

BUILDERS: OF A KINGDOM

*A History
of the*

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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To
the memory and work of
MRS. H. D. MCKINNON
in whose heart was laid the
foundation of the
Little Rock Conference Woman's
Missionary Society,
this volume is lovingly dedicated.

We Honor These:

MRS. LOU ALLEN HOTCHKISS,
President of Woman's Foreign Missionary
Society, 23 years.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mis-
sion Society, 27 years.

and

The host of faithful women of the Auxiliaries,
whose names are not found on the pages
of this book, but are written in the Lamb's
Book of Life because they have builded well
to establish the Kingdom of God in the
earth.

MISSION BOARDS

In 1878 the General Conference in Atlanta, adopted the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and in 1886 the Woman's Board of Home Missions was added to the Methodist family. In 1911 in St. Louis, Mo., the two boards consolidated, and became the Woman's Missionary Council of the M. E. Church, South.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

Foreign—

- 1878-79—Mrs. H. D. McKinnon.
- 1879-84—Mrs. Andrew Hunter.
- 1884-1907—Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss.
- 1907-12—Mrs. James Thomas.

Home—1895-1912:

- Mrs. S. N. Marshall.
- Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe.
- Mrs. C. T. Walker.
- Mrs. F. M. Williams.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

- 1912-14—Mrs. James Thomas.
- 1914-22—Mrs. F. M. Williams.
- 1922-23—Mrs. C. F. Elza.

ANNUAL SESSION, W. F. M. S.

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| 1878—Hot Springs. | 1895—Hope. |
| 1879—Camden | 1896—Stuttgart. |
| 1880—Prescott. | 1897—Pine Bluff. |
| 1881—Pine Bluff. | 1898—Prescott. |
| 1882—Monticello. | 1899—Monticello. |
| 1883—Malvern. | 1900—Little Rock. |
| 1884—Little Rock. | 1901—Arkadelphia. |
| 1885—Arkadelphia. | 1902—Camden. |
| 1886—Hot Springs. | 1903—Fordyce. |
| 1887—Little Rock. | 1904—Malvern. |
| 1888—Arkadelphia. | 1905—Lonoke. |
| 1889—Pine Bluff. | 1906—Hope. |
| 1890—Prescott. | 1907—Warren. |
| 1891—Hot Springs. | 1908—Malvern. |
| 1892—Camden. | 1909—Pine Bluff. |
| 1893—Fordyce. | 1910—Texarkana. |
| 1894—Malvern. | 1911—Hot Springs. |

ANNUAL SESSION, H. M. S.

1895—First Church, Little Rock.	1904—Monticello.
1896—First Church, Little Rock.	1905—Texarkana.
1897—Arkadelphia.	1906—El Dorado.
1898—Hot Springs.	1907—Hot Springs.
1899—Pine Bluff.	1908—Nashville.
1900—Hope.	1909—Crossett.
1901—Fordyce.	1910—Stamps.
1902—Pine Bluff.	1911—Camden.
1903—Prescott.	

JOINT SESSION

Foreign and Home Mission Society

1912—Arkadelphia.

Woman's Missionary Society

1913—Monticello.	1918—Prescott.
1914—Magnolia.	1919—Fordyce.
1915—Texarkana.	1920—Hope.
1916—Warren.	1921—Pine Bluff.
1917—Pine Bluff.	1922—Texarkana.

Jubilee

1923—Warren.

THE TITLE

From an annual address at El Dorado, in 1906, came the inspiration for the title of this book:

“A composite picture of the Home Mission Society (now Woman’s Missionary Society) presents itself to me as a beautiful temple of God, whose growing walls are set with living stones, its *builders* you and me. The deeds we do, the trials and temptations that rush upon us un-awares, are but the things incident to the building, but our own lives, characters, what we are, will make up the structure which is to glorify our Lord by its perfection and beauty or put Him to shame by our imperfect lives. Which shall it be? May no stone mar the beauty of the structure of which we are a part, for “if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”—Annual Address—Mrs. F. M. Williams.

PREFACE

When I was asked by the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society, convened at Texarkana in 1922, to write a history of the work of the women of our Conference, I began at once to ask for material both written and that which is cherished in the heart. I wanted human interest stories, jokes, anecdotes, and the things that pulsate with life and the volume itself is the answer to my requests.

I fear too much of personal interest to the writer has been used in making the figures and the dates and places glow with life but when I remember that for twenty years the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society has been my great absorbing thought and has become so much a part of me 'twere hard to write its history without many personal interests creeping in.

As no one lives to himself and no one is self-made but may be the product of many contributors, so this history is the result of the help of many friends who have responded to my call for data concerning the conference work.

To one and all I give thanks and hope this story of the labors of our women will be a memorial to their contribution and an expression of the appreciation I bear for their kindness.

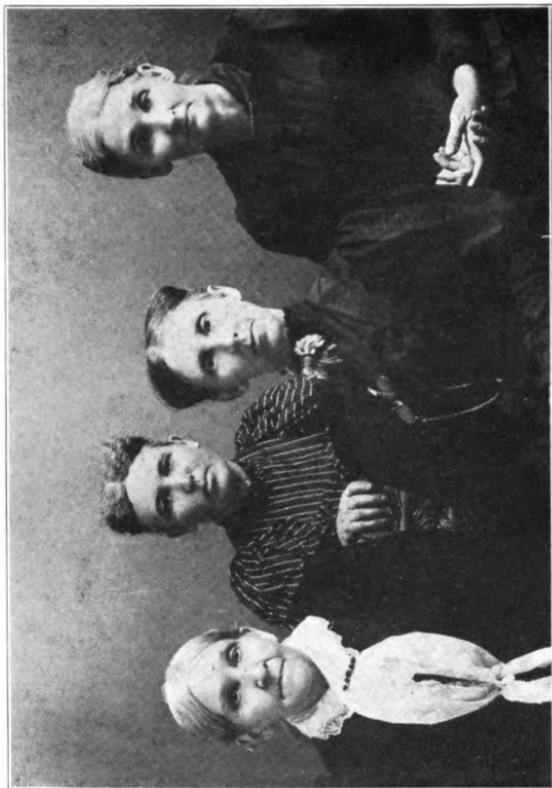
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THE OLD METHODIST CHURCH, WARREN, ARK.



MRS. McALMONT MRS. HOLMES MRS. HOTCHKISS MRS. HARVEY



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MRS. M. A. PRICE

INTRODUCTION

In the study of history, events stand out with a clear recollection, but the memory of dates is often hazy, or forgotten altogether, except such dates as 1492, 1632, 1776, 1861, 1865, 1914, and perhaps some others that relate to the startling events in the making of our nation, but few are lacking enough in patriotism to fail to remember the deeds of the gallant LaFayette, the sturdy Washington, the incomparable Lee, the sad Lincoln, Foch of the Allied forces, Pershing of the American Expeditionary Forces or the scholarly Woodrow Wilson with the master mind of the World War.

The readers of this History may forget the dates, but I would have etched deep in the hearts of those who read, the deeds of the noble workers who laid the foundation of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society and of those faithful women who have builded day by day and year by year, adding unto this Building of the Kingdom of God till it is today, a mighty force for righteousness at home and abroad.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened."

"For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

'Tis a far cry when a few plain women, with hair parted in the middle and smoothed back from the face, neatly but plainly gowned in percale or dark worsted, gathered in the first Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South to the Woman's Missionary Society of the present time. 'Tis a far cry from those beginnings fifty years ago to the beautiful picture this Conference presents today, the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of Woman's Work in Southern Methodism. This picture of beautiful women, grandmothers, who belie their years with becoming headdress, bright colored gowns, and flower bedecked bonnets. Does not the change in the appearance of our women indicate a better day, a day of convenience, of more pleasant surroundings, than those days in which our pioneers lived? But, if in the pinched and narrow circumstances that circumscribed our pioneers, those women could pierce through their small horizon and look across the sea and take upon themselves the sorrows and the troubles of a pagan nation, what should we not do to maintain the work begun in such noble fashion that, after fifty years, has reached out to many nations?

They flung to us the torch and bade us hold it high, and may we, too, use that war classic in answer:

"Fear not that ye have died for naught
The torch ye threw to us we caught
And million hands will hold it high
And mission's cause shall never die;
We've learned the lesson that ye taught
In sacrifice, in life, in death."

As I wrote there were some things I felt constrained to record, but did not, many things I wanted to include but could not, so weighing the various things in the balance I tried to choose those things which seemed to draw the scale by their value to the history of the work.

Sometimes it was figures; sometimes wisdom; sometimes just the beautiful and thus I have tried to equalize the record of our women in the building of this history.

I want to pay tribute to those who helped by sending material, records, pictures, etc., to those who have borne me on their hearts in this work and have prayed for me, to the delightful stenographers, Grace Furr and Edith Eggerman who worked cheerfully and faithfully, to Mrs. Nell Voss Lewis and Mrs. J. C. Carroll, Jr., for research work at the State Capitol, for the Premium 5 cent tablets and the soft lead pencils at 25 cents per dozen. All these have contributed to making this history possible, together with the patience of my loved ones who bore with my cessation of the enjoyment of the family circle when engrossed in annual reports or making the pencil fly.

CORALEE GANNAWAY WILLIAMS.

OUR PLACE IN HISTORY

Because of a heavy rain Napoleon lost the battle of Waterloo; for the want of a nail to shoe his horse, King Richard lost the battle of the War of Roses; and for the want of a representative from the Little Rock Conference to the General Conference at Atlanta, Ga., when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized, we lost our place in the record of having organized one of the first missionary societies in the Southern Methodist church.

Miss Haskin records an organization in Bethlehem, Tenn., in 1858 by Mrs. M. L. Kelley, which functioned about two years, no other attempt being made at organization until the fall of 1873 in Nashville, when a storm and a scourge of cholera added to the discouragement of the four faithful followers present, and not until April, 1874 was the "Woman's Bible Mission" of Nashville organized. By that time the little company of women in Warren had sent fifty dollars to Mrs. J. W. Lambuth, in Shanghai, China, from the organized effort of the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

"The Trinity Home Mission" of Baltimore became the "Woman's Bible Mission" and took up the work of the "Female China Missionary Society" that had functioned a few years before. But the news had not spread to the then far west and the little group of far seeing women in Warren, Arkansas, were as logically "first" as any of these, as they, without knowledge of others, pioneered in woman's work for women.

When a child in school, the writer remembers the confusion of losing one's "place" in the lesson, and the confusion of our loss of place in the history of missions came about in this wise: Mrs. H. D. McGavock, in her anxiety to organize the work for women in our church, urged Miss Van Valkenburg, of Warren, now Mrs. E. L. Holmes, to attend the General Conference in Atlanta, in 1878, but in the following letter in which she relates many interesting incidents she says: "I was a busy

school teacher and felt that I could not leave my work for so long a time as the trip to Atlanta would require, in those days of slow travel," and who could know that so important a fact in history largely depended upon the presence of one representative at the time of beginnings?

A youth kicked a stone and diverted the channel of a stream; an acorn was dropped and a forest grew, and of that small group of women a mighty host has grown to serve in the woman's work of the church and Warren, Arkansas lost her place in the history of the woman's work of our church.

Mrs. Holmes further writes:

"The Bishop and Cabinet of the Little Rock Conference were certainly guided by the Holy Spirit, when in 1872 and 1873 they sent Rev. H. D. McKinnon to the little town of Warren; but it takes long years to watch the working out of His Plan, and none without omniscience can judge of them beforehand.

Brother McKinnon was a large man, rather awkward, but his goodness and sincerity were unquestionable by any critic and he never preached a sermon without gospel enough in it to save a soul. His wife was one of the salt of the earth, and my mother found in her a kindred spirit, while I, an ambitious and romantic young girl, found in her a guide, philosopher, and friend.

In our home there was a large library, for those days, and in its choice volumes I always reveled. There were found such books as the lives of Hester Ann Rogers, Edward Payson, and others of similar characters; but perhaps the one which impressed me most was a small volume—probably long ago out of print—"Jejana, the Bechnana Girl." It was the history of the life and conversion of a young heathen girl. My mother, in her former home in New York, had friends who had gone as missionaries—among others, Mrs. Whitney, who went to the Great West in its early days as a missionary to the Indians, and nothing interested me more than to hear her tell of some of their experiences.

So it came about that we three, unwittingly perhaps, formed a little coterie of kindred spirits, which at last merged into a small missionary society.

I cannot now tell by what process we arrived at the determination to form a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but am sure that the Holy Spirit was guiding it all. When this decision was reached, I, as the youngest and most careful of the trio, naturally fell into the position of secretary, and began to look about for the most practical plans for completing the organization of our society.

I corresponded with Dr. Haygood and others who approved the work, but they gave little advice or assistance. There was no such society in Southern Methodism at that time as far as we could learn; and we did not wish to call ourselves really a society (although some others had been added to our number) until we could form a working constitution and present some practical plans of work.

In the summer of 1873 the Pine Bluff District Conference was held at a little church near the home of her who is now our dear Sister Jewell. Bishop Wightman was to be there, and we felt that this was my opportunity to obtain the much-desired information. So my father harnessed our faithful old horse "Shakespeare" to our buggy, and taking with me my friend, Miss Jennie Jackson, I drove "over the river and through the woods" to such a hospitable home as seems to be unknown in these days. Sister Jewell's doors were open to all who came, and we made a regular "camp meeting" of her comfortable and cheery home.

The Bishop had the best guest room; then, beds were spread on the floor in one room for the men and another for the women. The best the country afforded was given us to eat and we lived on "the fat of the land." Never can any of us who were there forget that eventful occasion. Few of us remain in this world, but I wonder if we will not talk about it when we get to heaven.

I had only hoped for an interview with the Bishop; but, while he favored our project and encouraged us to continue, he could give me no more real help than the others. Afterward, however, he obtained and sent to me a copy of a constitution used by a similar society in the M. E. Church. This we used as a guide.

Our society increased in numbers and interest and also in the amount of contributions and seemed to wake up the whole church to new desires and ambitions.

From Warren, Bro. McKinnon was sent to Mineral Springs, and there Sister McKinnon organized another society. On one of my visits to relatives in Pine Bluff, during the pastorate of Rev. C. F. Evans, I assisted in organizing a society there.

In the meantime, the Holy Spirit had been busy all over the South and many hearts had been touched and many women were asking themselves the question: 'Why stand ye here, all the day, idle?'

Other societies had been formed in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the leaven of woman's work for women was spreading.

PART ONE
A Decade of Beginnings

BUILDERS: OF A KINGDOM

WE do not often think of women as builders, with hammer, saw and plane erecting structures that meet our gaze and which are used to house great industries, become great institutions or offer the shelter for the making of a home.

Not all buildings have reared their stately heads under the sound of hammer, saw and plane, even the most beautiful temple in the world, was built—"so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building," such has been the building of women; the building of lives, of character, of sentiment, of institutions, of nations, of the Kingdom—The Kingdom of God.

Plans and specifications for the Kingdom of God were given more than 2000 years ago and there have been many builders, till today His dominion stretches out over the vast earth and in every clime and under every sky there is some one to tell of the coming of the Christ and His Kingdom in the earth, and it is this writer's happy privilege to tell, as best she may, the part the women of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society have contributed to the building of this Kingdom of God.

As the preparation for the building of that beautiful temple at Jerusalem was made before the construction began, so the preparation for the building of this kingdom began in the hearts of the women, no doubt even years before the foundations were laid, for this structure that has reached the uttermost parts of the earth; aye, we may say the foundations were laid in the very heart of God. For are not we of one blood, of one God, who is Father of all mankind, and the deep yearnings of the Father heart of God for his children in the earth, found expression in the work of our women in first digging deep for the foundation of this Kingdom in the mis-

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sionary enterprise that has been the great factor of bringing the people of the world unto this Kingdom of God.

Pioneers, were they, cutting away the jungles of ignorance, bridging the chasms of the impossible that only woman dare attempt, wearing away the opposition that met them on every side, strengthening the faltering faith of feeble followers, breaking down the barriers to woman's work that we might serve on an open highway whose every avenue is a friendly path to missions. Yet withal there were real physical obstacles to be overcome and many who travel over the smooth highways today little realize the difficulties of the pioneer who rode horseback, swam streams, lived in rude huts, and endured hardships that only the pioneer knows, so only the pioneer of missions knew to the full the hardships of those early days, yet if they see the accomplishment of the enterprise they founded, with Paul they must exclaim, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

With such a precious treasure of the memory of the early contributions to the building of this Kingdom we do not wonder that when union time came of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Mission Society to become one, that there was great distress of heart and a holding on to things grown dear; when mayhap there was even some prejudice (Walt Holcomb says prejudice is a bad word, which recalls to mind that my little grand daughter said "Awful is a bad word but my mother lets me use it sometimes"). Not prejudice, but a loving too well of organization which has been argued to the women in these last years when some members of the General Conference would have the Board of Missions absorb the Woman's Missionary Council. We learn to love our babies in arms as they struggle for existence and we watch them grow, with a devotion known only to mothers, so it is with the organizations that we foster and during the years of develop-



MRS. T. W. HAYES



MRS. H. D. MCKINNON

ment that we tend them, they become very dear to our hearts and there is that holding on to the things we love.

Today the hurt is forgotten and we believe young and old of the two societies rejoice in the bond that makes them one.

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

The fellowship of kindred minds is like that above."

We are all Christians, we are all Methodists, we are all co-laborers with Christ.

MRS. H. D. MCKINNON.

It has been truly said, "When God has a work to be done, He raises up some one to do it." And we cannot doubt that Mrs. H. D. McKinnon was used of God to lay the foundation of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Little Rock Conference.

Not only being endowed with a constructive sense, Mrs. McKinnon possessed a combination of rare traits, of patience, good cheer, love for the beautiful, a magnetism that made others want to serve and withal a far seeing vision of the needy ones of the world crying to her for help.

Being a daughter and grand daughter of Methodist preachers, we know she came from good stock and was all the more prepared to be the wife of her itinerant husband whom the Little Rock Conference delights to honor by erecting a monument to his memory.

Mrs. McKinnon's monument is builded into the lives of her children and the work she promoted in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Miss Sue A. Ward was born June 11, 1842, in Hardin Co., Ky., her father having been transferred to the Ouachita (now Little Rock) Conference in 1860, and became the wife of Rev. H. D. McKinnon in 1868.

Mrs. McKinnon graduated from the Clarksville Female Seminary and was a teacher when she married. Her father was an educator as well as preacher, and saw that his daughters had the best available educational advantages.

Her bright eyes not only showed keenness of intellect but were tender and sympathetic for all humanity and her love for the beautiful was evidenced in the changed surroundings whenever she moved to a new charge.

In a recent letter from her daughter, Frances McKinnon Morton, we have a perfect delineation of her character, which is so identical with what I have heard through other sources that I dare insert this bit of personal correspondence in this history.

"I can picture in my mind the little group of busy young mothers and feel in my heart the strange fire of inspiration that breathed through my own lovely little mother as she talked to them about other women in other lands. You know every life has some one ruling passion and knowing my mother as I do now know her I must think that this Missionary Society really grew out of the divine fire of her own motherhood—her own little daughters were so dear to her that her young mother-heart fairly yearned for the despised little daughters in foreign lands, where a destructive idolatry took away even the joy of motherhood from a woman's life.

"Father was stationed at Warren for four years—1873-4-5-6—I can not say for sure what year the society was organized but it seems to me it was some time during that first year—I know I went to Warren an infant in arms and too young to know anything at all about Missionary Societies and yet I lived there in little brown un-painted Warren long enough to get the habit of going to the "Missionary Meeting" and even to remember the laborious and long drawn out earning of a few nickels and dimes of my own to put into the funds and send away to little girls less fortunate than I. That part of it made the deepest impression on me—dates and names and figures fade from the mind at that age but impressions and inspirations to character remain clearly through a life time.

"Mrs. Holmes, Miss Emma Van Valkenburg, at that time, was with my mother in the work—she was the more executive of the two but to my own little mother really belongs the inspirational idea. Also my father deserves credit for having an open mind toward a new movement—I shall always be grateful that he remained through a long life time alive to the leadings of the spirit of God and never became puffed up with a foolish self-conceit that kills all progress.

"Of course you know that my mother was kept closely at home and very busy with the cares of bringing up a large family of children under the conditions of poverty and hardship incident to the life of an itinerant preacher in those days but her spirit was never circumscribed by place, bound down by cares, or burdened by poverty—I never knew until after I was grown

that we *were* poor and it didn't take me long then to find out that after all we were rich and happy, as I had grown up believing we were—rich in love, in high ideals, in intelligent companionship and happy in unity of spirit—wouldn't change it for the world. I did go through a wishful period of young girlhood when I would have adored having lace curtains and a Brussels carpet, and I think my parents so loved us all that they would have tried to give it to us if they had known we wanted it—but now—well lace curtains and Brussels carpets have quite gone out of fashion but the call for high ideals of character will never go out of fashion—so we had the better part of riches, after all."

And has she not given to the world a large family of children who are living out those ideals, both here and in the world to come, among whom is the sainted Elizabeth McKinnon Floyd, who served as Conference Treasurer for ten years.

In the following letters we see the early fruits of her good works. Having served the full term of four years in Warren, Dr. McKinnon was sent to Pine Bluff, where we find Mrs. McKinnon carrying on the work of organizing missionary societies, the one at Pine Bluff reporting already the education of a girl at Clopton School, China.

Again was the Little Rock Conference early in the good work of sending the gospel to the ends of the earth, and we honor anew the one who laid the foundation of the work which has become such a power.

Four hundred dollars in 1877 for building a house in which to teach, dispense medicine and house the workers seems today but a pittance. Then it was feared to be a "mountain" to be prayed away by faith!

What a glorious heritage is ours. When we consider the contents of these letters and know that our work claimed the recognition of the ambassadors upon the fields of service in that early day, we rejoice that for so long the Little Rock Conference Society has been interested in the disadvantaged nations of the world.

"Shanghai, China, June 19th, 1877.

"Dear Mrs. Sue A. McKinnon:—Your kind favor of April 18th, to Dr. Kelley, in which your very warm interest for missions is so well expressed, has been forwarded to me; and, though

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pressed for time, most gladly do I thank you for all your Christian sympathy.

"You have done well to let the Master have your highest love and I am sure that so long as you depend upon Him, He will lead you into paths of usefulness. The interest you have taken in forming a Society at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and which has a girl in our Clopton School—of whom I sent on March 20th, 1877, a photo in a letter to Miss E. L. Van Valkenburgh, is worthy of great praise and we should pray God to move many another heart to do likewise.

"I trust that letter and its photo went safely and that very soon we shall hear from it. In case you know it to have not arrived please let me know by return of mail so that a second letter may be forwarded.

"I see by your letter to Dr. Kelley that you are contemplating the organization of a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Mineral Springs.

"This is indeed *good news* from a *far country* and the more such societies we can have led by hearts consecrated to God, the sooner such work on earth will be done, and all nations be brought to Christ through whom salvation comes.

"I will send you per mail today, an appeal from the conference of Protestant Missionaries at Shanghai, May, 1877. Please read and then decide what you *can* do.

"There is a want just now for a house of three rooms beside a kitchen, at a place sixteen miles from here; and as money from ladies has commenced a good work there, in building a school and home for teacher, it would be highly desirable that their efforts might be still further felt in the erection of a home in which the Foreign Missionary could live from time to time, and stay long enough to establish an influence that could not be easily lost.

"Such a home would cost somewhere about four hundred (\$400.00) dollars, and prove of priceless value to us who must go there to work.

"Even if you could only meet one-fourth of the amount, you might, by an appeal through a printed circular to persons of means, be successful in procuring the entire sum.

"In case our son Walter comes, as we suppose he will, this house will be most useful in dispensing medicines, or at least a home and a store house for such work.

"If this seems too great a mountain, ask our Heavenly Father what to do and through His Holy Spirit find yourself led by a way of His own choosing.

"The work progresses—zeal flags not and in all things we feel to bless God for bringing us here.

"Hoping to hear from you, I am, sincerely your friend,

M. I. Lambuth.

Mrs. J. W. Lambuth."



MRS. LOU A. HOTCHKISS



MRS. W. A. KIRK

At a special missionary meeting in Warren where \$100 was to be raised the collection was going a little slow, when Rev. J. F. Carr conceived the idea that they might put on a "picture show." The picture of the little Chinese girl was exhibited at a "dollar per look" and the money was quickly received. When some of the church people look askance at the modern "picture show" in the church they may realize that that, too, is not an entirely new thing.

From the following letter we see that the "mountain" of fear was removed and the house asked for ready for occupancy. And now the compliment to Mrs. McKinnon and her co-laborers in having the privilege of naming the cottage at Nantziang, China, which the little contributions in Arkansas helped to build, honoring thus the woman who saw and the women who gave.

"Shanghai, China, Dec. 21st, 1877.

"Mrs. Sue A. McKinnon, Mineral Springs, Arkansas.

"Dear Sister in Christ:—The days are very, very short and I can not do much writing at night, and thus your very kind letter, which came nearly a month since, has waited for a reply.

"*We all most highly appreciate* your very kind desire to raise the sum asked for our Nantziang home and shall be very thankful even, for a portion of the cost. The land is bought, the house up and some little furniture, such as we could spare from our Shanghai home, is in it.

"Mr. Lambuth and our son, the doctor, have lately been there, slept in the house two or three nights and have held religious services there; also prescribed for some twenty or more ailing persons who were rejoiced to find a friend who would care for their bodily diseases. In fact the Home is a center for *much* good. And now for a name—we want to hear from *you* and another friend.

"I trust that you have the Woman's Magazine sent you in November, and that you have found some interesting items upon its pages, which will awaken new life among our sisters in Christian lands. The need for workers is great and if we accomplish anything for Jesus it must be done with vigor, else no harvest for us to present to the Blessed Master when He shall take account of our talents loaned for the earth trial.

May you and I be baptized afresh from on high and shown how, what and where the Master would have us work.

"We are cheered, encouraged and strengthened by the safe arrival of our dear son and his wife, who have now been with

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us almost a month. We feel that a blessing has come with them, and though our devoted friend and mother, Mrs. M. L. Kelley, has gone to her Heavenly Home, and we have lost a friend who has stood by us and the Mission through *many trials* and *dark days*, yet in God will we trust, knowing that in His own good time and way China shall be converted and become a Christian nation.

"Will you not often remember us when in prayer and then ask God to lead us and make us just such workers as He would have us?"

"Our Clopton School is in good condition, the religious state increasing and the moral, with literary element, promising.

"We have eighteen girls now and shall soon have more than twenty, for new names are constantly coming in.

"Three, if not four of the second class will be soon baptized and taken into church fellowship, which will then make one-half of the school professing Christians.

"Is not this much cause for rejoicing? Help us to thank God for such a blessing, and pray for Him to keep their young hearts faithful to Jesus.

"So with many kind wishes to yourself and your dear family, I remain, your unworthy sister,

M. I. Lambuth."

Forty-six years have passed since that letter was written, expressing the faith in China being a Christian nation. In these years marvelous things have come to pass in the Great Empire now changed to a republic. But have we done all we could to further the cause begun by Sue A. Ward McKinnon and to establish the faith of Mary I. Lambuth?

MRS. M. A. PRICE.

Mrs. M. A. Price, one of the charter members of the Warren auxiliary, still living at Warren, still sprightly in body and keen in intellect, says of those early meetings:

"We sent to the Board of Missions for literature, and it was some time before we had a constitution. We read and studied and planned our work, which was slow the first year. We met regularly, had just a few members, sometimes a number of visitors, especially if we met at the church on Sunday afternoon, we had quite a crowd, and occasionally would get a new member, until we had a very good little society.

"We had many difficulties in raising the amount of money needed in our work. These were reconstruction days, and with high taxes and free labor sometimes finances were hard to meet.

"One member said she would make pants (we say trousers now) at 50 cents per pair, but as nearly every family did their own sewing she could raise little money that way. Many of us sold eggs at the local hotel for three dozen for a quarter. All did what they could, but we always had our amount on time.

"I lived across a treacherous creek which frequently overflowed its banks, and my husband would go to the bridge and stand till I crossed the overflowed bottom, and when I returned he would be there to see me across. Sometimes it would be frozen and difficult for a horse, but as I was a pretty good horseback rider I made it without accident."

Mrs. Price was one of the early secretaries, was conference vice-president, and for many years was faithful in the different activities that marked the foundation of the work.

Beside Mesdames McKinnon, Van Valkenburgh and daughter and Mrs. J. R. Howell are the names of Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Nannie Koonce, Mrs. Hugh Bradley, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. M. A. Price and Miss Jennie Jackson as the earliest workers in the auxiliary.

In the minutes of the First General Executive Association of the Woman's Missionary Society of our church, which bears the date of May, 1879, and which corresponds with our Woman's Missionary Council of the present day, we find this record:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

"This society was organized at Hot Springs, Ark., December 2, 1878.

President—Mrs. Sue A. McKinnon, Monticello;

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. R. Winfield, Mrs. C. F. Evans, Mrs. A. Hunter, Mrs. M. A. Price;

Recording Secretary—Miss Mattie Hudson, Pine Bluff;

Corresponding Secretary—Miss E. L. Van Valkenburg, Malvern;

Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Little Rock.

Auxiliaries, 7. Total members, 142. Amount collected for the year, \$210.70.

AUXILIARIES

"Warren has appropriated fifty dollars annually for the support and education of a girl in the Mission School, Shanghai, China, and is pledged for at least five dollars annually during the next six years for the support of Miss Rankin. Members, 20. Amount collected, \$47.00.

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"Pine Bluff—Members, 20. The funds are appropriated to the support of a woman missionary in China.

"Mineral Springs—Members, 50. Amount collected, \$96. Funds appropriated to building a mission home at Nantziang, China.

"Toledo—Members, 10. Amount collected, \$2.00.

"Malvern—Members, 12. Amount collected, \$2.00.

"Little Rock—Members, 14. Amount collected not reported.

"Monticello—Members, 17.

"MISS E. L. VAN VALKENBURG, Cor. Secy."

1878.

When in 1878 the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized at Hot Springs, in the "sweet little home of Mrs. Brown," representatives from the four societies already organized were present, from Warren, Mineral Springs, Pine Bluff and Prescott. We can imagine the small yet notable group that listened intently to the words of Rev. H. D. McKinnon as he presided at the organization of the Conference Society. The auxiliary at Warren had been sending \$50 annually for the education of a Chinese girl named "Emily Van Valkenburg" at Clopton School; Mineral Springs paying the first \$100 to the missionary home at Nantziang, China, about which Mrs. Lambuth writes to Mrs. McKinnon; Pine Bluff paid \$140.70 toward the support of our first missionary, Miss Lockie Rankin; Prescott paid \$50 the first year. But there is no record of the patient perseverance of those women, even the families of whom were requisitioned to help make money for missions. Mrs. Frances McKinnon Morton, in a recent letter to their writer, says: "I know, because I did errands, scrubbed the knives, polished the glasses, and did such other things as a very small girl may do toward earning money to bring that \$50 up on time." So in the five years intervening between the organization of the first auxiliary and the Conference Society there is record of only four auxiliaries beside the Hot Springs Society which was organized in 1878 at the time of the Conference organization.

The woman's work was organized at the General Conference at Atlanta, Ga. under the name of General Executive Association of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, and if we have been burdened by the weight of a name we should rejoice that this one did not survive past the year 1882 when we became the Woman's Board of Missions, the word "Foreign" being inserted early thereafter.

Is it any wonder that the woman who first began the work for women and who persuaded her husband to preside over the first Conference session, is it any wonder, we say, that she was made its first president, Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, who had led those few courageous women into this far reaching movement?

Miss Lizzie Pirtle was elected corresponding secretary and represented the Conference twice at the Board meetings.

Mrs. Hotchkiss in "Sketch of My Life" said that Mrs. Juliana Hayes, first president of the Woman's Foreign Missions Board, visited the annual session of the Little Rock Conference at Hot Springs in December, 1878 and presented the work as committed to the women by the General Conference and that she was enthusiastically received. So again we find that we started well and results were being seen from the efforts of Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Mrs. E. L. Holmes, and others to enlarge the kingdom of God in the earth.

Rev. C. F. Evans kindly assisted the women in their difficulties of parliamentary law, etc. and they went out from that gathering with no less than the Great Commission on their hearts.

A Conference Society, five auxiliaries, and the missionary urge in their souls, this was the material with which to build a kingdom, and this record is a testimonial of their faith.

Mrs. R. H. M. Mills writes of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, Pine Bluff:

"The earliest Missionary work was sending one hundred dollars to Mrs. McGavock of Nashville, Tenn., who was collecting

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money from all the churches to send a Missionary to China, as soon as the Woman's Missionary Society would be recognized by the General Conference, that was to be held the following May, 1878.

"Mrs. H. A. Houston was the president of our Aid and undertook the raising of this money. After this, the Society was called the Missionary Society.

"We then adopted a little girl in China to educate, and named her 'Lottie Evans', for our Pastor's, Rev. Charles F. Evans, wife.

"The Woman's Home Mission Society was organized by members of the Foreign Society, when new life entered into the work, and with increasing membership the work has grown and moved forward."

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CAMDEN, 1879.

The annual meetings of the Conference Society were held in connection with the preacher's annual Conference till the year 1888, when the women held their first separate meeting; but it was with much expectation that these few earnest women met in the first annual meeting at Camden.

Eight auxiliaries reported 168 members with a total finance of \$166.65.

Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, who had been such a factor in the organization of the work, felt that she could not serve as conference president any longer and Mrs. Andrew Hunter was elected president, Mrs. C. C. Godden recording secretary, Mrs. M. J. McAlmont treasurer, and Miss E. L. Van Valkenburg corresponding secretary.

Miss Lizzie Pirtle was present at the Louisville, Kentucky Board meeting, known as the General Executive Association of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, which met May 16-17, 1879, representing the Conference in her official position of corresponding secretary.

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESCOTT, 1880.

The record shows that Prescott was a new railroad town in 1880, and showed right early in its history the hospitality which has marked this splendid little town in the entertaining of the Conferences of the men and the women.

Evidence is given of the value of representation at General Boards, for in 1880 Miss E. L. Van Valkenburg represented the Little Rock Conference Society at the General Executive Association at Nashville, Tenn., also to the third meeting of that body held in 1881 at St. Louis, Mo.

In that same year a monthly paper was ordered published by the General Board, Mrs. F. A. Butler, of Nashville, Tenn., Editor, and Miss Van Valkenburg, of Warren, one of the associate editors, which paper grew into the Woman's Missionary Advocate, so long published by Mrs. Butler. Due recognition is given the Little Rock Conference Society on page 50 of Mrs. Butler's History of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The new railroad town of Prescott left memories of mud and slush as well as missionary incentive.

Miss Florrie Hunter served as secretary pro-tem and Miss Rosa Perry was elected recording secretary with Mrs. J. R. Harvey assistant.

There was but a handful of faithful women who trudged through the muddy streets of the new made town of Prescott, but their spirits were not daunted nor their ardor dampened. A kingdom was to be builded and they were His workmen.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PINE BLUFF, 1881.

Although we have no record of this meeting other than the announcement of the place, we know the work had developed till the need of district secretaries was

so felt that at this meeting these secretaries were appointed. Miss Van Valkenburg says: "I received notice of my election to the Washington district in the spring with the urgent request to attend the annual meeting to be held in Monticello in the summer, but the thought of taking a trip that far from home alone seemed impossible at that time." In not so many years women are journeying over the world alone and in safety.

The three life members made at that meeting were Mesdames H. D. McKinnon, Sue Winfield, and Miss Van Valkenburg. Mrs. J. R. Harvey was elected recording secretary, whose duties seemed to demand an assistant, Miss Annie Wells.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE,
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MONTI-
CELLO, 1882.

The Monticello meeting was small in attendance, probably due to the summer dates, the great distance, and poor facilities for travel. The writer remembers that in 1904 she was two whole days and one night enroute to a Monticello meeting all because the only connection in 24 hours was missed. The president, Mrs. Andrew Hunter, was made a life member at that meeting, and we are constrained to believe it was quite worth their while, for the next year new enthusiasm was shown. The work was growing, the women were faithful, some fired with an enthusiasm that brooked all opposition.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE,
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MALVERN,
1883.

A decade of beginnings! A decade of small work and meager reports, yet it was a decade of laying the foundation of the Woman's Work in our great Conference. As we look at the great structures that are worthy of our commendation, those that weather storms and tempests of many kinds, we know their foundations were laid deep

and unhurried, so the foundation of the Woman's Work in the Conference was securely laid in the hearts and lives of the women of this Conference.

The Malvern meeting stands out as, not only marking the close of the first decade, but taking a stand for larger service in the future, and the exuberance of new desire and increased interest is felt in the few lines that record the events of that meeting.

In Mrs. E. A. Hayes' History of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the 1897 journal she says that Mrs. Hotchkiss was elected president of the Conference in 1883, but a notice in the Woman's Missionary column of the Arkansas Methodist, dated September 27, 1884, gives the list of officers previous to the annual meeting in November of that year as follows:

President—Mrs. Andrew Hunter

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. R. Winfield, Mrs. A. J. Marshall, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. T. W. Hayes, Mrs.

