure the organization of Bands, and to report the same to the Band Secretary.

Let me ask the Synodical delegates that they will kindly mention in the reports to their respective societies, that the Band Department requests the address of each Band Secretary immediately after the close of the annual Convention.

In submitting this report I would plead for a deeper concern for the work of training the *children* in missions, and for more *work* and more *prayer* that suitable *leaders* may be found to further this department for Christ.

Report of the Field Secretary.

MRS. HELEN C. BEEGLE, *Secretary*.

Madam President and Members of Convention: A report from the Field Secretary must first make due recognition of the healthful co-operation accorded the special endeavor to stimulate and to extend organization. From executives, general and synodical, and from other earnest workers, also from representatives of the church boards come greetings of approval of the movement, with added wishes for success abundant. Most timely and encouraging were all such greetings. Later and continuously, appreciable assistance has been rendered by executives of synodical societies, and by officers and pastors of Synods visited.

From September 1, 1905, to April 1, 1907, visitations were made in fifteen Synods, namely: Illinois—Southern, Central and Northern Synod; Ohio—Wittenberg, Miami and East Ohio Synods; Pennsylvania—Alleghany, Susquehanna, Central, East and West Pennsylvania Synods; New York and New Jersey—Franckean, Hartwick and New York and New Jersey Synods; also in churches of the Wartburg Synod in Ohio and Illinois.

Of the 256 churches thus visited, 135 lacked missionary organization, and in 60 of these organization was effected, with additional organizations in churches having Woman's Missionary Societies, making a total of 63 auxiliaries and one synodical society, the Southern Illinois. The Aid Societies of still other churches lacking missionary societies have begun the use of mission literature at monthly meetings as a first step towards the organization of Missionary Societies.

This visitation, also attendance upon twelve synodical conventions afforded refreshing associations and a helpful acquaintance with successful methods in both auxiliary and synodical work. The privilege of presenting our work at the meetings of seven district Synods evidenced the approving favor of pastors in general. Cheering, also, it was to attend a meeting of the International Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago, with the opportunity of addressing women of several Lutheran synodic bodies.

Probably, further report might better be presented by the representatives of the Synods visited; however, a statement in explanation of the comparatively limited number of organizations effected is due this convention body, since the results have not fulfilled the anticipations of the Field Secretary herself.

The chief hindrance to organization is a lack of information in reference to the aim and the operations of our society, hence, there obtain certain misapprehensions as to the demands of the Missionary Society upon the time, thought and means of its membership. The hand-book published by our General Literature Committee gives such information and the letter of appeal is informing, but, by interview only can misapprehensions be corrected and fundamental knowledge be successfully imparted. Doubts as to the practicability of establishing and maintaining a Woman's Missionary Society having

been dispelled, instructions in methods are attentively received. To this end, systematic visitation, conducted either by the synodical societies, respectively, or otherwise, seems positively necessary.

Nor should we be unmindful of the unenlisted women of churches having missionary societies. Here, also, information is necessary to overcome doubt and to win to service. Here, also, prayerful endeavor will secure its reward in progressive enlistment, until every woman of such churches has joined our membership.

The nation's might does not depend, solely, upon its organized forces, but, also, upon its reserve forces subject to call; likewise, the might of the Woman's Missionary Society of our church rests not, alone, with its present membership, but, also, with its reserve force of capable, consecrated sisters. With yearning desire and with imploring petition to Him who, only, can effectively call to service, let us, one and all, continue to say to the unenlisted everywhere, "The Master calleth for thee."

The Convention adjourned with our own benediction.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

MAY 8TH, 8 O'CLOCK.

Mrs. W. W. Witmer, First Vice-President, presiding.

The organ voluntary was followed by the Processional by the vested choir from All Saint's Church, Germantown.

The evening service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Clare, pastor of All Saint's Church.

The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. G. W. Snyder, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and prayer was offered by Rev. P. A. Heilman, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Heilman read greetings from Harrisburg Conference.

Hymn No. 202 was sung and the presiding officer introduced Mrs. S. D. Daugherty, of Norwood, Pa., who delivered the following:

Address on Home Missions.

In this same beautiful month of May, just three hundred years ago, three small vessels entered what is now known as the Chesapeake Bay, and coasted along its southern shore till they came to the mouth of a broad and beautiful river which was named in honor of King James. Sailing up this river fifty miles to a peninsula whose verdure and beauty attracted them, the ships were anchored and the emigrants went ashore. The first act of those weather-beaten mariners was to worship God according to the rites of the Church of England. They hung an old sail to three or four trees to shadow them from the sun and there they gathered, 105 souls in all, and gave thanks to Almighty

God, the Rev. Robert Hunt conducting the service. That was the first Protestant church on American soil. Its walls were vales of wood, its seats were unhewn trees, its pulpit a bar of wood nailed to two neighboring trees. Away northward, southward, westward, stretched a vast unknown continent. To-day the eyes of a proud and mighty nation are turned upon historic Jamestown in her splendid celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the event just described.

That was the small but significant beginning of the movement of the peoples of the earth to this land of promise. Up to the year 1820, 250,000 was the total number of alien arrivals in this country. From 1820 to the present day, more than 25,000,000 have come. Now they come at the rate of a million and more a year. Close your eyes for a moment and listen to the steady tramp, tramp, tramp, of the army that invaded our shores last year—1,100,735 men, women and children with hearts and souls, and average of 2,800 a day, of 20,000 a week. Open your eyes and survey the host. From every quarter of the globe they come. They speak 60 different tongues. More than 300,000 women are in that motley procession; 114,668 children under 14 years of age are there; 230,832, nearly a quarter of the million, are illiterates; 430,000 are unskilled laborers; 232,000, including children, are without occupation; 125,000 are classified as servants; unkempt and uncultured, most of them; dirty and disagreeable, many of them; not from England, Germany and Scandinavia as in the days of yore, but Italians, Poles, Hungarians, Bohemians, Lithuanians, Slovaks, Russians and allied peoples, with no appreciation of our American ideals, no reverence for womanhood, low standards of home-life, without religion or with only the semblance of religion, most of them—82 per cent. of them unevangelical, seeking a home, liberty and money in free, Protestant America!

Where did the army go? Ninety per cent. remained in New York, Pennsylvania, and the North Atlantic states. Only four per cent. went to the great West. Many settled in the mill, mine and factory towns. But the destination of the vast majority was the foreign colonies of the great cities, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago—those foreign cities within the city, where national life and habits are perpetuated, where the immigrants are impervious to American influences, where conditions are largely vice-breeding. Yes, to the unspeakable slums they went; to the great yardless, homeless tenements; to the 300,000 dark rooms of New York City, to its cellars and blind alleys; to the horrors of the sweat-shop; to swell the ranks the 4,000,000 paupers, the 10,000,000 in poverty in this land; to furnish the saloon with victims; to increase the number of child criminals who come largely from the immigrant class; to recruit the army of 500,000 children in New York City whose only play-ground is the street; the still greater army of 1,700,000 child slaves in magic America in this 20th century, 42,000 of them in Pennsylvania alone, compelled to work in mill, mine and factory, robbed of their childhood, dwarfed in body, mind and soul, because of the greed for the silver and the gold.

Protestant America? If these people came a million a year to a country

already evangelized, to a church prepared to welcome them as a divine mission, and to provide for them a Christian environment, their coming would constitute a problem. But they come to an America of 87,000,000, only 17,000,000 of whom are evangelical Protestants, leaving 70,000,000 to be led into a pure Christianity! Home Missions? Yes! Write the words in letters of living fire, for they spell a task so gigantic that only an aroused, a united Protestantism can hope to cope with it.

But before considering the problems that confront us as American Protestants, because we are a convention of Lutheran women met here in Philadelphia, which played so conspicuous a part not only in the early history of the nation, but in the establishment of Lutheranism in the New World, we are going to remember for a few minutes that we are American Lutherans. Dear friends, we are on territory sacred to every loyal American Lutheran. Lest you forget, permit me to remind you that the historic Lutheran church of America looks to Pennsylvania, to this particular part of Pennsylvania, as the spot of her origin; that the first settlers of Pennsylvania were Lutherans; that the first songs of praise and words of prayer that ascended to heaven from the shore of this State, arose from Lutheran hearts and lips; that the first church built in Pennsylvania was a Lutheran church, and that it was in all probability the first Lutheran church building proper erected in the New World, down here at Tinicum, nine miles southwest of Philadelphia, where the East Pennsylvania Synod have proposed that the Lutherans of America build a Memorial Chapel; that the first Protestant missionary to the North American Indians was not John Eliot, but John Campannis, the Swedish Lutheran preacher, who came in 1643, and labored among the Indians in the Delaware a few miles below this city; that the first book translated into the Indian language was Luther's Smaller Catechism by this same Campannis; that William Penn entered upon an environment prepared for him by Lutheran colonists and missionaries; that the very site of Philadelphia was purchased from three Swedish Lutheran brothers; that the first large German immigrant colony reached this country in 1694, and came to Philadelphia; that in 1742 there arrived in Philadelphia the Father of American Lutheranism, Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg; that this was the center of his untiring operations in organizing and building up the Lutheran church of America; that here in Philadelphia in 1748 the first Lutheran Synod in America was held, in connection with which it may be of interest to recall that at this first and subsequent conference such was the zeal and earnestness that it was a common occurrence for the members to confer together about the things of the Kingdom until three o'clock in the morning.

In the latter part of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century, under Muhlenberg and his associates and successors, who were men of broad scholarship, marked piety, conquering faith, and full of missionary labors, the Lutheran church in Pennsylvania became a power for righteousness and a factor in the development of this nation. In those colonization days and in the

after years of immigration proper, Germans and Scandinavians came in ever-increasing numbers. The nation owes as great a debt to them as do they to the nation. That the Lutheran church had and has a mission such as belongs to no other denomination, that in the preservation of this nation she has a peculiar part to perform because of her relations to this very immigrant problem; that the great Northwest, settled largely by Scandinavians; the Southwest, where whole communities and counties are German; that New York City with more Germans than any city in the world, Berlin only excepted; that Chicago, the great German-Scandinavian-Polish city; that St. Louis, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Rochester and other smaller cities with a large German element, are a challenge to American Lutheranism, I need not reiterate in the hearing of representative Lutherans. May this bit of retrospect quicken our love for our own church; may the missionary spirit, the unselfishness and consecration of those early fathers be an example and inspiration to the Lutheran men and women of to-day in meeting this great responsibility to present and future America.

This leads us up to the burning problems of the present day. We have followed our immigrant army to its inevitable destination—the city, the strategic point of the church and the nation alike. Hear what some of our foremost writers say on the subject. Gunsaulus declares: "The rest of my life will be devoted to work in the midst of the problems of the city; the time is too short and the opportunity too splendid to deal with the problems of American life in any other way."

Strong says: "He does most to Christianize America who does most to Christianize our cities." Another utters these strong words: "For childhood, for womanhood, for manhood; for home, industry, education, religion, social order; for charity, for government, for art, for commerce, for life, the American city has problems more intense, more far-reaching than have ever taxed the mind or tested the heart of humanity in all the ages." Why? Because, according to students of sociological conditions, the close of the quarter-century will find the bulk of our population in cities; because already the votes of ten of our cities control the nation; because in thirty-three of our largest cities the foreign population is larger than the native, rising to as high as eighty-five per cent.; because there are only from one-third to one-sixth as many churches for a given population in the city as in the country; because in the city the saloon, the greatest foe of the church, is most firmly entrenched, pauperism, vice and crime being its fruitage—in New York City there are ten saloons to every church; down in a certain tenement district 4,065 saloons and 111 Protestant churches, chapels and mission halls all told. Where are civic misrule and social corruption? Where are immense wealth with its wanton extravagance and abject want with all its horrors? Where are the gambling dens and the brothels? Where are idolatry and all heathenish vices? Where are irreligion, infidelity, socialism and anarchism? Where is human life most intense, human toil most grinding? Where but in the

city? Here too is the problem of the city suburb—the constant stream of the better class of people moving out, cutting loose from church restraints, growing indifferent, hard to reach, for whom churches must be provided. Here too is the problem of the thousands of young people who pour into our cities every year from small town and country, many of whom the church is allowing to drift away into indifference and irreligion.

And how is the Church guiding herself for the conflict? Whether or not it be true that the church has been complacently counting her own millions instead of the millions of the lost world outside, it is indisputable that she has failed to grasp the magnificent home mission opportunity thrust upon her. In the great cities as the immigrant hordes pour in, the Protestant churches more up town or out. Right here in Philadelphia in the last five years, thirteen Protestant churches have given up the fight in South Philadelphia, driven out by the foreigners. And yet the Catholic church never abandons a field and immediately steps in to one vacated by Protestant churches!