Lou Hotchkiss, Mrs. Lucy Talifaro

Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Harvey

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. L. Holmes

So we are constrained to believe that an error has been committed in the date of Mrs. Hotchkiss' election as president, it being 1884 instead of 1883.

How unconscious we are of the passing years and how easily we forget the events that mark them as they go, especially when women are busy as we know these faithful ones were.

PART TWO
A Decade of Development

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE,
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LITTLE
ROCK, 1884.

THIS is the first annual meeting that records an annual sermon having been preached; all the previous meetings were held in the homes of members while the preachers were at the church in annual conference. But the silver tongued Dr. D. C. Kelly, of Nashville, Tenn., just returned from the mission field, stirred the hearts of that earnest band of workers for the great need of the field and brought encouragement to the women concerning the work already started.

The first juvenile delegate was in attendance at that meeting (we wish we had the name) and the Juvenile Work was brought before the Conference at this meeting.

Quilt making seemed to be the special way of enlarging their funds and answering the needs of the worker on the field. This notice of the meeting appears in the Methodist:

"The Woman's Missionary Society of the Little Rock conference held their sixth annual meeting in Little Rock, Nov. 27, 1884, the president, Mrs. Andrew Hunter, presiding. Most of the auxiliaries were represented and the society is more promising than at any other time since its organization. There has been an increase of six auxiliaries since our last meeting. Paid into the treasury during the year, \$648.45. There was \$32.50 paid as a memorial fund in memory of our departed Brother Colburne, who had done so much to establish us in our work. Said fund was gotten up by Mrs. Hotchkiss, and by vote of the society, goes to the general Missionary fund, of which Mrs. Baker is treasurer. It is hoped that our society will add to this fund from year to year until the amount is sufficient to do much good. There were sixteen nice quilts and one cushion sent up to the society by the different auxiliaries, which are to be sold and the money paid to our treasurer, Mrs. McAlmont. Mrs. Beard gave a worsted quilt which will be given to the Colburne fund. The society voted their heartfelt thanks to the Arkansas Methodist for the use of their columns during the last year; also expressed appreciation and love for our president, Mrs. Hunter,

who had given her care and aid to the society for five years, and at her request did not put her name in nomination in the election of officers."

In the same issue is a personal article written by someone signed Ruth, which says:

"I have just received a letter from Mrs. Moore of Benton containing a note from Miss Marcia Marvin, in which she acknowledges receipt of three quilts sent to the Seminole Indian Academy at Muskogee last winter by the W. F. M. S. of the Little Rock Conference. From some cause they were delayed, yet no less appreciated. Miss Marvin says the quilts were beautiful and we appreciated them highly. Many, many thanks to you and other kind ladies. The making of a quilt for a missionary society may seem a small matter, yet it creates an interest in the heart of everyone who assists in the work that may be productive of much good. Several dollars are always made on each quilt, and the makers feel that they have done something for Jesus, so after all it is not a small matter to make a missionary quilt. The society at Benton has commenced their four quilts. Can others say as much?"

So we are to believe that Mrs. Hotchkiss was made president at this time, Mrs. McKinnon serving one year and Mrs. Hunter five, as this article states.

We can easily imagine the new life taken on in the Conference with Mrs. Hotchkiss as president—that little body so electrified by the power of the Holy Spirit that her presence was felt in any company.

The first articles appearing in the Arkansas Methodist on the Woman's Missionary Society were written by Mrs. Hotchkiss, the first dated July, 1884, "Faith" being the subject rather than missions, yet after all, is not faith the foundation principle of missions, faith in God to save a world?

September 6, 1884, has this announcement: "It is desired to have a grand rally of all the auxiliaries in this district at the Center Point camp meeting which will be held on Friday before the second Sunday in September. Every auxiliary should send two delegates. Ample provision will be made for all and you are most cordially invited.

Signed, MRS. E. L. HOLMES."

But after Mrs. Hotchkiss was made president the Arkansas Methodist was not only freely used by her, but

in 1890 the little magazine, "Send Me," edited by her, bore live and sparkling missionary messages to the women of the Conference for five years, which was no small factor in the promotion of the work in the Conference.

MRS. LOU ALLEN HOTCHKISS.

When South Carolina and Tennessee united in giving to Arkansas a choice example of their culture and refinement the full measure was met in the person of Mrs. Lou Allen Hotchkiss who came to Arkansas to make her home in 1870.

Born at Georgetown, S. C. in 1835, she was the daughter of Rev. David J. Allen and Frances R. Alison, who later moved to Tennessee. Her father was a scholarly man and was later a member of the Memphis Conference. When a young lady she was very prominent in the choir, playing and singing and directing the choir, and while engaged in such work at Memphis was associated with the young Rev. E. B. Hotchkiss, who was superintendent of the Sabbath school at Central Church, Memphis at that time, and their friendship quickly emerged into the romance that ended in matrimony in 1867. In 1870 they came to Little Rock and in 1873 they moved to Hot Springs where they lived till God called them to their reward. Not a strange coincidence but rather a Divine Providence that brought to Arkansas at the very beginning of woman's work, a woman so fitted in education, culture, and refinement who within the first decade was chosen leader of the Missionary work of the Little Rock Conference. Nearly a quarter of a century in actual leadership of the highest type, mother in a preacher's home, Sunday School teacher and full of other good works, truly she was a great woman.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ARKADELPHIA, 1885.

At the Seventh Annual Meeting the attendance was so large that the sessions were held in the Baptist Church of Arkadelphia while the preachers were in session at the

Methodist Church, and it was at this meeting that the women made mention of separate meetings from the men and this comment is recorded: "Brother and Sister E. W. Watson were both present, she stressing its expediency, he urging the difficulty of wives getting to Conference without their husbands;" they had come at different times and from different places and she replied that she "got along very well." But the women were a little fearful and no action was taken till at the 1887 meeting and now we wonder what we'd do with these same good husbands if they were to attend our meetings these days!

Dr. R. A. Young, one of Methodism's distinguished preachers, in appearance and in preaching, gave a missionary address and Mesdames Van Valkenburg, A. E. Shippey, H. D. McKinnon, and T. W. Hayes were made life members.

HOME MISSIONS BEGAN.

In May 1886, the General Conference authorized the Board of Church Extension to organize a Woman's Department to collect funds for parsonage building. This organization was known as the "Woman's Department of Church Extension," until May 1890, when the General Conference gave it the more definite title of "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society" at the same time enlarging its powers so as to allow it to do any work coming under the head of Home Missions. The general work of this society was conducted by twelve women, known as the Central Committee, who met with the General Board of Church Extension. When we think of the proportions which the small efforts of the few have reached, we say, "She builded better than she knew," when Miss Lucinda B. Helm made a plea for homes for the preachers on the western frontier, which has evolved into the great organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South.

Thus has the home and homebuilding become the deep set foundation for the evangelization of the world,

for true it is, that no nation is greater than its home life, no people greater than its home builders.

As soon as this new department had a working name, the women began to appoint helpers throughout the connection, and in 1886 Mrs. Hotchkiss was appointed Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Church Extension, this announcement being made by Dr. Winfield at preacher's conference at Hot Springs, which office she so admirably filled for five years till succeeded by Miss Lizzie Stinson of Camden in 1891. Mrs. Hotchkiss began at once to promote the cause of Home Missions, using the pages of her Magazine, "Send Me" giving additional pages to present the work. We note this beautiful spirit especially when some of the pioneer workers feared the new society would hinder the great cause of missions.

In 1898 the General Conference gave constitutional rights for conference representation.

In 1891 these officers are listed in the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society:

Conference Secretary—Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss

Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Thompson

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Little Rock—Mrs. Myra Vaughn

Washington—Mrs. Ella McRae

Pine Bluff—Mrs. C. B. Brinkley

Monticello—Miss Lillie Jackson

Camden—Miss Lizzie Stinson

Arkadelphia—Miss Etta Thomas

Hot Springs—Miss Susie Crawford

Record is made of the Parsonage and Home Mission Board meeting in Little Rock in 1896.

Later in this same year Miss Lizzie Stinson became the corresponding secretary and served until 1896 when Mrs. Pemberton was elected.

In Mrs. Pemberton's "Short Sketch of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society" written in 1909, she says: "In 1894 the Little Rock Conference Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was organized by Bishop E. R. Hendrix and Rev. C. C.

Godden during the annual session of the Little Rock Conference held in Prescott. These men of God were assisted by our ever zealous Mrs. F. B. Rudolph. In the autumn of 1895 the first annual meeting of the new organization was held in First Church Little Rock. The attendance was small but reports were given from several auxiliaries and the outlook was encouraging."

The new society had even more than faith on which to build, for the women of the Foreign Missionary Society had exhibited that success that comes to those who attempt great things and their purpose was set to the building of that part of the Kingdom that related to the sustaining of the workers on the home field, the importance of which we so clearly see today.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, HOT SPRINGS, 1886.

With a record of two quadrenniums the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at Hot Springs, the birth place of the Conference and the home of the president and we can imagine the unusual interest manifested in that meeting. In the home of Mrs. S. A. Sammons, on Chapel St., Hot Springs, across the street from the Chapel of Central Church, the Eighth Annual Meeting was held.

Two events cast a gloom over that meeting, the removal of Mrs. E. L. Holmes (Miss Van Valkenburg) to Texas and the death of Miss Dora Rankin, missionary to China, and sister of Miss Lockie Rankin.

Dr. Morton was present and encouraged the women.

Mrs. J. R. Harvey was elected corresponding secretary and Mrs. C. C. Henderson recording secretary. Wives of distinguished preachers and missionaries were honored with life membership: Mesdames Chas. B. Galloway, David R. Morton and Rankin, mother of Lockie and Dora Rankin.

Some one said we needed a grave in China to establish the permanency of missions, and surely no other idea

filled the hearts of these women than to press on in the work even though death called our workers.

**NINTH ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE,
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LITTLE
ROCK, 1887.**

The Conference Society held its ninth session at the residence of Mrs. McAlmont in Little Rock, convening Wednesday, Dec. 7th, meeting opened by the president, Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss with scripture reading and prayer. Secretary pro-tem called the roll, officers, with the exception of recording secretary, answering to their names. After a greeting from the president, meeting was changed to a missionary experience meeting. Testimonies of all were full of joy and encouragement and blessings received in the Master's service.

Second session held Dec. 8th at 3 P. M. at the appointed place—president in chair. Religious services conducted by Mrs. Hunter. Delegate from Pine Bluff, Bethlehem arrived. Agent appointed for Woman's Missionary advocate during the Conference. Reports from district secretary received. All societies report in good working order. Increase of 25 new societies. Sister Beard of Monticello District reported 30 subscribers to the Woman's Misisonary Advocate. Reports from delegates were next called for. All were encouraging—societies doing well. The Juveniles of L. R. First Church—the banner society this year—raised \$65.00. Resolutions of sympathy for our president in her recent bereavement were presented and adopted by auxiliary. After a few beautiful and appropriate remarks from the president, meeting adjourned.

Third day. Meeting convened Friday, Dec. 9th, at 2 P. M., president in chair. Three new delegates enrolled. Reports from committees called for. Committee reported an increase of interest taken in Woman's Missionary Advocate and great benefit resulting from our monthly programs, especially in juvenile work. Recommended that the printing of back reports for correspond-

ing secretary be continued; also that a member of this society be appointed to attend same, being authorized to collect amount necessary from the treasurer. That a brief synopsis of the proceedings of this society be furnished the Arkansas Methodist for publication. Resolutions: Committee on extension of work resolved that all auxiliaries collect a contingent fund, amounting to 20 per cent per member. Resolved: that organization of young peoples societies and occasional public meetings be encouraged. The committee on finance recommended a specified amount for expenses of president for visiting and organizing societies; to the corresponding secretary for stationery, etc., for printing report cards, leaflets, etc. The above resolutions were adopted. Also resolved that we hold our annual meeting as soon as possible after the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. After the election of officers, Arkadelphia was voted as the next meeting place.

The Children's Work had proven so successful that at this session it was decided to organize the Young People.

Winfield's "Working Bees" are mentioned with Mrs. Sarah Brown as lady manager, 36 enrolled, first collection \$1.55.

Mrs. J. R. Harvey reported the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board held in Nashville, Tenn. A letter from Mrs. E. L. Holmes, with a gift of \$10, brought expressions of appreciation and a letter of thanks and sympathy in the loss of her husband was ordered sent, Mrs. Holmes having removed to Texas after her marriage.

It was at this meeting in 1887 that the final break from the brethren came and the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society decided to hold separate meetings. In less than a decade of Conference organization the women felt they could still "get along very well," (and we have) but imagine the hope and fears that must have filled the hearts of many of the workers for this untried experience of a Conference of women.

Again faith was victorious and the work grew rapidly for the women had a message, the needs of a dying world; and they had a mission, to save this dying world; and the future was radiant with hope, so they dared to launch out alone for their next annual meeting which would mark their tenth anniversary as a Conference Society.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE,
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ARKAD-
DELPHIA, 1888.

It was, no doubt, with mingled anticipation, anxiety, and perhaps, misgiving on the part of some that the delegates to the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society wended their way to Arkadelphia to hold the first Conference alone, and without the momentum of the annual conference of the preachers.

In the Jan. 1, 1888 issue of the Arkansas Methodist appears this article:

"To the Auxiliary Woman's Missionary Society of Little Rock Conference: It may not be known to some of you that the annual meeting of your conference Missionary Society has been changed in time and place from the regular annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference. After prayerful consideration, it was agreed that the time had come when a separation in annual assemblage was to the best interest of our work. It was decided to meet in the early summer in Arkadelphia. It is gratifying to know that our brethren so far have approved our selection and give assurance of aid in any way we may desire. Our reports at this last meeting were most encouraging—collections being largely in advance of any previous year, while a greater spiritual life under the sanctifying influence of work for our dear Lord, was the experience of many of our sisters. Our anniversary meeting before the conference was an interesting occasion and many of you will cherish the pleasant thought that about the last public address of our Brother Winfield was in behalf of our Woman's Missionary Society to make Sister Andrew Hunter an honorary member. May her hundred dollars go on quickened wings to carry the tidings of salvation and may our Lord insure a double blessing on its every scene as it hastens to the accomplishment of the kingdom of Christ."

Although the Conference had met in Arkadelphia just three years previous, there was considerable prepara-

tion for this first missionary Conference of the women alone.

Mrs. E. L. Holmes says: "The program began with an entertainment presented by the Juveniles, rendering the "Missionary Ship," Sister Webb of Lonoke, bringing her ship and superintending the management of it."

Rev. Moses Hill, missionary to China, addressed the Conference.

Great expectations of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions, holding their tenth annual meeting in Little Rock, were in the hearts of the women, only to be dispelled by some imperative need of the foreign field necessitating a change in date and place the first time in its history, and was held in Nashville, Tenn., coming to Little Rock in 1889, instead.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, PINE BLUFF—MAY 10, 1889.

"The sweet spirited Lizzie Lanier Mills," as Mrs. R. H. M. Mills of Pine Bluff is called in the conference minutes, has long been a devoted member of the Missionary Society, no doubt being a charter member of that Pine Bluff auxiliary organized soon after the Warren Society.

While she did not hold an office other than district secretary, no woman of the Conference has had longer continued interest in the work than Mrs. Mills. Possessing a combination of graces, handsome, sweet of manner, gentle voice, and tender heart, such as her near relation, Sidney Lanier, who poured out the sweetness of his soul in perfect verse, so she has poured out her soul in the interest of missions.

The record says that Mrs. Rufus Mills presided over the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held at First Church, Pine Bluff, May 10, 1889, which was reported as a "most harmonious meeting" and must have been one of great interest as it so closely followed the Woman's Board of Missions,

held in Little Rock. Mesdames R. H. M. Mills and Florence Hearn were made life members.

In the May 1 issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*, 1889, this article appears:

"The Woman's Board of Missions—a wise and consecrated body of women—met in the First Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark. It was truly an imposing assembly of elect ladies. One may live a lifetime and not look upon their equal, and there are none superior in intellect or moral worth. One would be charmed with the facility with which they get to their work, as well as the decisiveness with which they dispatched that work. They managed to get there without the least circumlocution and are not long about it. In their first two meetings, both preliminary in character, they were presided over by Miss Mary Helm of Louisville, Ky. She presided with that ease and pleasure which comes only from a clear insight of all to be done and a full comprehension of the best methods of doing it. The meeting seemed to be a general discussion of the working of the auxiliary societies in their various conferences. These reports brought out much of the acuteness of the mind on the part of the ladies. Many wise sayings and sharp, witty replies to each other showing that though they were intent on business, they had still large reserve forces of wit and humor by the way. There were about forty women in attendance—some having reached the mature years of seventy and above—some coming up as applicants for missionary work looked quite young, but generally, they are at or near the meridian of life."

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT.

When in Richmond, Kentucky, Isabel Harris Bennett opened her eyes to the world it may not have been anticipated that she would be the blessing to the world that her life contributed as the years went by.

It is not in the province of the writer to give the history of this wonderful life, as many of us know it already, but we want to speak of this life as it touched our conference, and the inspiration she was to our women.

It is no small privilege that we claim her first recorded appearance before a large audience, when she appeared before the Woman's Foreign Mission Board and presented the need for a training school for our missionaries, and from that time Miss Bennett has been an out-

standing character in missions, Methodism and world conquest for righteousness.

Miss Estelle Haskin has this to say in "Women and Missions" concerning the first gift to Scarritt Bible and Training School: "In the year 1889 the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Little Rock, Ark., and at the earnest solicitation of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Miss Bennett attended for the purpose of presenting to the women her thought of a missionary training school."

She was just up from a long illness and was too frightened to stand when she spoke. A resolution was adopted to appoint Miss Bennett agent for the development of this work. The first gift came about in this way: Miss Bennett was being entertained in the home of Dr. William Thompson, and that evening his little foster daughter and niece of Mrs. Thompson gave her a silver dollar, saying: "Miss Bennett, I have waited on the table since you came here and have earned this dollar. I heard you talk about Jesus going about doing good, and I want to be like him. I am giving you my dollar to help you build that training school." This was the seed planted that brought forth many hundredfold as the story of the little girl's gift was told."

Do not our hearts swell with pride as we remember that one of the first organizations for work for women in our church sprung from the heart of the women in the Little Rock Conference; that the first suggestion of a Student Secretary as far as we know, was suggested by a Little Rock Conference preacher at a Foreign Missionary conference; that the first words uttered in public for the propagation of Scarritt Bible and Training School were given in a burning message in Little Rock, and the first gift in money came from little Julia Dortch Thompson, from First Church Little Rock. Are we not rich in the heritage of earnest endeavor and noble deeds of the women who were building surer foundations than they dreamed and better than they knew?

Thus we joy in the first contribution of effort and money to Scarritt College of Missions as coming from the Little Rock Conference and would pray that we might

continue this effort for so grand a cause and with giving of money also give our daughters for this training school for Missions.

In the little magazine "Send Me" edited by Mrs. Hotchkiss, which reported the annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of 1891, is recorded this note entitled "Good News":

"It was announced the work on the Scarritt Training School was begun, ground being broken, Tuesday, April 28, 1891. Mrs. E. R. Hendrix, direct representative of Dr. Scarritt, removing the first shovel of dirt. Baltimore sent a brick from the foundation of Cokesbury College, whose cornerstone was laid by Bishops Asbury and Coke, also a brick from Lovely Lane Chapel, the first Methodist Church in Baltimore."

What memories must have whelmed her heart when at the Woman's Missionary Council in Little Rock in 1915 she saw the full fruition of her labors manifested in the large class of missionaries and deaconesses as they marched down the aisles of historic First Church and participated in one of the most beautiful consecration services in the history of the Council.

What memories of timidity, yet subservient to the urge of her soul for a training school, of travel over the country, presenting the cause, receiving contributions and at the same time preparing herself for the large work which was to follow. Surely she must have realized the joy of the words, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." For she had spent herself unreservedly and was to find it again and again, as year by year, she witnessed the consecration of trained workers as they went out from our beloved Scarritt.

In 1899 at the First Church meeting at Pine Bluff, Miss Bennett was an honored guest, and again at Camden in 1911 she was the guest of the Woman's Home Mission Society and was prevented from attending several times after accepting invitations.

We invited her many times for we felt that we deserved the best, but her duties were arduous, and she

appreciated our invitations and always said "Please keep on asking me."

In the early years of her work the members of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society sent her a quilt, which she acknowledged in the following letter :

"January 22, 1891.

"Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Conference Corresponding Secretary,
Malvern, Arkansas.

"On reaching home two weeks ago I found the quilt spread out on my bed. It is a beauty and I appreciate the kindness that prompted the presentation more than I can possibly express, and as a constant reminder of that kindness to me, the quilt is a thing of joy as well as beauty. I would like so much to have the ladies of the Conference Society know that I appreciate and value the quilt highly, but above and beyond that, I have felt deeply the constant and repeated expressed interest of the members of the Little Rock Conference Society in the Training School.

"I wish it were in my power to look into the faces and touch the hand of every woman in your Society, and, God willing, I shall not only try to visit some of the principal churches in your conference, but I shall try to be present at your next annual meeting.

"In writing to your auxiliaries, will you not ask them to pray for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the church at the Easter service?

"BELLE H. BENNETT."

Easter Sunday was set apart as collection day in all the churches for the Society.

MRS. A. J. MARSHALL.

Among the workers of the Missionary forces in Arkansas, I dare say none were more cultured nor earnest than Mrs. A. J. Marshall, who when a young lady in London, England, prepared herself in the arts, sciences and languages to become a foreign missionary and found expression of her desire in her service to the Indians of North America, coming to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where was a school for Indian girls in 1845, later opening a school of her own near that place. Married Rev. Lewis A. Marshall in 1849, which, like many other missionary

workers, separated her from her school and she joined the throng of itinerant preachers and went from place to place in the Conference. Was mistress of the first parsonage home in Arkansas on the Pine Bluff Circuit and we can imagine the dignity with which she graced the simple home of the then Methodist preacher. When the Woman's Work was organized in the Southern Methodist Church, Mrs. Marshall was a ready and capable worker and the history of missions in Arkansas would not be complete without mention of her contribution to the foundation of missions in our beloved state. In 1855 they were in Warren and who can tell but that her deep-seated desire for missions was a great factor in the preparation of the soil that was to receive the seed of the Little Rock Conference Society and which has borne a hundred fold, aye, more than a hundred fold in the years that have followed.

During the days of war of the 60's she sought sustenance and comfort in teaching—bereaved for the loss of her husband and distraught for the country she had learned to love as home. She bought a home in Camden and lived out the days of her long life, and it was this "dear sister Marshall" that Mrs. R. H. M. Mills always remembered with a love gift from the Conference, till she died.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESCOTT, JUNE 9, 1890.

The Arkansas Methodist of July 9th, 1890, carried this notice:

"The pleasant little town of Prescott was the center of attraction on the railroads leading thither on June the ninth, so that when we asked the agent for our tickets, he said: 'There must be something going on in Prescott—so many are going there.' Of course, we assured him that something very important would be in progress there. The smiling faces of Mrs. Hayes and Brothers Cason and Cope greeted us on our arrival and the delegates were soon conducted in conveyances provided to pleasant and hospitable homes. At night a small congregation listened to an earnest sermon preached in our behalf by Rev. J. R. Moore, the only regret concerning it being that every-

body did not hear him. He did not so beautifully eulogize woman in her work for women that for a moment we felt like folding our hands and waiting for the Master to say 'well done, good and faithful servants.' On the contrary, he gave us food for thought and helped us to see the need of more faithful, diligent work in the future. The time is past, if it ever existed, when we can enjoy being lulled to sleep, or held up as those saintly women who are doing such a grand work. We are neither saints nor saintly. We are only weak, unworthy instruments in the hands of our Heavenly Father, making frequent failures, but always willing to get up and try again and only ask you to help those women. The regular business meeting began at 9 A. M., June 20th, and continued two days. Thirty-five delegates and officers were present and also several preachers, whose presence was an encouragement and inspiration. The Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Camden and Washington Districts were represented by their district secretaries. Arkadelphia and Washington Districts almost divided the honors in regard to numbers of auxiliaries and members. The reports from auxiliaries were in some cases encouraging as denoting an increase of spirituality. In this connection attention was called by the committee on resolutions to the necessity of more prayer and also of the more strict observance of the twilight hour of prayer; and also of the week of prayer and self denial as from the faithful observance of which some of the societies have reported much benefit. An increase in the number of juvenile and young people's societies was reported. The president presented to the society an advance sheet of a little paper entitled SEND ME, which she proposed to publish in the interest of the society. After some discussion, it was adopted as a means of communication between auxiliaries—its price to be 25c a year and Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss of Hot Springs editor and publisher.

"Hot Springs was chosen to be the next place of meeting. Dr. Chapman of Little Rock preached Sunday morning, after which Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Cason and Lochie Rankin Baker were made life members by the payment of fifty dollars."

Sister Beard of Wallaceburg, contributed more than anybody, the sum being \$35.00 raised from her own handiwork.

In the sketch written by Mrs. E. A. Hayes she says: "A marked change had been wrought in the ten years since we met at Prescott ten years ago. From a small band of 5 or 6 we now numbered 50 or more, Mrs. E. L. Holmes was with us the first time since her removal to Texas four years ago. We were gratified and inspired at the number of Juvenile Societies reported and the number of delegates. Owing to infirmities of old age

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"Grandma Marshall" asked to be relieved as district secretary. Mrs. Holmes was again elected recording secretary."

Another venture by faith was made at that meeting which was a valuable feature in the development of missionary interests in this Conference, the publishing of "Send Me" by the president, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, a little monthly magazine of fine literary merit and the spirit of missions for 25c a year. How she did it we do not know, but paper and printing and labor were cheaper then than in 1923.

It did seem a little thing to report a sofa pillow made by Central Hot Springs auxiliary for the Scarritt Bible and Training School Fund, but when we know the blessings that have come from other small things we shall not condemn, for the giving of a name and a contribution may have meant the means of multiplied interest in this great school, and an interest in missions that might have been long in coming.

Nineteen auxiliaries reported by delegates. Sister Harvey stated that the amount paid by the Little Rock Conference for the training school is \$614.00.

It was moved and carried that the treasurer's books be closed at least two weeks before the annual meeting. Camden was selected as the place for the next meeting.

The afternoon session was opened by religious services by Mrs. Sue L. James.

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Washington—Mrs. E. S. Haynes.

At the night session the corresponding secretary made her report and the usual resolutions of thanks were read. The services on the Sabbath were appropriate and impressive. After the morning sermon one hundred dollars was collected to make Mrs. Marshall a life member and ten dollars to make Miss Ruth Dickenson a life member. The crowning meeting of the occasion was the love feast which proved to all present a feast of good things and prepared us for entering on another year's work with renewed vigor.

The work of the Juveniles was very flattering, 17 reporting and the Okolona Juveniles 35 strong were educating a child in China in memory of Miss Emma Hill, who organized the society.

Lochie Rankin Baker, foster child of Mrs. E. J. Holdridge of Malvern presented at Prescott meeting, was made a life member and her picture was sent to Miss Rankin. Her letter of thanks:

"Kading, China, January 8, 1891.

"My Very Dear Friend:

"The dear little picture you so kindly sent has occupied the place of honor in my room ever since she reached the heathen city. If there were time in our busy lives for so long a story, I should let her tell all she has seen and heard since that fair autumn afternoon. But there has been so much sickness and sorrow that it would be too sad for baby lips to recite. I was immensely flattered by the announcement of so charming a namesake, and especially since she is to follow in my footsteps, if God so wills.

"I wish I could take you with me to my schools and let you compare babies. I have ten, all either five or six years old. All except one can tell the creation, fall, advent, crucifixion, and resurrection—besides their ordinary school books and addition in arithmetic. Can the children of the same age at home do much better?

"If you could only see their figures—7's turned upside down, 4's and 5's lying down and their odd way of making 9's. Notwithstanding these hieroglyphic figures, they rarely make a mistake in adding up long columns, and the strangest part is, they

copy the examples from a regular English arithmetic. Some of them make a 2 with four or five strokes, beginning with a perpendicular line. They come to school before breakfast and often remain till dark, going home for but one meal in the meantime. These ten little baby boys represent nearly all classes and form one-fourth of my school. When I remember how very young they are, it seems an easy task to impress their tender minds with the truth; but alas! Idolatry and superstition are almost inbred in the Chinese mind, and we are never quite sure they really understand the simplest expressions of our relations to God and duty to one another, to say nothing of the profound mysteries of faith and trust in a crucified Savior. Despite all difficulties and discouragements, we are still hopeful and are sure the harvest will come, and China's millions turned from the darkness of heathenism to the light of Christ's Gospel.

"With many thanks for your words of love, and hoping to hear often from my little namesake,

"Yours lovingly,

"LOCHIE RANKIN."

The following editorials are taken from the magazine "Send Me," established and edited for five years by Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss at Hot Springs. It was sent out monthly for 25c a month.

"SEND ME"

"That they all may be one"

Vol. 1. HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, JULY, 1890 No. 1

"Send Me:"

"In the 'Woman's Work' of our Conference there has been and is still, a great hindrance in the difficulty of reaching many of our sisters. The district secretaries can travel but little among those they could so helpfully influence by their presence. But few can leave their homes, even if means and conveniences for going were at hand. The women of our church who are not with us in our Missionary Societies need to be approached, as we were before entering it, by direct appeal. Hence this little Messenger, which earnestly and lovingly comes with its pleading voice and says in His Name 'Send Me.' Let me go over hill and dale—to valleys fair and cities great, to high and low, rich and poor, let me bear a message, till like an unbroken electric current, the heart of every woman within our bounds shall thrill to the impulse of that love which claims the world for our Lord."

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OUR PURPOSE

"The design of these sheets in their present form is not so much as a specimen, but they are thrown out with the hope that they may prove the starting point of something better. Information and constant energy are needed, and we offer this as a kind of lever on which to bring up our work among ourselves. It is not expected to be more than a monthly work from and among the circle of our homes. It will be published at the nominal sum of 25c a year, and when this cannot be afforded, it is to be given to those who are or may be interested in our Woman's Work. Scatter it far and near, and may it return to us in great enlargement of the Missionary Spirit."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

"We would not presume that any thought of this little monthly will be construed as want of interest in our Conference organ.

"That is the paper of our homes and our beloved Zion, and when anything shall transpire in our workshops which may interest the general church, we shall still ask Bro. B.—what he has always so freely accorded—a place in his columns. This appeal to larger work in the Master's Vineyard is designed to work its way to every woman's heart and awaken there a deeper supplication and more earnest work in His Name.

"Thus have the pages of the Methodist ever been open to the women and their work, whether she used it or not."

"Once when at a meeting at Washington, and the feeling of responsibility bore upon her (Mrs. Hotchkiss, and she was greatly burdened wondering how she could carry out the obligation to her trustful sister), when her eyes fell upon a table scarf with the words embroidered in bright thread, 'Get thy spindle and thy distaff ready and God will send thee Flax.' It seemed to say 'Make your readiness—use your best endeavors and God will bless the efforts.'—Send Me."

DECEMBER, 1891 "SEND ME"

"The great revolving wheel, with its 365 spokes, has well nigh made another round. The brilliancy of Summer has passed into gorgeousness of early Autumn. Those lovely days, in their turn, shaded into chill and drear November and now its days are numbered with those that come not back again. December, with its sacred calendar of the world's hope, is with us. Holly boughs are broken, evergreens gathered, and the world awaits the glad Christmastide. Christian hopes and activities thrill with gladness as the "Star" approaches, and the expectancy of childhood is raised to its highest pitch. Homes put on their brightest look, communities mingle in joyful greetings, and the church of God should stand on the mountain top of exaltation."



MRS. SUE L. JAMES



MRS. S. H. THOMPSON



MRS. R. H. M. MILLS



MRS. JAMES THOMAS

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS, JUNE 18, 1891.

The following report of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting appears in the Arkansas Methodist, signed by Mrs. E. L. Holmes, secretary:

"The Little Rock Conference W. M. S. held its thirteenth annual session June 18, 1891, at Hot Springs, Ark., at which place it was organized in 1878.

"About forty delegates and members were registered—the officers all being present except the treasurer, Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, who was detained on account of sickness in the family and wrote her regrets. Mrs. Thornburgh was elected treasurer pro tem.

"Mrs. Harvey read a letter of thanks from Miss Bennett for the quilt presented by the session last year; also an interesting communication from Miss Rankin and one from Mrs. Bruce.

"The President made some earnest remarks on our duties to our missionary workers. She is more and more impressed with the thought that when the Lord said 'The silver and the gold are mine,' he intends for us to give it all to him.

"A sad but loving letter was received from Sister Winfield, resigning her office of district secretary.

"A discussion was held on the best method of getting the ladies of the church interested in missionary work. The women must put enough individuality and originality into the meetings to interest everybody. Brother Thornburgh said there was much in personal contact, but we must entertain those who come.

"At night an address of welcome was given by Mrs. Lowery of Hot Springs and responded to by Mrs. Ella McRae of Prescott, after which an interesting paper was read by Sister Marshall, and a sweet little recitation by Miss Ruth Dickenson.

"The Saturday morning meeting was opened by religious services conducted by Mrs. Mills. Dr. Jones of the M. E. Church was introduced, as were Rev. and Mrs. Thompson of Texas and Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Tucker of Arkansas, Mrs. Tucker then president of the Ark. Conf. W. F. M. Society."

Cupid was present at this meeting also, for it was at this meeting that Rev. James Thomas met the charming Ella Hayes McRae, which culminated in their marriage, December 31st, 1891, at Prescott, coming to Malvern Hill Church, Hot Springs, as a bride.

The treasurer's report was . . . \$1,303.99

Fund for Scarritt 276.50

Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. McAlmont.

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Dr. Thompson preached the annual sermon and Mrs. A. J. Marshall was made honorary life member by the payment of \$100 raised in her honor.

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“Send Me” of 1891 records this item:

“Three dollars, the first money for the \$100.00 for the outgoing missionaries, was given by Sister B. of Central Church, Hot Springs, as self denial from snuff.” This seemed to be a very good reform movement begun by the dear Sister B., of whom we have no other knowledge.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CAMDEN, JUNE 17, 1892.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference met in Camden, June 17, 1892, forty-two officers and delegates responding to the roll call. This is the best record this society has ever made. The program began with a touching memorial service for five of our workers who have rested from their labor during the year. By vote of the Society, the tributes which were read, those to “Sister Winfield and Sister Sturgis and Grandma Chase,” were to be sent to the Arkansas Methodist for publication.

The afternoon session was opened by devotional exercises led by Mrs. Martin of Texas.

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The president presented to Miss Lillian Powell a certificate of life membership of Mrs. Sue A. Winfield, sent to this society by the White River Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society and voted by this society to be given to Miss Lillian.

Some of the reports exhibited marked increase in interest and spirituality, but when the one was read by Mrs. Thomas of Malvern Hill Auxiliary, Hot Springs, all felt that it bore off the palm. She said: "I feel at perfect liberty to call on my members to do anything with the full assurance that she will respond with her very best effort, let that be reading, singing, talking, praying, or paying, in short such willing hands, heads and hearts I have never known before." This can be said of many auxiliaries organized by Mrs. Thomas.

At 8:30 P. M. a goodly congregation listened to the addresses of welcome and responses. These were followed by a paper by Mrs. Holmes and by Miss Mary Simms. Then delegates and visitors with many citizens repaired by invitation to the elegant residence of Miss Jennie Brown for the reception.

Among the reports of committees and resolutions these appear which give us the first mention of printed minutes although they were not printed till 1897, which this writer regrets when considering the difficulty in obtaining data for this permanent record.

RESOLUTION

"As our own conference magazine 'Send Me' was inaugurated as a means of communication between the different auxiliaries of our Conference, it being so well edited by our gifted president as to command the admiration of all, therefore be it resolved: First, that we redouble our efforts to circulate it and in every way to increase its list of subscribers. Second, that we greatly appreciate the generosity of our president in editing 'Send Me' without remuneration, and extend to her our heartfelt thanks, and that we show our appreciation in a more substantial way. Third, that we request each district secretary and our treasurer to publish quarterly reports in 'Send Me.'"

The Arkansas Methodist has, with greatest generosity at all times, opened its columns to our communications, therefore resolved: That we tender to its publisher and

editor our sincere thanks for their kindness, and that we will manifest our appreciation by endeavoring to increase its list of subscribers. Believing that it is important that we have our minutes published; resolved, that our president be appointed a committee to find out at what rates we can have them published, and if it can be done for not more than \$20.00, that she be authorized to arrange for their publication, and that the recording secretary prepare them. Fifteen societies, through their delegates, pledged \$5.00, and First Church, Little Rock, \$10.00 to the support of "Send Me."

The committee on young people's and juvenile work read reports looking to the advancement of interest in each of these branches and suggested plans which will be more fully mentioned hereafter.

The corresponding secretary stated that she had pledged herself to raise \$125.00 for sending out new missionaries.

Renewed effort to organize the Young People was made at this meeting as the Woman's Foreign Mission Board had ordered a program for them printed in the Advocate.

Brother Jno. F. Carr, the pastor, preached the annual sermon at the close of which Mrs. Hotchkiss quickly raised \$100 to make him on honorary life member.