But these are hopeful signs. It is true that failure is not defeat. The churches are beginning to realize that while each denomination must procure distinctive work in city, town and country in the future as in the past, nevertheless the problem of the evangelization of the incoming millions can be solved in only one way: a united work by a Federation of Protestant forces. Already just such a movement is on foot, an interdenominational work among the foreigners with the Y. M. C. A. as the agent. It is not visionary, the project of an earnest student of this problem, embracing great interdenominational headquarters at Ellis Island, where the newly arrived immigrant may be made to feel the worth and importance of the Christian religion, above all its interest in him; large institutional churches in the foreign quarters; training schools for workers of different nationalities; Christian settlements, rescue homes, hospitals, clean model tenements—in a word, a Christian American environment created. The very vastness of the scheme is inspiring, for you know, "the American likes a tough job." It is a day of large enterprises, business, educational, philanthropic. "The Church has been in the retail business long enough" was recently said in the launching of the Laymen's Movement. But somewhere God's millions are in keeping. May it not be that when He sees that the church is willing to rise to her opportunity, He will put it into the heart of some of His stewards to give princely gifts to missions such as have been given away up in the millions during the past few years to education and philanthropy.

May our church have a share in this great work, of giving every human soul whom God is sending here as a mission, the chance to set the sails of his soul heavenward. For how solemnly true it is that

One ship drives East and the other drives West
 With the self-same winds that blow;
 'Tis the set of the sails,
 And not the gales,
 Which tells the way they go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
 As we voyage along through life;
 'Tis the set of the soul
 That decides its goal,
 And not the calm or the strife.

And now a word as to Woman's Work in Home Missions. What is woman's part in this work? One of our own writers has recently said: "After all, the strategic point in the missionary warfare is the *heart of woman*." Howard B. Grose says: "For the preservation of American institutions and ideals, for the protection of the home, for the enforcement of law, for the safeguarding of women and children, there is no agency that can do so much as the Christian womanhood of America once aroused, united and consecrated."

As Lutheran women, what are we doing for Home Missions? We point with pride, and justly, to the churches we have helped to plant and support during the past 25 years. But with our growing numbers and resources, has not the time come for a more aggressive home-mission policy? If we are to help save America must we not attempt greater things for God, and home, and native land? In the first place, should we not do more vigorous work in cities and larger towns? How? By using our own tools, which other denominations wiser than we, have appropriated with such splendid results. I refer to the deaconess, a practically unknown factor in our woman's work. At a recent interdenominational missionary meeting in this city, the Methodist women declared the deaconess to be the most effective agency in their home mission work, and they are employing hundreds of them. It has been said that the Catholic Church does not fear any or all Protestant denominations. But she does fear these women in little bonnets and white strings. Why? Because she knows that she is accomplishing more in America through her sisters than through her priests. In and near three of our principal cities there are 5,300 Catholic sisters at work to-day. What would it mean to Protestantism if 5,300 deaconesses were doing their blessed work in these cities to-day! If our church is to do her part in the saving of the cities, every city should have a special missionary to plan and carry on aggressive work. Why should not our women supply him with the best possible help, one or more deaconesses? For none can enter the homes, win the mothers and children, and through them reach the men, minister to the needy, the desolate and the suffering, build up Sunday-school and mission church as can these quiet garbed women who serve only for Jesus' sake.

Secondly, let us as individuals and an organization do what we can to speed the day when the Christian women of America shall be united in the work for alien women, the work of arousing the American conscience, of creating sentiment against the great national evils, against the unsanitary tenement, against the sweat-shop system, against child labor, against the violation of law in any form.

Lastly comes the person element — the crucial test. Dear missionary women, you represent the best womanhood of our Lutheran Church. What does it mean, this scarcity of candidates for the ministry, for the deaconess work? Why this distressed cry of our church for the workers necessary to her very existence? Is it because you have failed to give your son and your daughter? Who then will give?

At the recent celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Haystack Prayer-Meeting, 1,000 men, leaders in missionary work, adopted the watchword: "*Every man a missionary.*" Oh, that the watchword of our Lutheran women, of every Christian woman in America might be: Every woman a missionary—a sent one. Sent, with a wonderful message! Back there in the garden, the message of the angels in the empty tomb to the women was: Go, tell His disciples. The message of the risen Christ to Mary was: Go, tell my brethren. The message of the ascending Christ to His disciples was: Go, tell the world. The message of the glorified Christ to us to-night is: Go, tell. Go, tell the son and the daughter in your home that God and country are calling them. Go, tell the unsaved in your community, the stranger within thy borders—yes, go by proxy, if not in person, to the alien masses in the city, tell them of the crucified, risen, living, loving Savior, who saves His people from their sins; tell them of the tender friend who comforts and sustains; tell them that He dwells in a city—the Beautiful, Holy, Eternal City. Tell them who live in slum and tenement and hovel, that He is preparing a mansion in that city for every one who loves and serves Him. Tell them that there they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, that there shall be no pain or sorrow there, that the sun shall not light on them there to make the long summer days terrible in their awful heat, that there shall be no night to lend its covering of darkness to deeds of evil and crime, that nothing that defileth, or maketh a lie, or worketh an abomination shall enter into that city—more than that, tell them that "eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man the things that He is preparing in that city for those who love Him. And where is the heart in this weary sin-cursed earth that will not listen to this, the sweetest story ever told.

The Choir sang an anthem, after which Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was introduced and made a very inspiring address.

Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, D. D., LL.D., was then introduced and spoke in a very entertaining manner on the power of Christianity in India.

Rev. Dr. Delk, took charge of the evening offering, while the Choir rendered an anthem.

Dr. Delk pronounced the benediction and the congregation remained standing during the Recessional.

THURSDAY MORNING.

MAY 9TH, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The devotional service was conducted by Miss Lydia Bender of Yutan, Nebraska.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Hymn No. 468 was sung and Mrs. L. L. Seiber offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous afternoon and evening were read and approved.

Owing to a heavy rain, many of the delegates were not present and a motion prevailed that the discussion on the Report of the Magazine Committee be postponed, and the regular order of business was taken up.

Mrs. H. C. Bell read the following report on the President's address, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your committee on President's address would report an examination and careful consideration of the same.

It is well that in a convention where the larger part of our time must be given to routine business that the opening address of our convention give us a vision of our worldwide opportunity and incite us to more prayer and more liberal giving. This our president has given us.

We note the advance in our work and would especially mention the inspiration of meeting on historic ground.

The report is especially commendable for the devout spirit and earnestness of the speaker. The same spirit of prayer and humility has been the striking feature of our President's life and work.

We are thankful our system of office-holding makes no change necessary in our presiding officer at this Convention.

MRS. H. C. BELL,
MRS. I. W. ABBOTT,
MISS SUE BIXLER,
MISS ANNA KEYSER,
MRS. O. C. ROTH.

No other committees being ready to report, a motion prevailed that the symposium on "*Our Funds*," which was left over from Wednesday afternoon, be taken up.

Mrs. H. C. Bell, Springfield, O., took charge of the symposium, which was as follows :

Our Funds.

Three things are absolutely necessary to the work of missions, viz.: prayer, workers and money. It is the purpose of our symposium to consider the third of these in its relation to our woman's work as supported by our societies and as directed by the Executive Committee which we have elected.

Perhaps there is no point on which the average member is so ignorant as on the question of our financial methods. *Why* we give as we do; *why* this all comes; *why* is one object supported and not another? Where does our money come from and where does it go; who cares for it, etc., are natural and legitimate questions.

The first question to be answered in any discussion of the funds of our W. H. & F. M. S. is what are the legitimate uses of missionary dues? As members of the Missionary Society we pledge a set sum monthly to *mission* work, as we say. This is our first mistake; we pledge a set sum per month (10 cents most frequently) not to missions in general, not even to General Synod Lutheran Missions, *but to the work of the W. H. & F. M. S.* This is the first fundamental principle of our giving.

The *fact* of the diversion of funds is proven by the 8,000 odd dollars, reported on district Synod parochial reports, that has not passed through the hands of our Treasurer. These figures show unquestionably that this old custom still lingers with us.

The *causes* of diversion of funds are three:

First. A lack of understanding of our manner and principle of giving when a new organization is formed or an individual joins the Society. Think how the difficulties would fade away if every woman understood that our money is pledged before it is given to the work of the W. H. & F. M. S.

Second. Funds are diverted because of a sympathetic heart. This heart every woman should possess. And then when some awful need comes to our ears and some destitute work appeals to our heart, some good, dear woman says "is it not *all* the Lord's work?" and a motion follows to pay from our W. H. & F. M. S.'s treasury a sum of money to this work. We would not discourage giving. Our women should grow in liberality, but we should give to these urgent outside appeals as individuals, not as an organization.

The third cause of diversion is local needs or interests, or a knowledge of some worthy object. We see so much to do right around us. Our own church needs all we can give, we think, and dues are held back. My friends, these things should not be left undone, but our woman's work should not be crippled by holding back money that belongs to the workers we have sent out, in order that we may buy beefsteak for a poor family.

The *remedies* for this diversion of funds are first *absolute honesty*. This may seem an odd thing to say to Christian women, but it is a necessary admonition. Let us remember that as we have sent workers to Africa and India, and planted churches and missionaries in our own land, we must support them. Our first financial obligation is to the work and workers we have undertaken.

The second remedy is a realization of the limitation of our means. If we as individual women in scattered Societies know of many places for our money, so many that it is a constant temptation to vote our funds elsewhere, what do you suppose is the position of our officers to whom come the thousands of calls from every hand. I know a woman who says she does not care to be rich, but she would like to have enough money not to have to choose between buying carpets and tablecloths. This is where we are in our work. Our Executive Committee often have to choose between dishes and something to put on dishes.

The third remedy is growth of personal liberality. If we realized more the blessings Christianity has conferred on us, we would give more largely. Not only would we support our work, but meet other outside appeals with glad hearts and open purses.

The fourth remedy is a knowledge of how our funds are used, and to this end your Program Committee present the following symposium in the form of question and answer:

Mrs. Zeigler, of Baltimore, will answer:

"What is our General Fund, and what objects are supported by it?"

GENERAL FUND.

MRS. S. F. ZIEGLER.

"What fund creates the General Fund and what objects are supported from it?"

The meaning of the word *general* is: "The whole, the total, that which comprehends or relates to all, or chief part," therefore General Fund is the whole fund, created by or made up of all membership fees, including honorary, life and cradle-roll; also the thank-offering and the interest from invested funds.

From this General Fund we pay all salaries in the home and foreign field, the budget allowance in India, comprising the hospital and dispensary, two training schools, two boarding schools, two industrial schools, the Zenana work, sixteen Hindu girls' schools and a number of Sunday-schools, any balance needed in the African Budget, and any deficiency which may occur in special objects.

On the General Fund depends our very existence, for as our General Fund increases or diminishes, so the possibility of our work increases or diminishes in direct proportion. As this is an undisputed fact you can readily see the great necessity of supporting not only those objects which make up the General Fund, but also in meeting our full apportionment in all special objects.

As the membership is such an important factor in the General Fund, it is our duty to pay promptly; and I would suggest that each auxiliary pay according to enrollment. By that I mean that if at the end of the synodical year there is any member who has forgotten her privilege, as well as her duty, let your society pay the amount due to General Fund out of the Contingent

Fund; then look after those members who have not paid, and remind them of their duty. If they are unable to pay, let your society carry them until they feel that they can pay. Do not let them lose interest in their Society. Never under any circumstances lose a member if it is possible to avoid it. A member once lost is usually lost forever.

Look well to your Thank-offering: make it a daily Thank-offering and see how the blessings multiply as the little boxes increase in weight.

Keep a watchful eye on all your funds and see that they are not diverted to some outside object; just as worthy, possibly, as those for which you have pledged your support. This may be especially hard when the need in our home church is pressing, and we, as a society, have been appealed to for aid. It may seem to us just and right to use at least a portion of our funds for the desired purpose, especially if our collections are a little better than usual. But this money has been given for missions, and for a special purpose, and it must not be diverted from its specified channels.

What does the diverting of our funds mean, in its relation to our general work? It means a shrinkage in the General Fund; and all the work supported by this fund suffers proportionately. Your executive board is unable to keep its promised pledges. Somewhere, some auxiliary has diverted its funds. There is not sufficient in the treasury, or General Fund, to meet the demands upon it, consequently the work must be curtailed along all lines. The salaries must be cut down. What does this mean to our missionaries in the home and foreign field? To our home missionary, whom we have sent to the hard places in this land of ours? What does it mean to him, to have his already inadequate salary cut probably to one half? It means more sacrifice; more self-denial, not only for him, but for his wife and children who have barely the necessities of life. Perhaps it means that all his efforts have been in vain. He must abandon the mission; perhaps those for whom he has labored and sacrificed so much may be irrevocably lost, not only to the Lutheran church but forever.

The foreign field is affected almost the same way. The work that has been planned for and begun must be left unfinished, our missionaries probably recalled. The sick must go unattended, and uncared for. The heathen child untaught. The heathen mother left to her misery—because we have diverted our funds, forgotten to pay our dues; have not supported the special objects, have not kept our pledges. We have not held up their hands.

Our missions are wholly dependent on us. The work in both the home and foreign field is more than we can do; more than we have funds to do with; and it is only by increasing our General Fund annually that we may hope to lengthen the cords of our tent, to the future development of our church, ourselves and our beloved missionary work.

Mrs. Bell continued as follows: You see our General Fund is the backbone of our work. From it we do everything, and as we would be help physically without our back-bone so the woman's work would be paralyzed if

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we neglected our general fund. Under this fund we will consider several other funds.

Mrs. Wipperman of Northern Indiana will tell us of the Legacy Fund—when established and how used.

LEGACY FUND.

MRS. F. H. WIPPERMAN.

My topic in this symposium, "Legacies and annuities," is one that at first glance may not appeal very strongly to any of you—it much resembles a topic you do not care to discuss with your husband (if you are the proud possessor of one, viz.—"Life Insurance.")

But I hope you will think with me for a few minutes about this phase of "Our Funds" and that you may have after thoughts when you return to your homes and that these "after thoughts" may be followed by "acts" which may be, nay, *will be* far-reaching in their helpfulness. We call this blessed work which occupies our attention these few days "Womans Work" because we women are carrying it on in all its branches; and I am sorry to say, few of the men in the church and in our homes know enough of the detail and plan of the work to be actively and financially interested.

Of course, I know many of our men are honorary members and pay their \$1 per; many help every time there is a plea for some special object: but if their wife, mother, sister or another man's sister, through whom they are kept in touch with the work be taken away, we lose in our contributions, both the woman's regular offering and the man's "offering on demand." The total members reported for this biennium is \$29,875 and the total amount contributed is \$72,507, making an average contribution from each member of \$2.43; of this let me assume that you pay your full share, \$2.43.

If you want the work so near to your heart to be carried on with the same liberality you show it now after you have "Crossed the Bar" and if you have had such a share of the "golden harvest" from the "Bountiful Giver" of all good that you are financially able to so provide for your work to be carried on in perpetuity you can do it in a way that is both *sure, safe and easy*. Even a small bequest left by will to the W. H. & F. M. Society of the General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America will be invested in a permanent fund and the interest on this at 5 or 6 per cent. per annum will keep always your present average contribution. Or there is another plan *you* can put into working order and see it successfully carried out. This is called the annuity plan.

You make over to the General Society by due process of law the amount you wish them to inherit at your death, (of course the laws vary in the several states, so to make no mistake consult an *honest* lawyer) and make the annuity in accordance with the laws of your state.

The General Society on its part will pay you annually the per cent. of the income you mutually agree upon during your life and at your death will then have the entire income from the amount you leave.

This is a comparatively new branch of the work and is growing very slowly. The total to date as you heard in your Treasurer's report is only \$4,553.11.

The General Treasurer defines this fund as follows: "The legacy fund is money bequeathed or given by will; the first bequest was received September 30, 1901. The interest is credited to the general fund at the close of the biennium."

Some states have an inheritance tax that should be provided for.

Now ladies, if you have money, or lands, or houses, or stocks, or bonds in your own right or if you have "expectations," "think on these things."

Mrs. Bell: Sometimes we have thought only large sums can be left by will to church work, but think of the possibility of always being represented in our work by bequeathing a sum of \$50.00 to the W. H. & F. M. Society. But we have a place for a poorer woman yet. Mrs. A. K. Mumma will tell us of the possibilities of the Permanent Fund.

PERMANENT FUND.

MRS. A. K. MUMMA.

Its history. The Permanent Fund is not a tax—it is an opportunity. It is a trust fund, created by the Executive Committee in July, 1905, to provide a fund in which individuals or societies may place even very small sums, which will unite to form a large amount to do perpetually some great work. The element of permanency appeals to many who would not care to put money directly into the current expenses of the work. Here, then, is an opportunity to put to perpetual use, many small gifts which considered separately might seem insignificant.

It is open at all times to receive even so small an amount as five cents, and includes at present the May Memorial. It does not include legacies. It is in the hands of the Board of Trustees to invest, only the interest being used.

There is not quite \$500.00 in the fund yet, but when it becomes large enough to warrant undertaking some special work it will be so applied.

Its possibilities depend upon its amount. \$500.00 at 5 per cent. will draw interest sufficient to support one protegee in India annually. \$1,000.00 at 5 per cent. will draw interest sufficient to endow a bed in the Woman's Hospital. \$15,000 will produce annually the means to keep one white missionary in the field perpetually.

There are numberless new departments of work that may be established, and old departments amplified, if but the fund grow large enough.

Are you confused and burdened by the many special objects? The key that will unlock the situation is, "first, they gave *themselves*." Then these will come to us, not as irksome taxes, but as blessed opportunities to distribute the treasure that belongs to the king.

Have you read the story of the "savior of Kurdistan"; the story that appeared in the *Youth's Companion* and has been copied by many other papers? The missionary was making his annual visit to one of the villages of Kurdistan. Before him in the little congregation, he saw a face which held possibilities of service for the Master. It was that of a little boy sitting beside his mother, who was a washerwoman.

Calling her to him the missionary said, "Mother, do you love Jesus?"

"O yes, missionary?"

"Mother, will you give your boy to Jesus?"

"Oh, missionary! he is all I have!"

"Think well of this, mother, and decide; to-morrow I leave."

And she went away leading her boy, sobbing: "Oh, my son, my only son Thomas!"

Next morning, as the hour drew near when the missionary must leave, through the press he saw approaching, the mother leading her boy, and carrying a little bundle of clothes on which she had sewed all night.

Laying the bundle at the feet of the man of God, and laying her hand upon the boy's head, she said two words:

"Thomas"—"Christos."

That boy to-day is called the "Savior of Kurdistan."

The mother went back to her lonely home, but not to grieve. Hers was the supreme joy, for hers was the supreme sacrifice for Jesus.

Oh, my sisters, the greatest thing I can wish for Lutheran women of America is, that we may all know a little more of the *joy* of sacrifice.

Mrs. Bell: Many of our women have given and prayed and passed on to their reward; and Mrs. Stoeve, of Mt. Airy, will tell us of the Memorial Fund, by which we honor them.

WHAT IS THE MAY MEMORIAL?

MRS. W. C. STOEVE.

Many well known and loved ones whose delight it was to engage in this blessed work have been called from service here below to the worship and glory of the home above.

One by one they are passing from our sight, and our hearts are sad because we have lost their sweet companionship, wise counsel, and good example. The May Memorial was established at the suggestion of Mrs. E. B. Scholl at the Pittsburg Convention. The recommendation that a special memorial offering be taken at the May meeting of the Auxiliary Societies was adopted by a unanimous vote. The resolution reads as follows: "That in memory of our dear departed we ask an offering of at least five cents from each member of our Auxiliaries to be given at the regular May meeting of each society as a memorial offering for the promotion or establishment of such work as the Executive Committee may deem advisable." The money received from this offering is placed in the Permanent Fund, and only the interest used. How can we better honor the devoted, faithful ones, who gave the best that was in them to the service so dear to their hearts, than by doing what we can to further that work.

It is very fitting that at a regular time we should unite in this special offering in remembrance of our loved workers, who, having finished their

earthly life, still live in the memory of those with whom they were associated here.

We are thus constantly reminded of their faithfulness, which should be an inspiration to us, and though the amount is small, the offering, if made by many hands, will be worthy of those in whose memory it is given. If all our auxiliaries would observe the May Memorial an amount would be realized which could be devoted to some special object.

Mrs. Bell: In olden days when we were young in our work we perhaps could drift along in an easy manner but with growth and responsibility business methods became absolutely necessary. Mrs. Karper of Chambersburg will tell us of our Board of Trustees and their duties.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

MRS. KARPEN.

1. What is it?

Webster says, a trustee is one whom we intrust with anything, the name means confidence.

The Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod Lutheran Church, is composed of the entire Executive Committee, which meets as an incorporated body under the laws of the state of Ohio, once a year, to organize as a Board of Trustees, and to transact the necessary business pertaining to the property and funds of the W. H. & F. M. Society.

The officers are not identical with those of the Executive Committee, and are as follows, Mrs. L. A. Gotwald, Springfield, O., President, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Delaware, O., Secretary, and Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Springfield, O., Treasurer. The latter is under \$5,000 bond.

2. The duties of the Board are, to control all the property interest and all invested funds.

3. The legal advisor is Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, Springfield, O., who, with Dr. S. F. Breckenridge, also of Springfield, advises as to investments and disposal of same.

4. The funds now invested amount to nearly \$28,200, and includes legacies (\$2,998), Permanent Fund (\$428), for the Endowment of Beds in India Hospital (\$12,000), Day and Barnitz Memorial Funds, Church Extension Funds and several smaller trust funds.

The property interests in India were estimated at \$50,000 before the Girls Boarding School Plant was begun. As this object had \$10,000 appropriated to it, and the \$10,000 since given by Col. John Firth of Spokane, it is probable the amount has reached the sum of \$70,000. In Africa the property is valued at \$2,000.

5. The trust funds are nearly all invested in first mortgages at 6 and 7 per cent. Loans to churches in connection with Church Extension work are secured by mortgages, and great care is exercised in handling all the funds, which are considered a sacred trust.

This is but a brief summary of what a Board of Trustees is and does. It would take quires of foolscap to tell of the days and nights of anxiety, the anxious hours of conference over the work, the thinking and planning of how the Lord's money might be invested and used in order that best results might follow.

To the members of this board, some of whom have been in the work from its beginning, and to it have given the best years of their lives, we should give our loyal support; we honor them for the intelligent, efficient and business-like manner in which they have transacted the business, formerly considered so foreign to the sphere of women, and we can congratulate them and ourselves, that no absconding treasurer or graft-grabbing president has ever cast a blot upon their business records, nor have their womanly qualities as wives and mothers ever been questioned.

When we go back to the first year's work of the organization, and find that the entire receipts for the year were \$2,070.34, and the disbursements but \$578.75, and then turn to the results of a little over a quarter century, we are amazed at what God has wrought in the hearts and lives of our women. Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, of blessed memory, said in her address in Altoona, in 1881, "We are going forth, not in our own strength, but relying upon Him who has promised wisdom, strength, courage and success. The work accomplished in these intervening years is a testimony of the verification of this promise. When we go back to our individual societies and synods, let us try to impress upon the minds of our fellow workers the necessity of our faithful co-operation in the work, and by our trust and faith in the members of our Board we can lighten the burden we have placed on their shoulders.

I am reminded of the words of a sainted minister of the Gospel, spoken many years ago. As he received his quarter's salary, he said, "What in the world would I do if I had not a managing wife? I just hand her the money, and she attends to the rest." It was his business to preach the word, hers to plan and work to make the meagre salary go as far as possible in clothing and feeding the six children and themselves. He had confidence she could do it. Let us have the same confidence in our Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Bell: In these days we like to have our own personal representatives at the front, and this thought will be presented by Miss Gaumer, of Urbana, O., in "What is our Patron and Protege work?"

THE PATRON AND PROTEGE.

MISS GAUMER.

The Patron and Protege Work relates, as its name indicates, to the education of girls in our schools in India and Africa, including also the support of native helpers in India and Africa. Through Mrs. E. S. Prince I have learned that this department of work came under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee in 1894. The Board of Foreign Missions had been receiving money for the education of boys in India. It was found that many of

our missionary societies were the patrons of these boys, and that money was being sent to the Board for that purpose. In order that this money might be saved for our work the Executive Committee deemed it expedient to assume a similar work for the education of the girls, and accordingly initiated the Patron and Protege Work under the direction of the Board.

The patrons are societies, woman's or young people's, bands or friends. The proteges are the girls in our schools in India or Africa. By the payment of \$25 a year in the Synodical Treasury a pupil is supported. These offerings are listed by the General Treasurer under the heads of "Support of Girls' School in India," and "Support of E. V. Day Memorial School, Africa."