On Feb. 11, 1892, this article appeared in the Arkansas Methodist:

"Mrs. Geo. Thornburgh, wife of the Business Manager of the Arkansas Methodist, a teacher of the infant class of First Church Sunday School, Little Rock, has written and published an infant catechism which she originally designed only for her own use. But on its merits, it has been commended to other teachers until a large number have been published and sold. It is one of the best infant catechisms ever brought out in our church.—St. Louis Advocate."

The following resolution was read and adopted:

"Whereas, Mrs. Thornburgh has occupied a column in the Arkansas Methodist with so much pleasure and profit to the children, and has interested them in sending contributions to the Scarritt Bible and Training School: therefore, resolved that we feel deeply grateful to her for her efforts in this direction, and will send them as much as in our power. That we also

convey to the managers of the Arkansas Methodist our gratitude for the use of a column for this purpose."

At 8:30 P. M. Mrs. Harvey gave her report of the year's work which was rich in good things and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Marshall, our only honorary life member, also gave some inspiring words.

This was said to be the best annual meeting ever held up to this time. We parted, carrying new resolutions to make this year one of endeavor and success.

At the White River Conference at Beebe in September, 1892 mention is made that Mrs. Hotchkiss, president of the L. R. Conference, was a guest and invited us to make her paper, "Send Me" the organ of our Society.

On March 10, 1892, appears this article to the W. M. S. of the L. R. Conference:

"It is expected that a collection be taken up in every society on Easter Sunday for the Scarritt Bible and Training School, which will open next September. In most cases, the pastor will permit this collection at the eleven o'clock services. Where he will not, it can be done at a call meeting of the society. Programs have been prepared for an Easter service, which it would be well to use especially for the juvenile societies. They will be furnished by your district secretary. The annual meeting of the Board will be held at Lexington, Ky., June 3rd. Pray for the outpouring of God's spirit on that occasion."

Although Mrs. E. L. Holmes was "threatening" to leave the Conference again, they would not release her as secretary and she was again elected.

Officers elected as follows:

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Washington—Mrs. E. A. Hayes.

Camden—Mrs. Blake.

Monticello—Mrs. A. O. Evans.

In February, 1892 of "Send Me," the death of Mrs. A. R. Winfield is noted with these words.

"'Tis vain to ask who shall take her place in the church, the Sunday School, the missionary society, among the poor, with the children, so much will she be missed."

A beautiful tribute is paid to "Grandma Chase," more than four-score and ten. "Hers has never been a frosty old age—sunshine and bouyancy of spirit beamed round her eighties, and in her nineties the loving hope in Christ makes her to look forward to heaven as a flower would to its opening in Spring." Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, Editor. We also learn that Dr. Wither's deafness was due to being struck by an electric car.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FORDYCE—JUNE 25, 1893.

Twenty years of woman's work for women in the Little Rock Conference and only God knows all the good done in those intervening years, but the building of the Kingdom was visibly noted and the builders were strengthened for larger, better service than ever before, for the enthusiasm and spiritual refreshing of that meeting is keenly felt in the small record at hand which follows:

"The L. R. Conference of the W. M. S. held its fifteenth annual session at Fordyce June 25, 1893, with every officer but one present. No district unrepresented, although many auxiliaries had no delegate. Some districts which have heretofore been lagging are now coming to the front and encouraging reports come up all along the line. Well may we sing at the close as at the opening, 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.'

"Sister Harvey, fresh from the meeting of the W. M. B. at Kansas City, gave a glowing account of the Scarritt B. & T. School, calling especial attention to the room furnished by the children of Arkansas, after which the following resolution was read and adopted: Resolved, that we as a Conference Society present our congratulations to Sister Thornburgh for the success of her work and pray that her influence may go on increasing

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from year to year. Signed—Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Harvey.

"Saturday morning the regular order was interrupted for a few moments to listen to a few parting words from our dear Sister Marshall, leaving to accompany Sister Field home. She said that she would soon march off from the stage of action on which she had been an actor for a long time, but she left it as a parting legacy to the younger members of the Society to carry on the work in which she has been so long engaged. With a general handshaking and with tear-dimmed eyes she then departed.

"Then occurred the sweetest appeal of the session—the report of the Malvern Hill Juvenile Society read by little Nellie Bloom, six years of age. As she read in her childish voice the admirable report of her flourishing society, every eye watched her features with keenest interest, and every ear listened with rapt attention. As she closed, many eyes glistened with dew drops, and Mrs. Hotchkiss folded the little one in her arms and asked, 'Is it any wonder that our Savior said "of such is the kingdom of heaven"?' Sister Mills said "that is the best report we have had—let us sing 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.' Singing it, we felt that we indeed had cause to praise God for the exhibition given us today of the extremes to which His grace can reach, our dear Sister Marshall on the sunset of life by her long experience and beautiful life inspiring us to greater effort, and on the other hand sweet little Nellie in the glowing sunrise just making her start on the long journey.

"Reports of president, secretary and treasurer. Especially were we pleased to note that the receipts so far came fairly above every increase, amounting this year to \$1,429.00.

"The services Sunday morning consisted of a big sermon by Rev. E. N. Evans and a little sermon by Nellie Bloom, were appropriately closed by a collection of \$40.00 to make Mrs. Mamie Smith a life member of the W. M. S., and Nellie Bloom and Vergie Holderness life members of the Juvenile Society.

"All old officers were re-elected except Sister Thornburgh, who wrote declining to accept position of district secretary for another year on account of insurmountable difficulties in carrying it on as it should be. Therefore, Sister Furr of Lonoke was selected to fill the vacancy.

"Resolutions were passed, thanking Mrs. Thornburgh for faithful service, and thanks to Sister Young for the beautiful quilt she and her society at Okolona presented to our beloved president."

The description of this quilt follows, and the president said it was beautiful. Let us hope her taste was not

biased by her love for her co-laborers and the cause it represented: "Besides having wheels with names of different members throughout the Conference Society, it had in the center a Methodist Tree, having seven branches with the names of presiding elders and branches from these with the names of different preachers of districts. The design was beautiful and the workmanship exquisite, showing the lovely needlework of these ladies."

Thus have our women builded into the Kingdom with great things and the small, but our God is judge of the heart and He knows the loving service of His followers.

PART THREE
A Decade of Growth

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MALVERN—1894.

The Malvern meeting in 1894 was an occasion of great sorrow, yet rejoicing as well, for two earnest workers had been called to larger service, and the work was also growing.

The Memorial service at the first session in honor of Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Strong attested the love of their co-laborers and whose absence was made poignant by the two empty chairs on the platform.

Mrs. Holmes was elected to fill Mrs. Harvey's place as corresponding secretary, and Mrs. James Thomas recording secretary.

Rev. Hearn from China gave an address on China in costume, and the curios brought a fuller realization of China's religion to his hearers.

Mrs. Strong and little Ruth Williams were made life members.

From "Send Me."

"A providence calls Mrs. E. L. Holmes from our midst to another state and a new 'field for her concentrated talents.' As a co-worker, friend, sister, leader, we grieve that she is no longer one of us. While we joyfully recognize that no time nor distance can ever separate us from her love and prayers, nor break away the sweet remembrances of her which lie deep and bright in the inner heart of the entire Little Rock Conference Society. How much we owe her we may never know. Faithful and true her labor abides with us on every hand. Her prayers and Christian courage were a part of the foundation stone upon which the superstructure of regular organization was built by the General Conference of 1878. Her godly influence reaches far back—it will reach far ahead. Blessed is that auxiliary with which she is associated, and favored is the Conference Society which holds in membership one so competent, consecrated, and willing in every call to duty. She certainly is an acquisition to the Church in St. Louis and we of the Missionary Society in Arkansas bespeak for our love and appreciation which was hers among us here. Who can take her place and how can we get on without her, are questions on every tongue. But the dear Lord never hath need of serv-

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ice but that there is one ready at His bidding. The office gracefully falls upon Sister Jas. Thomas, to whom I feel sure the eyes of the Society will turn with satisfaction, she having been elected to that position by a quorum of conference officers met in Malvern. This causing a vacancy of vice-presidency, Sister Thornburgh was duly elected to that office. (Same office now held by daughter, Mrs. Jas. M. Workman, in Woman's Missionary Society.) I know you will welcome them cordially and pray heaven's best blessings on their labors, with confidence let us go on, 'knowing in whom we trust.' Always remembering our sister, whose life was light among us, and ever appreciative of those who still labor with us, 'let us rejoice in the consolations of the Gospel and the communion of saints.'

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RESIGNATION OF MRS. E. L. HOLMES

"To the President and Members of the Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society.

"My Dear Sisters:

"It is with deepest regret that I find myself compelled to offer to you my resignation as corresponding secretary and thus dissolve my relationship with your body. The sundering of such ties as have existed between us, is to me like tearing apart the heartstrings which bind me to the dearest friends and the brightest days which have blessed my existence. For twenty years I have been connected with the Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference, for a great part of that time in an official capacity. During the whole of these years I have received from my beloved co-laborers nothing but kindness, consideration, Christian affection, and an appreciation to which my deserts were totally incommensurate. During the time of my connection with you my brightest hopes for this life have fled, my dearest joys been shattered, as I have seen those who led and strengthened me most in these and all other duties close their eyes to earthly things—but open them, thank God! in the realm of eternal bliss.

"Retrospecting all these years, it is little to say that my prayers and affections will remain with you. Give me yours in my new home among new duties and may the Lord direct you in choosing one to fill my place who shall so far surpass me that the work may take on a new vigor and enthusiasm and our watchword shall be verified and then shall be 'an auxiliary in every church, and every member of the church a member of the auxiliary.' The Lord bless thee and keep thee! 'the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.' 'Mizpah.' And so farewell.

"Yours faithfully,

"MRS. E. L. HOLMES."

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, HOPE—1895.

We can but imagine that the 1895 meeting at Hope was a good meeting, as all her annual and missionary conferences have been, but no mention was made in the Arkansas Methodist, no minutes printed, and only a few lines written by Mrs. Hayes in her History in 1897, which says:

"Hope had been selected for our meeting in 1895. The doors of her homes and hearts were thrown wide open to receive us, and a large delegation answered to roll call.

"A most pleasing episode was the presentation of an elegant silk quilt from the Juvenile Society of Malvern to Mrs. Geo. Thornburgh for her labors and letters to the children. She responded in most tender words of love and gratitude. Also a most touching letter from Bro. Thornburgh was read, which was accompanied by the 'Mite Box' of Miss Edna, their sainted daughter, containing coppers."

Referring to it, Bro. Thornburgh said:

"I send them in the same box Edna kept them in. These coppers are the gatherings of years. As I would get one I would give it to her, and she carefully kept them. They are an evidence of her painstaking, systematic habits. They go freighted with my prayers and bedewed with my tears."

And as we write these words news comes of the death of this same Col. Thornburgh, who has joined little Edna on the other side. A friend to missions and a friend to man, this great servant has entered into the joy of his Lord.

March and April, 1895, combined issue of "Send Me."—Editorial.

"Lacking only two months of five years, it has been my loved employ to send these pages among the dear sisters of the Little Rock Conference Societies and others who like us are engaged to do all they can to spread the knowledge of Jesus and His love. It has been a pleasing service holding my thoughts constantly to our work, and brings me to a very near association with many whom I love, and others whom, knowing not, I hold dear for the work's sake. To break this chain of monthly communication brings an indescribable sorrow, yet I find myself so hedged about that no other alternative can possibly be seen but to suspend 'Send Me' for a time at least. I shall endeavor, if opportunity half way offers, to complete, dear

sisters, Mrs. Marshall's Autobiography, the closing of which is in an unfinished state, causing me deep regret.

"With a sigh I yield to the inevitable, praying that the bread cast upon the waters during the life of this little messenger may still strengthen and quicken some life to better work for Him in Whose name all its pages are written, though unworthily. On this closing page I entreat you, sisters beloved, to be true to this work for Christ.

"Nothing can supersede it, and the 'King's business requires haste.' What we do must be done quickly. Blessings on every reader. As one by one we are gathered home, may we together join the everlasting song and Crown Him Lord of all."

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY, LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH—FEBRUARY 21-23, 1896.

Editors: Mesdames C. E. Pattillo and W. H. Pemberton

The year 1896 marks the year of printed minutes of the Little Rock Conference, Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, which met in the parsonage parlors of First Church in Little Rock, February 21-23, in then called "annual convention," the expense of which journal must have been covered by the six pages of advertisements carried, with the 24 pages of conference records. The motto, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not," has been fulfilled in the years that have intervened since the 1896 meeting in unwearying well doing and reaping of bounteous harvest. The treasurer, Mrs. William Thompson, reporting.

Connectional work	\$ 204.50
Supplies and Parsonage.....	5,684.75
Station Parsonage	5,263.20
Circuit Parsonage	153.20

The station parsonage referred to being that of First Church, Little Rock, and this entry is made in the minutes:

"The spacious parlors of the new parsonage were thrown open to the visitors and members of the Convention. Quite a number of ladies were present, and the cordial and enthusiastic greetings showed that everyone was ready for the work. It was

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well that the Convention held its meetings in the parsonage, for it served as an object lesson of what consecrated women can do when they 'have a mind to work.' For nine years the little parsonage band of First Church had been laboring to build a home for the pastor. During that time \$3,065 had been given. This amount was augmented by donations from the ladies of the church and the Board of Stewards. When the building was completed, the ladies of the church furnished it, so that today a comfortable home stands as a monument to the untiring efforts of these good women."

It may be of interest to give the names of officers and managers of the Central Committee of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society at that time:

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. E. E. Wiley.
General Secretary—Mrs. R. K. Hargrove.
Treasurer—Mrs. Geo. P. Kendrick.

MANAGERS

Miss Belle Bennett.
Miss Lucinda B. Helm.
Mrs. J. S. Key.
Miss Emily Allen.
Mrs. J. J. Tigert.
Mrs. Ellen Burdette.
Mrs. John A. Carter.
Mrs. Maria Kenrick Carter.
Mrs. Marcus Wolff.

The Little Rock Conference officers were:

President—Mrs. S. N. Marshall.
First Vice-President—Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Sue James.
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Recording Secretary—Miss Lida Watson.
Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Washington—Mrs. Ethridge.
Little Rock—Mrs. Geo. Thornburgh.
Hot Springs—Mrs. Beitler.
Monticello—Mrs. Dr. Lapur.

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Arkadelphia—Miss Frank Rudolph.

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Camden—Mrs. Dr. Brown.

The president, Mrs. S. N. Marshall, being absent on account of illness, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, vice-president, welcomed the Conference and in the few words printed said: "Let us unite our efforts for the furtherance of the cause, remembering that there is a place and a definite work for each, and while all may not be apostles, prophets, or teachers, yet by one spirit we are baptized into one body."

In a note from the president, Mrs. Marshall, she said: "This is the Lord's work, let us not linger by the way-side, for soon the night cometh when no man can work."

Miss Lizzie Stinson, corresponding secretary, reported:

Adult Societies	7
Adult Societies Members.....	117
Young People's Societies.....	1
Young People's Societies Members.....	34
Juvenile Societies	5
Juvenile Societies Members.....	88
New Members	166

Subscribers to Our Homes, 43; taking reading course, 59; pledged to systematic giving, 18; 256 visits to sick and strangers; 760 paper leaflets; distributed 80 garments; 60 prayer meetings reported; boxes of clothing sent, so we see the good work has been going on a long time. She closes with the words: "Interest in the work is growing slowly but surely, and it may be that the seed sown shall bear much fruit before the end of another year."

A fine report from Arkadelphia was given by Mrs. Locke, from the Juvenile. Miss Williams reported for those "Willing Workers." Miss Stinson reported Camden auxiliary and said: "This auxiliary disbanded last year because the members thought every dollar they could raise was needed on their own new church, but



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Knights and Ladies awaken in us the memory of the chivalry and gentility that marked the age when plumed head and trailing garments were no more graceful than were the manners of those adorned.

We always knew she was a lady, but in appreciation of the letters that had come from the pen of the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Conference for so many years, and which had been a great factor in the development of the cause of Home Missions in the Little Rock Conference, her president, the writer, named Mrs. W. H. Pemberton the "Lady of the Golden Pen."

Not only has she been a letter writer for missions, but from her tour of Europe in 1908 she gave us "Letters from England, France and Germany," a book that was graciously received and accepted by the schools of Arkansas as an example of good literature for the children.

Beside this, our "Lady of the Golden Pen" has written many articles for the Arkansas Gazette, the Arkansas Writer, has been for a number of years editor of our Woman's Page in the Arkansas Methodist, and whose style is easy, graceful, pleasing and pure.

Thus the Woman's Missionary Society has long had a clear head, a free hand and a sympathetic heart to tell of the needs of the world and to publish glad tidings of the coming of the King. To her the women of the Conference owe more perhaps than to any other one member, as she has been corresponding secretary for 27 years; who for years was the one woman who bound the Conference to the Woman's Board as the only accredited delegate to that Board, in all the years not missing more than three or four Board or Council meetings.

For many years she not only carried on the correspondence of the Conference, sent quarterly reports, but distributed leaflets, reports and other literature, which each quarter was mailed to each auxiliary. Annual meetings were sometimes conducted principally by her when several of the officers would be absent.

Conservative always, holding to that which is good, wise in judgment, delicate in manners as in body, the "Lady of the Golden Pen" has entrenched herself in the hearts of the people of Arkansas, that whether they be men or women, missionary in spirit or not, she is the one of the Old Guard of the Home Mission band who served early and late and is now enjoying the delights of the superstructure whose foundation she helped to lay. Mrs. Pemberton hails from the Old North State, with the manners of Virginia, her adopted state, so pronounced that she is called an F. F. V., added to this the faithfulness of the "Lady of the Golden Pen" of Arkansas.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, STUTTGART—JUNE 16, 1896.

The Little Rock Conference of the W. F. M. S. met June 16, 1896, at Stuttgart. The people were very hospitable and did everything in their power to make their meeting a success. The opening sermon, preached by Rev. E. R. Steel, was an able and inspiring discourse, highly profitable to us all. The consecration service at sunrise the next morning turned all hearts to service for the work before us. Our dear president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, was present, presiding with her usual dignity and ease. Only three of our officers were absent—Sisters Thornburg, McAlmont and Furr. We were delighted to find such a good representation from the various auxiliaries, both adult and juvenile, and so many visiting ladies there, who, because they love the work, had laid aside home cares at a sacrifice and at their own expense attended this meeting. Such earnestness will produce abundant fruit, no doubt.

Mrs. H. B. Strange, president of the White River Conference, and Miss Lizzie Stinson, conference organizer for the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society, were present and gave warm and encouraging words.

The greatest harmony prevailed during the entire session and business was dispatched rapidly. Reports from auxiliaries were encouraging, as also the reports of our corresponding secretary and treasurer, the financial reports showing an increase of \$200.00 or more during the year.

The Conference appreciated the presence of Mrs. Marshall, who by this time was called "Grandma Marshall" (a mistake we easily make in speaking of many elderly women), but her power in prayer was felt. Bro. Cameron and wife, from De Witt, rendered a very beautiful program with their "Little Stars of De Witt," after which they gave the treasurer \$25.

The president asked Mrs. Ellen A. Hayes to prepare a history of the Conference Society to be read at the next annual meeting, and it is from this short sketch that the writer has gained much information concerning these early years of building the work of our women. During the meeting Rev. T. O. Rorie spoke on Mexico. On Sunday, Rev. A. O. Evans gave us a truly edifying missionary sermon, the memory of which lingers with us, encouraging and helping us in many ways.—Mrs. Geo. M. Hill, Recording Secretary.

The secretary adds: "We expect very soon to publish our minutes in pamphlet form, giving the result of the work for the entire session," but the first copy the writer was able to secure was of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting in 1897.

It will be noted that Mrs. James Thomas was elected corresponding secretary at this meeting, which office she so honorably filled till elected president of the united society in 1912.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

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Washington—Mrs. E. A. Hayes.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY, ARKADELPHIA—APRIL 8-12, 1897.

Editors: Mesdames C. E. Pattillo, W. H. Pemberton,
J. A. Freeman

The 37-page journal of the Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society without advertisements not only shows an increase in the finances of the conference, but of an increase in members and interest in all lines of work.

Fifteen officers and delegates attended this meeting, but the enthusiasm was not gauged by the number of delegates, for at the Sabbath meetings the church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

Messrs. J. E. Bradley, R. B. Thomas and A. S. Hamilton, and Mrs. S. E. M. Smith, and Misses Fannie Hunter, A. McCorkle and Annie Jewell brought words of greeting which were reiterated in the beautiful welcome from Mrs. P. J. Gantt, president of the local auxiliary, Mrs. Sue L. James of Hot Springs responding. The first gavel presented to the Conference was a gift from First Church, Little Rock, presented by Mrs. A. J. Mims at this meeting.

The delicately carved, silver tipped instrument of order has served the Conference well and was only superseded by the presentation of the walnut gavel presented to the Woman's Missionary Society at Texarkana in 1922.

Revs. H. H. Watson, Horace Jewell, G. C. Jones, J. C. Rhodes, James Thomas, H. C. Hilliard, C. J. Greene, W. P. Whaley and W. S. Hearn evidenced increased

interest among the ministers, and Rev. C. E. Pattillo of First Church, Little Rock, preached the annual sermon on "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving yourselves." Mrs. H. D. McKinnon was made a life member at this service. Dr. J. E. Godbey, editor of Arkansas Methodist, addressed the "convention" on "Missions" at 3 P. M., and Rev. W. P. Whaley of Benton preached at the evening hour.

Real Social Service work is shown by this recommendation: "That the secretary of this convention be authorized to request the City Council of Little Rock, in the name of this body, to appoint a police matron, also those of Hot Springs and Pine Bluff if deemed wise." A recent report from the police matron at Hot Springs to the writer showed a ministration to 700 women for two years past, showing the need of such Social Service.

It is a matter of deep regret that the following resolution was never brought to fruition: "That we establish a school in some strategic point in the mountain section of our state within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference." The Mountain School Committee was composed of Mesdames W. C. Ratcliffe, C. E. Pattillo, Sue L. James, J. W. Williams, R. H. M. Mills and E. H. Blake, with "full power to act." From the president's address are these words relating to this needed school: "At the last little Rock Conference a committee of ministers was appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a mountain school in the Hot Springs district. They were authorized to confer with our Conference in regard to securing co-operation. I would urge your prayerful attention and consideration of plan, methods and possibilities for good through this enterprise."

Surely someone was not "obedient to the heavenly vision" and who knows but what this "mountainous section of the Hot Springs district" might not have been wholly changed if this school had been planted, and, instead of moonshine stills, draft resisters and ignorant

men and women, there might have been instilled in the lives of those people the principles of Christian education.

The "Musical" by the pupils of the Methodist College and the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gantt were the play features of the Conference. Mrs. Pemberton, corresponding secretary, paid tribute to Arkansas Methodist, "Hot Springs Life" (Mrs. James, editor), the Arkansas Gazette and Democrat for kindly notices.

Report was made of the "Fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Board of the M. E. Church, South, which was held in First Church, Little Rock, November 5-10, 1896, with Bishops Hargrove, Galloway and Dr. J. J. Tigert in attendance, all of whom have joined the redeemed host. Delegates from sixteen conferences were present, special mention being made of Miss Emma Tucker and Mrs. M. A. Wolff."

Fourteen new auxiliaries reported, brought the number to twenty-one; two hundred and eighty-eight members; 4,600 papers and leaflets distributed.

Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, founder of the Foreign Missions Society, heartily commended the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, saying only an itinerant's wife could appreciate the difference between a parsonage and no parsonage, and the indefinable home feeling was a great blessing to a pastor and his family. The fact that Sister Jewell now enjoys the roses that she planted at one parsonage years ago is a source of much pleasure to her today. Love must be the motive power for all the machinery of Methodism.

In a sketch of the woman's work in the conference by Mrs. S. H. Thompson: "Ten years ago she was notified that she had been appointed treasurer of the Woman's Department of Church Extension, and now and then a few dollars were sent her, sometimes without any name and always at irregular intervals, so that the fund grew very slowly. About three years ago the Conference Woman's Parsonage and Home Missions Society was organized and the old spasmodic way has been gradually

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"At 9 o'clock Thursday morning was the first business session. Mrs. W. F. Evans led the devotional. We started on a high tide. What a gloriously pleasing service we had.

"The President, Mrs. L. A. Hotchkiss, made a very fine opening talk to the delegates. In her address the previous night she said so many things that were encouraging and helpful to all, especially those who had been faithful stewards. This address was the finest that this gifted woman had ever made before the conference in annual session.

"Mrs. T. O. Owen was elected secretary pro tem on account of the absence of the recording secretary through ill health.

"The largest delegation was present that had ever attended. All the conference officers were present except the assistant treasurer and recording secretary. So many delegates from the young people's and juvenile societies. Reports very encouraging. The Juvenile Society at Malvern is educating a child in China. The Monticello District, as one of their specials, is supporting a Bible woman in Soochow, China. The Tillar Auxiliary raised over \$75.00 last year. They have about 20 members only. The Fordyce Young People's and Juvenile Societies are both among the highest in the Conference. Winfield Memorial was represented by a very enthusiastic delegate from the Young People's Society. She exhibited a photo of a girl that this society had selected and named to be educated in Shanghai. Central Church, Hot Springs, raised more money for the contingent fund, according to its minister, than any other society in the Conference. I want to mention the faithful auxiliary at Sheridan, that never fails to send in its report. Only seven members, yet thoroughly true are those seven. Prescott 'Sowers & Reapers' was ably represented by Miss Anna Howell and Ruth Bascom.

"Altogether we had a very encouraging report of the year's work. The annual sermon, preached by Bro. J. W. Cline, was a strong one. We feel that when Bro. Cline and his wife are in the field, our interest there will be much enlarged. Quite a number of ministers of the L. R. Conference were present during our meeting. Among the number were: Dr. Dye, Revs. W. F. Evans, Jas. Thomas, E. R. Steele, White, Powell, T. O. Owen, G. E. Cameron, Dr. Browning, A. O. Evans, J. R. Sanders and J. F. Carr.

"The Conference was royally entertained by the Methodists of Pine Bluff, including all of the three churches. Never have we been so impressed as to our duty in this great work of bringing the world to Christ as we were during the entire session of this annual meeting.

"Signed Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Rec. Sec."

Beside the above notice which appeared in the Arkansas Methodist, the minutes record welcome extended also by Master Clifford Brewster and Miss Emma Moss, responded to by Master Glenn Robertson and Miss Nettie Holmes, Miss Anna Howell of Prescott responding to a welcome given by seven little girls. So the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was duly welcomed at Pine Bluff and beautiful recognition was made of the young people and juveniles.

Miss Edith Curl of Hot Springs gave a paper on "Brazil." Mrs. James Thomas' report of the Foreign Mission Board meeting in Birmingham was strong and uplifting, as it portrayed the efficiency of the women who were carrying on the work of missions. Quite an interesting feature of this meeting was the "History of the Conference Society" for the nineteen years since its organization, written by Mrs. E. A. Hayes, the first two years having been prepared by Mrs. E. L. Holmes.

Another interesting feature was the first printed minutes from this meeting. The editors were Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wood.

Total members—1,606.

The total finance was \$1,212.91.

Scholarship supported—2.

Bible Women—2.

Mention is made of the Draper Scholarship in honor of that large woman of large heart who worked so well with the children of Malvern. On account of ill health, Mrs. A. E. Shippey of Hot Springs could no longer serve as district secretary.

After the great sermon by Dr. Jno. W. Cline the names of Miss Lizzie Wilkins, of First Church Auxiliary, Mrs. N. T. Roberts, of Lakeside Auxiliary, and Master John Bryce Butterworth, of First Church Juveniles, were presented for life membership, and were quickly responded to with the fifty dollars required.

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President—Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.

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Auditor—Mrs. C. T. Walker.

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MEMORIAL

Mrs. Andrew Hunter.
Mrs. Ratcliffe, of Washington.
Mrs. Dickerson.
Mrs. McGaughey.
Mrs. Ophye Scales.

MRS. A. M. ROBERTSON

Mrs. A. M. Robertson, called "our Beloved Evangelist," was not only versatile when it came to conducting a meeting, but we find in "Send Me," the little paper often referred to, that on moving to a new parsonage she met the emergency by painting it herself, although she does say that her husband did not think she was a very good painter. She could be traced by the organizations of Ladies' Aid or later Missionary Societies that always followed in her wake. Her works have been many and varied, and she is still active in the work to which she has devoted her life. Her fine sense of humor has driven many dark shadows away and in the rift she has always found her Father's face. She had the faculty of making the best out of the circumstances. She could be a whole meeting in herself, led the choir by singing and playing at the same time, prayed fervent prayers, could preach as well as her now sainted husband

(though we women folk never acknowledge it is preaching), and always put life in her meetings and "Pep-timism" in her life. For a number of years she has contributed stories in the Arkansas Methodist under the name of Ruth Carr (her maiden name, "Carruth," transposed) and has written many other stories, as well as a book for boys, which is probably ready for the printer. She was no less interested in Home Missions when the work was organized in the Conference, and it is upon the constant faith and beautiful work of such women that the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society is founded today. Always the evangelist, whether trying to save an unprotected girl in a city, distribute literature in an illiterate district, or conduct a Sunday School in missionary territory. Going here and there over the Conference as wives of itinerant preachers, leaving here and there an example of their thirst for souls, their zeal in labor and their hope in a world wide evangelism, many of our pioneer women had wonderful opportunity for spreading the missionary work and no doubt accounts for the rapid growth in the number of societies.

Mrs. Robertson, being a woman of many talents, has done many things beside being a preacher's wife. She was at one time superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Little Rock, was at Galloway College one year, Y. W. Mother at Hot Springs, and served acceptably as head of the Bureau of Information at the General Conference at Hot Springs in 1922, active always and full of good works.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT—WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS—APRIL 28-MAY 2, 1898.

Editors: Mesdames C. E. Pattillo, W. H. Pemberton,
Dan Gillman

Again we find six pages of advertisement in the 29-page report of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Society under its new name of Woman's Home Mis-

sions, which met at Central Church, Hot Springs, April 28-May 2, 1898, but the compact report gives a great deal of information about this splendid meeting. Twenty-seven officers and delegates registered the largest attendance, and when we see the names of Mesdames McKinnon, S. H. Thompson, W. H. Pemberton, F. B. Rudolph, A. J. Mims, D. Gillman, J. R. Sanders, J. C. Rhodes, Lou A. Hotchkiss, R. H. M. Mills, J. H. Glass and M. A. Treadway among the list, we know it was rich in personnel and spiritual in tone.

In Mrs. H. D. McKinnon's response to Mrs. J. J. Sumpter, Jr., in words of welcome, she said:

"There are some things that never grow old. Ever since the morning stars sang together to welcome the glad new earth, voices of welcome have been echoing and re-echoing in this world of ours. The dews of the morn sparkle with new light and the birds carol a glad welcome. So it matters not how often we meet, every occasion is new, and we never grow weary of words of welcome. We appreciate being in your city. As we look around upon its beauty and watch the lights and shadows play upon its mountain tops, we realize 'sacred is the sod; dear are the hills of God'—hills whose very rocks sparkle with light; in whose secret recesses, with matchless skill, He prepares the wonderful health-giving streams of hot water which no art of man can imitate. No wonder travelers through the wilderness had a feeling of awe as they neared this place, and would 'strike camp' before dark rather than let the shadows of night find them amid its mysterious wonders. How changed the scene. Man has learned that God has a blessing for us in this beautiful valley. Side by side with the work of God we see evidences of the skill of man. Home, the sweetest, most sacred place of earth, you open to welcome strangers. We are to feel the influence of your home life, which may be a help—an inspiration to us. Our lives are to touch yours where we can best "bless and brighten." If our little barks drift apart, never to meet again till we reach the Heavenly shore, may each heart be better, each life be brighter from this brief contact. This morning as I watched the mists and clouds roll away, and the mountains grow bright with sunlight, I thought, after a while we will have climbed the 'rugged hill of life,' the mists and shadows will vanish, the glorious light of God's love will brighten our way, and we will hear our welcome to the Heavenly City—our Father's home—the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

However delightful was this meeting, or helpful to those who attended it, a shadow cast itself athwart the



MRS. F. C. FLOYD



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Hot Springs Conference that deepened as days went by and finally ended in the death of the beloved president, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, who on account of illness could not attend this meeting, nor did she ever attend another, as she was obliged to make her home in the far West. Her greeting from Col. 2:5, 6, 7 brought forth many tender remarks in her behalf.

Although the writer did not know her personally, one may readily feel the glow of her words, see the beauty of her character and recognize the deep spirituality that pervaded her life. Her addresses were classic, her service unstinted and her stewardship so perfect that out of her life grew the department of Tithing or Systematic and Proportionate Giving as it was then called, carrying on this work of the Woman's Home Mission Board till called to her reward.

The first vice-president, Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, presided, and from the minutes we see that she conducted the memorial hour and was instant in season and was never out of season.

Mention is made of "beautiful programs presented by the pastor host, Rev. R. R. Moore, and appreciated by the Conference."

Miss Emily Allen, now Mrs. Siler, was the honor guest of this meeting, and those who know this sweet faced, sweet voiced woman of God, know that it was a favored group who heard her words of wisdom. A beautiful compliment to her was paid by Mrs. S. H. Thompson, conference treasurer, when Miss Allen asked that the Little Rock Conference unite with the White River Conference in the gift of \$25 to the Cuban school at Ybor City. Mrs. Thompson asked the privilege of making this gift herself.

Again Dr. J. E. Godbey addressed the Conference on "The Need for Home Missions," and Rev. C. E. Pattillo on "Educational Missions." The annual sermon by Rev. Cadesman Pope from Jno. 4:35 was not finished, as he was suddenly stricken ill. Rev. J. A. Sage, J. C. Rhodes, B. A. Few, C. D. McSwain were other visiting brethren. The latter preached Sunday evening from Philemon 1-3.

Mesdames Hotchkiss and Rudolph were made life members at this service. The oft repeated plea of the writer for a conference worker is but the old request made at this meeting to the Central Committee for a conference organizer, Miss Lizzie Stinson of Camden having served in that capacity for a year or two. There is still much unorganized territory and many women not enlisted in the cause of missions. Shall we not try to reach them, to enrich their lives and give them opportunity to help save the world?

The treasurer reported \$577.23 for connectional work and \$1,778.84 for local, with the total \$2,356.07.

The corresponding secretary reported 19 new auxiliaries, 507 members, calling attention to the honors conferred on the members of this Conference, Mesdames Ratcliffe and Pattillo arranging the Week of Prayer programs for the Central Committee, and Mesdames Ratcliffe, S. H. Thompson and Pemberton were asked to design medallions for awards for the number of members and the proportionate number taking the Reading Course, which was to have been of bronze with the features of our leaders thereon, but the price seemed prohibitive, and pictures of Miss Lucinda Helm, Miss Bennett and Mrs. R. H. Hargrove, bound together in a simple frame, were substituted.

Great grief was manifested throughout the church in the death of Miss Helm, and many of the members of this Conference felt a personal loss in her going away. "It may be that our incomplete and altogether imperfect deeds of love illumined by faith in God shall be transformed into service acceptable to our Master, and that we shall at last even know ourselves as workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

The president, Mrs. Ratcliffe, urged prison work, looking to the day of an Industrial School where these unfortunate young people may learn lessons of industry, thrift, science and trades, and a "Greater Arkansas."

The Spanish American War clouds o'erspread our land and the Conference was urged to send supplies to

Clara Barton and to adopt the authorized method of raising funds by systematic giving.

In the resolution of thanks, mention is made of the janitor, "Uncle Dick," who was a faithful figure at Central Church for many years and who loved the church as if it were of his own color, and thus we find these faithful servants all through our Conference, "Uncle Hart" at First Church, Pine Bluff, and "Prince" at First Church, Texarkana.

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN
 MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESCOTT—JUNE 9-12, 1898.

The record of the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Prescott, June 9-12, 1898, scintillates with the life and enthusiasm that was surely felt in that notable gathering.

The president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, had just arrived from the Woman's Foreign Mission Board meeting in Greensboro, N. C., and was full of the inspiration of such meetings.

Mrs. Martin Greason gave welcome greeting and Mrs. W. P. McDermott and Miss Elmira Snodgrass responded in behalf of the Conference and auxiliaries.

Among the names of those who made that meeting memorable we find Mesdames W. P. Field, Ella Flickinger, J. W. Williams, C. T. Walker, "Mother Marshall," Sue A. McKinnon, T. W. Hayes, who have joined the innumerable throng, and now the two presidents, Mesdames Hotchkiss and Thomas, and no doubt many others unknown to the writer.

Revs. James Thomas and Ed. Steel, chaplain of the State Penitentiary, spoke. Rev. J. S. Hawkins preached the opening sermon from Jer. 32:17, and Dr. J. E. Godbey preached the annual sermon from Ezek. 37:1-14, after which "the president made one of her spicy little speeches and \$50 was soon subscribed, making Mrs. J. H. Riffin, Lou A. Hotchkiss and R. Lynn Hawkins life members." Mrs. Sue A. McKinnon was a fraternal delegate from the Home Missions Society, proving herself equally as interested in one department of missions as the other, which is the real missionary spirit and must be in the heart of anyone who has heard the "Go Ye" of our Lord. She also urged the holding of union district meetings.