Since the young people's movement has been given more prominence under the leadership of a special secretary, these objects have been selected as fitting work for the young people's societies, by dividing them up in shares of \$5 each. The splendid results of the past biennium have revealed the wisdom of this excellent plan; first the stimulus gained by giving the young people something definite to do; second, the popular sum of \$5 put the work in reach of all, rich or poor, strong or weak; and third, the best reason of all, the training of our young people to give for the sake of the cause and in the spirit of "Inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me," not for the reason that it was \$25 for the support of *Ballikuri Jeronie*.

From the beginning of the Patron and Protege Work until the adoption of the rules governing this matter, the plan pursued was to give out for support, individual pupils, the patrons expecting to know the names as well as to hear from them regularly.

Following the wisdom of the Board of Foreign Missions in our own church, which is also followed by the boards of other denominations, the Executive Committee adopted the rules that were presented in the report of the General Secretary at the last Convention.

These rules have in view the highest ideal in giving, the red thread of love, for "His sake."

Mrs. Bell: Do you catch the thought? Church buildings or the support of an American missionary is a big enough thing to help the work when taken as a special object by a church or a Synodical Society. But where we insist on knowing the names and hearing personally from the boy or girl to whose support we give \$25 a year, we burden our missionaries with extra correspondence, it is said not to be good for the individual boy or girl to know they are supported by our home church, and it is not the highest ideal in giving to say we must do what we wish or will do nothing. It is as if a daughter in a home drifted downstairs during house-cleaning and said, "I want to help." And mother said, "What will you do?" And Fanny said, "Oh I'm going to make bread." "But we don't need bread." "But I like to make bread," and notwithstanding the fact that there is plenty of bread, in the midst of confusion Fanny does what she wants to. Give our \$5 and like amounts to the support of the Girls' Schools in India or Africa, glad to be co-laborers with Christ.

We will hear Mrs. Shaffer on Church Extension Loans.

CHURCH EXTENSION LOANS.

MRS. K. B. SHAFFER.

The Church Extension Loan Fund is a perpetual fund used only in Church Extension work. This money is loaned to mission churches without interest and at the end of a specified time, which is usually from three to five years, it is paid back into our treasury to again be sent out to help provide a place of worship for God's children. Funds collected on Church Extension work are distributed on the basis of three-fourths loan and one-fourth donation. No donations were made from the Silver Jubilee Church Extension Fund.

All our church extension work is done through the Board of Church Extension. (See Article of Agreement, p. 58, Minutes of Springfield Convention, 1905). After a loan or donation is mutually agreed upon by the Board of Church Extension and the General Executive Committee, the Board secures the mortgage or note for the same, and issues a certificate to the Executive Committee, showing that said mortgage or note is held in trust by the Board for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The Board shares proportionately in all loans and donations.

It is the judgment of the speaker that our Church Extension work should be supported from the General Fund just as our other work is supported. Church Extension work is as important as any work we have. The day is past when a mission can prosper and develop without a church building. The delay caused by sending out an appeal and waiting many months for returns is often fatal.

Mrs. Bell: Just one thought more on Church Extension Work. Our General Treasurer says that the announcement in the *Journal* that we have assumed a mission as a Woman's Mission always brings a contribution. This is due to a misunderstanding. Church Extension calls are for church buildings and so state. The *assuming* of a mission by our Executive Committee means that we help to pay the salary, not that we are then receiving money for the building.

One thing more, the *only* special calls that have a right to be brought to our auxiliaries are those that come through the *Journal* or through the Synodical officers with the sanction of the committee.

One more question is before us, Mrs. Reeves will speak on the rules governing our missionaries.

RULES FOR MISSIONARIES.

MRS. FANNY C. REEVES.

Missionaries report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

Salaries.—For the first two years our women missionaries receive a salary of \$500. For three years thereafter \$550 per annum. For five years thereafter \$600 per annum. After ten years of service \$700 which is the maximum.

Furloughs.—As a rule furloughs are granted after seven years of service. While on furlough women missionaries receive one-half salary.

Work during furlough.—Missionaries on furlough shall receive the sanction of the Foreign Board before engaging in church visitation. In the case of our missionaries the decision is made after conferring with the Executive Committee. It has been the custom to have churches or societies visited pay traveling expenses. A very important rule is that missionaries shall not advocate new projects or solicit funds for the same without the sanction of the Board. This decision is rendered after a conference with the Executive Committee.

Term of service is limited only by their physical ability to perform their duties as missionaries.

Mrs. Bell: The spirit of our workers is beautiful, often asking to go off furlough salary, often supporting special work from their own funds. The expense of supporting a missionary or rather of sending out a missionary is \$350 to India or \$225 to Africa. One hundred dollars of this is outfit money, the balance for passage money.

And now, my friends, we have come to the close of our symposium. All these lines lead up to the increase in prayer, workers and contributions. You remember the old German story of St. Christopher, the man who desired to serve the strongest one with all his strength. First he led the Emperor's banners and victory followed. Then, seeing the Emperor cross himself, he sought Satan whom the Emperor feared. For years he rode in revelry and a wild life with Satan; but finding Satan feared to pass the Cross of the Crucified One, he sought Christ and finally monks set him at a ford to carry the passengers across. And one night in storm and darkness he unknowingly carried the Christ child across. And with tenderness in His voice the Christ said to him "Thou shalt be called Christopher, the Christ-bearer." This pictures our privilege to bear the word of Christ—the life of Christ across the waves of sin and darkness. *We* are to be Christophers of the church.

Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Chairman of the Committee on Report of Magazine Committee read the report of said Committee which follows:

Report of Committee on Magazine Committee's Report.

Your committee on report of Magazine Committee find that the constituted membership thereof and the committee's performance of duty assigned have been in accordance with the action taken in general convention two years ago. (Page 136, Minutes Biennial Convention, 1905.)

Whereas, this Magazine Committee is entrusted with a matter of greatest moment, having fulfilled that trust wisely and acceptably, meanwhile supported by the prayers and the anxious expectation of the entire membership of our General Society, we recommend further immediate support by the endowment of the recommendations presented by the report of this committee.

1. The Magazine:

Name—That the name of this magazine be "Lutheran Woman's Work."

Contents—That it be the official organ of the W. H. and F. M. Society and that "Mission Studies" be merged therewith.

Size—That the size be from 32 to 40 pages, the first edition to be 36 pages.

Cover Design—That the badge-emblem adopted for the society by the General Literature Committee be the central figure on the cover design and that it be worked out in the Luther colors, if practicable.

Subscription Price—That the subscription price for "Lutheran Woman's Work" be fifty cents, with an additional copy for every five new subscribers.

Editorship and Management—That Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Ph. D., be Editor in Chief of the magazine, that Miss S. M. Protzman be Editor of the Monthly Meeting Department and that Mrs. J. P. Krechting be Business Manager.

Publication—That the Magazine be published by the Lutheran Publication Society of Philadelphia, said Society to publish and print, to mail and to take subscriptions for the Magazine.

Subscription List—That the subscription list be entirely in the hands of the Magazine Committee and that it be the property of the General Society, said committee, with the General Executive Committee and the General Society back of it, to be responsible for any deficit at the end of each year, also that any surplus be applied to the general work of the society or to the enlargement of the Magazine.

First Issue—That the first number be issued in January, 1908. That the first copy of the Magazine be given to the highest bidder, also that one hundred autograph copies be issued, for sale at \$5.00 each.

Circulation—That the aim for this first magazine to be published by the Lutheran women of the world be 10,000 subscriptions for the first year, which goal is possible, practicable and reasonable.

2. That, at an early hour of this convention season, time be given to start the subscription list to this magazine.

3. That, by a rising vote of thanks, we express our appreciation of the signal services rendered our General Society by the Magazine Committee and by a Committee from the Lutheran Publication Society, also that we give practical evidence of our appreciation of their services, by according both "Lutheran Woman's Work" and "Lutheran Church Work," to be issued simultaneously, according to present plans, our hearty support.

MRS. HELEN C. BEEGLE,
MRS. WILLARD LARKIN,
MRS. J. E. HOICK.

Committee.

After a short discussion the report was unanimously adopted as a whole.

Mrs. J. P. Krechting was called to the platform to receive sub-

scriptions for the new magazine, which subscriptions were as recorded :

Mrs. Albert Hencken, New York City, for first copy	\$500 00
Mrs. William Mackie, Chestnut Hill, Pa., for Synodical Historian of East Pennsylvania Society, second copy	200 00
Mrs. Chas. Schieren, Brooklyn, N. Y., third copy	100 00
Maryland Synodical Society, for Historian	100 00
Alleghany Synodical Society, for Historian	100 00
Central Illinois Synodical Society, for Historian	50 00
Susquehanna Synodical Society, for Historian	50 00
New York and New Jersey Synodical Society, for Historian	50 00
Miami Synodical Society, for Historian	25 00
Central Pennsylvania Synodical Society, for Historian	25 00
Pittsburgh Synodical Society, for Historian	25 00
Wittenberg Synodical Society, for Historian	25 00
Mrs. Willard Larkin, for Mrs. J. B. Badgley, who has served twenty- five years as Treasurer of Hartwick Synodical Society	25 00
West Pennsylvania Society, for Mrs. F. C. Karper, Chambersburg. Pa., Miss Henrietta Eisenhart, York, Pa., Mrs. E. Breidenbach, and Mrs. J. W. Richard, Gettysburg, Pa.	25 00
General Literature Committee, for Miss M. H. Morris	10 00
Maryland Synodical Society, for Mrs. W. H. James	10 00

Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

MAY 9TH, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

The devotional exercises were in charge of Miss Catharine M. Cummings, Philadelphia.

The Convention was called to order by the President. The minutes of the morning were read and approved.

Mrs. R. H. Hay, Chairman of committee on Report of Literature Committee read the report in these words :

Report of Committee on Literature Committee's Report.

I. Having carefully examined the report of the Literature Committee, we wish to express first our sense of appreciation and obligation to this faithful corps of workers who have done such remarkable work during the biennium. The "Exhibit" has already spoken so eloquently for itself that further commendation is scarcely needed. Special praise and thanks are due, however, to all who have labored so faithfully to prepare this record of our Woman's work in all its departments and give us the splendid exhibit we now enjoy. Sincerely do we hope that the purpose of all these labors may not be frustrated by a failure of the delegates to grasp it; but that an educational impetus may

spread throughout the entire church, setting in motion a broader movement for the instruction of our women in the things which belong to our work.

2. Though pleased with the increasing demand for our Literature, we urge an even more general use of all the various tracts, pictures, maps, books and other helps recommended by the committee and the adoption at the fall convention of the new missionary service and Hymnal which is expected to be ready at that time.

3. It is with real joy that we hail the Lutheran Woman's Missionary Magazine, and urge that every society do its utmost to secure the ten thousand subscribers desired the first year.

4. We commend the action of the committee in heretofore sending its literature to the Senior classes in the Theological Seminaries and suggest that they add to their mailing list all of our Lutheran Schools and Colleges for young women and the Y. W. C. A.'s in our large cities.

5. We appreciate the attractive appearance of our publications which compare very favorably with most of other denominations in every respect save their insufficiency, especially in the matter of literature for the children and young people. The demand is so universal as to be a serious want. Seeing then that the committee appears to be able to produce literature more than satisfactory in *quality*, it behooves us to enable them to produce it in greater *quantity* and

6. Realizing as never before the great scope of the work and the demand for the entire time of a secretary; believing that "standing still is peril ever" and that progress insists upon a vastly increased use of literature, we advise that the appropriation granted to our literature committee be even beyond the modest sum they request which we believe will prove inadequate to meet the enlarged necessary expenses. We cannot afford to be parsimonious. We must not fail at this strategic point. Every cent expended will more than double itself in increased activity; therefore, we recommend an appropriation to the General Literature Committee of \$900 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. HAY, *Chairman.*

MRS. J. F. SEEBACH,

MRS. SIMON SMITH,

MISS LOUISE REEVER,

S. ELIZABETH STOEVER.

The report was considered item by item, and adopted as a whole.

Mrs. S. R. Weidley, Chairman, read the report of the committee on Historian's report, which follows:

Report of Committee on Historian's Report.

In the report of the historian we find much for which to be thankful. We rejoice in the progress indicated throughout the whole report. It should be our aim, as synodical and auxiliary societies to give all the aid possible in assisting

the historian to keep a correct record of the most important events transpiring in our societies. Therefore we recommend :

1. That we answer cheerfully and willingly any communications from the general historian.
2. That we earnestly urge that each auxiliary should look well to its field in her own church, not only among the women but among the children, as an *educational* factor, not for the purpose of an offering.
3. We urge each auxiliary society to carry out the suggestion of having a historian in every society.
4. We recommend that the names of the life members be retained on the rolls of the synod in which they became life members.