The Young People and Juvenile evening was well attended and showed the result of much labor.

Rev. C. Pope and wife of the Arkadelphia Methodist College and Rev. E. M. Pipkin of the Little Rock Woman's College and Mrs. W. B. Walker of the W. C. T. U. were introduced.

Letters were read from Rev. John W. Cline and Miss Laura Haygood from China. Mrs. Thomas reported 1,466 members, life members, 44; honorary life members, 4. Total finances reported by Mrs. McAlmont, \$1,329.09.

A reception on the parsonage lawn was a pleasurable event.

These names appear as delegates: Miss Jett Black, Miss Dell Park, and we wondered if it were but an accentuation of the maiden name, and then we thought of Miss Sunshine and Mrs. Snowflake at another annual meet who, we hoped, the one would not annihilate the other.

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President—Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.
Vice President—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. James Thomas.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. S. Cooper.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont.
Auditor—Mrs. C. T. Walker.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Little Rock—Mrs. James Wood.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. R. H. M. Mills.
Monticello—Mrs. E. V. Carr.
Arkadelphia—Mrs. J. W. Williams.
Camden—Mrs. S. O. Couch.
Prescott—Mrs. T. W. Hayes.
Hot Springs—Mrs. J. L. Wadley.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S HOME MISSION
SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, PINE BLUFF—APRIL 29-
MAY 2, 1899.

Editors: Mesdames C. T. Waltser, W. H. Pemberton,
D. Gilman

The records do not show that Mrs. R. H. M. Mills of Pine Bluff was ever elected president of the Woman's Home Mission Society, but she presided in a most gracious manner at the Pine Bluff meeting at First Church, April 29-May 2, 1899, in the absence of the president and vice-presidents, Mesdames Ratcliffe, McKinnon and Moore, as she had once presided at the Foreign Conference. There is scarcely a copy of Home or Foreign minutes that does not show her activity, being named the "sweet spirited Mrs. Mills" by the Conference, and although she does not go to the annual meeting at the time of this writing, she aided largely in the building of this history by the hearty response in sending reports, clippings, booklets, etc., thus continuing in her labor of love till the shadows of the late evening of life are lengthening about her. For many years she attended every meeting as a visitor, giving place for others to be delegates.

Mrs. W. T. Young, of beautiful face and gracious manner, extended a welcome to which Mrs. Louis Flickinger of Malvern responded. This Conference was favored by the distinguished honor guest, Miss Bennett, and her Bible lessons and addresses enriched the Pine Bluff meeting such as only her presence could.

Dr. James A. Anderson preached the annual sermon from Eph. 2:1, Dr. W. E. Thompson delivered an address, and other visiting preachers lent kindly assistance, Rev. J. F. Carr receiving special honor.

Mrs. Mills introduced Miss Lizzie Wilkins, who was complimented with life membership in honor of her 50 years of faithful service to the church.

Bennie Wood was the only boy delegate and received special attention. Mrs. A. J. Mims reported the meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions which met in Dallas, Texas. The absent president had requested a part in every collection, \$10 being pledged for her in the Little Rock cottage fund at London, Ky.

Mrs. Thompson, treasurer, reported total, \$4,172.61. Mrs. Pemberton, corresponding secretary, reported 40 societies, 614 members, an increase of 11 auxiliaries with 152 members, showing the society was a live, growing organization at its fifth annual meeting.

The president, Mrs. Ratcliffe, urged the opening of a "Door of Hope" in Little Rock in these words: "Ere Little Rock assumes the proportions of a large city, plans should be discussed and a start made to adventure a refuge for those who, having been enticed and entrapped, yet would be unbound and set at liberty. Let us no longer shirk this duty, lest 'others fall into the ditch we should have bridged.'"

Miss Bennett made mention of the resolution adopted at the Board meeting "that members of the society do mission work among the colored people," which she had long done in her own home town. Rev. A. O. Evans delivered a forceful address on "The Need for Parsonages." The reception held at the church was well attended.

The corresponding secretary said: "Choice flowers and rare palms delighted every eye, but to some heart the sweetest message came through garlands of white syringa and bouquets of little yellow roses—flowers loved in the morning of life, and fragrant with memories of the tender grace of a day that shall never die."

The election resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. C. T. Walker.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. B. Rudolph.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Thompson.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MONTICELLO—JUNE 7-11, 1899.

The minutes of the twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society give an idea of the spirit and enthusiasm of those who "wrote into history" the actions of that meeting, which was held at Monticello, June 7-11, 1899:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

"Rev. H. H. Watson and a crowd of welcoming hostesses gladdened the hearts of dust-worn delegates as the train pulled into Monticello at 6 P. M. Thirty-eight were soon distributed among the happy homes of the gracious little city, and by 8 P. M. were ready for their places in the beautiful church."

At the evening session:

"Mrs. H. H. Watson gave cordial words of welcome in behalf of the societies of Monticello Church. Mr. Cotham made us welcome to the city and Bro. Watson gave broad and generous greeting from pastors and people.

"Mrs. A. M. Robertson responded in her most felicitous manner, and everyone was glad to be there.

"A paper entitled, 'The Empress Dowager of China,' prepared by Mrs. C. T. Walker, was read by Mrs. James Thomas. It was a fine delineation of the changes taking place in China, showing the opportunities and responsibilities that are thrust upon the church today.

"Rev. J. F. Carr preached the opening sermon from I Cor. 3:9."

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First mention is made at this meeting of Mrs. S. W. C. Smith and Elizabeth McKinnon and Ivan Lee Holt, who were each to add so much to the cause of Missions in the Conference and to the whole wide world in their service of love and consecration of talents. Mrs. Jas. Thomas seemed to be the Lawgiver of the Conference and called "Encyclopedia in Foreign Missions," while Mrs. Robertson was given expression of her exuberance and vivacity of spirit and was fast becoming the leader of the Young People in the Conference, and rightly so, for she not only had the spirit of youth, but added to that the spirit of fun and clean-cut humor, which expressed itself in ready wit, comic drawings, etc.

This year marks the passing of Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh, former wife of Col. George Thornburgh of Little Rock. As Col. Thornburgh has been long noted for his interest in the affairs of church and state, having written a book on "Masonry" in Arkansas, Chairman of "Temperance" and later Prohibition leader of the Conference for years, Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, and for forty years Superintendent of the Sunday School at Winfield Church, it can be well said that his wife was a helpmeet indeed for a man of such good works.

In attestation of the appreciation of her work in the church at First Church, a life size picture of her graces the walls of the Sunday School room.

She was full of good works, much of which remains to this good day. A catechism was prepared by her for the children, and the Missionary Conference feels especially blessed in having her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Workman, for vice-president. Surely in this capable and consecrated officer "her works do follow her."

It is to be regretted that we are slow to honor our great leaders of church and state, and often wait till they are passed from view before we show appreciation of what they do for the world.

Thus the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society waited twenty-one years to confer Honorary Life membership upon the founder of our woman's work, and we note at this meeting in 1899, five years after the beginning of it, the \$100.00 life membership was conferred upon Mrs. H. D. McKinnon.

"Lakeside Auxiliary, Mrs. C. V. McLellan, Delegate: Report \$41.63. Mrs. McLellan paid \$5 for her Auxiliary, which completed the \$100 for Honorary Life Membership of Sister H. D. McKinnon. The W. F. M. society will always love to honor one who was so largely instrumental in the organization of its work in the church. All arose and sang, 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.' The wish to express to Sister McKinnon our esteem, by this certificate, was started at the Annual Meeting in Malvern, 1894. Money has been added each year."

The Fordyce Young People supported a scholarship in Korea at that time, Mrs. Hotchkiss was requested to continue to write for "The Arkansas Methodist," and she was elected alternate to the Woman's Foreign Mission Board meeting and she earnestly insisted that The Methodist be put in every home and read by every member of the Woman's Missionary Society, which thing is still much desired.

Mrs. J. L. Wadley, secretary of the Arkadelphia district, writes:

"I have written to all the Circuits in this District, but no responses. This is partly accounted for from the fact that this is a mountainous district and lack of facilities for communication. We are hoping for better things, and look for advance in our work."

We would add that it is still in the mountains, and still far from the standard we would have it. We find that the minutes contain many references to Miss Elizabeth McKinnon, who gave "one of the best things of the Conference," a paper entitled "Christian Homes and Heathen Homes," also to Master Ivan Lee Holt, with this record in the minutes:

"Sister Robertson is an inspiration to the children and their recitations and readings held the large congregation in continued admiration. Little Robert Knox, of Monticello, was an orator in his Welcome speech, while little Pearl Allen, of Hot Springs, fully measured up to him in her lovely Response. All did splendidly. Lee Holt, of Fordyce, captured the audience

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and made us all love his beautiful Koroa—the children's own. Sister Robertson's address to the children was full of tenderness and home illustrations. From her warm mother heart flows a love that reaches every spirit that can wake to the joys of 'Mother, Home and Heaven.' Bro. Watson felt the thrill of the occasion and gave the children some words which they will long remember.

"Infants, and the glad throng
Who to Thy church belong,
Unite to swell the throng
To Christ our King."

This is the same Dr. Holt who has made such a record as pastor of St. John's Church in St. Louis and who delighted the conference of 1922 meeting at Texarkana in that masterly address, "The Old World and the New." This same Dr. Holt who is a student traveler in the lands abroad, who is writing things worth while and received quite a number of votes for the Bishopric at the General Conference in Hot Springs in 1922. If Arkansas feels that she has not received her "just deserts" in the high honor of ecclesiastics, we take courage and feel confident that the "Master Ivan Lee Holt" who used to attend the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society will be one who will bring Arkansas into her own.

A number whom we considered fine material went by the last General Conference, and we who named Millar, Goddard, Hutchinson and Anderson could also lay a claim to Holt as well.

At this 1899 meeting Rev. H. H. Watson delivered a most impressive annual sermon on "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's." The sermon had a fine effect and made open way for the usual offering to the Missionary Society. Mrs. Dr. Wright and Mrs. E. V. Carr were made life members, the \$40.00 being quickly raised.

The memorial hour was made more sad by the names of the splendid women who had entered into rest during the past year, these names being entered upon the minutes:

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Mrs. Margaret Caroline Thornburgh, Little Rock.

Mrs. Emma Garner, Stevens.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, Chapel Hill.

Master Joseph Wisner, Hot Springs.

Mrs. Martha I. Mills, Pine Bluff.

Mrs. Ella Lora Sharp, Prescott.

Mrs. Alice Ware, Little Rock.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. L. A. Hotchkiss, Hot Springs.

Vice-President—Mrs. Mattie Robertson, Hot Springs.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. James Thomas, Little Rock.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. S. Cooper, Malvern.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Little Rock.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. C. T. Walker, Little Rock.

Auditor—Mrs. F. V. Holmes, Selma.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Arkadelphia—Mrs. J. W. Williams.

Camden—Miss Lillian Broach.

Prescott—Mrs. T. W. Hayes.

Hot Springs—Mrs. J. L. Wadley.

Little Rock—Mrs. Elmira Snodgrass.

Pine Bluff—Mrs. R. H. M. Mills.

Monticello—Mrs. E. V. Carr.

And thus another milestone of missions is passed and the group of workers entered upon a new year with faith renewed and purpose strengthened.

SIXTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING, HOPE—MAY 11-14, 1900.

Editors: Mesdames C. T. Walker, W. H. Pemberton,
F. B. Rudolph

Whether the entrance into a new century gave the missionary enterprise a new impetus or not, there is shown an enthusiasm in the 1900 meeting at Hope that is marked and purposeful.

All through the church the Twentieth Century Thank Offering had precedence during the previous year, all through our Conference we had held Twentieth Century meetings, and as the old year and the old century passed out, watch meetings were held, when with prayer and

praise and the telling of our work we were ushered into the new year and the new century. Evidences of these services were manifested at this meeting and the inspiration newly felt sent them out with a renewed zeal for another year's work for their Master.

Again was Rev. J. R. Sanders the pastor host and was ever ready and helpful in his loving ministry to the Conference. Mrs. R. H. Ethridge gave felicitous words of welcome in which she said:

"The Ladies' Aid' and the 'Sewing Bee' have served their day and generation, and the 'Phoebes' and 'Dorcases' have realized that it is not church work to cook suppers for people who are not hungry; that it is not church work to match pieces for an album quilt and raffle it off to the highest bidder, but 'as God has prospered you, so give.' Mrs. A. D. Jenkins' response was so beautiful that it was called 'a poem in prose, worthy of the occasion and creditable to its gifted author.'"

For the first time in the history of the organization, Mrs. S. H. Thompson was absent and was greatly missed.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson of the Dallas Rescue Home was a guest, and the annual sermon, preached by Rev. A. M. Trawick, Jr., of Winfield Church, from Luke 177:7-10, was such a call to love and duty that it was printed in full in the annual report.

Revs. J. S. Hawkins and A. C. Biggs gave addresses on departments of the work, Revs. Towson and Hutchinson assisting in devotionals.

Mrs. Dan Gilman, reporting joint district meeting with the Foreign Society, recommended the adoption of united effort.

Mrs. Ratcliffe's continued absence on account of ill health was deplored and, in her report on Systematic and Proportionate Giving, she said:

"Carelessness in giving money is too common with most people. It is easier to hand out upon importunate demands than to take time to think and pray over each gift, paying also beautiful tribute to the consecrated corresponding secretary who was to her 'a tower of strength to lean upon and confide in.'"

A beautiful courtesy was extended the Conference by the ladies of the Episcopal Church in a reception at the Barlow Hotel. In the corresponding secretary's report, Mrs. Pemberton tells that a disastrous fire in

Lonoke prevented the annual meeting being held there and that Hope was the first of five towns to invite them, so "Hope was our guiding star which has led us to this haven of peace where fragrant flowers, garlands of living green, songs of praise and words of sweetest welcome foretell that 'land of pure delight' awaiting the children of God."

Twenty-two auxiliaries had been organized and reorganized, 201 new members, \$300 for Little Rock Conference cottage at Sue Bennett Memorial School in London, Kentucky, and \$25 from First Church, Little Rock, Juveniles, for the S. H. Thompson room in the cottage, 4,667 visits to sick and strangers, 1,746 good garments distributed, 665 needy relieved. She also reported a Home Mission Board meeting in New Orleans. The treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, reported \$4,964.76 raised for all purposes. The president, Mrs. C. T. Walker, reviewed the Conference work in the different departments and, in reference to the Reading Course, said: "Church and mission literature is not of necessity dull and prosy, as many think. It tells of things really worth while, of matters that shall endure through all eternity when our little earthly interests and possessions have vanished and we are called to account for a life which was entrusted to us for the Master's use. What heroism and romance are touched with that brighter lustre of self sacrifice which prompted them?"

On motion of Mrs. Dan Gillman, the Little Rock Conference Memorial room in the Dallas Rescue Home was named for the corresponding secretary, "Virginia Carroll Pemberton."

The Conference closed with a memorial service conducted by Mrs. H. D. McKinnon in special honor of Mrs. Hayes of Prescott and Mrs. Quattlebaum of Sherrill.

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. C. T. Walker.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. D. Jenkins.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. Flickinger.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. B. Rudolph.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Thompson.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Camden—Miss Lizzie Stinson.

Arkadelphia—Mrs. E. D. Gillman.

Little Rock—Mrs. S. M. Bracey.

Monticello—Mrs. J. C. Erwin.

Pine Bluff—Mrs. W. H. Davis.

Prescott—Mrs. L. J. Gillespie.

Mrs. Dan Gillman of Arkadelphia was for many years known as the Model District Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Society and was the inspiration of a leaflet by Mrs. Pemberton on that subject.

She was also lady manager, as the superintendents were then called, of the Young People in Arkadelphia, and her creed may be the secret of her success, which was this: "When one has a mind to work, nothing is impossible, so, by divine help, I hope to yield myself more fully to this blessed work of the Master." Hers was a yielded life and for many years was an ardent worker for the missionary cause, having a vision of a United Society many years before it was a reality. She and Mrs. F. B. Rudolph were a happy pair together and made many journeys over the Conference in the interest of the work.

When she and Mrs. J. W. Williams conducted joint district meetings that had the minutes printed, as we do our annual meetings, and once when they met in Hot Springs, Mrs. Gillman was deeply concerned about the Union of the Societies and had a resolution presented to that effect. Of course, nothing came of it from a legal or authoritative sense, but who knows but the earnest prayers of those early, earnest workers prepared the way and made it easy in the latter years for the two forces to become one.

Mrs. Gillman's beaming countenance, sparkling brown eyes and dimpled face and optimistic message spread a missionary contagion that was easily caught.

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She was for a long time the only district secretary who "traveled over the district" and for a number of years Arkadelphia was the banner district in both Home and Foreign societies.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WINFIELD MEMORIAL, LITTLE ROCK—JUNE, 1900.

Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock, was hostess to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in June, 1900, with choice honor guests being Mrs. M. D. Wightman, President of the Woman's Foreign Board of Home Missions, and Miss Gary, from China. This meeting will be remembered by the splendid addresses that made it unusually high class.

The modest comments in the minutes say:

"Our president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, gave her annual address, which was a bright, happy effort of this gifted woman, and Mrs. Wightman gave a thoughtful, witty and learned address. Mrs. James Thomas in her report of the Board meeting in Dallas, Texas, said she took 20 shares in the Twentieth Century Thankoffering for the Laura Haygood Home and School at \$10.00 per share, the certificates bearing a vignette of Miss Haygood, and that the death of Miss Haygood and Miss Richardson, two of our finest missionaries in China, had brought grief to all. Echoes from the Ecumenical Conference at London were given by Rev. James Thomas, Evans, and Mrs. Wightman, and Dr. Palmore gave a clear insight into the work of missions.

"This meeting was enriched by the presence of Dr. Andrew Hunter, 'Our Grand Old Man'; Dr. A. C. Millar, Dr. Thompson of First Church and many of the brethren.

"Mrs. W. H. Pemberton was introduced and spoke on 'The Relation Existing Between the Home and the Foreign Work.' The Conference expressed its loving appreciation of Mrs. McAlmont by making her Honorary Life Member by the payment of \$100.00.

"Mrs. W. P. Field was elected treasurer at this meeting, which she held till failing health forced her to retire."

ELLEN ADELIA HOLMES HAYES

Ellen Adelia Holmes was born in Talbot County, Georgia, December 26, 1835, and became the wife of Rev. Thomas William Hayes June 21, 1857.

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Her study of the Bible in her early years no doubt fitted her for the splendid service she rendered in this Conference for so many years.

Soon after the war of the '60s she and her husband were the principals of schools which were conducted at Center Point and Mineral Springs, and she was ever a guide to the young life entrusted to her care.

She was an early factor in the history of the woman's work, which has been exemplified in the lives of her eight children, among whom our missionary interest centers upon her daughters, Mrs. James Thomas and Miss Maud Hayes. Among the many testimonials to her loving memory is one from "The Ellen Hayes Recruits," and truly in her own household was the name of this society fulfilled. Her beautiful picture but modestly attests the fine character written therein.

February 6, 1900, Mrs. Hayes passed to her reward in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas, in Little Rock.

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.
Vice-President—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. James Thomas.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. J. Sumpter.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. J. Field.
Honorary Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont.
Auditor—Mrs. Nat Holmes.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Little Rock—Mrs. Elmira Snodgrass.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. R. H. M. Mills.
Camden—Mrs. Ella Holt.
Monticello—Mrs. E. V. Carr.
Prescott—Mrs. M. B. Johnson.
Arkadelphia—Mrs. J. W. Williams.

MEMORIAL ROLL

Miss Laura Haygood, Shanghai, China.
Mrs. T. W. Hayes, Prescott.

Mrs. Furr, Lonoke.
Mrs. Smith, Hot Springs.
Mrs. Jennie Williams, Malvern.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION CONFERENCE, FORDYCE—APRIL 11-15, 1901.

The executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society invited the writer "to respond to the address of Welcome" at the seventh annual meeting at Fordyce in 1901, but at that time she had never considered "going off to meetings" and declined the honor, and thus it came about that she had never attended a missionary conference till at the close of her first year as president; but in spite of the fact that a phrenologist once declared that her "love for home bump" was over-developed, in later years she became quite a "goer off to meetings" when it seemed that "duty called." But Mrs. Hiram McCafferty, who had represented the Malvern Ave. Juveniles as Varah Craighhead, bore the honors nicely in the response of welcome which Mrs. J. D. Clary gave.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. C. T. Walker, Mrs. A. D. Jenkins presided and "won all hearts by her helpful address gracefully given." Mrs. S. H. Thompson, treasurer, and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, corresponding secretary, were also absent, due to illness, but Mrs. Rudolph and Mrs. Gillman were there, and the meeting was not lacking in spice or spirit.

Revs. T. D. Scott and J. A. Sage, R. W. McKay and Dr. M. B. Corrigan were helpful by their presence, and the annual sermon by Dr. Corrigan from Isa. 6:5-8 was "a forceful and tender call to greater love and service for Christ." Mesdames Clara Cooper, Holderness, Lide and Miss Stinson were valued helpers and we find Mrs. A. M. Robertson as active in the Home Mission work as she was in the Foreign, which today is, in all our hearts, merged into one. All of the workers of that

day remember the success of Mrs. L. E. Knott as baby roll superintendent, who, with Mesdames Walker, Flickinger, Thompson, Jenkins and Fones, have entered into rest.

In Mrs. Walker's address she says:

"Oh! Southern Methodist women, we cannot afford to linger in the narrow valley of bygone custom, when new issues and new opportunities are lighting us to the very hilltop. We must obey the command of the blessed Master—go, seek the poor and helpless. In days of old, when Jehovah gave commands to His messengers, He promised angel company—but our Saviour promises His own presence. 'Lo! I am with you alway—go!'"

And Mrs. Pemberton declared that:

"The Christ who commanded His apostles to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth was ever mindful of the needs of suffering humanity about Him.

"The soul on fire with holy zeal at home may kindle a flame that shall encircle the globe and bring darkness into light.

"And we of the Woman's Home Mission Society may touch the 'uttermost parts' with a saving knowledge of Christ if we are true to the aim and aspiration of our organization."

And Mrs. Ratcliffe, in a letter on Tithing, said:

"The Old Testament bristles with instructions regarding tithes, and we cannot ignore the lessons they teach. Invariably blessing and prosperity followed their payment, and disaster and suffering attended those who robbed God. While the New Testament does not specify the proportion in so many words, we are led to believe that Christ sanctioned tithing as the minimum gift."

The treasurer reported a total of \$4,843.90, the Twentieth Century Fund being an incentive for larger collection.

The writer is struck with the constant plea for 10c a month for dues, 5c a month for conference expense fund, and wonders who dares show such a small spirit now in gifts to missions.

Rev. R. W. McKay preached the closing sermon on Prov. 22:6. "Train up a child in the way he should go," in which "the duty of parents was made plain, the responsibility was shown to be great, and the reward for faithfulness sure."

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SOCIETY

President—Mrs. C. T. Walker.
Vice-President—Mrs. A. D. Jenkins.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. D. G. Fones.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. D. Rudolph.
Treasurer—Mrs. L. Flickinger.
Mrs. S. H. Thompson resigned as Treasurer on account of ill health.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Little Rock—Mrs. S. M. Bracey.
Camden—Miss Lizzie Stinson.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. B. R. Donelson.
Arkadelphia—Mrs. E. D. Gillman.
Monticello—Mrs. Belle Whitlow.
Prescott—Mrs. R. M. Briant.
Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe of Little Rock, Superintendent of Systematic Training of the W. Home Mission Board.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ARKADELPHIA—JUNE 19, 1901.

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened at Arkadelphia Wednesday evening, June 19, 1901. A large congregation greeted the incoming delegates and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Evans, presiding elder of Prescott district. His theme, "Come, Go, and then "Come unto me that ye be ready to Go into all the world," was given with fervor and authority.

Mrs. Hotchkiss opened the business session Thursday morning with a devotional from Luke 24.

She announced that the "roll would soon be called for the first meeting in the Twentieth Century," but some would not respond, for they had been summoned to fairer worlds on high."

Again had death made inroads on some of the finest and the best and the memorial roll this year bore the name of the founder of our work, Mrs. H. D. McKinnon

who passed to her reward at Nashville, Arkansas, in September, 1900. The list also bears the names of Mrs. Dr. Mills, Mrs. Lula Nichol of Pine Bluff, Mrs. Carrie Hardison, Mrs. Cox and niece and children who were lost in the Galveston flood, and Mrs. Vining and children, Mrs. Lampon, Mrs. Davis of Altheimer, Rev. Moses Hill, who preached the annual sermon in 1888 at Arkadelphia and who soon after went to China had just entered into rest, and his family received tender expressions of sympathy from the Conference.

At the first evening session, formal welcome was extended by Mrs. L. E. Knott, in most cordial and graceful manner which was responded to by Mrs. Whaley of Stuttgart in the happiest style of this gifted and consecrated woman.

"Our president, who never fails to say plenty of good things at the right time, gave a kaleidoscopic view of the New Orleans Conference, presenting it as of wondrous fascination and far reaching influence. She dwelt upon the Missionary idea as given by Bishop Hendrix, and asked that we try our hearts by this searching standard. Bishop Galloway was simply under divine power, and the inspiration which waked the spontaneous flow of fifty thousand dollars that Sunday night, carried over to the last night of the meeting, when a three thousand dollar offering was made to our 'Laura Haygood Memorial.' She touched the work generally, and plead for more active organization, and a steadfastness unmovable, always abounding, knowing that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The first idea of a Student secretary was advanced at this meeting by Rev. E. M. Pipkin, which, in 1917, at the New Orleans meeting of the Council, crystallized in the sending of Miss Edith Fuess and Miss Bess Combs as Student secretaries to our colleges.

Rev. Pipkin said, "We have never made a direct appeal to our colleges to keep in view the thought of missionaries from among their students. It would be wise to memorialize the Board, and any student professing a desire to be prepared as a missionary to foreign fields, would be placed in Scarritt Bible and Training School at the expense of the Society," which led to a resolution to organize Missionary Societies in our colleges.

We do not want to claim too much for the Little Rock Conference but as far as we know that is the first intimation we have of the work of the student secretary.

Mrs. Hearn, a returned missionary from China told the people many things of interest about the work in Soochow and Shanghai. Dr. Workman was as regular in attendance upon these conferences as the women delegates and always made "felicitious remarks."

Probably at this meeting Mrs. M. A. Ballentine of Arkadelphia became a devoted friend to missions leaving most of her small estate to the cause she loved so well.

"We'll Girdle the Globe with Salvation" was the stirring song of the Young People and again Mrs. Robertson delighted the congregation with the program they rendered. Georgie Sue Jones, Laura Husbands, Bulah Loyd, Eloise Field, and Miss Stubblefield are mentioned on the program.

"Miss Lizzie McKinnon gave a paper on "Our Literature" in which she quoted Dr. Jas. Atkins (now bishop) in these words: "The Bible is the crown of the World's literature, the source of all its laws, the seat of its ethics, the field of its finer art, the inspiration of its nobler actions." Yet we have allowed this choice piece of literature, as well as inspired Word of God, to be taken out of our public schools and in some states not allowed in our libraries."

Mrs. J. W. Williams and Mrs. Louis Flickinger reported the great Missionary Conference at New Orleans, calling it the "Pentecost in America's Jerusalem." Nearly 2,000 delegates, 47 young men giving themselves to missions, money given without asking, marked it the greatest missionary meeting of our church up to this date.

The need of the Conference expense fund was shown in this resolution: "That the first 50c paid to the auxiliary treasurer by each member be applied to our Conference expense fund" which provided considerable discussion and resulted in the 5c Conference expense fund being adopted. Again Central Ave., Hot Springs, Winfield Young People, and Malvern Juveniles were reported the banner societies.

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The increase in finances that year was \$358.50, the total being \$1,807.21. Mrs. F. B. Rudolph proved herself a cordial hostess for the reception. When the following resolution was read we wondered where are the records:

"That we recommend each Auxiliary have a missionary library in which are kept for reference and circulation copies of Annual Reports and minutes of our Conference Society and all missionary literature."

Mrs. James Thomas reported the Board meeting.

These are the officers who went out from the 1901 meeting to hold aloft the cause of missions for another year:

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Assistant for Prescott—Miss McKinnon.

EIGHTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING, MAY 7-11,
1902, LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF.

Editors: Mesdames Fones, Pemberton, Rudolph.

This is the time that the Little Rock Conference Home Mission Society launched out in faith in the election of a new president which to many, seemed more like taking a dare; but as those who proposed this name seemed directed by the Holy Spirit, the writer, though unknown except by very few, was chosen president of the Conference at the Lakeside meeting in 1902.

It came about this way: As the leaders were much burdened as to selection of a president, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pemberton relates that when she "went to the Lord in prayer about it," that the writer's name came before her in such a forceful manner that she accepted it as an answer to her prayer. A stranger, as it were, one whom Mrs. Pemberton had only met for an instant at Central Church door, whom few others had seen and whom it seemed God had distinctly called into service, and when friends came and letters of insistence followed urging her to assume the duties of the Conference, even though she had never attended a meeting, this writer was *afraid* not to answer the call of God, through these women, to serve. This is the story of how practically a stranger was made president of the Conference at this meeting and ever afterward felt that holy call to serve her Lord.

The Conference was "well-coming" at Lakeside for the record says, "Mrs. W. P. Whaley gave strong and tender words of welcome; Miss Gussie Jones represented the Young People in gracious welcome, Master Virginius Meade spoke beautifully for the Lakeside Jewels, Capt. N. T. Roberts happily represented the Sunday School and Rev. J. M. Hawley expressed hearty good will of the Churches and citizens, all of which was gracefully responded to by Mrs. J. T. Sifford of Camden.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Whaley, who had just recovered from illness, his text being Zech. 4:6, and in the evening Rev. J. M. Hawley preached from Matt. 9:13, Mrs. Gillman conducted a "Children's Meeting" Sunday afternoon of which it was said, "The harvest will come by and by." Revs. John F. Carr, and O. G. Beardslie assisted in the devotionals, and Mrs. R. W. McDonell, general secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was the honor guest of the meeting, and "made a fine presentation of the work of the Home Mission Society with illustrations by stereopticon and spoke again on the "Forward Movements of our World." She said the most valuable barrel of clothing last year went from the Little Rock Conference and

in the forty conferences she stands fifth in number of subscribers to "Our Homes." In Friday's devotional on the "Tender Shepherd," Rev. Hawley said, "the bleat of the weakest lamb on the mountain height would never go unheeded and the efforts of the Woman's Home Mission Society to rescue the perishing and lift up the fallen ones are Christ-like and well pleasing in the sight of God."

Greetings from Mrs. Hotchkiss were responded to by Mrs. Gillman. In the absence of the president Mrs. C. T. Walker and vice-president Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, Mrs. D. G. Fones, presided being relieved by other officers during the meeting.

Mrs. L. E. Knott reported supplies to the amount of \$662.69, Mrs. J. K. Bell of Benton, mother of Mrs. Elza, was a delegate and reported 32 members and \$143.25 from that auxiliary, Mrs. R. H. M. Mills reporting \$1,325, assumed by First Church, Pine Bluff, \$500.00, which had been paid but only \$37.10 connectional funds. But in these years the connectional work looms large in First Church. At that time probably many looked to the Home Mission Society as an expression of local work only, while in truth it too, has always had the true spirit of missions, this form Mrs. McDonell typifying its mission.

"It was good to hear of the proposed loan fund to enable young women to attend the Scarritt Bible and Training School, where they may now learn to be practical Home Mission workers.

"The recent appropriations by the Board for work among the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi and Oklahoma, for a Japanese pastor and teacher on the Pacific coast, and for the Industrial Department at Paine Institute, Georgia, for negro girls, as well as for missions already established, demonstrated the determination of the Society to try to give the Gospel to the nations of the earth assembled under our own sunny skies."

Mrs. Pemberton, in her report, paid tribute to her worthy co-laborer, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, and of her resignation said, "it seemed almost impossible to go on without the wise counsel and the prayer of faith that had guided and comforted her co-laborers since the organization of the society, and she was elected Honorary

Treasurer and asked to attend the meetings when possible." She also reports the S. H. Thompson room at the Ruth Hargrove Institute which the Little Rock Conference Home Mission Society furnished in her honor, also the number of parsonages helped during the year which work was then committed to the care of this Society.

Record of \$50.00 given to the parsonage at El Dorado brings to mind the changes wrought in the intervening years. Twenty years from the record of this gift we find El Dorado the richest town in Arkansas as to her natural resource as it has become one of the recognized oil centers in the United States, but who knows but the \$50.00 gift to the parsonage at their time of need was not the early foundation to the magnificent church they are now building, this foundation laid by the parsonage fund of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Ella Flickinger, after giving a charming account of the Woman's Home Mission Board meeting in Richmond, Va., gave report as treasurer, the receipts, \$1,119.79 plus \$662.69 for supplies making \$1,782.48 for that year.

In Mrs. D. G. Fones paper on Tithing she said:

"Proportionate and systematic giving removes all caprice and impulse. It confesses an obligation to share all substance that comes into our hands with God. There is nothing that we need to be more constantly reminded of than God's ownership in this world's goods and the parts he exacts for his own use of the possessions entrusted to our hands."

The closing consecration service led by Mrs. Knott, "was an earnest plea for the cultivation of the good seed sown during this meeting, that good fruit might be borne in days to come" and surely it has borne a hundred fold in these years since she has "fallen on sleep."

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Monticello—Mrs. T. Y. Ramsey.

Prescott—Mrs. R. M. Briant.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JUNE, 1902, CAMDEN.

Camden was the scene of the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society, which convened in the new elegant church, the opening sermon being preached by the Pastor, Dr. M. B. Corrigan, who "gave information of heathenish customs and rites witnessed by himself, encouraging us by the progress having been made in foreign lands through work and prayers of our women."

This was a very full evening as Mrs. George Brown gave welcome greetings to which Miss Grace Williford responded, and "Mrs. Hotchkiss made her annual address, which was entertaining in its retrospective glimpses and decidedly encouraging for the future."

"Mother Marshall" known and beloved by all Methodists then in Arkansas conducted the love feast, the opening morning session, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Williams, and this meeting was blessed with the helpful presence of Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Mills and other of the elderly women and we find that Mrs. S. B. Proctor who presided at the organ so untiringly, and Mrs. Hugh Lide charmed her hearers with her sweet voice, both of whom have continued these many years to render beautiful service for their Lord.

When Camden is mentioned we always think of Miss Lizzie Stinson who succeeded Mrs. Hotchkiss as secretary for the Church Extension Society, which later became the Home Mission Society. The annual sermon

preached by Rev. T. Y. Ramsey, "was exceedingly elevating in its historical and spiritual significance." At the close of this service the following were made life members: Mesdames S. B. Proctor, Hugh Lide, McCoy, Brown, Thornton and Stinson.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes, from China "delighted the convention with a fine address on China, which subject she handled very ably, having lived there 15 years." Mrs. R. M. Briant of Hope was an interested delegate who two years previous was elected secretary of the Prescott district. The President was happy to have her daughter Mattie a delegate to this meeting and who not long after went home to heaven.

The announcement of Dr. Hunter's burial was made at this meeting and his devoted followers knew they would see the "Grand Old Man" no more till they met in the glory land.

"Miss Florence Whitesides led devotions, Virgil McLellan of Lakeside Juveniles, in his report, brought forth many remarks about how to interest boys in missions" and for the third time Central Ave., Hot Springs, Winfield Young People and Malvern Juveniles were the banner societies. A girl in a school in China was then supported by Central Auxiliary, and she was named Lou Hotchkiss. Mrs. Thomas reported the Board meeting at Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. Field reported \$1,889.38 as the receipts for the year.

The beautiful and classic address of the president, Mrs. Hotchkiss exhibits her culture and zeal for missions:

"Just ten years ago we were convened in this delightful city, in the dear old church which stood where this handsome structure now stands. They have been years of lightning speed and tragic interest. Blessings have had large ascendancy, yet there have been days reeking with blood of potentate and president, while the weirdest and most unnatural horrors have thrown a pall of sorrow over some communities. Revolutions have begun, which still go on. Brilliant victories have won fresh honors to our countrymen, and diplomacies achieved have brought our nation to the forefront among the powers of the world.

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"Oh, my sisters! let us not be narrow in faith or hope or love. The world grows smaller under the invincible forces which Jehovah has allowed wise men to make available; that the nations which have long been afar may be brought together and know each other whether we would or not; that they may be one in Christ. Every electric wire that spans the continents is a highway of message for the world's Redeemer. Each burst of steam from engines that belt the globe is herald of trumpet blast that earth's remotest bound may know "The year of Jubilee is come!"

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NINTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING, MAY 12-15, 1903, PRESCOTT.

In the intervening months between the last meeting and this, the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society, the new president spent in taking her bearings, and well does she remember that during the early months of summer following her election that she "took to the back porch" with Geography and annual report, and Roberts Rules of Order, to find out the boundary of the Little Rock Conference and her Home Mission centers, to know what the work was, and how to conduct a conference. Well does she remember at Mrs. Pemberton's home the long wait at the door because the door bell was "out of fix," the helpful meeting of the first executive committee in answer to her earnest petition, based on Solomon's prayer

for wisdom, the hurried dash from the one o'clock luncheon to catch the train, because she had bought a round trip ticket, these and many other things are fresh in memory of the early days of the writer's administration. This new president seems to have obeyed every advice of the administrative corresponding secretary except to write for the Methodist. She dreaded print, but finally let the conference know that their new president was not a myth, and the report showed we had made advance.

Prescott, the new railroad town in 1880, was the seat of the Conference in 1903, and Mrs. F. B. Rudolph responded to Mrs. Adam Guthrie's cordial welcome which the writer found to be genuine in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Greeson, who was the Lady Manager that directed the beautiful cantata "The Flower Praise."

Revs. R. W. McKay, R. R. Moore, T. H. Logan, W. C. Watson, and James Thomas were the ministers who visited our sessions, and the annual sermon by Rev. Thomas was "a forcible call to deeper consecration and to the service of God."

Roses that have not faded still bloom in the memory of the then new, but now retired, president in this record of the minutes:

"Many beautiful expressions of appreciation were given by the gentlemen in praise of the manner in which the Conference was conducted, honoring the women present by referring to them as being representatives of whom they were proud. Brother Ware paid a fitting and timely tribute to the honorable women who were not present. Asking those present to remember him as a staunch friend of the woman's work throughout the Conference, never letting an opportunity pass to help on the good work."

The writer is also struck by the record of her first devotional service to the Conference being from I Cor. 13 and also the last, at the Texarkana meeting from that same Love Chapter and thus her 17 years' service as president was bound by love from first to last.

The following letter from Mrs. Hotchkiss was read:

Sisters and Beloved Friends of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Little Rock Conference: Our Mother Methodism has received no better evidence of divine favor and guidance than when the generous last quarter of century gave to her two loving daughters to complete her symmetry, and make

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perfect her work as a church. We look back now and wonder, with our sainted Bishop Pierce, how the grand old missionary ship sailed so long with one wheel. And the broad activities which have been set in motion by the Woman's Home Mission Society evidence how the church has been stimulated and strengthened by the movements of this young and vigorous child, born of urgency and aggressiveness of the wondrous today! We have been called to high privileges. Organization for the betterment and evangelization of the world is to engage in that which touches the eternal years and gives responsibility which reaches to the salvation of some, of whom God only may know, till the great and final day. In it all we recognize the comforting assurance of our Lord, that "He hath chosen us," and his strength will be our sufficiency.

I rejoice with you, my sisters, in the effectiveness of your work in this Conference. You stand now where you have only to continue diligent and faithful and you will accomplish great things for God. Your schools are building character for many young of the land. Your rescue work is saving some that were lost and are found in Christ. Your parsonage work opens doors of rejoicing to the ministry of God, and now you enter upon a service which I verily believe will above all give glory to God in the comfort and salvation of many souls.

No one can read of Bishop Hendrix's ordination of the deaconesses without a joy that God has appointed this work unto godly women, that many of the sorrowing and lowly may know that God has not forgotten to be gracious. The Foreign Missionary work may well rejoice in all enlargement of your interests, since life and light cannot brighten the church at home without a corresponding reflection of light afar. All the flow of sweet and Christly benefactions in the churches at home must finally empty themselves into the great ocean of God's love, which embraces every son of man, redeemed by the universal Christ.

As your president is of my own city, and a sister well beloved, I ask that I may conclude in Paul's lovely manner of greeting and "commend her unto you as a most worthy servant of the church, knowing that you will receive her in the Lord as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you, for she hath been a succourer of many and of myself also." Able and consecrated, equal to all the obligations and appointments of her position, the Society may well give thanks and follow where she leads. Could it be my pleasure to look upon your faces I should recognize many among you and surely would love you all in Christian affection. Please receive my cordial blessing and prayer that great grace may rest upon your deliberations.

LOU A. HOTCHKISS.

President Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Little Rock Conference.

Hot Springs, June 11, 1903.

A telegram brought greetings from Miss Belle H. Bennett in I Thess., 3:12-13.

The conference was entertained at the home of Judge and Mrs. Pittman with a beautiful reception, the courtesy extended by the Y. W. and W. C. T. U.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson of the then Ann Browder Cunningham Rescue Home, now the Virginia Johnson Home and Training School, was the honor guest of the meeting and her saintly face and earnest talks were a benediction to all her hearers.

In her report Mrs. Pemberton said :

"My pleasure in again meeting you is only lessened by the reflection that another year has winged its flight, carrying with it golden opportunities for service that we might have transmuted into deeds of loving kindness more precious than rubies, and worthy to shine throughout eternity. Yet we may rejoice and take courage, for God's blessing has crowned our efforts of the past year and we may come into His presence with praise and thanksgiving."

She also told the secret that Mrs. Gillman was the inspiration of her leaflet on "The Model District Secretary," and that First Church Little Rock was the first church throughout Methodism to pledge a scholarship for a deaconess in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, it also being a fact that the first money received for this school was contributed by Mrs. S. H. Thompson, the former treasurer of the Conference and treasurer of the Woman's Department for Church Extension, this scholarship being a fitting though unconscious tribute to her initial gift.

The membership reached the 1,000 mark and finances \$6,710.06, \$1,405.80 of which was connectional. More than 6,000 papers and leaflets were distributed, 100 annual reports, 7,304 visits to sick and strangers, 288 cottage prayer meetings held and 2,672 garments in good order distributed. These items are no longer reported in the missionary society, we hope these things are still

being done, but the very record of these deeds brings to mind the helpfulness of those who, like our Lord "went about doing good."

The new president distributed the literature for one quarter that year and realized that it took time, space, and work to sow our Conference with the missionary literature that has borne its good fruit for the master.

This report from Malvern shows that in the spirit of unity of missionary work, a "little child, shall lead them.":

The "Faithful Workers" is a society of juveniles and young people, engaged in home and foreign missionary work, with great success for the year ending March 1, 1903.

We use programs printed in "Our Homes" and "The Little Worker."

They reported a scholarship in the Laura Haygood School in Soochow, China, named Annie Williams in honor of Mrs. J. W. Williams of Malvern.

The new president reported the Woman's Home Mission Board meeting held at Atlanta, Ga., saying:

"If all the words, were congested, the echo words would be, workers wanted. Not mere bits of human machinery, but earnest consecrated, trained women to do the work of the Lord."

Also was the spirit of union evinced in the first address of this new president when it was anything but popular or wise to consider the union of the two societies in these words:

"To what are we tending? A perfect missionary spirit, be it foreign or be it at our doors, the spirit of Christ who bade us teach all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

May the day come in our church when we shall know only one missionary society with its local, home and foreign departments. "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it."

Which hope was realized in the union of the Home and Foreign work within a decade.

Papers were given by Mrs. Clara Cooper on "Our Young People," Miss Helen Marks on "Social Settlement" (which the printer made to read "The Social Set Element"); "Our Literature" by Miss Lizzie McKinnon,

"Mite Boxes" by Mrs. Vining, "Children in Factories" by Mrs. McLellan, and helpful devotions by Mrs. Gingrich and others.

No one knew with what fear and trembling the new president went to that meeting, who was too burdened to enjoy the hospitable board of her hostess, but when the meeting closed at 4 P. M. the last day a sudden hunger seized the erstwhile busy president and a grocer was visited enroute to the train whose only convenient edible was cheese and crackers of which she partook till Mrs. Pemberton grew alarmed for fear of a "train case" of indigestion.

Many of the co-workers were disappointed in the new president, in various ways, some thought she would be very large, some very gray, and some thought that her eyes were black, but she was none of these, but we had a good meeting of a sweet spirit and as an old Tennessee brother used to say we all left the Ninth Annual Meeting "mightily hoped up" for another year's service for our Lord.

MRS. CARL VOSS.

At this meeting new talent was enlisted in the person of Mrs. Carl Voss, of Little Rock, who served the Conference as an officer until forced to give it up on account of ill health.

Sunshine of face showed the sunshine in the heart of Mrs. Carl Voss who served the Conference for a number of years. Of beautiful face with the added beauty of character that expressed itself in patience, goodness and kindness, she was well qualified to render happy service for the Master whom she delighted to honor. She was for five years recording secretary and always added charm to the platform group by her sweet, gracious manners. When in the height of her womanly beauty she was our guest at a large reception in Hot Springs and in fun, my good doctor husband told a bachelor friend of ours that he wanted him to meet a charming widow present, he soon after introduced him to Mrs. Voss and at once he fell under the charm of her attractions and a little later expressed a desire to pay serious attention to her.

We could but be amused at his consternation when he learned that she was the mother of five charming daughters and her husband quite alive and devoted. When a tenacious illness began to fasten itself upon her and she could not attend the meetings she served most acceptably as auditor. All through the years of suffering she has maintained a patience and fortitude that has made her a benediction to all who have come her way. Better and worse, sometimes on crutches and sometimes walking with the aid of a cane, she finally submitted to the painful operation which enabled her to walk alone. Her joyous spirit, her beautiful faith evidenced the courage to conquer which she did in a large measure. This incident is an example of her faith:

When Dr. S. D. Gordon was leading his hearers into such close touch with the Master during the Woman's Missionary Council in Little Rock in 1915, Mrs. Voss was confined to her room and was a great sufferer and hearing of the marvelous things of God, she sent for Dr. Gordon and asked him to pray that she might be well. She told the writer afterward that her faith was so strong that she expected the drawn hand to be well when Dr. Gordon had finished the prayer and took his hand from hers.

We do not understand the mysteries of God, nor why the prayer of His trustful child was not answered then and there, but we know that the prayer was answered, not in the affirmative nor yet negative in whole, but both in part and the unexplainable "wait." In the desert of waiting many beautiful lessons are learned, and that which is more precious than the gold which perisheth, even though it be tried in the fire, is the *trial of faith*.

When we remember the years of painful suffering through which our co-laborer has passed, which left her still trustful, hopeful, triumphant, again we exclaim with the Great Apostle, "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and external weight of glory."

From her sick room and to those privileged to enter, has irradiated the glory which comes from suffering with

faith, for like Job, many times our friend has said "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

MRS. F. B. RUDOLPH

When Arkansas lost Mrs. F. B. Rudolph to Texas, she lost an unusual character, unique we might say, for hers is the combination of deep spirituality with humor, even the sense of the ridiculous or of turning tragedies into comedies.

The time has been that an annual meeting would have been a rather dull affair if it had not been for her ready adaptability to take the place of absent officers and fill out the limping program. She served the Conference in many capacities and because she was faithful in the duties she was called to greater service in the Virginia Johnson Training School at Dallas, and by her consecrated life helped to rebuild many broken lives, and by her touching appeals in the presentation of the work received many contributions for the school.

After many years of separation from the scene of her early labors she was a guest of the Conference at Hope in 1920 and was rejoiced to see how her "child" had grown, in departments and in numbers and pleased her hearers with many reminiscences of other years.

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 Camden—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.
 Little Rock—Mrs. Geo. Hughes.
 Texarkana—Mrs. C. M. Robertson.
 Monticello—To be supplied.
 Prescott—Miss Lizzie McKinnon.
 Pine Bluff—Mrs. B. R. Donelson.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FORDYCE, JUNE 10, 1903.

We wonder if any state in the Union has any more hospitable and delightful towns of entertainment than Arkansas, for each seems to vie with the other in the cordial entertainment of the Conferences necessary to the progress of our church enterprises.

Among the great number whose doors are ever open to religious gatherings is Fordyce, where the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society was held, beginning June 10, 1903.

"Fordyce is chronic in splendid hospitality" which so often bestowed, has made her to be known over Arkansas as the "City of Open Doors."

Rev. J. R. Dickenson of Pine Bluff preached the opening sermon on "Individual Responsibility."

Graceful and earnest welcome was extended by Miss Lucile Elliott, which was acknowledged by Mrs. Ethridge. Mrs. Lewis Powell of Hot Springs was a helpful new member to the Conference, as was Miss Allye Belle Wadley, who became such a valuable member and officer for several years.

The minutes teem with mention of Mesdames Elmira Snodgrass, W. A. Kirk, E. V. Carr, M. B. Johnson, R. H. M. Mills, L. H. Reeves and J. H. Riffin.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Lizzie McKinnon for her fine paper on "Bible Women and their Work."

Stephens Juveniles reported having a man for their "lady manager" as the superintendents were then called and it was moved that this gentleman be extended a vote of thanks and good wishes for his interest and help in the Woman's Work.

Mrs. Hotchkiss' address glowed with praise that so much had been accomplished by the few, regretting that in her 20 years' service as president that we could not show larger results because so many women were not yet interested in Missions. Mrs. Mills gave "Reminiscences of First Society of Pine Bluff."

Mrs. James Thomas in her report of the Board Meeting said "a new interest in the literature was shown, and some plan urged, as assistant to district secretary, whose duty it would be to look after the young people's work" which has been put into practice by the present conference superintendent, Mrs. J. G. Moore. There was the constant urge of giving, proportionate and systematic, continuing the education along this line till the church should cease her penurious gifts to the Lord who gave His all. Invitations were extended to attend the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Central Ave. Auxiliary Hot Springs. Conferences printed their own corresponding secretary books, "Golden Links" the official name of Young People's Societies, was announced at this time, Mrs. W. P. Field was forced to give up the treasurer's work, on account of ill health, and Mrs. Sara Vance of Malvern was elected treasurer. The total receipts for that year were \$2,024.20 and Central Ave. Adult, Winfield Young People, and Lake Side Juveniles were again the banner societies.

Judge and Mrs. Vance are known as the "royal entertainers" and their home has ever been an open door for visitors. Yet in that home was one room which even the grandchildren were not admitted to, that was her missionary room where she kept her books, made up her reports in which she only, entered. Of course, we know a woman who carefully numbers the joints of the stove pipes when removed in summer as she did, so the ugly job of pipe fitting may be reduced to the possible minimum, would have no trouble balancing her accounts and we find her re-elected for a number of years to look after the finances of the Conference.

Miss Virginia Garner of Stephens was accepted by the Board of Missions for foreign work at this time and there was rejoicing that one of ours represented us in the lands afar.

It was adopted that "joint-district meetings of the Home and Foreign Societies be recommended," thus began the leaven of the spirit of unity in the two conferences that happily united nine years hence.

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Rev. R. W. McKay, a former pastor, preached the annual sermon, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" being the text. At the close of the service a collection was taken and Mesdames Holderness, W. P. Field, and March were made life members, Central Ave., Hot Springs contributing the amount to make Mesdames Hotchkiss and Kirk, life members. Mrs. Dedman presented a beautiful point lace handkerchief to the Conference and a rising vote of thanks was given her mother-in-law who made it.

THE SPECIALS OF THIS CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING

The "Lou Hotchkiss" Scholarship, supported by Central Auxiliary, Hot Springs.

The "Sarah Draper," supported by the Young People and Juveniles of Malvern.

The "Carrie Hinton Thomas" Scholarship, supported by the Young People's Society of Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock.

The "Elmira Ruth Harding" Bible Woman, supported by the Auxiliary of the Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock.

The "Ellen A. Hayes," Bible Woman, supported by the Prescott District.

The "Sue McKinnon" Bible Woman, supported by the Prescott District.

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Prescott—Mrs. M. B. Johnson.

Texarkana—Mrs. J. E. Flood.

PART FOUR
Decade of Labors Abundant

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING HOME MISSION MEETING—
MAY 7-11, 1904, MONTICELLO.

Editors: Mesdames Jones, Pemberton and Voss.

THE Tenth Annual Home Mission meeting was held in the days of slower trains through Arkansas than the present and the president missed connection in Little Rock for the only train to Monticello, the seat of the Conference, in twenty-four hours, so with the other Hot Springs delegates and Mrs. J. O. Howell of Prescott, who was to give the response to the welcome, had to make the best of the situation by going down the line as far as possible, spending the night at Pine Bluff and reaching Monticello the second evening. The vice-president, Mrs. McLellan, gracefully filled the chair and Mrs. Flickinger responded to the gracious welcome from Misses Hayes and Elizabeth Duke, and the preachers, Revs. Corrigan, Hayes, Wilson, Davis, and Whaley were encouraging and helpful.

The "new order of worship" is mentioned in Sunday's service when Dr. M. B. Corrigan preached from Romans 12.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Robt. Neill, president of the White River Conference, Mesdames E. M. Pipkin and V. C. McLellan gave comprehensive talks on the work, also Mrs. W. C. Watson. Mrs. R. H. M. Mills, Mrs. Furr, Mrs. Dedman, Mrs. E. H. Echler, Mrs. Charles T. Duke, Mrs. Benge, Mrs. T. Y. Ramsey, Mrs. B. R. Donelson, Mrs. McGehee, and Mrs. E. V. Carr were helpful to the meeting.

In the president's address she said: "Once more the barques of our lives are in speaking distance and we come today with a kindly look, a loving word, an affectionate wave of the hand and we are gone for another year, and perhaps forever." She urged that this year be marked by the breaking of alabaster boxes of time, talents and tithes.

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Mrs. Pemberton said:

"The motto of the Woman's Home Mission Society is, 'Our Country for Christ,' and we are laboring in the hope that it may be so permeated by the light of the Gospel and so transformed by love to the Savior that the whole world may know that our God is the one true God and be led nearer to Him."

And also passed on the high compliments from the Board meeting at Kansas City paid to many of our conference officers.

Mrs. Flickinger in her report as treasurer said:

"We come joyfully, in this beautiful springtime, to bring the fruitage of another fiscal year.

"In our large Conference are many workers, some with their shining sickles, others with their gleaming scythes, mowing wider swathes; still others with their powerful reapers, gathering from highland and lowland the golden harvest.

"These faithful toilers go into the highways and lanes of our cities and towns, and into the homes of our rural districts, but each follows the high behest of the one great Husbandman.

"The field which we represent has fifty-seven adult and fourteen juvenile Auxiliaries, nine of which have been organized during the year.

"If ever the Little Rock Conference treasurer ought to have electricity in her feet, a hemisphere of sunshine in her smile, and a whole bush of June roses in her cheeks, 'tis now. If we can make these stupid figures talk, we'll tell you why."

Total cash collection.....	\$2,094.85
Total local reported.....	5,768.60

Grand Total\$7,863.45

Her recipe for a successful auxiliary was:

Enthusiasm plus Information, multiplied by activity, divided by each member. This constitutes a wide-awake Auxiliary, and I trust you will take this formula home and administer a dose of it to every member in your Society. It is also a sure cure for laziness.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Duke was opened to four conference officers and the president has pleasant recollections of that home and the kind cordiality of the host and hostess who have since entered into rest.

One morning at breakfast Mrs. Pemberton was surprised to find, at her plate a check for \$25.00 signed by

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Mr. Duke to be applied to the work at the Dallas Rescue Home, asking that his name be withheld.

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Monticello—Mrs. James C. Knox.
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Prescott—Mrs. R. H. Ethridge.
Texarkana—Mrs. J. A. Thornton.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JUNE 8-12, 1904, MALVERN, ARKANSAS.

The minutes of the 1904 Foreign Missionary meeting bore a full page picture of the president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, and throughout the report we see a beautiful attestation of the love of her co-laborers.

Mrs. Clara Cooper, long identified with the work of the church in Malvern gave cordial words of welcome, as did Miss May Archer from the Presbyterian and Mrs. J. S. Williams from the Baptist churches, which were responded to most happily by Mrs. Geo. Thornburgh, who had been introduced to the Conference as "Brother Thornburgh's new wife."

When Col. Thornburgh "went a marrying" the second time he brought into the Conference a woman who has added much to the progress of its work.

Being a woman of strong personality and accomplished for varied service she at once began to exercise

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those qualities in efficient and willing service, serving the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference as corresponding secretary and superintendent of Young People's Work of the United Society.

A Missourian by birth, but a staunch Arkansan by adoption, she has been an acquisition to our Conference in many ways.

Mrs. Lucy Thornburgh was born at Caledonia, Mo. and educated in Marvin College now located at Fredericktown, Mo. and came to Arkansas in 1887.

Her first conference work was in 1897 as district secretary of the Batesville District White River Conference, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

In 1903 she was elected president of Winfield Auxiliary Foreign Missionary Society and served twelve successive years. In 1904 was the delegate from Winfield Auxiliary to the annual meeting at Malvern, and responded to the address of welcome. Was elected district secretary at this meeting serving until 1911, when she was elected corresponding secretary. In 1911 was elected general chairman of committees on arrangements for the entertainment in Little Rock of the "Woman's National Foreign Missionary Jubilee."

In 1912 when the Foreign and Home Conferences united, was elected the corresponding secretary of the Foreign Department, serving until 1915. Represented the Conference at the Council meeting in Washington, D. C., in 1912. Was the representative to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1913, but was prevented from going on account of floods rendering travel dangerous. But again represented the Conference, at Fort Worth, Texas in 1914.

In 1915 Mrs. Thornburgh was elected vice-president of the Little Rock Conference. This same year was general chairman of the committees on arrangements for entertainment of the Missionary Council which met in First Church, Little Rock, April 14-22, 1915, and served in that responsible position with great credit, many saying the Council had never been so well planned, nor pro-

vided for. In the summer of 1915, owing to a severe illness, was compelled to give up much of the work so dear to her.

In 1917 she assumed leadership of the Mission Study Class of Winfield Church, serving five years. For nine years directed the choir of Winfield church and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association since its organization in Little Rock, and chairman of the Dormitory Committee for ten years. At present she is second vice-president of the Board. Has been for three years the secretary of the Little Rock City Hospital Board.

In 1910 was grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Arkansas. Since her husband was elected superintendent of the School for the Blind, January, 1919, she has devoted her time and energies largely to the welfare and happiness of the blind children committed to their care.

And thus again we thank God for the splendid women who have come our way and have lent a hand to work in the building—in the Building of a Kingdom.

Rev. W. W. Nelson of Malvern Avenue, Hot Springs, was introduced.

Mrs. F. M. Williams of Hot Springs, president of the Home Mission Society of the Little Rock Conference, was introduced and gave cordial greetings from the Home to the Foreign Society. At the close of her beautiful talk the Society sang "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

A delightful reception was tendered the members of the Society Saturday evening by the Malvern Auxiliary of the Home Mission Society at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vance, which custom seems to follow us to this good day.

Life membership certificates were presented by the treasurer for Mrs. S. B. Draper, Mrs. K. Holderness, Mrs. Bettie Brown, Miss Annie Shell, Mrs. I. D. Turner, Master Thomas C. Whaley, Mrs. Jessie Hotchkiss Smith,

Miss Lucile Marks, Miss Roberta Snodgrass, Miss Effie Hilliard, Mrs. Mary Sage, Mrs. Nellie Irvine, Mrs. Mattie Morton.

We find Miss Gilberta Harris a regular attendant to the Conferences who later represented us in Korea and is now a member of the teaching force at Scarritt College of Missions, also Miss Jennie Howell who later went to Brazil.

Mrs. S. B. Proctor was a delegate from Camden who later became a valued district secretary for years and known and loved throughout the Conference for her beautiful character and sweet personality. It has been said of her "she is true gold." What she has been to Camden can only be written in full by the recording angel for in teaching, in music, in song, in leadership of women, and young people, in everything she has been the faithful friend, and co-laborer of all those who touched her life.

An excerpt from Mrs. James Thomas' report says:

Ten years ago it was the privilege of this Conference Society to meet in this fair little city, and here at that time your present incumbent corresponding secretary was first made an officer of this Society. Ten years of changes, ten years of light and shadow, ten years of successes and failures. Some who were with us then are now with the Church Triumphant. Those who were here then fulfilling their duties that were upon them as we today are trying to do, are now reaping the fruit of their labors. Malvern, beautiful Malvern! What sad yet happy reminiscences come to view as we think of the past. Yet this revery, this glimpse into memory's halls, urges us to "go forward," to do more and better work for Him who has been our Guide through all the changing vicissitudes of this life.

The writer has pleasant memories of the now sainted Mrs. J. W. Williams who was secretary of the Arkadelphia District and whose hospitality she enjoyed that day she spent in Malvern. It is noticed that during her administration, hers was the banner district. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

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Arkadelphia—Mrs. S. C. Cooper, Malvern.

Camden—Mrs. J. K. Thompson, El Dorado.

Pine Bluff—Mrs. L. H. Reeves, Pine Bluff.

Prescott—Mrs. — Howell, Prescott.

Monticello—Mrs. E. V. Carr, Monticello.

Texarkana—Mrs. W. O. Sims, Ashdown.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING—MAY 13-17, 1905, FIRST CHURCH, TEXARKANA.

Editors: Voss, Pemberton and Williams.

If the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Conference at Texarkana in 1905 was considered the best in its history it may be because it was dearly bought by the people who entertained the Conference and by the delegates who came.

Rain, flood, washouts, detours, delays, everything made it hard to get to Texarkana; the local committee met all trains and everything was done to counterbalance the contending elements and we were rewarded, for God was with us.

The writer thought she experienced the same feelings Noah must have had, when with her two little girls, Alene and Ruth, she looked out of the car window at Gurdon where they had sat all night, and saw nothing but water on every side—and “it a raining.”

The outlook was gloomy, but hope not yet drowned out, and we felt rewarded for patient perseverance.

The words of welcome were not necessary from Mrs. J. F. Giles for she had shown it in meeting trains at all hours of the night and Mrs. Charles Moore, of Pine Bluff expressed our appreciation for the royal hospitality which was as generous as the rain.

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Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Dallas, seems to have been our favorite for she was again our guest and we gave her \$200.00 that time.

Rev. James Thomas, pastor host, preached the annual sermon on "Launch Out into the Deep" bringing out striking lessons on launching, leaving and letting down.

Mrs. E. M. Pipkin delighted the Conference by her beautiful and classic Bible lessons on Joshua, the Hero and Soldier of the Old Testament, "Isaac and Rebecca" representing the ideal married life, and "an Old Romance" a story of Boaz and Ruth.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pemberton, reported twenty-one new auxiliaries enrolled during the year and a steady increase along all lines. She also gave reminiscences of her ten years' service as secretary.

Mrs. Flickinger was forced to give up her work on account of the dread illness that had fastened itself upon her yet she said: "I can conscientiously say, that in all my thoughts I have been faithful to my trust: in all my acts I have had ever in mind only what was wisest and best for the society." What a wonderful record with which to face the master as our dear co-laborer has done.

The total amount of money raised and expended in Little Rock Conference for the year just closed, including supplies sent off, supplies given locally, amounts expended on parsonages, local church work, relief of needy and cash remitted to conference treasurer, \$7,225.33.

First Church Little Rock with Mrs. J. H. Hamiter delegate vied with First Church Texarkana and we heard of all kinds of good things being done by these auxiliaries, and many others throughout the Conference.

The tedium of the meeting was relieved by a dear little tot of four years who passed freely up and down the aisles and gave us little speeches in the most attractive manner, little Miss Nannie Farrar of Pine Bluff, her beautiful face, beruffled dress and cap with the big pompons on each side made it seem that a cherub had lent itself to our meeting and we felt her sweet influence in the throng. One speech was about the old black mammy

chiding the little one about ironing on Sunday to which she answered with true child like faith and philosophy:

"But de good Lord knew dat, dat little iron wasn't hot."

Many good things were said and yet it is impossible to record them here, but we note that Mrs. V. S. McLellan had given \$30.00 for a room in the boys' dormitory at London, Ky., in memory of a son now dead and the president of the school had sent her the names of the boys occupying the room that she might offer special prayers for them. The personnel of the Conference was of such women as Mesdames T. Y. Ramsey, W. E. Barkman, John Arnold, P. J. Gantt, A. D. Jenkins, Stillwell, Boone, W. W. Nelson and Miss McKinnon whose papers and talks were of extra quality.

In the young people's report from Central Church Hot Springs, given by the president's little daughter, Alene, we note that history repeated itself in that the Conference president was also superintendent of a Young People Department at the 1922 meeting in Texarkana.

In her address the president said: "Let us not forget that our influence in the affairs of the world is too valuable and our affections too precious to waste on pug dogs. The hour, with its opportunity and individual beauty—never returns to us, we must snatch our portion of time to weave a garland of good deeds that may be transposed into glittering gems for the crown of the faithful.

"The heaven is spreading, the work is growing and we rejoice that each year marks our progress."

Pardon the writer this indulgence for she bears this precious memory of those dear ones now radiant in the Father's home:

"A beautiful and touching incident occurred on Monday evening immediately after the address of Mrs. F. M. Williams, president of the society. Rev. Jas. Thomas introduced her venerable parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway, of Tennessee, and an ovation was given them in honor of their daughter, our leader."

This being the only time in the experience of the president that her parents were present, and was a time of great rejoicing in the home of the sister Mrs. M. E.

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Winsett, making the 1905 meeting one of especial interest to the writer and of great spiritual uplift for all present.

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Treasurer—Miss Lizzie McKinnon, Junction.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Carl Voss, Little Rock.
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Camden—Mrs. S. B. Proctor, Camden.
Little Rock—Mrs. George Hughes, Benton.
Monticello—Mrs. James C. Knox, Monticello.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. B. R. Donelson, Pine Bluff.
Prescott—Mrs. R. H. Ethridge, Hope.
Texarkana—Mrs. Clarence Houston, Mena.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING—JUNE 7-11, 1905, LONOKE.

The presence of Dr. John W. Cline and Miss Tarrant, both of China added much to the otherwise fine meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society at Lonoke, June 7-11, 1905, this being the twenty-seventh annual meeting.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Hammons, of Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock.

Taking for his text the third verse of the twelfth chapter of John, "Then Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment," he paid a most beautiful tribute to Christian womanhood, showing what work she has accomplished as a factor in supplying the world's greatest need, and as he preached our hearts burned within us, and we were filled with a great desire to have our part in this great work.

Interest in the Young People's work is noted in the sunrise prayer meeting conducted by Miss Ellen Krohn of Winfield church and a picture was taken of those present, but the spirit of that lovely meeting remains only in the hearts of those present.

This meeting carries with it the shadow of the death of the president's beloved daughter Mattie Hotchkiss Hayes and Mrs. J. W. Williams of Malvern, yet in the president's own words was her hope expressed "this is my greatest sorrow and my greatest joy."

Miss Allye Belle Wadley's talent expressed itself in this meeting in various ways, from a paper on "Watchman, What of the Night," to furnishing entertainment at the reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Frohlich in the form of a story, the missing words of which were names of missionaries.

The Lonoke League had pin trays for sale which bore the pictures of Lonoke church and the pastor, Rev. B. B. Thomas.

Had this memorial been accepted Hot Springs might have been noted afar and near as a missionary center and we hope yet to see such a memorial hall:

"A memorial from Hot Springs, Central Avenue Church, was presented to the Conference by Miss Allye Belle Wadley, relative to the Woman's Hall contemplated by that Church, to be devoted to the use of the Foreign and Home Mission Societies for general meeting purposes, and as a depository for curios, souvenirs, etc., from foreign lands, having charts, maps, and library for the general information and interest of the numerous visitors to that cosmopolitan city, and to be dedicated jointly to Mrs. M. I. Lambuth and Miss Lucinda B. Helm. The approval and indorsement of the Conference of this undertaking was asked, and its encouragement of a general response in the way of an offering from each Auxiliary in this Conference and other conference bounds throughout the entire connection of Southern Methodism."

With genuine Arkansas hospitality Miss Susie Hicks, in the name of the Auxiliary and good people of Lonoke, extended greetings and a cordial welcome to the Conference. To this Mrs. Cosie Gibney, of Arkadelphia, responded.

As a climax to the good things of the day all listened with unabated interest to Miss Tarrant's address on the customs and conditions to be met in our work among the Chinese.

Miss Rosalee Riggin, now a deaconess, began her missionary work early in life and was a delegate to this meeting.

Through her the preacher-father still speaks, in her, the memory of Dr. Riggin will be kept fresh by many of other days, in her is the Christ life exemplified by her daily ministry of love.

Master Asa B. Morton of Winfield was the only boy delegate.

Dear, dainty little Miss Tarrant charmed all her hearers with her address and the annual sermon by Dr. Cline, was a great sermon on "Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus," speaking again in the afternoon and evening.

A pleasant feature of the morning service was the conferring honorary membership upon Mesdames Hotchkiss and Thomas, and life membership to Mrs. B. R. Thomas and Mrs. Clements of Lonoke.

The report of the conference treasurer, Mrs. Sara Vance, was read and in every particular was encouraging. Special attention was called to the very handsome book gotten out at her own expense by the treasurer, and a resolution of thanks and appreciation of the faithful work done was presented by Mrs. Thornburgh and adopted by the Conference. The finances reached \$2,421.85 during that year. In her annual address, Mrs. Hotchkiss gave a comprehensive situation of the Jew, and we find this beautiful petition:

"O, God of battles, and Prince of Peace, hasten thine eternal purpose, till Korea, land of the morning Calm; Japan, Kingdom of the Rising Sun; China, the great Celestial Empire; and India, of coral strand, shall sing together the song of Redemption."

Not until the voice of the sweet singer was hushed did we fully appreciate the music that was ours, neither did we realize the wonderful power that was vested in

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the little body of Sister Hotchkiss, whose fine sensibilities, broad vision, deep culture, and whole consecration made of her an ensample of the Spirit of the Christ.

Quite a number of delegates from First Church and Lakeside, Pine Bluff, attended this meeting, going by way of Little Rock. While waiting Mrs. R. H. M. Mills discovered several spots of machine oil on her new black dress, and purchasing a bottle of naphtha or some cleaning fluid, removed the spots while waiting. When the train came everybody started out, Mrs. Carr saying, "Mrs. Mills you are leaving your bottle." She said, "I do not want it," and went out. Mrs. Reeves said to a lady, "I'll take it then," and on arriving at Lonoke the ladies were met at the station and Mrs. Reeves was promptly taken to the jail with her bottle. It happened that there were no inmates in the jail but a very nice family who were keepers, were entertaining guests, but all had a big laugh about Mrs. Reeves being taken to the jail with her bottle.

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Treasurer—Mrs. Sara Vance, Malvern.
Honorary Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Little Rock.
Auditor—Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Hot Springs.
Superintendent Young People's and Juvenile Work—Mrs. Belle Heriot, Little Rock.

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Arkadelphia—Mrs. T. O. Rorie, Arkadelphia.
Camden—Mrs. R. J. Elder, El Dorado.
Monticello—Mrs. E. V. Carr, Monticello; Associate, Mrs. A. M. Robertson.
Prescott—Mrs. J. O. Howell, Prescott.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. L. H. Reeves, Pine Bluff.
Texarkana—Mrs. W. O. Sims, Ashdown.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Andrew Hunter.
Mrs. A. J. Marshall.
Rev. John F. Carr.
Mrs. M. J. McAlmont.

Mrs. H. D. McKinnon.
Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.
Mrs. James Thomas.

TWELFTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING, EL DORADO—MAY 11-15, 1906.

Editors: Voss, Pemberton, Williams

The prophetic El Dorado has within the past few years become the enchanted land which the Spaniards sought, not in the gold and silver in its natural state which they sought, but in the "flowing gold" that now streams from her oil wells which is quickly exchanged for that bearing the valuable stamp of Uncle Sam. The natural instinct of man is not far different from that of the migrating bird that plumes his wing to find a southern clime and alights on the warm Gulf Coast or faraway Patagonia; or the animals of the prairie, whose trail, in their call of the waters, ends in a bubbling fountain or flowing stream; even so our deep desire shall be satisfied in the Resurrection.

So if we desire gold, we find it in the earth; if man needs oil, it, too, gushes from the bowels of the earth, and in El Dorado the desire of man has been realized, as has the prophetic name been fulfilled.

Three thousand barrels of oil from one well for each hour in the day gives an idea of the large possessions with which El Dorado is entrusted, and we hope much may be consecrated to Him who gave. To whom much is given, much is required is as true as "he that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly."

But in 1906 El Dorado was a quiet little town, and we went immediately from the train to the church, where we were quickly assigned to our homes, cards with hostess' and guest's name being used for the first time. The lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Pinson was open to six conference officers, and the president remembers especial care and kindness in that home and the

mother who prepared the Sabbath meals on Saturday that there be no cooking on the Holy Sabbath.

Mrs. W. J. Miles extended greeting at the first session Friday evening, to which Mrs. Carl Voss made happy response.

Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of sociology at Scarritt Bible and Training School, was the honor guest of the Conference and by her Monday Bible lessons, informal talks and addresses, gave a broader vision of the work.

Rev. J. W. Harrell, pastor host, was helpful, and the visiting ministers who took part were Rev. J. A. Sage and J. R. Sanders, the latter preaching the annual sermon from John 15:16 and was full of beautiful thoughts on serving and fruit bearing. This "St. John of the Little Rock Conference," as he was called, has gone to meet Him whom he served "face to face."