The growth in the number of life members is gratifying, but we note with sadness the home-going of so many of this number.

5. We wish to thank the Historian for the splendid missionary exhibit. We cannot find words to express our appreciation of the same, and hope this may be made a permanent feature of our synodical conventions.

Lastly, we recommend that we use wherever possible the manual and illustrative work as supplemental to the furtherance of our mission work, thereby laying a firm and solid foundation for mission work among the young people and children of our congregations; for from them must come our future strength.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. R. WEIDLEY,
MRS. M. C. YEISER,
MRS. SAMUEL NEWCOMER,
Miss MARY E. BELL.

Adopted as a whole.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Chairman of Committee on Transportation, read the following report, which was adopted, with a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Shaffer for her arduous labors.

Report of Committee on Transportation.

Your Committee on Transportation reports 183 certificates received for signature. With gratitude to our loyal Lutheran Women for their hearty co-operation in the matter of transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

K. B. SHAFFER,
Chairman Com. on Transportation.

Mrs. L. C. Bell, Chairman, read the report on the Corresponding Secretary's report, which was adopted as a whole, and was as follows :

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's report have examined the same and respectfully submit the following :

The accurate and painstaking work of the report deserves the thanks of convention, and we rejoice in the results obtained during the biennium.

We endorse the following recommendations of our Secretary:

1. That special effort be made toward the organization of Young People's Societies and Children's Bands in all our churches; also the formation of a Cradle Roll in every Band.

2. That Auxiliary and Synodical Secretaries observe strict accuracy in their reports, for only thus can the General Secretary perform acceptable work.

We are glad to note the formation of a new Synodical Society, that of Southern Illinois, and that Wartburg Synod is also falling into line.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. C. BELL,
MRS. F. H. CRISSMAN,
MRS. P. M. ROSSMAN,
MRS. F. W. BECK, JR.,
MRS. S. A. DIEHL.

Mrs. F. C. Karper, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Executive Committee's report as follows:

Report of Committee on Executive Committee's Report.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following:

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the goodness of God in the successful work of the past biennium as given in the comprehensive and carefully prepared report of the Secretary of our General Executive Committee, and we hereby record our appreciation and thanks for the most excellent work done by this Committee.

We rejoice in the growth of our Home Mission work, and that every call for money for our work in India has been met, and that the medical work is advancing toward self-support.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the resolutions under the head of Firch Memorial College be endorsed by this convention.

2. That the Auxiliary Societies be more careful about having their funds used solely for the objects designated by the General Executive Committee.

3. That the report of the Executive Committee (as soon as published in the minutes and distributed) be carefully read and discussed in the monthly meetings of our Auxiliaries.

4. That the recommendations offered by the Executive Committee be adopted by this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. KAPER,
MRS. W. H. DUNBAR,
MRS. J. H. WEAVER,
MRS. C. F. STIFEL,
Miss MARY BAYLIES.

The report was considered item by item, and adopted as a whole.

The foreign missionaries present were invited to the platform and introduced.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Pohlman.

Dr. Anna S. Kugler.

Miss Mary Knauss.

Mrs. Noah Yeiser.

Mrs. Nichols Crissman.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer.

Mrs. L. B. Wolf.

Miss Mary H. Van Leer.

Miss Lulu Mott Goodman.

Miss Ruth Garrett.

It was a very great pleasure to the members of the convention to again look into the faces of these faithful workers and to meet the two young ladies—Miss Goodman and Miss Garrett, who will sail on Saturday, May 11th, for Africa, for work in our mission. May their lives and their health be precious in His sight!

Mrs. A. V. Pohlman then took charge of the exercise, "*Practical Work Among Young People.*"

She stated that she could best present the subject of practical work among young people by conducting an imaginary society, and in demonstration of her ideas the following papers were presented:

Chairman of Personal Work Committee—Mrs. Birch.

Madam Chairman: It was difficult at first for this committee to get the members of our Society to do any personal work along mission lines—but soon we had offers to write cheery letters to our missionaries and to the sick ones of our society and church members. Now we have letters sent to any and every one whom we hear of and think would enjoy a letter. Missions is brought into each letter, and often clippings of mission news. Much good has resulted from this use of the pen for missions.

A large number of our members have promised to talk missions whenever the slightest opportunity offers, and I was told the other day that in one office in this city—every one knew missions from A to Z, and that from manager to elevator boy—the latest mission news could be learned. Surely this is a good way to teach the public of missions.

Most of our ladies pray daily for missions and missionaries, making the prayer a definite plea for some one object. There is in our Society a circle

of girls who have pledged themselves "to give of their time, money and strength to missions as much as they believe God wishes of them, and to go themselves if He so directs." Several of these have the hope of some day finding the way clear for them to do foreign mission work. Several are doing home mission work among the foreigners of our city. Most are doing mission work in their office, shop, factory or home. The personal work in missions has been a mighty uplift to our Society.

Chairman of Finance Committee—Mrs. Hauck.

Madam Chairman: It was with many misgivings that I undertook to solve a year ago the financial problems of this Society, but now at the end of the year I have this report to give you, and our Treasurer will be able to show what results followed.

I will merely give a brief outline of some of the methods we used to bring money to our Society. Always have we kept in mind the object for which we wished the money—*Missions*—so we endeavored to add to missionary information when giving out a call for mission money. A large number of Missionary Postals were purchased from the General Literature Committee, and most of the members of our Society have used these postals for birthday and other occasions in place of those they could get at the stores. As we paid five cents to our Treasurer, and she bought them two for five, you see we were enabled to hand her a goodly sum from this source.

We purchased photographs of our African and India fields and workers at fifteen cents each and different persons bought them for twenty-five cents and presented to our Society to decorate our mission room. The pictures have interested many visitors, and doubtless influenced some to join our Society.

The "Stamp Book," which Miss Smith so prettily decorated, brought in more money than the most hopeful mind anticipated. We found so many outside of our Society asking for these books that we appointed a member to sell stamps at each one of our social meetings.

There is something fascinating in buying stamps and pasting them in a book. My Sunday-school class of six girls was so taken with the "stamp fever" that I made an idol for them out of an old union suit, four yards of brown silesia, and a five-cent false face. I thought some of you girls would like to see their idol, so told Susie to bring it and tell you what the class does—perhaps your classes could do the same.

SUSIE'S TALK.

"Our teacher told us about the poor boys and girls in India and Africa, and the girls in our class decided we could do something for them. When we saw the stamps our teacher used in her book we wanted to buy some. So she told us she would make an idol and we could put the red stamps on it, and thus show that the red blood of Jesus could cover even idolatry. Our teacher said that we could only use money for stamps that we had earned in some way, and gave cheerfully. Every Sunday she has her box of stamps

with her in Sunday-school, and we buy them, and after school we go to the place where we keep the idol, and paste them on it. We think we can raise \$25.00 this year, and keep a little girl in the African Mission School."

Some in our Society volunteered to do without candy during Lent, and another promised to give three two-cent stamps a week to the Lord if we excused her from the letter-writing asked of her by the Personal Work Committee, as her time did not permit such added work.

Some of the young men who attend our social meetings give the cost of a cigar a week to this "Self-Denial" plan.

Several of the young women who used to treat each other to ice-cream on Saturday afternoons after leaving their place of work, have agreed to each give their ten cents to the "Self-Denial" box.

Some of our members tithe and give a portion of their tithings to our fund. Many other things have been done to add to our fund for missions, but always with the added blessing that not only money was received, but much missionary knowledge and help given out to the giver.

Chairman of Literature Committee—Mrs. F. H. Wipperman.

Madam Chairman: As chairman of the Literature Committee I report a much larger amount of printed matter used by and through our Society this year than ever before. As a committee we felt that the most important way of reaching the *active* interest of those unacquainted with missions was through eye and ear. So we bought many tracts from our own and other denominations, and, arranging these in groups of similar subjects, we bound them in heavy paper covers. These we loaned for a few weeks to any one who would read them. We placed the "Mission Study Pictures" in book form with their printed matter and used them among the sick.

Whenever our members found a good picture in a magazine or paper it was brought to us and placed in our album.

We also have made scrap books of *printed articles* on mission work. Besides this, we bought more copies than usual of our "Mission Study" Text Book, as we had more money on hand for literature than ever before. We find that the more interest aroused, the more money comes in. We have added to our library donations from those who have mission books in their private libraries.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30 O'CLOCK, MAY 9, 1907.

Mrs. P. A. Heilman, President, presiding.

Hymn No. 335 was sung after the organ voluntary.

The scripture lesson was read by Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., of the Deaconess Motherhouse of Baltimore.

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. W. Staley, Ardmore, Pa.

Hymn No. 336 was sung, after which Mrs. Reese of Luther-ville, Md., read greetings from Miss Amelie Klein, our missionary in Africa.

The president introduced Dr. Anna S. Kugler, just returned from India for a rest, and who has been in the work there as our missionary over twenty-three years. Dr. Kugler greatly interested her audience for over an hour in her account of the medical work in India.

The quartette from Trinity church, Germantown, rendered an anthem, after which the Rev. Dr. Kline, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, gave a very enthusiastic address on the work of our Church in India and Africa.

An invitation was read inviting all present to attend a farewell meeting to be held in Temple church, Rev. Dr. Pohlman, pastor, on Friday evening, for Miss Lulu Mott Goodman and Miss Ruth Garrett, on the eve of their sailing for Africa.

The quartette rendered a selection during the gathering of the offering, and Rev. Dr. Delk dismissed the congregation with the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

8:30, MAY 10, 1907.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. R. B. Wolf, Kansas City, Kansas.

The President called the Convention to order, and Hymn No. 113 was sung.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous afternoon and evening were read and approved.

A letter was read by Mrs. E. B. Scholl from Rev. J. K. Bloom, Oxford Junction, Iowa, now over eighty years of age, who offered the resolution to form Woman's Missionary Societies, August 20, 1875, in the Iowa Synod.

Mrs. S. B. Belmer, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Letters and Papers as follows :

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers, report as follows :

Address of Welcome, by Mrs. Wm. Casper Stoeve, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. The Woman's Convention was greeted with a most hearty and pleasing welcome. The greeting was a welcome into their very hospitable homes of Philadelphia, and a call into fellowship of work with God.

The response by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, San Diego, Cal., very ably represented the deep feeling of appreciation felt by the large body of delegates and visitors.

Greetings given by the pastor, Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D. D., sounded the key-note of the untiring efforts on his part for our comfort and success as a convention.

Greetings from other denominations were full of the true Christian spirit, showing that we are all workers in the one great vineyard—The World, with but one aim, "The World for Christ."

THE MISSION STUDY CLASS.

Miss Sarah Van Gundy, Forest Glen, Md., most ably presented and solved the question as to the preparation of our young people for the study of missions, so much needed in order to strengthen our work.

HOME MISSION WORK.

The inspiring address of Mrs. S. D. Daugherty, Norwood, Pa., touched most forcibly upon the great problems confronting this Christian nation. What is our duty to the "incoming millions," sounded the note of warning to the Lutheran Church to care for the thousands crowding our shores. He does most to Christianize America who does most to Christianize our cities, where flourish every foe to Christian living. Then, for the preservation of American institutions and Christian ideals, each woman is urged to be a missionary. By the sentiments expressed in this address, the emigrant problem can best be solved, and the question, "Who is my neighbor?" answered by reaching out a helping hand to lighten the burden of the stranger in a strange land.

GREETINGS FROM AFRICA.

Miss Amelie A. Klein, Muhlenburg, Africa: The cheering news from our Muhlenburg mission gives new hope of better things for our dark-browed sisters. We pray that Miss Klein may feel God's loving care in her work and the encouragement He gives to His children. We rejoice that help has come for her, and that the prayer for more laborers has been answered.

The symposium in charge of Mrs. H. C. Bell, explaining the use of the different funds, was most ably conducted. The different speakers gave the delegates a clear understanding of the use of the funds given for missionary

purposes, and the need of the different departments in financial work. More systematic and business-like work will be the result of such an exposition.

Practical Work Among Young People, by Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, brought out many helpful suggestions. The imaginary reports were full of good thoughts. Information along missionary lines was the thought running through the papers. "The eye-gate is ever the best instructor."

A letter from Rev. J. K. Bloom, the first pastor who offered a resolution to organize Woman's Missionary Societies, was read. This letter recalled many present memories of past days.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. B. BELMER,
MRS. B. Q. HALLENBECK,
MRS. THOS. DEAVER,
MRS. JULIA A. BRECKENRIDGE,
MISS A. KAUFFMAN.

Adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Minutes of last Convention read the report as follows :

Report on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee has examined the minutes of the Springfield Convention and finds them accurate. The unfinished business noted, namely the presentation of a plan for the publication of a Woman's Magazine, has been acted on at this Convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. U. S. G. RUPP.

Adopted.

Mrs. I. M. Derrick, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Field Secretary's Report as follows :

Report of Committee on Field Secretary's Report.

Two years ago the office of Field Secretary was created and Mrs. Helen C. Beegle appointed to that position. We have listened with deep interest to the reports of Synodical visitation, where results have been eminently satisfactory. We find in the report of Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, much of encouragement and cause for congratulation on the part of this convention that this work which was undertaken in fear and trembling has been so successful.

We would recommend that this Convention express its appreciation, thanks, sympathy and support by a rising vote.

MRS. I. M. DERRICK,
MRS. A. H. STUDEBAKER,
MRS. S. T. HIMES,
MRS. C. H. TRAVER,
MRS. E. G. MILLER.

Adopted.

Committee.

Miss Alice L. Gaumer, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Reports of the Box-Work Committees as follows :

Report of Committee on Box-Work.

Having examined the reports of the Home and Foreign Box-Work Committees, we commend their faithful and valuable service.

HOME BOX-WORK.

We rejoice that the great majority of our synodical societies are represented in this work, and we urge that those who have not participated in it will do so, that all may be represented in the next biennial report, and realize the blessedness of this service.

We urge that all box-work done be reported to the synodical box-work committee to enable them to make a complete report.

FOREIGN BOX-WORK.

We rejoice in the increase in foreign box-work over the work of the previous biennium, and rejoice also in the interest shown in supplying the needs of the two consecrated young women who go forth from among you to do our work in Africa. While much has been sent to the African field by friends, the fund for supplying the clothing for the children is nearly exhausted, and as this is a voluntary contribution, we urge prompt work upon the part of those who desire to be ready for the shipment in October.

The needs of the hospital in India need no reminder further than to say that the money on hand for the work amounts to seven cents.

We call special attention to the suggestions of the committee and urge compliance with them.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ALICE L. GAUMER,
MRS. D. U. BAIR,
MISS CLARA PETERSON,
MRS. MELVIN SHULTS,
MRS. E. D. DEITRICK.

Adopted.

Mrs. E. B. Scholl read her report on the sale of goods from the Industrial School in India, as follows, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Guntur Sales.

Report on sales of goods from the Industrial School in Guntur, India :

Balance.....	\$34 00	
Sales in 1905.....	68 55	
Sales in 1906.....	105 03	
Sales in 1907.....	8 00	
Sales at Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.....	81 00	
		<hr/> \$296 58
Remitted to Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer.....	\$262 58	
Expenses during the biennium.....	4 00	
Balance on hand.....	30 00	
		<hr/> \$296 58

Miss M. H. Morris moved that the salaries of the Field Secretary, General Treasurer and Secretary of the Executive Committee be increased.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mrs. S. B. Belmer moved that the amount of increase be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee, with power to act.

The motion was carried.

Rev. Dr. Chas. E. Hay was introduced, and in a few very pleasing remarks brought greetings from the Deaconess Board and Motherhouse.

Sister Louise Stitzer and Sister Lina Schueler were brought forward and introduced by Dr. Hay.

Rev. Dr. Delk, in a most eloquent and happy manner, brought greetings from the General Synod.

The subject on program, "Our Publications," was now taken up and Mrs. J. P. Krechting spoke on "Lutheran Woman's Work." She announced that during this Convention she had received subscriptions for the new magazine to the amount of sixteen hundred dollars.

Miss Laura Wade Rice presented the interests of the *Children's Missionary*. She deplored the lack of interest manifested by many missionary workers in the circulation of this little paper.

Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., in a very forcible and impressive manner, presented the cause of *Lutheran Church Work*, the contemplated magazine of the Church.

The Convention was adjourned for the noon hour with the benediction by Dr. Dunbar.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

MAY 10, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

The last devotional services of the Convention was conducted by Mrs. S. Elizabeth Stoeber, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. The subject was the observance of the Sabbath Day, and was entered into with interest by all present.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung, and Mrs. Bixler offered prayer.

The Nominating Committee, through its Chairman, Mrs. T. B. Patton, Huntington, Pa., presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for all the names presented, and the nominees were declared elected.

Report of Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee reports the following:

For President—Mrs. P. A. Heilman, Baltimore, Md.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Willard Larkin, Cobleskill, N. Y.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. F. C. Karper, Chambersburg, Pa.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. V. Hunter, Columbia City, Ind.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Mary Hay Morris, Lutherville, Md.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. D. Miller, Baltimore, Md.

Historian—Mrs. Emma B. Scholl, Baltimore, Md.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. E. S. Prince, Honorary and Advisory Member for Life, Springfield, O.

Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Springfield, O.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Ph.D., Delaware, O.

Mrs. L. A. Gotwald, Springfield, O.

Mrs. J. L. Zimmerman, Springfield, O.

Miss Flora Prince, Springfield, O.

Mrs. E. H. Dornblaser, Springfield, O.

Mrs. Zella B. Watkins, Springfield, O.

Mrs. L. L. Belmer, Osborne, O.

Mrs. Fanny C. Reeves, Dayton, O.

Miss Alice L. Gaumer, Urbana, O.

Mrs. A. H. Work, Springfield, O.

Mrs. A. H. Smith, Springfield, O.

Mrs. H. C. Bell, Springfield, O.

GENERAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Miss Mary Hay Morris, *Chairman*, Lutherville, Md.

Miss E. L. Brauns, *Corresponding Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. A. H. Studebaker, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. W. Paris Chambers, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Chas. E. Hay, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Mary Baylies, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Clara V. Sadtler, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Jessie Wenner, Baltimore, Md.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Mrs. Emma B. Scholl, Baltimore, Md.
Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Ph.D., Delaware, O.
Miss Laura Wade Rice, Baltimore, Md.
Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. B. PATTON,
MRS. S. B. BELMER,
MRS. F. W. WIPPERMAN,
MRS. S. F. ZIEGLER,
MRS. F. H. JENKINS,
MRS. R. B. WOLF,
MRS. A. E. MARTINIS,
MRS. W. M. REARICK,
MISS SUE BIXLER.
MRS. A. K. MUMMA,
MRS. J. P. KELLER,
MISS L. A. BENDER,
MRS. J. H. WEAVER,
MRS. I. M. DERRICK,
MRS. L. C. BELL,
MRS. H. E. BERKEY,
MRS. H. C. BELL.

Mrs. Patton announced that it was with regret that the name of Mrs. A. V. Hunter was left from the Executive Committee after twenty-four years of service, but that it had been done at her own urgent request.

Miss Florence Fellows moved that all Synodical Treasurers send only totals for each object to the General Treasurer.

Unanimously adopted.

Miscellaneous business was called for, and Mrs. Scherer, of the United Synod of the South, invited the convention to send a delegate to the General Conference of the Woman's Societies to be held in Savannah, Ga., in 1908. The invitation was accepted, and Mrs. P. A. Heilman was elected delegate and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer alternate.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer came to the platform and exhibited a picture of Col. John F. Firch, of Spokane, Washington, who has promised the Society ten thousand dollars for college work in India. The picture is to be hung in the Girl's School in India, and was greeted with applause, and Mrs. Shaffer was instructed to send Col. Firch a telegram of greeting and appreciation.

New business was called for, and Mrs. F. H. Wipperman, of Logansport, Ind., presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter the reports of the Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Committee and Historian be printed and ready for distribution after their presentation to the convention.

Mrs. S. B. Belmer, of Cincinnati, read the following notice :

In view of the fact that the election of officers is a most important part of the organization of societies, and

In view of the fact that the Constitutions of the General, Synodical, Auxiliary and Young People's Societies do not agree upon this subject;

Therefore, notice is given that at the next biennial convention these Constitutions should be altered and amended to make them uniform.

Approved.

No invitation having been received for the next convention, Mrs. Reeves, of Dayton, moved that the selection of a place for the meeting of the next General Convention be left in the hands of the General Officers of the Society.

Motion was adopted.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Deaconess Board to consider the advisability of coöperating with the Deaconess Board in Inner-Mission Work.

The President appointed Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer as that committee.

Mrs. P. A. Heilman was elected delegate to the next General Synod and Mrs. J. P. Krechting alternate.

Mrs. H. C. Bell moved that the synodical treasurer's report in totals for each object, beginning with the June quarter.

Motion carried.

Mrs. S. B. Belmer moved that the secretary be instructed to send a telegram of love and remembrance to Mrs. E. S. Prince, Springfield, O., our former Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Mrs. A. K. Mumma, Chairman, submitted the following report of the Committee on Resolutions :

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions submits the following:

WHEREAS, God has abundantly blessed our work, permitted so large and substantial growth along all lines of regular work, and crowned the biennium with this, the largest convention in our history, we united in heartfelt praise to His great Name.

1. *Resolved*, That, rejoicing over the excess of financial receipts in the past biennium, and the still higher aim for the future, we work with renewed zeal and diligence for the same gain in membership, and the realization of our watchword, a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation in the General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That while we deeply mourn the loss of Mrs. S. S. Waltz and Mrs. A. J. Kissell, both officers of the General Society, and others of the rank and file who have been called home, we endeavor to fill their places with new members, and hope at some future time, through the growth of the Memorial Fund, to erect a suitable monument in the form of some special work to their memory.

3. *Resolved*, That we pledge our loyal support to the new magazine in every way possible, and will use our utmost endeavors to create an interest and to secure subscriptions at our Synodical conventions.

4. *Resolved*, That we thank God for the safe return of our dear Dr. Kugler and Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht, and for the great privilege this convention has had in seeing at one time so many who have served on the Foreign field; that we commit Miss Goodman and Miss Garrett to our heavenly Father's care, and may they long be spared to the work in Africa to which they have so freely given themselves.

5. *Resolved*, That we greatly appreciate the educational value of the missionary exhibit and thank all who had any part in its preparation.

6. *Resolved*, That owing to the importance of the work among young people and children and to the fact that the future of our missionary endeavors depends upon them, that increasing attention be given them and the efforts for more helps, especially in their literature, be heartily endorsed.

7. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the action of the Jubilee Convention in appointing a paid Field Secretary, and feel that the results have more than justified the expense.

8. *Resolved*, That the hearty coöperation of this convention be given to help overthrow the liquor traffic in this and foreign lands.

9. *Resolved*, That the heartfelt gratitude the convention has hereby rendered to our beloved Mrs. A. V. Hunter for her twenty-four years of continuous service on our Executive Committee, and its regret that henceforth its deliberations are to lose her presence and advice.

10. *Resolved*, That our sincere thanks be tendered as follows: (1) To the General Officers; (2) Executive Committee; (3) Literature Committee; (4) Department Secretaries, all of whom have given themselves so unreservedly to

the successful furtherance of the work; (5) To the pastor and people of St. Matthew's church for the hospitality and courtesy extended us; (6) To the Philadelphia Conference and to the choirs and organists of St. Matthew's, All Saints, and Trinity of Germantown, whose music added so greatly to the enjoyment of the convention; (7) To the city press for the prominence given our convention in their columns.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. K. MUMMA,
MRS. T. B. PATTON,
MRS. JESSIE HUNTER FOUST,
MRS. L. B. DUTCHER,
SISTER LOUISE STITZER.

Adopted as a whole.

Mrs. J. P. Krechting moved that this convention send an autograph copy of the new magazine to Mrs. E. S. Prince.

Motion was carried.

Mrs. E. B. Scholl moved that the convention send an autograph copy of the new magazine to Mrs. Joel Swartz, of Wayne, Pa., one of the early faithful workers of this Society, and who, excepting Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, is the only one present at this convention who attended the first General Convention at Canton, O., in 1879. Carried.

Mrs. Swartz was brought forward by Mrs. Shaffer and introduced, and both were greeted with the Chautauqua salute.

The closing exercises of the convention, conducted by Mrs. J. P. Krechting, were most beautiful and impressive. The subject was, "What Has this Convention Taught Me?"

"Nearer My God to Thee" was sung, and Mrs. D. U. Bair, Glenside, Pa., offered prayer. Appropriate remarks were made by a number of the delegates, all bearing testimony to the fact that many lessons of faith and trust had been learned during this convention.

Rev. Dr. Delk pronounced the benediction, and the President declared the Fifteenth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society adjourned.

AUGUSTA VIRGINIA HUNTER,
Recording Secretary.

CONVENTION NOTES.

There were twenty-one Synodical Delegates present, Rocky Mountain and Southern Illinois Societies not being represented.