Mrs. J. T. Greenfield told of the arrival of Miss Northfield, a deaconess who was to serve Little Rock First Church. Mesdames E. W. Gates of Crossett, J. W. Westbrook of Benton, John Housley of Hot Springs, Downs of Camden, J. M. Workman, Mrs. S. B. Proctor, McLellan Boyette, Spencer, Greenfield, Price of Texarkana and Mrs. Thos. Buzbee gave papers on the different phases of the work, while Mrs. R. H. Ethridge spoke on "Temperance," and Mrs. W. A. Kirk of Hot Springs deeply stirred her hearers on "Tithing." Mrs. Kirk's talks on "Tithing" were of so much spiritual power that she was invited to many places throughout the Conference to present the subject. For many years Mrs. Kirk was an honored member of Central Church, Hot Springs, and did more for the poor than any other one member. Her work in the Needlework Guild surpassed that of any other member in securing clothing, shoes and other gifts for the poor. Surely there must be rich reward for the declaration and the promise, "He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Miss Lizzie McKinnon, treasurer, reported the total of \$9,792.45. Total sent to conference treasurer, \$2,537.69. She said: "Arkadelphia district is the banner district and excelled

in raising 'extra dollar.' Little Rock First Church paid most for connectional work, Texarkana First Church most for local work." Some auxiliaries paid every cent due, the treasurer at Monticello writing: "There is not one unpaid penny due on my books." The Shiloh Auxiliary near Pine Bluff received special honorable mention. Rev. James Thomas and Mesdames W. H. Pemberton and F. M. Williams were made life members, the latter receiving her compliment from her husband as a surprise at an auxiliary meeting. Mrs. Mattie Patterson was made honorary life member.

In the corresponding secretary's report, Mrs. Pemberton said:

"The Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society having doubled its membership during the quadrennium received honorable mention in the report of the general secretary, and of 38 conferences, ours stands sixth in number of subscribers to 'Our Homes,' number of members, 1630; \$475 given to parsonages and in report of the Woman's Home Mission Board Meeting at Asheville, N. C., gave beautiful description of the splendid estate in that 'Land of the Sky,' and her visit to Brevard School."

The president said:

"In the early days of discovery, the Spaniards thought a beautiful gilded land was somewhere to be found in the New America which unknown place they called the El Dorado, and not until after many vain expeditions and much loss of life, did they give up their futile search. For many months our minds and hearts have turned toward this El Dorado, not seeking treasures in vain nor the gilded land of fancy, but a happy meeting place of a happy band of workers for the Lord. May our coming to your town prove a blessing of more lasting worth than if the Spaniards had really found in your midst their land of beauty and gold, for the things of this world are as vapor and passeth away and is not, but the things of eternity shall live forever. ... The unsightly crag that mars the beauty of our great church is ignorance of her institutions, with its resultant indifference to her needs, which should not be so, for literature abounds of the highest grade and within the reach of all."

We sent greeting to the General Conference at Birmingham, Alabama, and in return received the clever return greeting, II John 3:6.

We cannot forbear paying tribute to the faithful labors of Mrs. R. J. Elder, who for so long has been

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identified with the work at El Dorado, Mrs. Emma Wilson and many others whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Today they are being rewarded by larger service and more abundant labors for their King. The memorial hour was conducted in a beautiful and reverent manner by Mrs. W. E. Barkman, and honor was paid to those who have passed on to their reward.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, HOPE—JULY 13-17, 1906.

For the second time since organization Hope entertained the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference, and we can imagine the clear-cut devotional conducted by Dr. J. E. Godbey Thursday evening, followed by a gracious welcome by Mrs. R. H. Ethridge of Hope, Mrs. J. F. Giles responding, saying: "For a year we have all been anticipating this visit to Hope, 'the Prairie queen of Arkansas.'"

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Forney Hutchinson, using Matthew 13:33, and he likened woman's part in evangelizing the world to the leaven which

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the woman took, and he urged the necessity of a wide-awake, present tense, daily Christian life.

Sunrise prayer meeting was conducted by Miss Roberta Snodgrass, using the forty-seventh Psalm.

A temporary gloom was thrown over the meeting on account of the absence of the president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, detained by illness, but a later record says:

"The announcement that Mrs. Hotchkiss had arrived brought forth a burst of applause."

"Mrs. Hotchkiss, though frail in body, active and clear in mind, and brave and zealous in faith, addressed the Conference, of which she has been the successful leader for twenty-two years. She heartily indorsed Mrs. Thomas' suggestion to pledge for three Missionaries, and exhorted all to redouble our efforts on all lines this year."

Miss Faye McRae gave a map talk on Mexico and a model mission study class, Miss Wadley a paper on "Missions in Korea," Mrs. Thornburgh on "How to Interest the Indifferent Women in the Church." As this paper was ordered published in the Methodist, we fear all the church members did not read it or did not heed it, as there are yet many indifferent to the cause of missions.

Mrs. P. C. Barksdale gave an instructive and thoughtful paper on "Mothers and Missions."

The following telegram of greeting from Mrs. F. M. Williams, president of the Conference Home Mission Society, was read:

"A greeting of love to you. Hebrew xiii:20-21."

The secretary was requested to answer it by letter.

A memorial to Mrs. McAlmont, gotten out by the ladies of First Church, Little Rock, was presented by Mrs. Feild, she requesting that each delegate purchase a copy.

An extract from Mrs. James Thomas' report says:

"Today we have a greater number of intelligent members than ever before. Our rolls are not growing in length as we would like to see, but the personnel of the workers is improving—our givers are not spasmodic givers but are making their offerings in a much more systematic way, as they grow in knowledge of the needs of the work. The constituency of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is making a great onslaught on the enemy

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of Missions—ignorance—by a systematic course of study found in united study of Missions. Darkness is giving way to light—it is becoming rare that you find one so dense in ignorance that he will offer an objection to Missions, even if he feels it in his heart.”

She suggested the slogan, “Save Our Young People for Missions” and with unredoubtable faith urged the support of three foreign missionaries the next year.

The Sabbath dawned bright and clear, an unusually “rare June day,” and long before the hour of service the church was filled with the largest congregation of the week, assembled to hear Bishop Tigert.

After two beautiful anthems by the choir and the usual preliminary service, Bishop Tigert preached a strong and powerful sermon from the second verse of the one hundred and twenty-third Psalm, “Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.”

Mrs. Hotchkiss, in a brief address, called for a collection to make life members. Very quickly \$80.00 was collected and Mrs. Mollie B. Johnson, Mrs. Cora Jameison, Mrs. Mollie Henry, T. D. Scott, Jr., and little one-year-old Dorothy McRae were made life members of the local auxiliaries.

A notable thing of the Hope meeting was a history of the Little Rock Conference, Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, from 1898 to 1906, by Mrs. Elmira F. Snodgrass of Little Rock and which was given at that meeting. Not only did Mrs. Snodgrass make a wonderful contribution to missions by the work of her hands for present needs, but has left a permanent memorial in the history of the Conference for the two quadrenniums of 1898-1906.

From the resolution from Committee on Extension of Work it might be supposed there was a letting up of interest on the part of preachers’ families, which thing we can hardly believe:

“That the several district secretaries make special effort to enlist preachers’ wives and daughters. They are looked upon

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as leaders in all church work, and if they will, as they move about from place to place, show the spirit of love for their heathen sisters that is included in the command, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self,' they can wield a mighty influence for good."

Bynum Giles, son of the vice-president, a delegate, gave himself to the ministry at this meeting.

Revs. Scott, Evans, Riggin, Hutchinson, Godbey, Jewell, Thomas and Nelson, and Messrs. Hotchkiss and Folsom were present at various times and often joined in discussion.

The beautiful home of Mrs. La Grone was filled to overflowing with the ladies of the Conference, the ladies of Hope, and several ministers, which added one more to the number of good things given us by the hospitable "Prairie Queen"—Hope—in a beautiful reception.

Miss Barnes, editor of the "Little Worker," was an honored guest and gave many interesting and helpful talks.

The annual report of the 1906 meeting bears a picture of Mrs. James Thomas, whose strong personality fixed itself in the hearts of her co-laborers. Features strong and firm, hair soft and light, eyes blue and kind, brow high, figure plump, she possessed the physical fitness for a successful leader, which she was.

Rev. Evans closed this memorable meeting with a splendid sermon from the text, Isa. 13:12.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. James Thomas, Texarkana.

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Camden—Mrs. J. T. Sifford, Camden.

Monticello—Mrs. E. V. Carr, Monticello.

Prescott—Mrs. W. P. Agee, Hope.

Pine Bluff—Mrs. L. H. Reaves, Pine Bluff.

Texarkana—Mrs. P. C. Barksdale, Texarkana.

MRS. MARTHA J. McALMONT

This is part of the memorial service held for Mrs. Martha J. McAlmont, who died March 12, 1906—a sketch of her life:

"A sweet faced young traveler boarded the life train, when in 1828, in Allegheny Co., New York, Martha Jane Gregg was born. The light from her infant face was gladness in the home. The joy of childhood soon radiated from her ever bright countenance. Time moved on and maidenhood bloomed in blushing sweetness till in her seventeenth year was consummated her marriage to Dr. J. J. McAlmont, a marriage which she herself pronounced as ideal in every respect.

"In 1850 they moved to Benton in this state, where many still hold them in blessed memory. Their beautiful, exemplary Christian lives left a redolence of heavenly things. In 1852 they settled in Little Rock for life. Their home was known for its many benevolences and the cherished wife as angel of the household and ministering to the desolate and weary. They walked together through light and shade, through joy and sorrow, till 1895 when her husband was taken. Since then she and their only child, Mrs. Myra McAlmont Vaughn, have lived together in sweetest unison—almost in visible presence of the Friend who never forsakes and whose strength upholdeth those who put their trust in Him. During the greater part of these years, the beloved son and grandson, Dr. Milton Vaughn, was in Medical Military Service in Cuba and the Philippines. A gracious providence brought him to make the little earth circle complete at last—to bless and be blessed of dear grandmother before she went away, and to stay and strengthen his precious mother in the sorrow that came on the evening of February 6th. Gently the dear Lord gave the summons. Death did not deepen the sweetness of peace on the countenance of God's child, and without doubt, she shall arise through Christ with the "same sweet face we loved and cherished here." The ways of dear mother and daughter parted here for the first time in life, but they will converge and meet in the mansions above, prepared and promised. As she entered the golden gates, how quickly and joyfully she must have realized that it "hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive of the

glory the Father hath prepared for all those who love Him." Remembering her love and obedience in all things, her meekness of endurance in sorrow that would break the heart of one less reliant upon the strength of God's promises, we behold through faith her joyous transition from earth to Heaven.

'And smile upon the troubled past, and wonder why we weep at all.'

"Mrs. McAlmont was thoroughly identified with the church of her choice, though in no sense a narrow Christian. She loved and counted worthy all who loved her Lord in sincerity and truth. Years ago she was a member of the First M. E. Church S., a small edifice on Second street. When that was disposed of, and an imposing structure erected on 8th and Center, there she worked and worshipped with the people of God. That church was consumed by fire, and the splendid structure on the same spot was the shrine of her devotion. From that altar she was borne to beautiful Mt. Holly, there to await the Resurrection. Dr. Andrews, her pastor, with other ministers in the city, gave forth the words of eternal life. A large concourse of friends viewed the peaceful sleeper, while all combined to say, "How blest the righteous when they die." Following with Church obligations her influence and co-operation were ever with the benevolent institutions of the city. Hospitals, Y. M. C. A. Associations and W. C. T. Unions were much on her heart. With the societies peculiar to the Methodist Church, she was always in active sympathy. When the Woman's Missionary Society of Little Rock Conference was organized in 1878, she was made conference treasurer, and retained that position to the joy of the Society till after twenty years service, she was relieved of the tax on her waning strength, and held as honorary treasurer on the roll of officers. The annual meeting at Winfield Memorial lovingly contributed one hundred dollars, rendering her an honorary life member of the Society. Her many words written and spoken during her treasurership, are like immortelles throughout the Conference. Surely 'Though dead, her words linger and her works do follow her.'

"Besides her daughter, Mrs. Myra McAlmont Vaughn and her grandson, Dr. Milton Vaughn of Little Rock, Mrs. McAlmont leaves three brothers in California, one in Chicago and a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Sherwood of Niagara Falls, New York."

Written by Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—HOME MISSION, CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS—MAY 3-7, 1907.

Editors: Mesdames Voss, Pemberton and Williams

In Mrs. Pemberton's report as corresponding secretary, she said to the Conference at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, May 3-7, 1907:

"Nine years ago we met in annual Conference in Central Church, and happy recollections of the delightful occasion abide with us. Our Little Rock Conference, Woman's Home Mission Society, was just beginning to grow then and we gained new impetus in your city, beautiful for situation, famed for its natural wonders and noted for its cultured and charming people.

"We were encouraged by your evident interest in our work, and I remember how we were inspired by addresses of our beloved leaders in every good work—Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss, who still cheers us on the way, and our sainted friend, Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, the mother of our capable treasurer of today.

"The years have wrought changes and, with one exception, the personnel of our Conference Society is entirely different, but the spirit is the same. The work of the pioneers has been enlarged and most worthily have their successors borne responsibilities and the increasing obligations laid upon them. Since that auspicious meeting you have been baptized with fire and you have come out stronger and nobler, while, judging from this handsome and beautiful chapel, giving evidence of your children's love as well as your own, your new Central Church shall indeed be a fit temple of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And, we may add, ever since the year 1883 Central Church, Hot Springs, has been closely allied with the Conference work, for, besides Mrs. Hotchkiss, other officers have been: Mrs. Sue L. James, vice-president and district secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society; Miss Allye Belle Wadley, recording secretary and vice-president of the Foreign; Mrs. L. W. Smith, vice-president and superintendent of Mission Study for the Foreign; Mrs. L. E. Wyatt, superintendent of publicity and Mission Study for the Home; Miss Edith Curl, superintendent of supplies and treasurer for the Home; Miss Gertrude Sanders, treasurer pro tem for the Home Mission Society; Mrs. C. Travis Drennen, superintendent of Mission Study of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, the efficient treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society, and your humble servant, the writer, ten years president of Woman's Home Mission and seven years president of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

The Foreign Missionary Conference was organized in Hot Springs in 1878 and met there again in 1886, 1891 and 1911, the Home Mission Conference meeting in Hot Springs in 1898 and 1907.

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Dr. M. B. Corrigan, pastor host, opened the first session Friday evening with devotions based on Acts 2, after which Mrs. John Housley for the adults and Miss Tressie Ellerman for the Young People and Mrs. Hotchkiss for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society gave welcome greeting, to which Mrs. Clarence Huston of Mena responded. Greetings were also extended by Mrs. M. A. Neill of the White River Conference, and Mrs. Robert Oswald Burton of Raleigh, N. C., the latter a sister of Mrs. Pemberton and editor of the *Woman's Page* in the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*.

Miss Mable Head, associate secretary of the Woman's Board, was honor guest and electrified the audience when she spoke, either in address, devotionals, or informal talks concerning the work.

"Women of the Nations," by Dr. Corrigan, was the more interesting because of his personal observations in India, China, Germany and many other foreign countries.

Allow me to introduce this clipping, written by the corresponding secretary in her report of the meeting to the Methodist:

"On Saturday evening the Conference was delightfully entertained with select songs and charming recitations, by the Florine Brigade of Central Church, under the leadership of their lady manager Mrs. W. S. Sorrells. The Brigade, fifty-one strong, marched in singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and every face beamed with the light from Heaven. Little Miss Alene Williams gave lovely greeting for them, closing with a beautiful acrostic on the word 'Welcome' written on the wall in letters of living green."

"This beautiful service was followed by addresses to the children from Mrs. Gillman and Miss Head."

The noonday Bible Study on Prayer by Mrs. Hotchkiss and Christian Experience by Miss Head. Devotionals by Mrs. T. Y. Ramsey, Mrs. Kirk and visiting ministers, with words of encouragement. Revs. Bruce, J. H. Cummings, T. E. Dodson, W. M. Manville, J. R. Rushing and C. O. Steele helped to make the Hot Springs meeting good.



MISS FAY McREA



MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT

The Hot Springs meeting was a very full and delightful meeting, with all officers, secretaries and many visitors present.

Papers and talks were of high standard on "Educational Work of the Home Mission Society," by Mrs. C. L. Harvey of Arkadelphia; "Literature of Home Missions," by Mrs. V. S. McLellan; "Review of Reading Course," by Mrs. W. C. Watson; "Home Missions in Arkansas," by Mrs. T. N. Roberts of Pine Bluff; Report of Woman's Board of Home Missions, by Miss Lizzie McKinnon; "Temperance," by Mrs. W. W. Folsom; "Woman's Debt to Missions," by Mrs. R. O. Burton of Raleigh, N. C., sister of Mrs. Pemberton, in which, after picturing the sad estate of woman without Christ, she said:

WOMAN'S DEBT TO MISSIONS

"With all the proud progress of mind, power, the widespread diffusion of knowledge, she is today, in lands boasting of the highest heraldry and the most ancient civilization—but without the knowledge of the true God, 'unwelcome at birth, untaught in youth, unloved in marriage, unwept at death' and these words are not amiss in this day of faithlessness and infidelity. Let me impress upon our young women the fact that there is no earthly possession (is it not in part Heavenly?) equal to the pure and faithful love of a good man, and I would urge them to prove to themselves worthy of it by keeping the standard of womanhood high and true.

"What has wrought so mighty a change in the condition of women? It dates back to the time when the morning stars must have sung together again with the angelic host that welcomed the infant Jesus, whom God allowed to be born of a woman of the greatest dignity and honor that He could confer upon the despised sex—henceforth the high and happy one. Mary was the mother of the first and greatest Missionary.

"The women always 'heard gladly' and eagerly repeated the story of the Redeemer to all they met, and have been as ready teachers and as happy martyrs as their brothers.

"The world would not have us all scientists or sociologists; it has greater need of helpful wives, devoted mothers, humble hand maidens of the Lord who will be faithful in the smallest duties as well as in the great work of training the sons and daughters for missions and teaching them the true balance of power."

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Sunday was a great day at the Hot Springs meeting. The scholarly and tender sermon preached by Dr. Corrigan on Isa. 64:6—"We all do fade as a leaf"—made us realize the frailty of the flesh and that we must lose no time in serving "our Lord." This note also appears concerning this hour of worship: "The baptism of Frances Marian Williams, the beautiful babe of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Williams, was a solemn sweet service," and "One hundred dollars were raised for connectional work and honorary life membership was conferred upon Frances Marian Williams."

Good music by the choir of Central Church was enhanced by solos from Mrs. A. B. Frazier and Dr. Eugene Warren; the ladies of the church gave a reception, and it was pronounced a very fine meeting despite the heavy downpour of rain that did not even dampen the ardor nor weaken the enthusiasm of the earnest delegates who had assembled for the business of the King. The Conference was not lacking in invitations for the next annual meeting, as Camden, Arkadelphia, Hope, First Church, Pine Bluff, Nashville and Stamps asked for it, Nashville receiving the largest number of votes.

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Mrs. Pemberton reported 1,723 members, 4,022 leaflets and papers distributed, 15,144 visits to sick and strangers, 4,154 garments distributed, always presenting our Conference organ, which is sometimes Arkansas Methodist, Western Methodist, or Western Christian Advocate.

Miss Lizzie McKinnon gave report of Home Mission Board meeting at Houston, Texas, and in her report said:

"More interest has been manifested in the work than ever before, showing that our officers have given their time and thought to the work. Texarkana paid most on conference pledge, Little Rock district most for conference expense fund, El Dorado paid most for connectional work and First Church Little Rock most for local work. Mrs. W. J. Wignall of Vandervoort made a gift of \$1,000.00 to the Dallas Rescue Home, total finances \$15,000.00. Mrs. McLellan reported 8 auxiliaries taking Reading Course, 14 Bible Study, 3,600 bulletins sent out, 240 letters written, 300 circulars, which shows the good work of that officer. Mrs. Thos. Buzbee reported 14 boxes of supplies sent, \$120.00 to the San Francisco sufferers. Mrs. John Ware (now Ragland) of Texarkana gave a scholarship." The writer is struck with the smallness of the financial standard at that time, when, besides the 10c a month dues, 5c conference expense fund, we plead for an extra dollar a year for the support of the work; we should be thankful that our Lord did not spurn our small gifts, but on the other hand He has blessed them in His mighty way.

The president's call to greater, fuller service said:

"The greatest need today is the awakening of our people to a realization of their duty. My heart yearns for the wasted energy of our women; sometimes it is the most precious moments of a life hidden in a napkin which has been drawn into patterns of beautiful embroidery which may never go farther than milady's dining room; again it is for the women who amuse themselves day after day with things not worth their while."

Touching upon Americanism, she said:

"The future destiny of our country lies not in the strength of our well equipped and magnificent war vessels, but in the little tug boats that transport the incoming millions of foreigners from New York Harbor to Ellis Island and the harbor at Galveston for inspection. Already the warning is being sounded that the Bolshevik has threatened to terrorize our beautiful America, and nothing but Christianization will keep down the red flag in any nation, and 'God's opportunities wait neither man's convenience nor inclination;' they flash before us, but we can grasp and send them into eternity freighted with blessing.

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The new year stretches out before us as one of failure or success; what it becomes tomorrow will be largely what we build into it today. Let us seek the treasures of mind and soul which shall cause us to be numbered among the daughters of the King."

The last chapter of "the Morning Glory" must have been the real experience of the writer at that annual meeting, but her real happiness in entertaining the Conference may never have been fully expressed.

Memories of that meeting bring to mind the loyalty of our women, which grace is brought out at each annual meeting, I dare say, and the names of Mesdames David Beitler, Charles Birnbaum, O. L. Parker, J. L. Wadley, Jno. Proctor, A. E. Jennings, and a host of others not already mentioned in these pages.

The writer remembers her consternation in looking after all the details of this meeting—who was president, chairman of providing homes, and meeting of trains, etc.

The downpour of rain occasioned the need of umbrellas to get from carriage to church and, after answering many telephone calls before the first session, she handed three umbrellas to her little daughter, saying: "Put these telephones in the corner, dear."

She remembers another moment of consternation when, one morning at breakfast, waffles were served and dear Mrs. Burton, whose life was like a dainty, delicate flower, said: "No, thank you," and the hostess, with her mind more on the meeting than on the eating, had provided no other bread! Kind Providence, just at that needed moment, brought the bread man to the door, and the rolls were quickly added to the otherwise scarce menu of the "staff of life."

The beautiful entertainment given by the Florine Brigade, now known as the Juveniles, was a testimonial of the devoted service of their leader, Mrs. Frances Patterson Sorrells, wife of Mr. W. S. Sorrells, of Central Church, and who on December 10, 1912, passed to her reward.

With the special graces of attractive personality, liberality of a consecrated wealth and willingness of spirit, she gave her Lord her best, and not only her loved ones,

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her church and her friends were bereft, but the world has been poorer since she went away. She was our "Lady Bountiful," and hundreds of children mourned when she went away, for at Christmas time it was her custom to have a large Christmas tree and have many children for her guests. She who "wept for her children because they were not" gave not only temporal joy to the many about her, but by her beautiful character lived out to all classes, inspired them to be like her, the kind benefactress, the "Lady Bountiful" of Hot Springs.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WARREN—MAY 18-22, 1907.

Editor: Miss Allye Belle Wadley

Late Friday night, May 17, the first trainload of officers, delegates and visitors to the Twenty-ninth Annual Missionary Meeting arrived at Warren and were met by Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Evans and a committee of ladies and gentlemen of Warren, by whom the delegates were taken in charge and assigned to their various homes.

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On Saturday evening, after the devotional service conducted by Rev. W. F. Evans, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, president of the local auxiliary, in a gracious and cordial way welcomed the Conference Society to Warren. After a beautiful solo sung by Mrs. Darby, little Dorothy Thompson lifted her sweet, childish treble in a most hearty welcome, forming an acrostic from the word "welcome," which hung in living letters of green on the wall back of the chancel. Then, as if to "make assurance doubly sure," Miss Jessie Turner, in behalf of the Missionary Department of the Epworth League, brought greetings which made all feel it was indeed good to be there.

Miss Allye Belle Wadley represented the Conference Society in a response of thanks and appreciation for all courtesies extended.

At the conclusion of this service a most enjoyable informal reception was held in the church parlors.

Miss Repass, the teacher of dramatic expression in the Presbyterian Training School of Warren, added much to the evening's pleasure by cleverly reading several popular selections.

Rev. James Thomas, commissioner of education for the state of Arkansas, preached the annual sermon. He read the fourteenth chapter of St. Luke, taking as a text the twenty-third verse of that chapter.

Appreciation of the presence of Miss Eliza Perkinson of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was shown in the large audiences that greeted her, and her messages from Brazil, where she had served as missionary for twelve years, were stirring and deeply appreciated.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Evans were ever thoughtful and helpful as pastor host to the meeting.

Several things marked this meeting as one of special interest, one being that it was at Warren, the home of the first Foreign Missionary Society in our church, and Mrs. M. A. Price, one of the charter members, was present, as were Mesdames R. H. M. Mills, E. V. Carr and other early workers, and the daughter of Mrs. H. D.

McKinnon, Miss Henry McKinnon, was recommended for Scarritt Bible and Training School at this meeting, and Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss retired after her long and splendid service as president, and Mrs. James Thomas was elected president.

Helpful talks and papers were given by Mesdames J. T. Sifford, Chidester, Proctor and P. C. Barksdale, the latter on "Medical Missions," which was ordered published as a leaflet. Miss Clara Loyd of Hot Springs gave a reading on "Pundita Ramabai," Mrs. J. R. Wilson a sketch of Lockie Rankin, and Mrs. B. S. Atkinson a pen picture of "John William, Missionary to the South Sea Islands." Miss Perkinson spoke of Mr. Yun, and a paper on "Mission Study" sent by Mrs. M. J. Meade; also "My Duty to the Heathen," by Mrs. A. S. DeLemar. Misses Rachel Hill and Myrtle Langston presented a delightful evening program with Young People and Children.

Miss A. B. Wadley was recording secretary, which office entails much work during the meeting and a hasty arrangement of minutes between sessions, and she, being the youngest of the official members, was usually placed far from the "meeting house," giving the nearby places to the elder members. When asked for data for this history, she said: "I only remember I was the farthest out from the church, and the long walks, the writing of the minutes, and the busy hours of the sessions consumed the memory section of my brain and I cannot recall any action of the meeting."

Fortunately, at a late hour the 1910 minutes were sent the writer by Mrs. W. W. Christie and this record is the result. More and more as the writer has sought reports does she see the necessity of permanent record, such as this record may be.

The last words of the Conference were a tender parting message from the retiring president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, who requested all to repeat with her "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name."

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MRS. JAMES THOMAS

Arkansas has contributed to Methodism many of her great preachers and no less has she produced great women to carry on the work committed to their care, among whom is the name and work of Mrs. James Thomas. Again it is noted that the Methodist parsonage gave another valued asset to Missions, for Ella Hayes McRae, who later became the wife of Rev. James Thomas, was the daughter of Rev. T. W. Hayes, who for sixty years was an itinerant preacher.

We do not know of a woman better qualified for conducting the affairs of the Lord's work than Mrs. Thomas. Wise in judgment, helpful in counsel, far-seeing in vision, kind in spirit, devoted in service and consecrated in life, Mrs. Thomas was a leader who guided well the affairs of the Conference with a character as stable, as firm as may be found in all the church.

Elected recording secretary of the Conference in 1894 at Malvern and corresponding secretary of the Foreign Missionary Conference in Hope at the 1895 meeting, she represented her co-laborers at the sessions

of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board with faithfulness and distinction. At the 1907 meeting at Warren, Mrs. Thomas was made president, serving most acceptably the Foreign Society till 1912, when she was elected president of the united society.

At the 1914 meeting at Magnolia she felt constrained to give up the work and would not consider re-election and became chairman of the Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund, which the Conference projected at that meeting, and which was completed in the few years following. Mrs. Thomas was also custodian of the John F. Taylor Fund, which she kept invested and handled with much care.

She was the recognized leader of any church she served and, beside being a true pastor's wife, she led the missionary forces, and the results of her work were shown in increased interest and finances. The Conference attested their love and deep appreciation of her labors by conferring the office of honorary president upon her, which she gracefully filled till called to rest from her labors in the Home she so richly deserved.

The devoted husband, the loyal, faithful and tender daughters know where to find her; there we all shall meet her—in the household of God.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING — HOME MISSION,
NASHVILLE—APRIL 17-21, 1908.

The Nashville meeting, April 17-21, 1908, is remembered as the Mae McKenzie meeting, when the deaconess from Crossett shed a spiritual radiance that lighted each service and was caught in the story of "The Morning Glory" that pictured her work in Arkansas.

Spoken words of greeting by Mrs. Florence Park and messages from Mrs. Hotchkiss, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and Mrs. W. H. Johnson were responded to by Mrs. V. S. McLellan, vice-president of the Conference.

Rev. Forney Hutchinson, one of Nashville's own (Dr. Hutchinson now), delivered an address on "The Home and Its Relationship," bringing out the union of

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home and church. We were glad that Rev. Hutchinson had answered the call to preach, as he told us had come to him as he was plowing the fields near Nashville; that as he would plan to be a merchant, or physician, or other business man, the ever-recurring question would meet him at the end of the row: "But what about preaching?" Oklahoma and many other states join Arkansas in rejoicing that he said: "Here, Lord, am I; use me."

We were also rejoiced that our treasurer, Miss Lizzie McKinnon, had come back from her sojourn in Texas, even though it took a man to coax her, as she was at this meeting presented as Mrs. F. C. Floyd. A silver tea service was presented to her as a token of the love and appreciation of her co-laborers in the Conference.

Miss Edith Curl of Hot Springs, treasurer pro tem, reported:

Amount sent to conference treasurer..\$	3,681.14
Local and supplies	9,462.44
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Total	\$13,143.58

and that the banner district was Arkadelphia. (This is to encourage the present incumbent.)

Mesdames L. M. Daly, Hunter of Fordyce, C. L. Harvey, Fannie Pyle, John Ware, B. F. Rudolph and J. P. Holmes had papers, and much is said about the stirring speeches of Mrs. W. C. Watson in her strong appeal for the Young People's work. It has been the marvel of many how Mrs. Watson, with babies—sick babies and well babies—and the duties of a preacher's wife, could accomplish so much, and God has surely blessed her sacrificial service by making the work of her hands grow wherever she goes. Rev. A. P. Few, the pastor host, was ever kind, and Revs. T. H. Ware, L. E. N. Hundley and J. T. Howell were visitors. Miss Wirta Robinson Bell added much to the program. Mrs. Kirk reported 706 tithers and made an earnest plea for active workers in securing tithers. Mrs. McLellan reported 696 subscribers to "Our Homes," 338 taking Reading Course, 4,800 bulletins, 400 letters sent.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pemberton, reported \$350.00 given to parsonages, new organizations in every district, that the Little Rock Conference was greatly honored by the Woman's Board in that one of the small number of deaconesses, and with many calls for them, was sent to Arkansas, and Miss McKenzie has done a blessed work in Crossett, and said: "This is the fourth time we have enjoyed the hospitality of Prescott district. This Society being organized in this district, it is not strange that we love to come back to their homes of culture."

The president's address sounded the usual note of joy and urge to greater service, as "When this Conference has a Methodist hospital we should be ready to help," but not until the General Conference of 1922 was any definite step made as to building hospitals. Then occur these words:

"May our passage through life not be marked by the leafage of human souls strewn along the brooks of death, by our failure of duty, but be seen in everlasting fruit by the river of life.

"Life is like a painting upon which we must each day add some color, bright and gay or dull and sombre. Maybe it is yours to add to its light and fleecy cloud life, maybe mine the deep tones of its dark shadows, and another the glowing sunny skies, but whatever the colors, may they be so tinged with love as to make the picture divine, for this life is a prelude to eternity.

"Whatever our environs, let us work as did the artists of old so we may fashion a masterpiece, a picture so lofty in its conceptions of the ideal, perfect in its proportions, beautiful in its execution, a copy of that masterpiece done by the Great Artist, whose firmament showeth his handiwork and who stretched out the heavens as a curtain and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ansley was open to the president, and the spirit of the Christian home was manifest in these two young people and their baby son, who had started well in the establishment of this great institution—the home as founded by God when he "set the solitary in families." Mr. Ansley was especially kind to the president, at that time taking her to the evening sessions at night in his buggy, while the others took a near cut over the hill to the church, and

Mrs. Ansley not only ministered to the wants of her guests in the most hospitable fashion, but sang in the choir during the meeting and rendered most beautiful solos. We had our picture taken, but the writer wished she had been absent, as the maternity gown did not "take well."

This meeting was marked by the presence of Miss Mae McKenzie, the first deaconess at Crossett, the foundation of the story written later by the president, "The Morning Glory."

If ever there was a pure breath from Heaven it was Miss McKenzie. Her perfect submission to the will of the Master was so etched in the mind of the writer that it came at the slightest bidding in "The Morning Glory," which has been kindly called the "perfect picture of a perfect life." It was never a biography—only a picture of the life of a deaconess who had crossed the writer's path but once, at the Nashville meeting. For years it was the custom for the humble president and the honored corresponding secretary to be entertained together, so the first night after we had retired and talked a long time about the work, Mrs. Pemberton said: "Mrs. Williams, what is this about my neck like lace?" I said: "It is lace on the sheet, and Mrs. Ansley surely took us for quality and got out her fine sheets," then telling her the story of my black mammy who said the white folks of older days, when company came, had their quality sense tested by carrying cayenne pepper or snuff through the room. If they sneezed, the servant said to the mistress, "Coarse sheets"; if not, she called out proudly, "Fine sheets, Missus." All through Arkansas are most beautiful linens, sheets, towels with exquisite hand-made lace and embroideries, attesting the beautiful and painstaking work of the womanhood of our state to make home attractive. Only the writer did think a certain young lady carried it too far when she said she wanted to make ninety pillows for her cozy corner. But once, she remembers, with Mrs. E. R. Steel in the home of Mrs. Prothro at Dermott that the linens were so exquisite we hated to soil them, and in the early morn-

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ing hour to meet a 5 o'clock train, we looked about for a plain towel to dry our plain hands upon. The exquisite damask, with its elaborate embroidery, seemed too fine for hands that had served in hardest duties for home and children, and we spared the beautiful linen for hands more dainty than our home-manicured servants with their ten digits that feared not any task.

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MALVERN—JUNE 10-14, 1908.

Editor: Miss A. B. Wadley

When the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference met in Malvern in 1908, it was history repeating itself, for it was the fourth time that this hospitable little town had opened its doors to this organization with most cordial hospitality.

Many of the older members will recall the desire to have made it a jubilee meeting for Sister Hotchkiss in honor of her twenty-fifth anniversary as president had she remained in that position for that year, but now we know that it would still have lacked a year till a twenty-fifth celebration could have been enjoyed, but she was

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still honored as president in loving thought and tenderness, and, history repeating itself in Malvern entertaining the Conference for the fourth time, maintained her record in the religious fervor and high quality of the meeting.

Mrs. T. J. Norsworthy gave greeting, to which Mrs. T. S. Buzbee responded.

Mrs. Hotchkiss presented greetings from Mrs. F. M. Williams, president of the Home Mission Conference Society.

Again Judge and Mrs. Vance's home was opened for the reception. The presence of Miss M. L. Gibson, president of the Scarritt Bible and Training School; Miss Mae McKenzie, deaconess at Crossett, and Miss Virginia Howell, a missionary candidate, evidenced the fine meeting that such names would promise, and the record proves that all anticipations were fully realized.

The noonday Bible studies by Miss Gibson were strong and helpful, as are all her expositions of the Word, and her address, or illustrated lecture, in her characteristic and inimitable style, was the high point of the meeting. Miss Howell, in "My Call to Service," revealed the earnestness of purpose, the purity and joy of soul in her chosen life work and impressed her hearers with the sincerity of the motive that impelled her forward. Most encouraging news came from Miss Henry McKinnon, another missionary candidate in Scarritt. Again was the life of the founder of our work relived in the daughter who had given herself for missions. As a wise master builder, she laid the foundation "and another buildeth thereon." "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward," is assurance unto her who builded for the kingdom.

Dr. Werlein, of Winfield Church, preached the annual sermon on Sunday, and everything conspired to make it a great day. The text from John 20:21, "As my Father has sent me, even so send I you," was the foundation for a good sermon. "Christ began Missions, and individual responsibility awakens individual effort and puts into

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effort consecrated influence." The text for the evening message was "Come unto me, all ye that are weary," and brought out such latter day expressions as "Modern strenuous activity produces universal unrest, discontent, anxiety of mind and soul. Christ, the great panacea for sin-sickness, the sweet soother of weary souls, gives to all the invitation 'Come unto me'."

The gifted Mrs. J. T. Sifford of Camden presented "Our Periodicals." Miss Frances Smith of Hot Springs paper on "Relation of Mothers to Lady Managers of Juveniles" was ordered printed in the Methodist. Miss Smith is a niece and foster daughter of the sainted Mrs. A. E. Shippey of early days.

Mrs. Giles reported the board meeting in New Orleans, and the treasurer reported a total of \$4,683.30.

"Monticello district is the 'banner' district, having paid \$3.54 per capita. Texarkana paid the largest amount on pledge, but not so much per capita.

"Texarkana First Church is the 'banner' auxiliary, having paid \$10.53 per capita.

"Prescott district has shown more growth in numbers.

The heat of the June weather is intimated by the resolution of thanks to Mr. Reaves for "palm leaf fans."

The minutes of this Conference bore a very beautiful picture of Miss M. L. Gibson, whom we all love and venerate for her work, in which day by day she has not only builded the great institution of Scarritt College of Missions, but has builded into the character of the girls of the school, the things that make a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING, CROSSETT—APRIL 29-MAY 3, 1909.

Editors: Mesdames A. E. Sparling and Pemberton

If the delegates going to the annual meeting of April 29-May 3, 1909, had looked on the map for Crossett, they could not have found it, for almost overnight it had sprung up, built by the Crossett Lumber Co., and has continued to be a model town after the first trying days of construction were past. Mr. E. W. Gates, whose wife was long an officer in the Foreign Missionary Society, Mr. Adam Trieschmann and other fine men builded well a city of civic righteousness, early adding a deaconess, the first in Arkansas, to their force.

Dr. J. M. Workman, the pastor, distinguished himself as a doer, showing his ability to bring things to pass which has later been manifested in the success of Henderson-Brown College under his administration.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met at Houston, Texas, in 1907 and Dr. Workman, seeing the need of a special worker in the mill town, went to Houston and applied for a deaconess. Miss Bennett and the Deaconess Committee met and discussed the call, but as there were only ten deaconesses at that time and one hundred calls, they promptly reported to him that the committee could not give him a deaconess that year. "But," replied Dr. Workman, "I have come for a deaconess and I cannot return without one."

By some strange providence which we cannot explain, Miss McKenzie was sent to Crossett, a small, almost unknown town in Arkansas, but where were men and

women awake to the needs of humanity and willing to support a worker to supply that need. Thus Miss McKenzie gave to the mill town of Arkansas the precious and hallowed service of her last years and was the inspiration of "The Morning Glory," written to picture her work—the work of a deaconess. Mrs. H. C. Rule opened her home to her as one of the family, and it was there she had the wonderful experience of the last day of her life, when many were brought to a saving knowledge of Christ as they bade her goodbye; it was there she died, and from that home and that life went out an influence of consecration and service that is felt in Crossett even to this day.

It was in answer to her cordial invitation given at Nashville the year before that we were at Crossett, and of our coming Mrs. Pemberton said:

"Tonight I am reminded of a beautiful painting which in the springtime of life hung on memory's wall for safekeeping.

"Years have passed and through the summer time and into the autumn the semblance of the picture has been a sacred and blessed possession. It represented a family gathered around the table for the evening meal, and there was one vacant chair. A little girl with face buried in her hands knelt beside the table, and there were traces of new sorrow in the faces of the sons and daughters seated around the table. Yet the uplifted countenance of the sorely bereaved wife and mother shone with a calm and wonderful light. With masterly skill and sympathetic touch the artist depicted the tender and pathetic scene, and the humble home seemed a holy place. The title of the picture was, 'The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.' Its message, scarcely heard in the long ago, has become a song—the pæan of victory is there. Shall we not hear it as we think of the Christly life and triumphant death of our beloved sister and co-laborer, Mae McKenzie? She is radiant today in our Father's house, and her influence shall abide forever in the earth. And shall not her trustfulness in Christ and her zeal in labors for Him make us purer and stronger? Truly we were blessed in having her to show us by word and deed the 'better way,' and again we meet to praise God for His goodness and mercy to us."

We were all glad to know Mrs. Rule and enjoyed her formal welcome, which was answered by Mrs. Carl Voss. Again were we blessed with the presence of Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Dallas and Miss Mable Head of

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Nashville, whose strong address on "The Great Awakening of the Church" and Bible lessons are helpful to this day.

The beautiful sermon by Rev. J. D. Hammons on "Soul Shadows" from Isa. 32 brought to mind the life work and character of great men and women, closing with the picture of Miss McKenzie's work at Crossett. Dr. J. H. Riggan, Revs. J. H. Cummins, J. A. Henderson, H. H. Watson, Hugh Revelly were visiting ministers. Papers by Mesdames S. B. Proctor, Forney Hutchinson, L. H. Dickerson, A. R. Stover and J. M. Workman, special music by Mrs. H. B. Lyde, Misses Lena Harrington, Jordon and Bethune, and Bible lessons from Mesdames M. L. Stone, Rule and the visiting pastors, made it a full and interesting meeting.

Mrs. W. C. Watson made a fine report of her work for the children, which went by the name of Florine Brigade. Mrs. McLellan, as first vice-president, reported the parsonage work as: "Number of parsonages in Conference, 177; number having no parsonage, 20." Total amount on local work and parsonages, \$2,005.03.

Mrs. Floyd as treasurer reported: Total reported to conference treasurer, \$12,405.48. Mrs. Pemberton reported 2,736 members in Adult, Young People and Juveniles, closing her report with an interesting description of her Sabbath spent at City Roads Chapel in London, England. The president said: "Cheerfulness is the good weather of the heart, and may we assume our responsibilities in such a happy mood that our year's work will be like a beautiful day in spring when the song of birds and perfumes of blossoms fill the air and make the whole world glad."

The Crossett meeting had for its president that year a nursing mother, who could not very well leave the eight-month-old Esther Katherine at home, and the oldest daughter, Alene, was requisitioned to assist the nurse in keeping the baby while the president was giving her annual address, but lo! the Baraca door was opened and the nurse said to a preacher sitting near by, "Tell Mrs.

Williams her baby is crying," and the preacher quickly answered, "Tell the baby her mother is speaking."

It would be a hazardous thing to do today, but then we may say again, "We got along very well." The mother finished her speech—and many others I dare say—the baby showed no ill effects from the trip, and the older sister had her first beau on that trip, at the early age of fourteen.

Mrs. H. C. Rule was the delightful hostess, and the children, John, Helen and Herbert, seemed more delighted with the guest because of the baby and the big sister, and we tried to be helpful in buttoning Helen's dresses and tying ribbon bows for her as well as for our own.

The Crossett meeting stands out as one of the high spots in the twenty years' missionary experience of the writer, for the influence of the pure life of Miss Mae McKenzie pervaded the town and the co-operation of the people of Crossett to make it a good place to dwell in was felt by all who entered its borders, and surely it was for us who had been taken into the home life of the people in the most hospitable way.

The trip to the woods and to the camp was a new experience to many and the logging train an interesting experience.

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MAY 6-10, 1909, FIRST
CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.

Editor: Mrs. George Thornburgh.

The date of a month earlier indicates the fear that Pine Bluff might not provide "palm leaf" fans as Malvern had done, so we find the Thirty-first Annual Meeting, at First Church Pine Bluff, held in May for the first time since organization at Hot Springs in 1878.

Mrs. T. Y. Ramsey, in the name of the ladies of Pine Bluff Methodism, welcomed the Conference Society, in earnest and well-chosen words, and with a most cordial manner made all feel it was good to be there. Mrs. H. C. Rule, representing the Conference body, graciously responded in voicing the appreciation of the visitors. Miss Daisy Davies, the field secretary of the Woman's Board, being the guest of honor of the Society, was formally introduced to the congregation, and in a brief, happy manner, expressed pleasure at being present on this occasion.

Deep regret was felt at the absence of Mrs. Hotchkiss and the following greeting from her was read:

Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 7, 1910.

Dear Sister Thomas, and Ladies of Executive Committee:

As the old war horse turns toward the field, at first note of the bugle call, my heart thrills in every active movement of our Woman's Work, and I would *be there*. If I felt that there was *necessity* for my presence, I would forego all personal comfort, and be with you. But, for circumstances which you would appreciate, I must deny myself the extreme pleasure it would afford. Please remember me in your opening devotions, and know that in spirit, I shall be with you, praying for you the continued guidance of the Holy One. There is much to rejoice our hearts. The seal of God upon our work, grows brighter, and surely we have no mean part, in sending on the Light. Let us pray that the best and holiest wisdom may direct the committee

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which at the General Conference will have to deal with changes in our Board. I hope to be at Texarkana, but I now live only a day at a time, and cannot reach out afar, unless it be, by faith to view the bright land beyond.

Please read First Thessalonians, first chapter, latter clause of first verse, with second and third verses and may all God's good blessings be with you.

Your old co-laborer in the bonds of Christ,

SISTER HOTCHKISS.

As it happened more than once, Mrs. Hotchkiss recuperated so rapidly that she later attended the meeting and we find her conducting devotionals, giving inspirational addresses, taking up the usual collection and giving a "review of the 20 years work of Mrs. McAlmont as treasurer of the Conference. An interesting contrast was shown from the sum collected in 1879 of \$166.08 to the total of this year, \$5,342.95 after 30 years' growth."

Mrs. J. R. Watkins of Lakeside was hostess to the First Church guests at a reception which came early in the meeting and the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cross was opened for another reception held later in the week. The president, Mrs. Thomas, "recounted the main events in the progress of the past year's work, all tending toward a triumphant advance," Mrs. Giles reporting the Board meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn.

It was said of Miss Daisy Davies in her addresses to the Conference, "She is a product of our strenuous age, she puts all the strength, fervor and enthusiasm of a mighty will and a strong constitution in her purposeful mission of enlisting the youth of Southern Methodism in the work of missions."

An unexpected pleasure was experienced by all who heard the poem, "Meditations," written and read by Mrs. J. T. Sifford. Believing in the good doctrine of "more taffy and less epitaphy," Mrs. Sifford chose this method of paying honor to Mrs. Lou Hotchkiss, who has just finished the twenty-sixth year of active service in this Conference Society.

From the following resolution we note that they, who have not eyes, see the need of others more wretched than they:

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Resolved, It is with sincere gratitude that the W. F. M. S. of Little Rock Conference acknowledge and accept the liberal offer of the children of the Blind School at Little Rock to give \$40.00 to support a scholarship in one of our schools. Miss Davies, field secretary of Y. P. work, recommends that they take a scholarship in a school in Korea. May they find much joy in this service and realize the blessedness of giving.

Respectfully,

MRS. P. C. BARSDALE,
MRS. PRATT BACON."

Rev. W. M. Manville, Mrs. L. H. Reeves, Miss Eva Shoppach, Mrs. Florence Hearn, with the aid of music from Mrs. Pratt Bacon and Walter Scott of Texarkana, furnished splendid material for the children's and young people's hour.

Rev. Frank Barrett of Asbury Church preached the annual sermon from the text Mark 16:15, the universal missionary text of "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

"In many ways the thirty-first annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Society was the best in its history. Nothing occurred to mar the harmony of the sessions. Everything worked together for the good of the Conference. The pledges made for increased membership and enlarged finances were unprecedented, and a sense of more deeply spiritual, unselfish, self-denying service seemed to have actuated every working plan for advance along all lines for the coming year."

"Go quickly and tell" is the message these officers were to bear in the coming year.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING—STAMPS,
MAY 13-17, 1910.

In the seventeen years during which the writer was president it was her good fortune to attend every annual meeting except one, the sixteenth, which was held at Stamps. It was not on account of floods nor overflows which had not stopped us in other years, it was not from any pleasure that interferred or personal illness, but the baby was sick. We know too well the need of the mother in the home at such times so the pleasure of the meeting, the inspiration of the speakers and fellowship of the co-laborers, all these were denied the president that year and she felt the poorer all the year. It was an unusual disappointment for it was the first time a house had been built specially to entertain the writer and other delegates for the meeting.

It came about this way; Mrs. Robert Buchanan, you know the big lumber people, had invited the president and others to be her guests expecting to have a new home at some future time. But lo! a woman changes her mind and she decides she wants a new house for her guests, and presto! it was built. The president has never seen this home built for her and others, but the consolation came in duty done and in the recovery of the sick baby who for two years figured so distinctly in the annual meetings.

We know it was a good meeting the people said so, and the work grew under the inspiration of it.

The pastor host, Rev. W. R. Harrison opened the Friday evening service with devotions based on John 12, Mary and Martha, after which greetings were extended by Mrs. W. R. Boney and Mrs. S. B. Proctor in her response likened the power of the women in the church to Niagara, whose unused power has become a worthy servant. "With Mrs. V. S. McLellan, vice-president, in the chair the spirit of helpfulness was dominant and the sessions were profitable and harmonious."

Guests were Miss Willena Henry, deaconess at Crossett, whose Bible talks were sweet and tender, Mrs.

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F. B. Rudolph, a pioneer worker, and Dr. A. C. Millar, who preached a strong sermon on "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" and of man's utter dependence upon the ministrations of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Revs. J. R. Sanders, J. L. Leonard, and D. E. D. Brown, were visitors. Excellent papers by Mesdames J. H. Hamiter, F. K. Mosely, Mann, Geo. Spencer and Mrs. Edgar Wyatt of Hot Springs who in her admirable talk on "Woman's Place in the Church" said, "It is our place first and foremost to publish the Glad Tidings and may the story not lose in the telling, but be magnified in sweetness and power." By courtesy of the Study Club of Stamps, the Conference was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart.

Mrs. McLellan reported "200 letters written by hand, 500 mimeographed letters, 1,250 mimeographed bulletins." Of 180 letters to preachers containing addressed postals to know their sentiment on Laity rights for women, 105 were answered; 85 reporting favorable, 20 not favorable, we are glad to state that the other 75 answered favorable at the annual conference when the vote was unanimous for Laity Rights for Women. This was due largely to the splendid work of Mrs. Pemberton who was chairman of the Sixth Episcopal District in the promotion of this work. Mrs. Pemberton gave a report of the Home Mission Board meeting held in Nashville, Tenn., and in presenting the needs of the new Methodist Orphanage of Little Rock, \$150.00 was given to furnish the library, also \$100.00 given to the Little Rock Conference cottage at Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

Mrs. W. C. Watson reported total raised—

By Brigaders	\$ 381.79
By baby roll	282.19

The treasurer, Mrs. Floyd reported—

For local work	\$11,176.07
Connectional	4,329.62

Total	<u>\$15,505.69</u>
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Twenty boxes of supplies reported. The president's address was an urge to remove the "extra dollar" limit and give as the Lord has prospered us, and commending to the members of the Conference "The Morning Glory," the modest little flower with a message which reflects the life and work of Deaconess Mae McKenzie.

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, TEXARKANA, OCTOBER 19-23, 1910.

When the writer sent out the call for annual minutes of the Conferences that have been held since 1878, many kind friends responded here and there with journals till this record was completed except the 1910 Foreign Missionary report of the thirty-second annual meeting at Texarkana, and many times far into the night the question would come: "Where will you get the 1910 report?" Everybody was distraught, no one could remember much of the meeting, till in desperation a long search through the files of the Methodist at the state capitol revealed the fact that there were no minutes printed of the thirty-second annual meeting.

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It came about in this way: The meeting was held in October, and as Conference minutes are long in the process of making, it was decided to publish the report of the meeting in the Arkansas Methodist as it would be but a few months till another annual meeting.

The opening devotional was conducted by Rev. James Thomas, after which Mrs. A. S. DeLamar, president of the local auxiliary, extended welcome to which Mrs. L. W. Smith of Hot Springs responded, and a reception followed.

The honorary president, Mrs. Hotchkiss, was present and conducted devotionals and many enheartening talks, also the Memorial Service.

Mrs. Arch Trawick of Nashville, Tenn., represented the Foreign Mission Board and being lately from the Edinburgh Missionary Conference, was full of missionary enthusiasm.

The annual sermon was preached by Dr. J. H. Morris of Kansas City from Matt. 14:16, the collection which usually followed the sermon was \$308.

Rev. James Thomas closed the Conference with a missionary address on the "Power of Money."

The treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Gates, reported \$6,316.33 which was an average of \$4.27 per member and was a surplus of \$57 over all obligations.

Miss Clara McRae conducted a "Model Juvenile Program" which was to be "broadcast" over the Conference.

The writer noted the improvement in our "column" in the Methodist. Of course there were two societies then, the Home and Foreign, and it seemed a pity to see a squib here on Home Missions, or there on Foreign, a column headed Woman's Home Mission Society, and one headed Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, sometimes two such columns of each department and sometimes none, scattered with no accustomed place. The editors of the Home Mission column in 1910 being Mrs. J. A. Looney, White River Conference; Mrs. V. S. McLellan, Little Rock Conference; Mrs. J. L. Bryant, Arkansas Conference; Mrs. Tom McSpadden, Oklahoma

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Conference, and Mrs. W. P. Agee, editor for the Foreign, with Mrs. H. C. Rule reporting the 1910 meeting as late as December, and we presumed that right of way had been given the four annual conferences represented by the Arkansas Methodist at that time.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold reviewed the different mission fields, Mrs. Rule told of Scarritt Bible and Training School, Mrs. Pratt Bacon furnished lovely music, Annie Schuler, Frankie Bistline, and Cornelia Bacon represented the Juvenile in evening, Rev. James Thomas conducted the noonday devotionals, and Dr. Philip Cone Fletcher gave a strong missionary address in his delightful and inimitable style.

So the Texarkana meeting was just another one of those great occasions that has marked her history as she has stood out in the history of Arkansas Methodism.

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Prescott—Mrs. John McMath.
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Texarkana—Mrs. W. H. Arnold.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MAY 3-7, 1911, HOT SPRINGS.

Editor: Mrs. J. E. Sparks.

The progress of the annual meetings is as the progress of the Christian life, "it is better further on," and the Hot Springs meeting of 1911 marked an advance in

the spiritual progress of the Conference. Hot Springs is not only the Mecca for the sick and afflicted but it is said, "Everybody likes to go to Hot Springs" and there is always a full delegation to all Conferences and conventions.

Whether or not there was a longing for a homecoming, as 33 years ago the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Hot Springs, there was a full delegation and the meeting was no disappointment.

The first session was Wednesday evening, May 3rd, and Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, honorary life president, in a tender, motherly way, welcomed the Conference Society, the sincerity of which was deeply felt by the visitors, as every one knows the missionary cause was nearest the heart of this dear saint.

The record throughout bespeaks the readiness to fall in line in the union of the two conferences. A letter from Mrs. Cobb of the Woman's Missionary Council, was read, and a resolution by Mrs. Thornburgh adopted that delegates from the two conferences consult concerning the matter of union. The news of the resignation of Mrs. J. F. Giles on account of ill health occasioned much regret.

The honor guests at this meeting were of exceptional type, Mrs. J. F. Campbell, missionary from Korea, Dr. William A. Brown, missionary to the Philippines, and our own now Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, of University Place Church, St. Louis.

Mrs. Campbell, in her address, said "Korea is America's trophy, only American branches of Methodist and Presbyterian churches at work there. The extravagant waste of America would keep in force enough to Christianize the world. The price of one steeple on American church would erect a whole building in Korea. If we win Korea for Christ, the world will have its missionaries for the Orient."

Dr. Brown, rightly called the "Sunshine Missionary" gave a great annual sermon on "Watchman, what of the night" from Rev. 11:15 in which he thrilled his hearers with "the achievement of this, the greatest missionary

age, is the open world to missionary progress, mastered languages, translation of the Bible into 567 tongues and the quantity of converts."

"The Missionary Invasion of the Philippines" was the subject of Dr. Brown's Sunday evening address, "and awakened a deeper interest in our adopted brothers and sisters of the island kingdom."

Rev. Holt's theme on Friday evening was the "True Missionary Motive," reviewing the progress of evangelization from the Pauline Missionary endeavors to the present day. "It was a happy thought that brought 'Ivan Lee' back to his home conference and admirably did he measure up to the early promise his youthful earnestness and eloquence gave."

Arkansas did herself proud in giving another choice spirit to the Methodist ministry. Rev. Forney Hutchinson then pastor host of Central Church. He tells that when being christened, Dr. J. E. Godbey whispered to his mother to get his full name and she said "Forney is all" and Dr. Godbey reverently said "Forneys All, I baptize you." He is "all the Forney" to the people of Arkansas, and made no small contribution to this meeting by the strong and helpful noonday Bible Studies, on the preparation for missions.

Acts 1:8 was the basis of these lessons.

"The power of the Holy Spirit was defined as the power of a good life. Just as a battering ram is used to break down a stonewall, so does God use the influence of a good life to destroy the strong bulwarks of prejudice, ignorance and sin. A good life was defined as one that is absolutely clean and pure, one that has gained control over the sins of the flesh, of the disposition, the petty vices of jealousy, envy, pride and anger; one that is consistent and wholesome in spiritual things. We should be 'portable evidences of Christian missions,' men and women whose lives and souls are spirit-filled and whose lives are testimonies of His power."

The second lesson brought out the thought of the Holy Spirit as the power of an unselfish love and the third as the power of patient endurance.

"The steady-going type is found in one who is gracious in abuse, who has forbearance under ill treatment, is resigned in

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affliction, persistent under difficulties, willing to pay the price and in whom is invested the pure power of the Holy Spirit.

"The Delegate's Hour" was led by Mrs. F. M. Williams, who graciously consented at a late moment to substitute for Mrs. E. V. Carr. This was conducted in open parliament in which many helpful and pertinent points were brought out and developed."

Papers by Mrs. L. W. Smith of Hot Springs, Mrs. Clem Farrar, Mrs. Thornburgh, Miss Edith Curl, Mrs. Riffin, Mrs. McCaughey, Mrs. J. M. Stinson and Mrs. Forney Hutchinson were of high quality and music by Miss Wadley specially mentioned.

Mrs. James Thomas gave a comprehensive report of the joint Board meetings which culminated in the Woman's Missionary Council at St. Louis. Thus is united the two streams of missionary endeavor into one mighty river which shall cover the earth in its life giving flow as the waters cover the sea.

"I consider one of the most important actions taken by our late General Conference, was the unification of our Missionary forces, for in union there is strength. The women of the church have for years conducted their own societies in the interest of home and foreign missions. They have accomplished remarkable results; but, with the great united forces, we will advance."

And thus "all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord."

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL HOME MISSION MEETING, CAMDEN—MAY 10-15, 1911.

Editors: Mesdames Sparling and Pemberton.

The memory of the Camden meeting, May 10-15, 1911, bears with it the high light of Miss Bennett's presence, and those who touched her life there realized anew the strength of her personality and the tenderness of her interest in individuals. She came to us full of inspiration from the great Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland, to which she was delegate, and of her trip to the Holy Land. We have realized, in these years of her wonderful life, that the secret of her power was knowing God's word, doing His will. She seemed so happy to be with us and, in lending her great life to us those few days, she added more to the history of our Conference than can be told in words, but it will be felt in the days to come. We gave her flowers, drives, dinners, receptions, all of which she appreciated, but what her heart most yearned for was that we be filled with the Christ Spirit and minister to His needy ones.

Service was the keynote of the Camden meeting, sounded in Bible lessons, talks and papers, and surely the good people of Camden showed the spirit of service in their welcome to the Conference, as expressed in words by Miss Lalah Thornton (and indeed by everyone of Camden), Mrs. A. E. Sparling of Little Rock responding for the Conference. There was no happier soul than Mrs. W. C. Watson, who, with her husband, was serving Camden Church. She showed us how a full missionary society could be conducted, from the Cradle Roll members in their mothers' arms to the Adult. Her report gave evidence of her activity in the Brigade work.

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Royal ribbons with letters in gold were presented to delegates on the Honor Roll. Mrs. Floyd reported:

For connection work.....	\$ 4,674.06
Local	13,664.27
Total	<u>\$18,388.33</u>

Camden station and Camden district paid most to connectional work, Arkadelphia district paid most for local work, Little Rock First Church paid most for local work, Malvern a close second. Miss Edith Curl reported supplies to the value of \$957.25; \$500.00 was appropriated to an endowed scholarship at Scarritt and \$2,000.00 pledged at the Conference for Home Mission educational institutions. The little figure in black was Deaconess Willena Henry of Crossett, who told us of her work and gave sweet Bible lessons. Surely in her was "bread cast upon the waters returning after many days," for she is the great-granddaughter of Rev. Jno. Henry, founder of the first Methodist church in Arkansas.

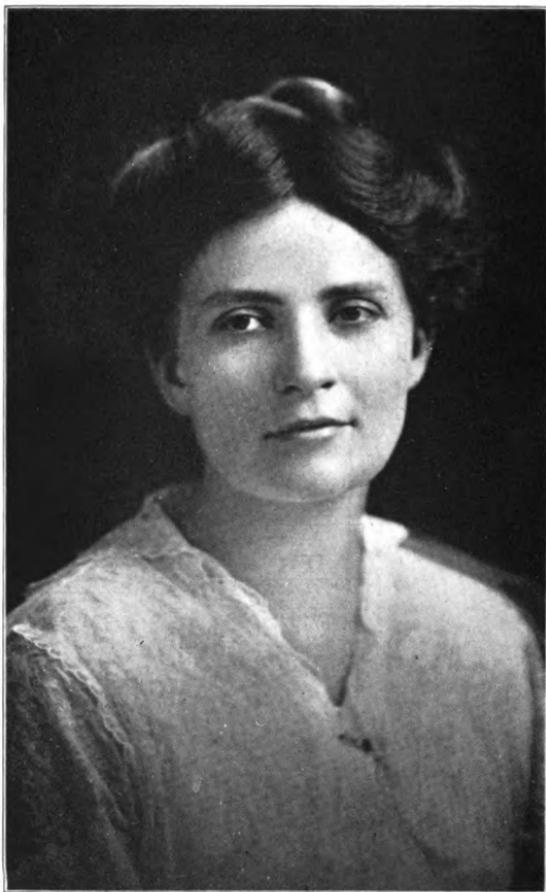
In Mrs. Pemberton's report she said: "In the providence of God, the little society nurtured by Miss Lizzie Stinson of Camden and beloved throughout Arkansas has grown and spread out until not only has the Little Rock Conference received a blessing, but through the Woman's Board and Home Missions its beneficence has been felt throughout the bounds of the M. E. Church, South," and a resolution of thanks was given for a scholarship to Scarritt or Nashville presented to our Conference by the Little Rock Conference Epworth League. Two thousand two hundred and twenty-one members were reported, 862 subscribers to Missionary Voice, and Mrs. Edgar Wyatt honored with a life membership by Central Church Young People, Hot Springs, and also reported the first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council held in St. Louis Mo.

In the president's address, unity was urged in these words:

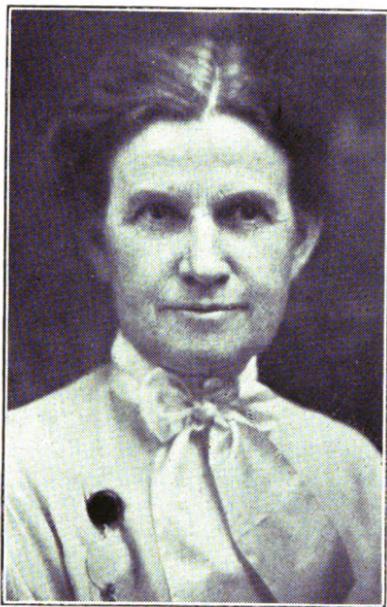
"Unification of missions is no new hope of mine for in the first address ever delivered as your president, the hope was



MRS. H. L. REMMEL.



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The memorial roll bore names of those who had early laid the foundations of this now great work, and beautiful tributes were paid these, among whom was the former president, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
ARKADELPHIA—MARCH 16-20, 1912.

Editor: Mrs. J. E. Sparks.

When the Home and Foreign Missionary societies met in joint session at Arkadelphia, March 16-20, 1912, it seemed we had always met together, so united were we in purpose, so happy were we in association, and were we not in large majority the same women in the two auxiliaries; and further, in the year previous to the meeting a large number of the two societies had already united. The two presidents, Mesdames Jas. Thomas and F. M. Williams, alternated in presiding, each preferring one another in honor.

So without a jolt or jar the one Conference Society was perfected, the sweetest harmony prevailed, and the work has steadily gone on.

Mrs. C. A. Evans, who served as superintendent of Young People's Work, also Literature and Press, gave choice words of welcome, and Miss Gussie Jones of Pine Bluff responded for the Conference. Loving greetings from Mrs. Hotchkiss were read by Mrs. L. W. Smith, and regret was expressed at her absence at this first joint meeting on account of illness. The guests of honor were Mesdames J. S. Bloodworth and A. F. Watkins, and a happy pair they were. Mrs. Bloodworth a woman with an experience (especially in trying out the little three-room parsonages), Mrs. Watkins a woman of advantage, and the Conference was enriched by their Bible lessons, addresses and institutes which they conducted.

The scholarly pastor host, Rev. H. E. Wheeler, with most reverent and spiritual manner preached the annual sermon on "Living Epistles," or the "Gospel We Profess." The Conference showed full appreciation of our Henderson-Brown College and enjoyed a complimentary program given by the Conservatory of Music and a reception tendered the Conference by Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Crowell, and also the good music under the direction of Miss Amanda Dye. Drs. J. M. Workman, J. H.

Riggin, A. O. Evans and T. D. Scott were visitors, but the women seemed to have been quite independent at this meeting, as they conducted all the devotions and addresses, save one (and it *was* said they were of excellent quality). Mrs. Marion S. Monk of Stephens served as recording secretary in the absence of Mrs. A. E. Sparling, detained on account of illness.

Mrs. Barkmen conducted the memorial hour with that dignity that has marked her long service in the Conference as district secretary and superintendent of Social Service.

This joint meeting was composed of a large number of very choice women, all of whom deserve mention, but we remember especially the spiritual devotions of Mrs. A. S. DeLemar of Texarkana, Mrs. J. C. Ware, and the high tone of all the addresses of this meeting. Miss A. B. Wadley, vice-president of the Foreign Society, came late and Mrs. L. E. Wyatt of Hot Springs, press superintendent of Home Mission Society, made amends for her one day's presence by her splendid report.

Mrs. W. C. Watson reported 800 Brigaders, 400 on Baby Roll. Mrs. Moffett Rhodes reported 14 new Young People's societies; Mrs. Rule sent out 1,200 pieces of literature; Mrs. L. W. Smith of Hot Springs, vice-president of Foreign Society, said: "There is just one wall between the church of today and the accomplishment of giving the gospel to the whole world, and that wall is ignorance," urging us to become informed along missionary lines, that we may inform others.

Mrs. Pemberton reported 3,050 members, 851 subscribers to the Missionary Voice, 5,873 papers and leaflets distributed, 5,699 good garments distributed, \$100.00 given to the Virginia K. Johnson Training School at Dallas, and a last gift of \$300.00 to parsonages, as the brethren take over this department that for so many years has been a distinctive feature of the Woman's Home Mission Society. In the years of its history in that work the Little Rock Conference Home Mission Society and auxiliaries gave \$33,480.97 to parsonages within its bounds.

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Mrs. Thornburgh, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Society, reported the Golden Jubilee of the Woman's Missionary organization. In its observance at Little Rock, \$4,136.00 was subscribed, one-fourth of which came from the Methodists. And of union, she said: "May this union be the beginning of a broader, deeper and happier work than we have ever known before. May our zeal be more fervent, our faith stronger, and our labors more abundant."

Treasurers Mesdames E. W. Gates and F. C. Floyd reported:

Home, Connectional	\$ 4,789.69
Total, Local and Connectional.....	16,715.67
Foreign	5,720.67

Total, Both Societies.....\$22,436.34

In the resolution in memory of Mrs. J. F. Giles, written by Mesdames James Buchanan, Ben Smith, J. C. Ware, J. O. Turner and A. S. DeLemar, are these words:

"The influence of Mrs. Giles' life has been felt and will be missed from every department of First Church. The love for her church was as deep as the well-springs of her life, and in this work DUTY had long sunk out of sight and only love remained.

"As president of the Home Mission Society for four years, she led the Auxiliary on to Victory, for she possessed a holy zeal that stopped at no mountains of difficulty."

"Her work with her Sunday School class can never be estimated this side of eternity, so grandly was she leading those hearts to search out and apply the truth as it is revealed in God's Word. Those boys and girls who stood before her at the cross-road of their lives, their feet just touching the shores of "Where the Brook and River Meet," ever found stretched out to them her faithful consecrated hand to guide and point out to them the right pathway in life."

The addresses of the presidents, Mesdames Thomas and F. M. Williams, were calls to united service (no record of Mrs. Thomas' address). Of the union, Mrs. Williams said:

"Ten years ago, when I was made president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society, it was at

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least premature to say anything about the union of the Home and Foreign work, yet in my first address it was my prophetic wish that it might be accomplished and the end of this decade finds us one, and we thank our kind, good Father, that we are come for such a time as this.

"Not claiming any honor for the union at large, but rejoicing that our sentiments were ever in favor of union and our hearts ready to accept the decree of authority and that we gladly fell into line as early as possible.

"As we now behold the results we say it could not be otherwise, for is not the whole world pulsating with the spirit of unity? The keynote of the century is union, the movement for universal peace is but the echo of the unity of all nations and the federation of churches is but the measure of the refrain in which we as women must join to crown Him Lord of all.

"In the ten years' service as president it has been my happy privilege to serve you once as delegate to the Woman's Board at Atlanta, Ga., now the Woman's Missionary Council. To me it was an inspiration and will ever linger as a bright spot in the years that I have served as president of the Little Rock Conference Home Mission Society. Again I thank you."

The kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, their two daughters and son Tom, is a pleasant memory of the 1912 meeting, where were housed the corresponding secretary and the president, which was only marred by the illness of Mrs. Pemberton, who returned home before the meeting closed. In deference to Mrs. James Thomas, president of the Foreign Missionary Society, the Home Mission president retired, and she was made the first president of the united society. Union was the keynote of the meeting, and the spirit of harmony and sweet Christian fellowship prevailed. Dear Sister Hotchkiss was detained by illness, Mrs. Pemberton had to leave the meeting, so they were spared any pain, if such might have been, in seeing the two organizations they had loved and worked for so long merge into one.

There was no troubling of the waters as the two streams flowed together. There was no sound of the hammer, saw or the axe when the two sections were fitly framed together, "growing unto an holy temple in the Lord."

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Y. P. M. S.—EARLY NAMES

The writer was impressed by the various names of Young People and Juvenile societies as she read the record of the years, and a list might be interesting as well as historical:

Cheerful Workers.
Earnest Band—Arkadelphia District.
Asbury Pearls—Little Rock.
Busy Bees.
Willing Workers.
Dew Drops.
Jewels.
Young Builders—Arkadelphia—Parsonage Society.
Prairie Flowers of Stuttgart.
Little Dew Drops.

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The Malvern Faithful Workers.
Golden Rods (Y. P.)—Malvern.
The Sowers and Reapers—Prescott.
Stars of Hope.
Berea.
Lakeside Jewels.
Little Stars of De Witt.
Prairie Queens.
Buds and Blossoms.
Golden Links.
Pine Needles (because they hang on all the year).
Malvern Avenue Jewels.

Now we have the Camille Watson Girls, the Methodist Maids of Texarkana, the Elza Belles, Ashdown King's Daughters, Ashdown Earnest Workers, Ashdown Merry Methodist Maids, Ashdown Jolly Girls' Club, King's Daughters—Fairview, Fairview Maids—Texarkana—Fairview Jewels.

But there are many auxiliaries that bear no name other than Young People or Juvenile that are doing the real missionary work. We have learned that it is not necessary to have a fanciful name to make us missionary in spirit, and yet we value the means, if but a name, that adds interest to our work.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MONTICELLO—APRIL 23-27, 1913.

Editor: Miss A. B. Wadley

It seemed that the front door to Monticello reached up to Dermott, where the delegates to the First Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in 1913 were welcomed by a reception at the church, where a delightful program was presented and cooling refreshments served.

The enheartened travelers renewed their journey, refreshed in body and spirit, and enjoyed all the more the cordial reception at Monticello, spoken by Mrs. Gertrude Hardy and responded to by Mrs. Boren of Little Rock, Wednesday evening.

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The keynote, "One-ness," had been sounded the year before at Arkadelphia when the two societies united and had developed into a perfect harmony which prevailed throughout the meeting.

The messages of Miss Nettie Peacock of China, Deaconess Willena Henry of Crossett, and Mrs. Moffett Rhodes' report of the council meeting at Birmingham, and the annual sermon by Rev. W. C. Watson, Commission of Education for Galloway College, and closing sermon by Rev. W. W. Nelson were the high lights of the Conference, the pastor host, Rev. Z. D. Lindsay, being helpful at all times.

The noonday Bible lessons by Misses Peacock, Henry and Mrs. C. Travis Drennen of Hot Springs were "as hallowed benedictions after the busy hours of the morning."

It seemed a meeting of receiving and sending love messages from and to Mesdames Hotchkiss and F. M. Williams, ex-presidents, and Misses Elmer Morgan and Florence Whitesides, our students at Scarritt.

These two resolutions appear:

"Whereas, Mrs. Hotchkiss' inability to attend this Conference is deeply regretted, and her influence is still strongly felt in the work she so greatly loved; and as a token of our appreciation of her life, which has so long been an inspiration to so many women in this Conference, and in response to her message read this morning: Be it resolved, That a message of love and greeting from this Conference be sent by our treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Floyd, who is the daughter of one of her contemporaries, in behalf of the Conference Society.

"Signed: MISS A. B. WADLEY,
"MRS. GEORGE THORNBURGH."