The large and regular attendance and the spirit of harmony prevailing, were a great encouragement to all interested.

The fact that fourteen missionaries of our Church were in attendance was an inspiration.

The unanimous spirit of coöperation manifested toward the proposed new magazine was hailed with delight and gratitude by the Magazine Committee.

The music furnished by the Chorus of St. Matthew's Church, the vested Choir of All Saint's Church and the Quartette of Trinity Church, contributed in no small part to the pleasure of the delegates and visitors.

The beauty and elegance of the church in which we met, the cordial kindness of the pastor and the members of the Philadelphia Conference and the elaborate entertainment in furnishing the lunch and dinner served in the church parlors each day, all aided in making this one of the most enjoyable Conventions of the General Society.

The President, Mrs. Heilman, and Mrs. Engelman were each presented with beautiful pieces of work done in the Industrial School in India, the Secretary and Mrs. Hoick's little daughter from California, making the presentations.

The courtesies extended to the delegates and visitors by Supt. Boner in the beautiful printed invitations to visit the Lutheran Publication House, and in printing extra copies of the program gratuitously, will be remembered with pleasure in recalling pleasing incidents of the Convention.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Constitution of the General Society.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II.—AIM AND OBJECT.

The aim and object of this Society shall be to coöperate with the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension of the General Synod, the Society reserving the right to designate to the Boards the manner in which the funds of the Society shall be appropriated.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The regular members of this Society shall consist of the Officers, the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee, and one Delegate from each Synodical Society, each Auxiliary Society, each Young People's Society and Life Members.

SEC. 2. All women who are members of Synodical or Auxiliary Woman's Missionary Societies shall be regarded as Associate Members of this Society.

SEC. 3. Other women may become associate members by the payment of one dollar annually.

SEC. 4. Any woman may become a life member by the payment of ten dollars at one time into the General Fund.

SEC. 5. Gentlemen may become honorary members by the payment of one dollar annually, and honorary life members by the payment of ten dollars into the General Fund at one time.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents at large, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

SEC. 2. The ex-Presidents of the Society and the President of all Synodical Societies shall be *ex-officio* honorary Vice-Presidents of this Society.

ARTICLE V.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. An Executive Committee of thirteen women shall be elected at the Biennial Convention of this Society, whose duty it shall be to manage the

affairs of this Society between the Biennial Conventions. The President shall also be an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. This committee shall be located at or near the same place, so that the committee may meet monthly for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The Officers and Executive Committee shall be elected at the Biennial Convention of this Society.

SEC. 2. Regular members shall have power to vote at the biennial meetings except on questions which have been previously submitted to the Synodical Societies for consideration by the Executive Committee, at which each Synodical delegate shall cast one vote for every two hundred (200) members. The vote to be cast according to the instructions of the Synodical Society.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

This Society shall meet biennially, just previous to or at the time of the meeting of General Synod, and when practicable, at or near the same place.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any number of Societies may form a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Synodical Society, auxiliary to this Society, by adopting the Constitution prepared for Synodical Societies, and contributing to the objects under the control of the General Society.

ARTICLE IX.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Society by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed changes or amendments have been proposed at a previous meeting of the Society, or have been published in the church papers two months before the time of the Convention.

By-Laws to the General Constitution.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Biennial Convention appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and may call any special convention at the request of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents, in order, shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the office, and co-operate with the President in furthering the general work.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, and prepare the same for publication, first submitting them for approval of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the Conventions in the church papers two months continuously, in advance.

SEC. 5. An assistant may be chosen to aid the Recording Secretary during the Biennial Convention.

SEC. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall collect all statistics of the Synodical and Auxiliary Societies, and report the same annually to the Executive Committee, and at the meeting of the Biennial Convention.

SEC. 7. The Treasurer shall receive and acknowledge all funds, and make such distribution of them as the Executive Committee shall direct. The Treasurer shall present a written statement of the receipts and disbursements, *monthly or quarterly*, to the Executive Committee, and to the Society at its Biennial Convention.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall receive and report only such moneys as are designated for the objects under control of this Society.

ARTICLE II.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. A Literature Committee of nine women shall be appointed at the Biennial Convention of this Society, to furnish tracts and other literature, under the direction of the Executive Committee, not incurring expenses without their approbation.

SEC. 2. Missionary Boxes. A Committee of one from the Executive Committee shall be chosen by said Committee, whose duty it shall be to furnish information to Societies desirous of doing box-work for missions and missionaries. This Committee shall confer with the Executive Committee, and the respective Boards of Missions of the General Synod, in regard to the needs of missionaries. The Committee shall also keep a correct record of the number and value of boxes, also names and addresses of recipients.

ARTICLE III.—FISCAL YEAR.

SECTION 1. The financial year shall close on March 31st.

SEC. 2. Quarters shall close June, September, December and March.

ARTICLE IV.—DELEGATES.

Each Synodical and Auxiliary Society shall be entitled to one voting delegate to Biennial Conventions.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

SECTION 1. The expenses of the President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer and Historian of this Society, President and Secretary and one delegate of the Executive Committee, one delegate from the Literature Committee, the Secretaries of Departments, the Chairman of the Home Box-Work Committee, the Chairman of the Foreign Box-Work Committee, and the editor of "The Children's Missionary" to the Biennial Convention, shall be paid from the General Treasury.

SEC. 2. All incidental expenses incurred by the officers in their work must be paid out of the General Fund.

ARTICLE VI.—MISSIONARIES.

SECTION 1. Missionaries shall be required to make a quarterly written statement of their work to the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. Missionaries shall be paid quarterly.

SEC. 3. Missionaries shall remain in the foreign field seven years.

ARTICLE VII.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. Any member of the Executive Committee absenting herself from three consecutive meetings, unless excused by said Committee, constitutes a vacancy, which, with any other vacancies, shall be filled by a vote of the remaining members.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall report its work monthly and annually through the *Journal*, and present a written report at the Biennial Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.—NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

A committee to nominate officers of the General Society shall be composed of all the Synodical delegates.

ARTICLE IX.—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee, to whom the Treasurer shall send her accounts, covering the last biennium, and this committee shall report at the following Convention. This Committee to be appointed from the city in which the books are kept.

ARTICLE X.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a unanimous vote of the Biennial Convention, or by a two-thirds vote, if two months' notice has been given through the church papers.

ARTICLE XI.—ORDER OF EXERCISES AT BIENNIAL CONVENTION.

1. Devotional exercises (left with Programme Committee).
2. Call to order by the President.
3. Singing. Scripture Reading. Prayer.
4. Reception of Credentials from Delegates.
 - (a) Synodical Delegates.
 - (b) Auxiliary Delegates.
 - (c) From Other Societies.
5. Address of Welcome.
6. Response.
7. President's Address.
8. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Report of Executive Committee.
11. Report of Standing Committees.
12. Reception of Papers and other matters for the Convention.

13. Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Resolutions.
 - (b) Papers.
 - (c) Letters.
 - (d) Minutes.
 - (e) Auditing.
 - (f) Nominating.
14. Addresses of Delegates from other Societies.
15. Miscellaneous Business.
16. Appointment of Standing Committees.
17. Reports of Special Committees.
18. Report of Nominating Committee.
19. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
20. Unfinished Business.
21. Closing Exercises.

Synodical Constitution.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Synodical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of —.

ARTICLE II.—AIM.

It shall be the aim of this Society to promote the organization of Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in all the churches of the Synod, to disseminate missionary intelligence, to cultivate a missionary spirit, and to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in supporting missions and missionaries, and erecting churches and other buildings, under the control of the General Society.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All women who are members of Auxiliary Societies, or pay the sum of one dollar annually, shall be members of this Society. The payment of ten dollars at one time shall constitute life membership in the General Society. Gentlemen may become honorary members of this Society by the payment of one dollar annually, or honorary life-members of the General Society by the payment of ten dollars at one time into the General Fund.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Duties of Officers.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and supervise its general work.

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SEC. 3. The Vice-Presidents, in order, shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the president, and co-operate with her in furthering the work.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give due notice of the meetings of the Synodical Committee and the annual meetings of the Society, and keep a record of the proceedings of both. Also, prepare the minutes of the annual Convention for publication under the direction of the President.

SEC. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Synodical Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society, present to the annual Convention a written statistical statement of the work during the year, and make a quarterly or annual report to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds forwarded by the Auxiliary Societies, credit the same to the respective societies, and remit them quarterly to the Treasurer of the General Society. She shall also have charge of and keep an account of the funds raised for the incidental expenses of this Society, and pay out the same only on written order of the President. She shall also present a written report for the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—ORGANIZING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. These Committees shall consist of three women from each Conference.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of these Committees to endeavor by all practicable means to organize Auxiliary Societies, and to increase the efficiency of the societies in all the congregations of their respective Conferences, and report quarterly or yearly to the Corresponding Secretary, and at the annual Convention of this Society.

ARTICLE VI.—COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

There shall be a Committee on Literature, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the General Committee on Literature, and furnish Auxiliary Societies with missionary intelligence in the form of tracts, periodicals, copies of missionary letters, etc.

ARTICLE VII.—ELECTIONS.

Officers shall be elected by ballot at the close of each annual Convention. Officers of this Society, Auxiliary Delegates, and officers and members of the Executive Committee of the General Society, shall have the right to vote.

ARTICLE VIII.—INCIDENTAL FUNDS.

The incidental expenses of the Synodical Society shall be defrayed by the payment annually of five cents or more per member from each Auxiliary Woman's and Young People's Society, and one dollar, when practicable, from each Children's Band.

ARTICLE IX.—QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Synodical Societies desiring quarterly reports from their respective Auxiliaries may require such to be given by the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary Societies.

ARTICLE X.—ORGANIZING NEW SOCIETIES.

SECTION I. Woman's Societies, Young People's Societies and Children's Bands, auxiliary to this Society, may be formed by their members adopting the Constitutions prepared respectively for these Auxiliaries, and contributing to the objects under the control of the General Society, and the incidental expenses of this Society.

SEC. 2. Any Society of Young People connected with the Lutheran Church may become auxiliary to this Society by electing a missionary Secretary, who shall send quarterly or annual reports to the Synodical Secretary, by devoting one meeting a month to the subject of missions, and by paying per member a regular sum monthly, or annually, which shall be remitted quarterly to the Synodical Treasurer, to be paid into the General Fund, for the support of our missionaries. Special objects recommended by the Executive Committee shall be provided for otherwise.

ARTICLE XI.—MEETINGS.

The annual Convention shall be held just previous to or at the time and place of the meeting of Synod, when practicable.

ARTICLE XII.—BY-LAWS.

The Synodical Society may make any By-Laws that do not conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution can only be altered or amended in the manner prescribed for the alteration or amendment of the Constitution of the General Society, and by the General Society.

Constitution for Auxiliary Societies.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of——

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

It shall be the aim of this Society, under the direction of the Synodical Society, to disseminate missionary intelligence, to cultivate a missionary spirit in its members and in the church, and to secure funds to promote the work of the General Society.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of a regular sum annually or in monthly installments until paid, shall constitute membership in the Society. The payment of ten dollars at one time into the General Fund shall constitute life membership in the General Society. Any gentleman may become an honorary member by an annual payment of one dollar, or an honorary life-member of the General Society by the payment of ten dollars at one time into the General Fund.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings, and supervise the general work of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings, and aid her in furthering the interests of the Society.

SEC. 3. *Recording Secretary.* The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of the proceedings of all meetings, and all the business transacted by the Society, provide the pastor with notices of meetings, and also keep a list of the names of the members, officers and committees.

SEC. 4. *Corresponding Secretary.* The Corresponding Secretary shall send to the Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical Society a quarterly or annual statistical report of the Society, and do all the correspondence of the Society.

SEC. 5. *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall collect the dues, and take charge of all the moneys of the Society, crediting all funds to the objects for which they were contributed, and remit quarterly to the Treasurer of the Synodical Society with which the Auxiliary Society is connected.

ARTICLE VI.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. *Library.* A committee of one or more shall be chosen to have charge of a circulating library, whose duty it shall be to care for any books or periodicals owned by or loaned to the Society, to keep a correct list of the same and names of persons using them, and the money paid on their loan.

SEC. 2. *Collectors.* There may be a committee chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a list of all members residing in their respective district, and collect their monthly contributions to the Society. It shall be the duty of the chairman of this committee to keep a correct list of all the members of the Society, and distribute the same among the members of the committee.

SEC. 3. *Missionary Journal.* There shall be a committee, whose duty it shall be to solicit and receive subscriptions for the *Missionary Journal* and keep a correct list of all subscribers, notifying each of the expiration of his or her subscription, that it may be promptly renewed.

ARTICLE VII.—DISBURSEMENT OF MONEYS.

SECTION 1. All monthly dues of Auxiliary Societies shall be paid into the General Fund. Special objects recommended by the Executive Committee shall be provided for otherwise.

SEC. 2. Contributions made to other objects shall not be credited in the report of the Woman's Work.

SEC. 3. Societies undertaking box-work are requested to apply to the Committee on Missionary Boxes of the General Society for information regarding missionaries needing such help.

ARTICLE VIII.—MEETINGS.

Monthly meetings shall be held to pray for Missionaries and Missions, to receive reports of missionary work in home and foreign fields, and to transact the business of the Society.

Public meetings shall be held annually and semi-annually when practicable, the aim of which shall be to create a missionary spirit by means of encouraging reports and addresses on mission fields. At the annual meeting the Secretaries and Treasurer shall read the annual reports, and the officers for the ensuing year shall be chosen.

ARTICLE IX.—BY-LAWS.

This Society may make any By-Laws that do not conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE X.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution can only be altered or amended in the manner prescribed for the alteration or amendment of the Constitution of the General Society, and by the General Society.

ARTICLE XI.—ORDER OF EXERCISES AT MONTHLY MEETINGS.

1. Reading of Scripture.
2. Hymn.
3. Prayer for Missions and Missionaries in home and foreign fields, interspersed with singing.
4. Reading of Missionary Intelligence.
5. Reading of Minutes.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Adjournment.

Constitution of the Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called the Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of ———.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

It shall be the aim of this Society, under the direction of the Synodical Society, to disseminate missionary intelligence, to cultivate a missionary spirit in its members and in the church, and to secure funds to promote the work of the General Society.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any young woman or young man may become an active member of this Society by the payment of a regular sum monthly or weekly.

SEC. 2. Young people may become associate members by the payment of a regular sum at one time or monthly.

SEC. 3. Other young people may become honorary members by the payment of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually by ballot.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings and supervise the work of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall co-operate with the President in all the work of the Society, and in her absence preside at the meetings.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the meetings and all business transacted by the Society, furnish the pastor with a notice of all meetings; also, keep a correct list of members, officers and committees, with the number and name of their street and residence.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall send a quarterly or annual report to the Synodical Secretary of the number of members, amount of money collected, number of *Journals* taken, and do all the correspondence of the Society.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall collect the dues and take charge of all the moneys of the Society, crediting all funds to the objects for which they were contributed, and remit quarterly to the Treasurer of the Synodical Society with which the Young People's Society is connected.

ARTICLE VI.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. *Soliciting.* Whose duty it shall be to solicit new members.

SEC. 2. *Collecting.* Whose duty it shall be to collect the regular dues of members, the Chairman of which shall keep a correct list of the names and residences of members.

SEC. 3. *Library.* A committee of one or more shall be chosen to have charge of a circulating library, whose duty it shall be to care for any books or periodicals owned by or loaned to the Society, to keep a correct list of the same, and names of persons using them, and the money paid on their loan.

ARTICLE VII.—DISBURSEMENTS OF MONEY.

SECTION 1. All monthly dues of this Society shall be paid into the General Fund. Special objects recommended by the Executive Committee shall be provided for otherwise.

SEC. 2. Contributions made to other objects will not be credited in the report of the Society's work.

ARTICLE VIII.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Monthly meetings shall be held to pray for Missionaries and Missions, and to cultivate a missionary spirit by reading essays or other missionary literature, and also to transact the business of the Society.

SEC. 2. Annual, and when practicable, semi-annual public meetings shall be held, to disseminate missionary intelligence and present the report of the work done by the Society.

ARTICLE IX.—BY-LAWS.

This Society may make any By-Laws that do not conflict with this Constitution.

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6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Adjournment.

**Constitution for the Children's Mission Bands of the Woman's Home
and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the General Synod.**

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called the Children's Mission Band of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of —, to be auxiliary to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to interest the members in the work of Home and Foreign Missions, and to instruct them in their personal responsibility in such work. All objects approved by the General Society shall be considered worthy of support.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. The payment of a regular sum monthly or annually shall constitute membership in the Society.
2. The payment of fifty cents annually shall constitute honorary membership.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer. These shall be under the supervision of the Woman's Auxiliary Society.

A General Superintendent, appointed by the Woman's Auxiliary Society, shall be present at each meeting and have the general oversight of all the workings of the Society.

All officers shall serve one year.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society.
2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall act as presiding officer.
3. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of all the meetings of the Society and all business transacted; provide the Pastor of church and Sunday-school Superintendent with notices of meetings, etc. Also send quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, and to the Synodical Secretary.
4. The Treasurer shall take care of all the money of the Society; collect the dues, crediting all funds to their proper objects; and remit quarterly to the Treasurer of Synodical Society.
5. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give full reports in writing at the close of each term of office.

ARTICLE VI.—DISBURSEMENT OF MONEYS.

The membership fees shall be paid into the General Fund, for the support of our missionaries, and the special gifts for the objects named by the General Society.

Rules of Order.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report on Rules of Order, after careful study, have decided to use the Rules of Order recommended by Mrs. Detweiler, in her address delivered at York, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. L. HIXSON,
MRS. L. A. GOTWALD.

1. No subject shall be discussed without being first presented in a motion made, seconded, and committed to writing; and the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before the question is taken.

2. When a motion has been made and seconded, if a member objects to its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall this subject be discussed?" when, if decided in the negative, the motion shall be dismissed; and no motion thus dismissed shall be entered in the Minutes, unless by a vote of the Convention.

3. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

4. No amendment shall be entertained unless germane to the motion under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except,

- (1) To adjourn;
- (2) To lay on the table;
- (3) To close debate;
- (4) To postpone indefinitely;
- (5) To postpone to a specified time;
- (6) To refer to Executive Committee;
- (7) To refer to a Special Committee;
- (8) To amend;

which motions shall take precedence of each other in the order in which they are numbered.

6. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

7. The motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.

8. Amendments may be offered at any stage of the question.

9. When a motion is adopted to close debate, the motions then pending

before the Convention shall be put in the order of their arrangement, as provided in Rule fifth.

10. A motion to refer or commit is debatable, but until decided, shall preclude all debate of the main question.

11. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member has a right to appeal from her decision. The question on an appeal shall be stated in the following manner: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the judgment of the Convention?" and until decided shall preclude all debate of the main question. Debate shall be allowed only on appeals taken while a debatable motion is before the Convention.

12. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time, shall be noted on first.

13. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, when requested by five members of the Convention.

14. No member shall speak in debate without first rising from her seat and respectfully addressing herself to the President. She shall confine herself to the subject under debate, and avoid personality; nor shall she be interrupted except with her own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

15. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Convention.

16. The President shall have the right to speak on any matter before the Convention, provided the chair be filled by another member, and she shall have the power to name any member to perform temporarily the duties of the chair when she may wish to vacate it.

17. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.

18. These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Convention, and may be altered or amended at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Articles of Incorporation.

We, the undersigned citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to become incorporated, declare the following:

Name.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

Place.

The place where its principal business is to be transacted is Springfield, O.

Purpose.

The aim of this Society shall be to coöperate with the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the General Synod in the work of Missions at home and abroad, and other church work.

Capital Stock.

The Society is not for profit, and has no capital stock.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1884.

MRS. S. F. BRECKENRIDGE, [SEAL.]

MRS. E. S. PRINCE, [SEAL.]

MRS. ROSS MITCHELL, [SEAL.]

MARY A. ANDERSON, [SEAL.]

MRS. A. V. HUNTER. [SEAL.]

The State of Ohio, } ss:
Clark County, }

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1884, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally came Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, Mrs. E. S. Prince, Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Mary A. Anderson, and Mrs. A. V. Hunter, the signers of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal, on the day and year last aforesaid.

JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN, [SEAL.]

Notary Public, Clark County, Ohio.

The State of Ohio, } ss.
Clark County, }

I, James H. Rabbits, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, a Court of Laws and Records of said County, do hereby certify that John I. Zimmerman, before whom the annexed acknowledgment was taken, was at its date a Notary Public in and for said county, duly authorized by the laws of Ohio to take the same, and I believe his signature thereto is genuine.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at Springfield, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1884.

JAMES H. RABBITS, *Clerk*, [SEAL.]

D. CUSHING, *Deputy Clerk*, [SEAL.]

United States of America, Ohio, }
Office of Secretary of State. }

I, James W. Newman, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Articles of Incorporation of The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, filed in this office on the 2d day of September, A. D., 1884, and recorded in Volume 50, pages 505 and 506, of the Records of Incorporation.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, the 13th day of September, A. D. 1884.

JAMES W. NEWMAN, [SEAL.]

Secretary of State.

Form of Bequest and Devise.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of —— Dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: ——, to have and to hold the same, with appurtenances thereto.

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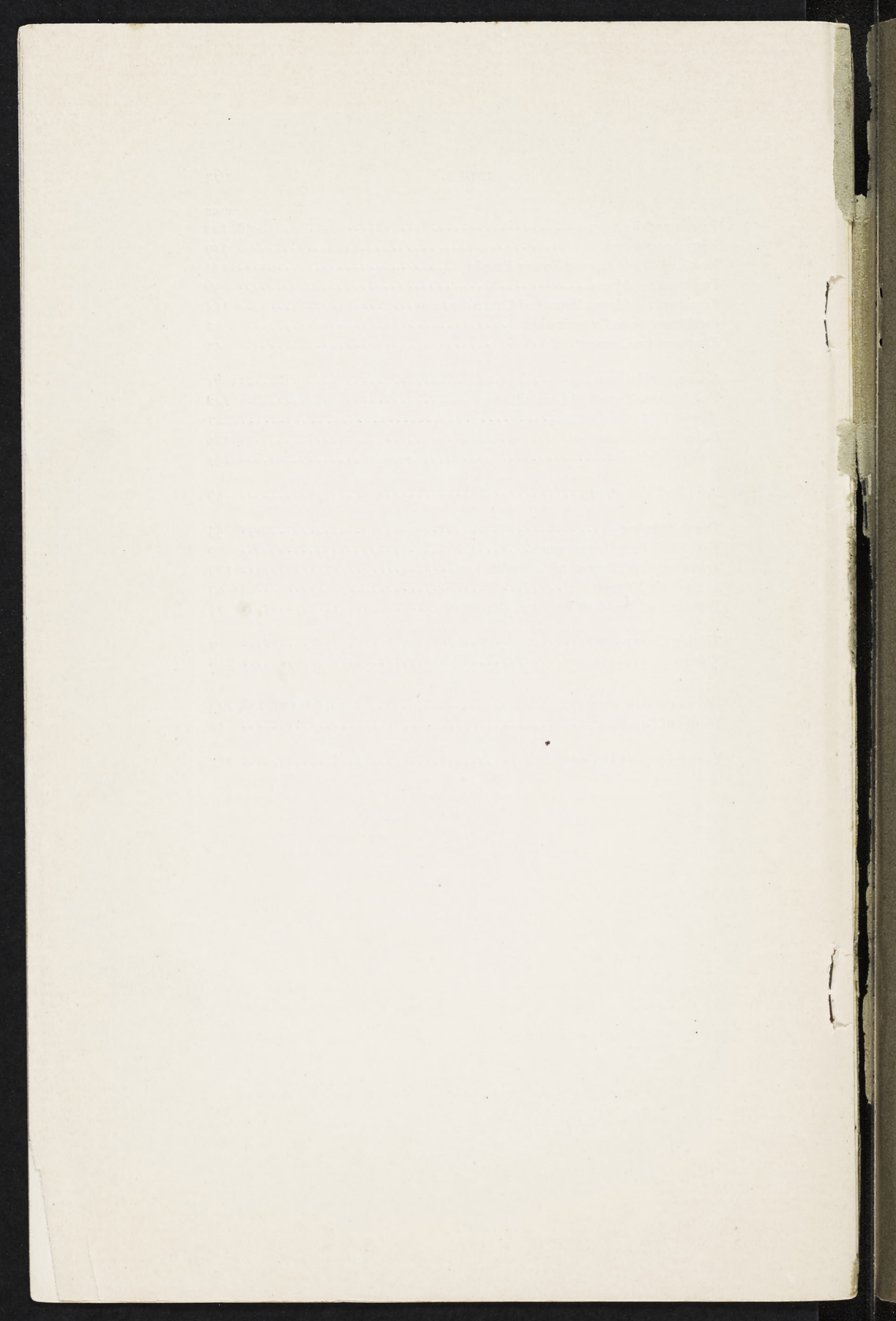
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