The one offered by Mesdames Pemberton, Floyd and Rule was the following message, sent to Mrs. F. M. Williams of Hot Springs:

"As we praise God for the union of our two Conference Societies, we think of you, our beloved co-worker, who for ten years as president of the Little Rock Conference, Woman's Home Mission Society prayed and worked for unity in effort for the spread of the gospel of Christ; we appreciate your loving message to us. Our Father's best blessing be with you and yours."

"(Signed)
"LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

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An interesting feature of this meeting was the school conducted by Mrs. Moffett Rhodes on history, geography and arithmetic, as relating to missions. Mrs. Thornburgh, as foreign secretary, said: "Our experience the past year as a united Conference Society has broadened our vision, deepened our love, and assured us that we have reached the time when we can all agree that our duty is not alone to Jerusalem, nor to the ends of the earth alone, but must embrace both," also that "two missionaries went out from our Conference, Miss Margaret Simpson to Rio, Brazil, and Miss Jennie Howell to Piracicaba, Brazil." Mrs. Pemberton stressed especially the Christianizing of America, which must come through united effort and that "the past year had been one of blessing and harmony."

The treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Floyd, reported:

For Home Mission Connectional.....	\$ 5,371.39
For Home Mission Local.....	10,959.50
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Total	\$16,330.89
For Foreign Missions.....	5,816.50
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Grand Total	\$22,147.39

The First Annual Meeting of the united Conference Societies proved the unity of missions and that our Lord meant not Home or Foreign, but "go ye" to the remotest parts of the earth, whether it be to China or to the next-door neighbor—the remote from God, and the slogan of that meeting, "One-ness," filtered into the spirit of loving and giving, at least into the heart of one delegate, and the words "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving" became from that meeting the standard of stewardship in the heart of Mrs. C. Travis Drennen, who represented Central Church, Hot Springs.

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The name of Mrs. Elmira Snodgrass on the memorial roll meant a great loss to the Conference, as did many others in the sacred roll.

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"I heard the sweet small voice and rejoicingly called upon all that is within me to bless His holy name. I give thanks for past privileges and pray that if in the years of our service together, I have said or done aught for His glory, He may mercifully magnify it to even a most minimum place in the hastening of His kingdom. This greeting comes from a heart

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"Who that can reach back to earlier days will not love to give a tender thought to Sister Hayes, of old Washington District? We are not surprised that her honored daughter now fills the presidency of this Society which her mother loved so long and served so efficiently. Another of our officers is given us by our devoted Sister McKinnon, in our faithful treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie McKinnon Floyd. Oh, worthy mother of so many worthy children! And we cannot forget our sainted Sister McAlmont, who for twenty years was our untiring conference treasurer and dispenser of Christly teachings. Lately we have an ascended one, whose memory is fresh upon our hearts—our gifted Sister Snodgrass. She and Sister Williams, the beloved of Arkadelphia District, are always associated in heavenly spirit and incense of love. But the door must close of this little missionary love feast. So many are standing on memory's threshold and how gladly would we acknowledge them all, if time allowed. None are forgotten, and the home gathering will be by and by. How the works of our pioneers do follow them! They had part in sending Lochie Rankin, Laura Haygood, Helen Richardson and their successive followers, and who may measure the influence these may have had in hastening the great Republic of China?

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And now, beloved, as you are permitted to see somewhat of your own works, press on with renewed vigor unto the perfect day. Let a very doxology of praise swell your hearts as you think of these things and are glad. 'The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. The Lord abide with you in all things, His spirit guide in all your deliberations that you may be better prepared to do all His will, than ever before.'

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PART FIVE
Decade of Oneness

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MAGNOLIA—MAY 1-5, 1914.

THE Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at Magnolia, May 1-5, 1914, was rich in the personnel of its distinguished guests—Miss Mabel Head, foreign secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Cline of Soochow, China, Miss Lillie Stradley of Piracicaba, Brazil, Deaconess Willena Henry of Crossett, and Mrs. A. G. Hearn of China, whose wise counsel and inspirational addresses gave the real and authoritative missionary tone to the meeting.

Yet there was one voice stilled, one face missing that cast a shadow over the Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society—Sister Hotchkiss had gone to Heaven, and the Conference missed her so. At the memorial hour at the last business session, Mrs. Norvall Williams of Hot Springs read a tribute to Mrs. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Pemberton spoke of "Miss Mary Helm's beautiful life of service in the cause of missions."

For one to have been closely associated with the Conference Society as an officer since 1883, as was Mrs. Hotchkiss, first as vice-president and later president, her presence was sadly missed, yet her spirit was felt among them, urging them to better service.

The treasurer, Mrs. Floyd, reported the Mae McKenzie scholarship at Scarritt Bible and Training School completed, and a resolution was offered that it be offered to Miss Florence Whitesides, who was ready to enter Scarritt.

The Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship was begun at this meeting, with Mrs. James Thomas chairman, which was completed in 1918 and reported at the Fordyce meeting in 1919 and which has been serving our girls at Scarritt ever since. Thus her works do follow her

and will continue in blessing to the world for years to come. Originally a scholarship at Scarritt was \$3,000, the interest of which maintained our girls, but when "Mr. H. C. L." entered our domain, everything "went up," and we had to increase our scholarship funds to more than \$4,000 to meet the high cost of living in our schools, as well as in our homes. But the Little Rock Conference has in it a loyal band of women who follow without question the leadership of those who control affairs, and soon was the deficit met. And, fortunate for us and Scarritt, our scholarships were safe and untouched by the financial disaster that befell Scarritt in 1915.

Special recognition was given those who had served in the Conference in the early days, and Mesdames R. H. M. Mills, J. R. Sanders, H. C. Stewart, W. H. Pemberton and F. C. Floyd were presented to the Conference and Mrs. R. H. M. Mills "spoke feelingly of the blessedness of the work and its glorious reward."

Mrs. Pemberton reported three deaconesses for Arkansas appointed at the Council at Forth Worth, Texas—Miss Mann for Warren, Miss Stevens, Central Church, Hot Springs, and Miss Blackwell at Jonesboro. In closing, she said:

"In our department we do foreign missions at home. Our deaconesses and city missionaries are striving to uplift the masses in the slums of our cities; to redeem the workers in the factories, mill settlements, mines and mountains. To save America for God, that the world may be saved, we need more prayers, and most of all we need more women who will give themselves for service."

This may be the continued call till the kingdom of God be established in all the earth.

Mrs. Thornburgh reported three of our own girls as missionaries to Brazil, both secretaries giving reports of the Council meeting at Fort Worth.

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The treasurer, Mrs. Floyd, reported :

For Home Mission Work—Connec- tional	\$ 5,493.84
For Home Mission Work—Local...	13,192.68
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Total	\$24,583.28
For Foreign Work	5,896.76
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Grand Total, Home and Foreign...	\$30,480.04

The treasurers' and two corresponding secretaries' reports show that the union so far was the working together of the two Conferences with one president, or a gradual process of assimilation which culminated in the perfect union the following year at Texarkana.

Mesdames Hearn, Rhodes, Evans and McLellan's reports showed increase along their lines of work, of Children and Young People, Publicity and Social Service. A resolution of thanks was offered to Mrs. Pratt Bacon for the organ recital that lent a musical color to the meeting.

The record bears no word of the president's address, except the topic: "We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us" and "told of advance in all lines and contained pertinent suggestions for greater efficiency." However, this resolution appears in the minutes :

"Whereas, our beloved president, Mrs. James Thomas, has expressed the decision that she cannot serve longer in that capacity, be it resolved: That we accept this decision with sincere regret. Her long and efficient service and her experience in the work have been of great value to us in these years. We would hereby express our hearty appreciation of her faithful service and wise counsel, and do now elect her honorary president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society.

"Signed by officers and district secretaries."

Thus for eight years Mrs. James Thomas was the beloved honorary president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society and was translated from

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that to broader fields of service in the Kingdom of God. "Well done, good and faithful servant," who hath entered into the joy of her Lord.

Again was the writer called out from her retreat in her home to serve as president of the Conference, which could hardly be believed when the 'phone message from the returning Central Church delegates gave her first knowledge of her election. She felt that ten years as Home Mission president probably sufficed in that capacity, and yet was willing to serve if her Lord called. But with this understanding, that a memorial be presented to the Council from the Little Rock Conference, asking that conference presidents be accepted as delegates to the Woman's Missionary Council, as well as the corresponding secretaries. It was not from selfish motives or to have a "trip on the train," as one once said, but that presidents of all Conferences should receive the inspiration and information to be gained at the Council meetings. It was not that this president had attended only one meeting of the Home Mission Board during the ten years, but because of the privilege to attend one, even as an alternate, that the privilege was craved for all conference presidents.

Happily and naturally, others felt the same way, and that year conference presidents were admitted as delegates to the Woman's Missionary Council alongside the corresponding secretaries. Who, more than a president of a missionary conference, needs the inspiration of such a gathering if she is to "actively engage the interests of the society" and lead the women of her conference in the highest missionary endeavor? This, too, is history.

We rejoice that since 1915 conference presidents have been accepted into the working fellowship of the Woman's Missionary Council. Thus were our "cords lengthened and stakes strengthened" for larger and better service as builders of a Kingdom.

When Mrs. B. W. Elliott of Texarkana first served as recording secretary for the Conference, we were very

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much afraid that nothing would ever be made out of the pencil scratches that looked more like chicken tracks upon the paper and which she called the minutes, for we'd never had a stenographer before and had never seen our minutes kept on two-inch paper in shorthand. We didn't think she'd ever get it straight, but the 1915 minutes attest her business ability as well as the keeping of correct minutes. We felt we had moved onward, and after that if the need of a secretary is ever mentioned, the question is at once asked, "Can she take the minutes in shorthand?" It is so easy to get puffed up, but there is such a feeling of security to have an expert accountant for treasurer and a stenographer for secretary, and Mrs. Elliott put those fine notions in our heads.

She improved the appearance of the minutes with quotations, "Seeds by the Way," and such little items of interest.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. LOU A. HOTCHKISS, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"At 1:30 Friday morning, February 13, 1914, shortly after repeating the twenty-third Psalm, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, our beloved leader of the Woman's Missionary Society for twenty-four years in the Little Rock Conference, ceased from the labors of earth and entered into the rest 'that awaiteth the people of God.'

"Truly hers is not death but a translation. How we loved her! Her deep spiritual insight into matters pertaining to the coming of the Kingdom to the whole world was an inspiration to all who came within her influence.

"The manhood as well as the womanhood of this Conference has been greatly blessed by her life and labors, but the influence of this beautiful life was not confined to our own Conference nor to our Methodism. A grievous loss to human hearts, who loved her so well, who knew her usefulness, her invaluable ministrations in the home and in the church. But the God she served, the Saviour she loved and honored, the Holy Spirit whose abiding presence was her constant joy, knows far better than earth born friends, let their love be as pure, strong and unselfish as may be. She is gone from among us! God took her; and we who honored and loved her, feel sure, could she speak to us now, she would say, 'All is well.'

"As a Conference Society, we delight to honor the memory of our beloved Sister Hotchkiss, and will continue to pray for her bereaved loved ones—children, grandchildren, and friends—who feel so desolate since her going away. She is with the Lord and rejoices in His presence. It shall be our earnest desire to emulate her many virtues, and we shall strive to attain to that robust faith that so characterized her great life.

"What greater legacy could be left us as missionary workers than is ours today—her pure life with its devoted purpose? With deep, loving sympathy we transmit a copy of the above to her bereaved family. With gratitude to God for her long life we insert it in the Missionary Department of the Western Methodist.

"By Mrs. Jas. Thomas, President, for the Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society."

The Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund was completed in 1918 and has been the means of supporting several girls at Scarritt College of Missions for scientific missionary training.

The large gifts made by her children, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Messrs. Allen, Douglas and Charles, were much

appreciated by the Conference, as were the copies of the "Sketch" of her life and programs that were distributed to the auxiliaries.

Mrs. Hotchkiss was a woman of special gifts and graces, educated at Franklin Female College at Holly Springs, Miss., of which her father was president. She was well fitted for the position of leadership which was imposed upon her in this Conference in 1884, when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at Little Rock, thus at the close of the first decade we are introduced to the one who for twenty-three years led the women of the Foreign Missionary Society into larger missionary endeavor and guided the affairs of the Conference with wisdom and far-seeing judgment.

In the "Sketch of My Life," written by Mrs. Hotchkiss, we see this sad entry:

"Another year brought us to Warren. I had not greatly improved in health, though able to attend, my husband accompanying me. I enjoyed the meeting, though I realized that younger and more vigorous hands were wanted at the head of the Conference Society. They were at hand, and Mrs. Jas. Thomas, who has the lines of missionary work all in her heart and mind, was elected president. No better selection could have been made. Mrs. J. F. Giles was made conference corresponding secretary. She filled the position with ability and is greatly beloved.

"The years since 1884, when I was called to serve as president, are rich in every possibility of mercy, sweet in every phase of Christian friendship and abounding in experiences that make me glad in the Lord, yet I would not turn the dial backward. The impulse of the world is onward, the spirit of advance is upon the Church of God."

It was in the heart of many of Mrs. Hotchkiss' friends to make a jubilee celebration of the 1908 meeting at Malvern in honor of her twenty-five years' service as president, but the lacking years spoiled the plan; nevertheless she was honored as president emeritus and was until her death held in tender and loving memory.

Mrs. Hotchkiss had the happy faculty of being just as young or old as the one she was with. A child found tenderest sympathy in her kindly touch; the young girl

felt she had a companion in her ever young spirit; the old and infirm found joy in the optimism of her Christian faith.

She was readily the life of any gathering, full of humor and sparkling good cheer. When the frail little body was put away, although we knew she had gone to Heaven, we knew we had lost a friend. Her funeral was largely attended by all classes of people, the women of the congregation attesting their appreciation by laying a white carnation on her bier as they passed in review.

In Mrs. A. J. Marshall's address before the Annual Meeting in 1891 about Mrs. Hotchkiss:

"We knew her first as a sweet, retiring girl in her teens. Having been trained in the school of refinement and strict propriety, she was taught to shrink from expressing herself in public on any subject of weighty importance. Who would have thought that she would make the brave, zealous, devoted servant of the church we see her today? He who said, 'My grace is sufficient for thee,' has been her support and will be to the end."

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, TEXARKANA—JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 1, 1915.

Editor: Mrs. Benjamin P. Elliott.

The hospitality of the tri-city of Texarkana has been proven the genuine type so often that the cordiality extended the Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, January 28-February 1, 1915, was of like kind and most generously bestowed. From the first afternoon session of adjustment on Thursday to the close on Monday it was a meeting very full of the "business of the King." The words of welcome by Mrs. Fannie B. Steele, responded to by Mrs. T. P. Gantt, made us realize anew the welcome that had been received at the station and in the homes where we were so kindly received.

The personnel of this Conference showed an exceptional type of women had assumed the responsibility of the meeting, which was enhanced by that wonderful personality which glowed from the life of Dr. C. F. Reid,

who was long a missionary to China and Korea; Miss Esther Case, missionary to Mexico, and Deaconesses Frances Mann and Ida M. Stevens.

Dr. Reid, in his address, told how the Chinese had been touched by the saving grace of Jesus Christ, exemplifying the power of Jesus to save in the life story of "Everlasting Precious," a Chinese child of the poorest class, who through Drs. Reid and Lambuth became a Christian, a scholar and a great physician and whose family now spend their lives helping to bring China to Christ.

The Little Rock Conference Society was fortunate enough to glimpse the radiance of this master missionary's life before he was caught up into the glory land, for ever since that day the hearts of those who heard have been stirred for the "disadvantaged nations," as he chose to call them. Miss Case told us of Mexico and of our plans and work there. Dr. Philip Cone Fletcher, in his happy, optimistic style, preached the annual sermon on the winning battle of Christianity.

"What is the law of missions? It is the law of love, justice, conquest, expansion. What is the history of missions? It is the history of miracles, heroism, prayer, audacity, sublime faith, wonderful devotion. We have the numbers, wealth, brains, machinery, influence, opportunity, the power and the promises. We conquer the world for Christ."

"Our Opportunity" was the keynote of the meeting, which was oftentimes sounded in devotions and addresses, special mention being made of the beautiful address of Mrs. C. Travis Drennen of Hot Springs, whose paper on "Our Day of Opportunity" so pleased the Conference that it was printed in the daily papers and 100 copies ordered. Mesdames Drennen and McDermott were considered the new lights shining in the Conference firmament, and comfort came to the hearts of the burden bearers when such charming women as these and others were seen who constituted the Third Annual Meeting.

Rev. J. F. Taylor conducted the first noonday Bible lesson, using Rom. 13 for the subject, "Absorption in the Will of God," closing with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

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The Conference showed its interest in the affairs of state by sending letters of appeal and congratulation to the governor and Arkansas Legislature relative to passage of Senator White's prohibition bill.

Mrs. H. C. Rule said fifty-two mission study classes reported to her, but sixty-one to Mrs. H. R. Steele. Mrs. C. A. Evans reported a box sent to China, Mrs. Rhodes reporting that the children had sent a box to Laura Haygood School in China. Mrs. A. R. Stover, in her Round Table on Social Service, gave much information. Mrs. Pemberton said Little Rock district reported the largest number of Adult members. Texarkana district leads in Young People, Camden district in Juniors, Arkadelphia district in babies enrolled; 3,607 members reported; 416 Christian stewards, and a gift of five acres of land from Rev. J. F. Taylor to the Woman's Missionary Council, which he hopes to add to his gift, "The Elizabeth Taylor Deaconess Salary Endowment." Mrs. Thornburgh, secretary for the foreign department, reported 2,599 members, \$3,591.45 paid on pledge and urging the district meeting as the strategic point in the conference work.

Mrs. F. S. Overton reported 130 packages of bulletins mailed each month and the regular quarterly literature, no doubt the heaviest work of the Conference, but one capable of large returns. It has been said that Maine became the first prohibition state because Neal Dow sowed it in temperance literature, and the world will be missionary in spirit when it reads the missionary literature. Mrs. James Thomas reported \$780 of the Jno. F. Taylor fund and the treasurer, Mrs. Floyd, reported:

For Foreign Missions	\$ 6,290.19
For Home Missions	5,815.44
Local	13,300.24
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Grand Total	\$25,405.89
Mrs. Gantt reported \$667.61 in supplies.	/

The president, in presenting our victories and our opportunities, said:

"The united effort of the churches in saving the world, with its slogan 'Onward together' is the wireless spirit message finding its answer in the heart of every true Christian, and one of the victories we should hail with delight."

She also rendered the plea for a conference worker who could visit every church and congregation.

The records do not show the strain or tension of this meeting in the final adjustment of the union of the two conference societies, yet God was there and we felt His guidance.

At this meeting only one corresponding secretary was to be chosen, Mrs. Pemberton having well represented the Home Mission Conference for nineteen years and Mrs. Thornburgh so ably representing the Foreign Society as corresponding secretary.

We prayed much, left it to God and the Conference, and Mrs. Thornburgh was elected vice-president of the Conference and Mrs. Pemberton corresponding secretary. It will be remembered with regret that Mrs. Thornburgh was forced to give up all work and was retired for several months on account of severe illness, but later was restored and continues in her ministry of good works and valued usefulness. Mrs. Pratt Bacon at the organ assured the Conference of delightful music, and the cantata the first evening and special music throughout the meeting made large our souls for the enjoyment of the beautiful, and the reception in the church parlors gave an opportunity for better acquaintance and making new friends.

The humble president was entertained in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Buchanan, but we were really too busy to enjoy to the fullest the entertainment extended. We did enjoy the many and beautiful courtesies from our jolly host and thoughtful hostess. The writer well remembers the fun with Mrs. Floyd one night when she tried to strike a match and it wouldn't light. Going to "Miss Lizzie's" room, the writer said, "I can't strike millionaire matches." She quickly responded, "I

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was born a millionaire," and immediately brought one of the refractory matches to light. Although she had never known any home but the humble parsonage home from which she moved every few years into another not unlike the plain, simple one she had left, she was truly a millionaire, for she was rich in the things that count for most in the world and was of the royal family of the household of God. It was well that this Conference honored this dear Miss Lizzie with an honorary life membership, by the payment of \$100, for before the year ended she was called into the presence of her Lord, and into a larger service in the Kingdom of God.

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THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, FIRST CHURCH—
LITTLE ROCK, APRIL 14-21, 1915.

The Woman's Boards of Foreign and Home Missions and the Woman's Missionary Council have held many notable meetings, but to the writer, the Council meeting of 1915 held in historic First Church Little Rock was the

best. Perhaps because it was ours, perhaps because conference presidents were members for the first time, perhaps because of the wonderful personnel of the Council, perhaps all of these contributed in making the Little Rock Council meeting one that stands out as a mountain peak in our missionary history.

Right glad were we when the executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Council decided that on account of imperative needs on the mission fields this must be an economic meeting, the long expensive trip to California was given up and the Little Rock Conference invited the Council to be our guests. The executive committee of our Conference contributed \$500 to the entertainment of the Council, therefore we rightly claimed it as ours.

Enough talent was vested in the council officers to insure a good meeting, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. Hume Steele, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. R. W. McDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Mary Moore, now Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. Piggott, Miss Mabel Howell, and all the long list of officers, manager, and standing committees, and added to these were such men as Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Dr. Josiah Strong, Dr. Ed. F. Cook, and Dr. S. D. Gordon whose Quiet Hour talks with the Master brought us into a close and vital touch with our Lord. Many had read his books, his helps in Sunday School Times on the Sunday School lesson, and some had read his story of the "Finnish Woman and the Increase of Gold" and it was with no small interest that we went to Council with such great things in store as these names promised.

We did feel that Dr. Josiah Strong must surely feel lonely on his mountain peak of intellectuality and yet we were happy to catch the inspiration of his life that irradiated the glory of the other world he was so soon to be ushered into. We had read his books, "The Twentieth Century City," "Our Country," "The Challenge of the City," and others and his address on "Ours the Day and Land of Opportunity" made us glad we

were women of the twentieth century and of America, yet opened up to us the vast responsibilities that come with these opportunities.

Miss Bennett's address sounded the joyous note of organic union and all that it involved to the followers of the Master.

The writer, as president of the Conference, gave welcome greetings, giving a cursory glance of Arkansas Methodism and her great men and women, summing up her welcome in these lines:

"As heralds of the King, there's a welcome for you
From thousands of hearts beating warm and true.
In the lilt of the birds, vaulting high in the blue,
In the fragrance of flowers, there's a welcome for you.
In the heart of the lily is a welcome for you.
In the sun's brightest rays and the sparkling dew;
In the river's deep voice is a welcome for you.
But best of all, we proclaim, united and true,
Our five thousand voices in welcome to you."

The exhibit as displayed in the adjoining Sunday School rooms was made up of articles from every mission field and mission school under the direction of the Council and was of educational interest concerning the work of the women.

The noonday lunches at the Y. W. C. A. afforded friendly converse as did the reception at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beale and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton. Mrs. Pemberton kept open house and not a day passed but some council representative was her guest.

Many drives, luncheons, and dinners were seasons of refreshing for the weary worker who served long hours in business sessions and committee meetings and the music furnished by the different choirs in the city was of exceptional quality.

Many were the praises of Mrs. George Thornburgh, who was general chairman of the local committee and many chairmen who have served at the later Councils have written to her for her plans. The pastor host, Dr. Forney Hutchinson, the presiding elder, Dr. Alonzo Monk, and a host of preachers were interested and helpful visitors.

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The climax of the Council was consecration night, Monday, April 19 when the long line of foreign missionaries dressed in white and deaconesses in their black uniforms marched down the aisles of First Church, singing "Lead On O King Eternal." The charge was given by Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon and certificates presented by Miss Maria L. Gibson and Miss Belle Bennett.

These received their diplomas:

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Miss Olive Lipscomb	Miss Ellie Gray
Miss Maud Mathis	Miss Ruth Brittain
Miss Charlie Holland	Miss Kate Hackney
Miss Mary Sue Brown	Miss Ethel Brown
Miss Annette Gist	

DEACONESSES

Miss Virginia Maud Fall	Miss Rena Murphy
Miss Helen Gardiner	Miss Sophia Richardson
Miss Grace Gatewood	Miss Daisy Ritter
Miss Mary Kimbro	Miss Florence Whitesides
Miss Joanna Leuth	Miss Grace Rowland

As these soldiers of the cross received their commission to go into all the world and teach all nations, all lights were out except the soft light radiating from a huge cross in the balcony, which was the more impressive by the song, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," as they marched out to do their part as builders of the Kingdom of God and the saving of the peoples of the earth.

Truly was the 1915 Woman's Missionary Council a great meeting!

Well does the writer remember with what solemnity we approached the question to enter Japan spending much time in prayer, yet being led on by our great leader Miss Bennett to the decision to add to our already full program, the saving of Japan by our aid.

From an old copy of "Send Me" the following was taken and we praised God that today no doors are closed to the gospel message:

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"Two hundred years ago, when it was supposed that Christianity was exterminated in Japan, the following edict was posted up in all conspicuous places:

'So long as the sun shall shine upon the earth, let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan; and let all know that the King of Spain himself, or the Christian's God, or the Great God of All, if he violates this commandment, shall pay for it with his head.'

"Calmly the centuries march on; Providence opens the doorway of Japan; ambassadors, merchants, missionaries enter in; the Gospel is preached; the Christian's God is proclaimed the Savior of men.

"Gradually the edict disappears from all public places and in less than thirty years from the opening of the ports, religious toleration is proclaimed in Japan and guaranteed by the constitution."

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MARCH 1-4, 1916, WARREN.

Although a short history of the beginning of missions in Arkansas was carried in the minutes for several years, few of the delegates to the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society that "cool spell" in March, 1916, realized that Warren was a place of beginnings of woman's work in the Southern Methodist Church, that forty-three years from this time Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, Mrs. Van Valkenburg and daughter, now Mrs. E. L. Holmes, were among the real founders of missions in our church. So with sacred and reverent feeling we carefully builded upon the foundation so securely laid by these women of faith and vision.

Again did a shadow o'erspread the meeting, for we sat in grief over the loss of our friend and co-laborer, Mrs. Elizabeth McKinnon Floyd, who had been our splendid treasurer for ten years. A special memorial service was held in her memory, at which time Mrs. H. M. Harper read Mrs. T. P. Gantt's tribute to her as "The Itinerant's Daughter," Mrs. S. W. C. Smith spoke on "Early Association," Mrs. H. C. Rule on "The Business Woman," Mrs. S. B. Proctor read Mrs. Pemberton's

tribute on "The Friend," and the writer's tribute was "The Servant of Jesus." Thus was every phase in the life of our beloved co-worker presented. And the writer is reminded of an unfulfilled pledge which the following resolution suggests: "That some fitting memorial, as an appreciation be begun as early as the Conference can assume such responsibility." Mrs. H. C. Rule supported a Bible woman in Japan in honor of Mrs. Floyd.

Mrs. Henry Wharton served in many capacities, as auxiliary president welcoming us with gracious words and opening her home to the president and Deaconess Stevens as room-mate, Mrs. Pemberton did not attend this meeting as her semi-invalid sister, Mrs. Burton, was her guest. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, home base secretary from Nashville and Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrip were honor guests, and contributed much to the inspiration of the Conference in their addresses, the "Missionary Spirit" and the "Missionary Urge." Mrs. McDermott gave a paper on the "Need of Missions," Mrs. L. W. Smith of Hot Springs on "Stewardship." Reports of officers showed growth in every department.

During her term of office, beside the duties of president the writer has distributed the literature for the corresponding secretary several summers, edited the missionary page and performed various other duties, but the work of treasurer in the third quarter's report of 1915 was the most difficult of any attempted. When Mrs. Floyd laid down her work on this earth the books and reports were sent to the president who completed the report for the third quarter, but a surplus of 43 cents caused assiduous work and the necessity of calling in Mrs. S. W. C. Smith's assistance, finding her so quick with figures that she was heartily recommended for treasurer and was elected at the following executive meeting. The total report of the treasurer for the year was \$23,790.87.

The work of the district secretaries was magnified and said by the president to be the "finger tips that touch the work of the Conference into life," and were always appreciated by this presiding officer. Mrs. Moffett

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Rhodes was called by the president the "Little One" of the Conference, but her brain was "clear eyed" and forceful and her wise counsel was recognized and appreciated.

A new light burst forth at this meeting that has been a wonderful asset to the Conference in the person of Mrs. C. F. Elza, who filled Mrs. Thornburgh's unexpired term as vice-president and superintendent of the young people's work. We shall not forget her strong, yet beautiful address on "Preparedness," the paramount subject before the American people anent the entrance into the World War. She brought up the young people's work to a high standard and was soon recognized as a woman to do large things. In appreciation of her splendid efforts for the young people's work, they presented her with an arm bouquet of roses at an evening meeting.

The keywords of the president's address were "Outward—Onward," urging the Conference to greatest endeavor, congratulating the members that the financial report meant an average gift of \$5 per member, adding to Mrs. Pemberton's report that of the Woman's Missionary Council in Little Rock the preceeding April of 1915.

Rev. R. W. McKay was the helpful pastor host and the noonday lunches at the Presbyterian Church, the reception and luncheon for the young people have special mention, as well as the janitor "Uncle Frank" whom the president asked to "hold all I give you," the old game of "hull gull" was imitated in filling his hands with a money gift from the Conference. The Warren ladies say the church door squeaked, some said the stove got too hot, some did not prepare for the "cold snap," but these minor deficiencies are forgotten and the memory of a good meeting fills our hearts.

The writer will not soon forget the beautifully served meals, fancy dishes in the home of Mrs. Wharton; someone was adept in the art of cooking and the father had ample opportunity to show his skill at entertaining the baby while the mother was hostess to the Conference in the capacity of being president of the local auxiliary. A



MRS. J. R. SANDERS, JR.



MRS. A. B. ROSS



MRS. S. W. C. SMITH



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MRS. J. M. WORKMAN

funny experience happened to my bedfellow, Miss Stevens who always arose early and potted around while the president enjoyed the last and delightful "forty winks." On this special morning she had accidentally dropped the sleeve of her "union" in the pitcher of water and she was patiently drying it by the electric light bulb as the hostess had had spring cleaning and the fresh new wall paper showed no sign of flue or other suggestion of heating. As we walked to the church that morning and saw the hyacinths and jonquils peeping through the ice of the frozen ground, she was very thankful that the electric bulbs gave forth heat as well as light. Another worker we know pressed a soft, much rumpled silk dress by an electric bulb before she appeared before an audience after a journey when hotel accommodations did not include irons for pressing.

Many other accidents occur as we "go in circuit from year to year," but the women are resourceful and appreciative and never tell many tales till they are asked to write a history.

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A GEM OF ARKANSAS.

One day some one walking beside a river in Arkansas picked up a beautiful pearl and soon pearl fishing became quite an industry till last year it meant half a million dollars to Arkansas. Another day some one in South-West Arkansas picked up a stone that was cut into a sparkling diamond and many others of like beauty and value have added to the fame of Arkansas. Oil, the "flowing gold," has also become a wonderful asset to Arkansas and yet when we count real values we know her boys and girls, her men and women are of far more value than any of these. Such is our present president, Mrs. C. F. Elza of Benton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Bell, she is an Arkansas product, educated principally in Arkansas (and Missouri) served as Y. W. C. A. secretary, and came into the work a trained, capable, efficient worker, and has more than met every anticipation. Her brilliant addresses have charmed her hearers and altogether she has been a true gem of Arkansas, more precious and more valuable than the soft and radiant pearl, the flowing gold of El Dorado or the sparkling diamond of South Western Arkansas. As superintendent of Young People, as vice-president and now president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Elza has given to the church the wonderful talents with which God so richly endowed her and to the ten talents which she seems to possess, ten others will no doubt be added for future usefulness.

MRS. S. W. C. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

It was said by a school mate that Jessie Hotchkiss always was the first in the class to work her examples in arithmetic and that they were always right, and the latter declaration has held true concerning Mrs. S. W. C. Smith and her reports as conference treasurer.

When our expert accountant and devoted conference officer, Mrs. F. C. Floyd, laid down her pen and went to heaven, the conference society was fortunate to secure Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, daughter of our beloved former

president, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, who picked up the work the tired fingers had left, and since 1916 has served in the most capable and efficient manner as conference treasurer. She not only makes her books balance with their perfect entries but she makes dull figures glow in poetic verse, and makes them grow by her wise management and patient labors.

She was born with the missionary spirit—and it was no difficult matter to persuade her to accept this office which she has so cheerfully and acceptably filled.

Having done the treasurer's work one quarter, the writer knows the arduous task that is hers, and for three weeks' expert work each quarter, felt that she deserved some remuneration so at the 1920 meeting at Hope, a small appropriation was made for the conference treasurer to be paid quarterly. Mrs. Smith is another of Arkansas' gems, educated in the public schools, at Hot Springs, and Galloway College and reflects the work of faithful teaching and righteous home training and the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society is richer by character on account of her entrance into the work and richer by funds on account of her wise and capable management.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF, MARCH 6-9, 1917.

Editor: Mrs. Martha B. Sumpter.

The tenseness of our national situation was felt at the 1917 meeting at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, March 6-9, and we tried to lend our aid to that neutral situation, by having largely a peace program, the subject of which was "The Kingdom of God and Peace" which "ran as a thread throughout the warp and woof of the meeting."

But we could not long remain neutral with honor, and while the delegates were attending the Council in New Orleans the following month, war was declared and soldiers were gathering in groups and marching here and there. So we could but feel the great event that was to plunge us into war again, yet we felt that God was leading and it was ours to follow.

Those who attended the Warren meeting the year previous remembered the earnest and cordial invitation given by Mrs. B. L. Willey, which was fully exemplified by the hospitable people of Pine Bluff. Mrs. V. S. McLellan as district secretary and Mrs. Willey as president of the Lakeside Auxiliary extended cordial greetings to which the president responded in the absence of Mrs. Pemberton, who was to give the response but was detained at home on account of illness.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, general secretary of the Home Department from Nashville, Tenn., Miss Gilberta Harris of Arkadelphia, nurse missionary from Korea, now nurse and physical instructor at Scarritt, and Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrip were honor guests, the latter moving our hearts by his address on Social Service and the benign presence of Mrs. MacDonell was as a benediction to those who sat at her feet.

Dr. Waldrip asked four questions:

"Where art thou? In the Kingdom of God or in the narrow confines of ecclesiasticism? Am I my brother's keeper? In the labor difficulties that confront us as a nation or a neighborhood, who is my brother? The nations of the earth at our door and across the seas. Who is my neighbor? They who need us, especially the hunger bitten, fatigue poisoned throng who have no time for the tender touch of motherhood to their own little ones."

Mrs. MacDonell told us if we would be like Jesus we must go where Jesus went, down where the people need Him and us.

The annual sermon was preached by the pastor host, Dr. Theo. Copeland the first evening which was preceded by the president's address, in which she said:

"Shall we not covenant with each other at this meeting to take God at His word and pray for the things we so much need? That the world may speedily be brought to Christ—by the large gifts and lives that we lay at His feet; that peace may abound—by it being in our own hearts; that our nation maintain her honor toward God and man—by our loyal Christian citizenship; that the church be above criticism—by our faithful ministry; that the Woman's Missionary Society be the power it proclaims—by doing the things we declare; that we be pure and holy, even as our Father would have us be."

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This was considered the big year for the Young People's Work as reported by the vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Elza, that every goal was more than reached. Five hundred and four members, twenty-eight auxiliaries, total amount raised for all purposes, \$1,042.49 of which \$644.07 was sent to the conference treasurer. She said: "To work for the young was to know the joy of service in the greatest fields."

Mrs. Moffett Rhodes delighted the Conference with a parable showing the beauty of the work with and for children. She reported sixty-seven juvenile societies and about 1,700 members, total finances \$501.30.

Mrs. Pemberton reported 3,297 adult and young people members, 858 subscribers to the "Missionary Voice," three scholarships, four Bible women, one school supported. The Mae McKenzie Scholarship at Scarritt was used by Miss Mae Sells of Mississippi but which soon after was in continuous use by our own Arkansas girls.

Mrs. James Thomas reported \$2,355 from the John F. Taylor fund. Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, treasurer, reported:

To Conference Treasurer	\$15,009.09
Local	11,570.91
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Grand Total	\$26,580.00

Mrs. W. E. Barkman reported Social Service, thirty-nine reports received, work being done in rural sections, charity patients, one girl sent to a reform school, one to the Dallas Rescue Home, supervising playgrounds, censorship of moving pictures, work among negroes and co-operating with W. C. T. U., Y. M. C. A., S. I. A., junior courts, etc., showing that the mystical work of Social Service is being more clearly understood.

Mrs. T. P. Gantt reported nineteen boxes of supplies sent to preachers and mission schools valued at \$912.39, Mrs. H. C. Rule reported forty-three adult mission study classes, eight young people's, twenty-one children's, total seventy-two classes, and 1,753 members.

Devotionals by Mesdames Tankersley (Luke 12), R. H. M. Mills (Mark 6), E. R. Steel (Isa. 11 on worship), and Revs. J. R. Sanders and J. R. Dickerson, the president on "Spending the Day with Jesus," and Mrs. C. Travis Drennen on "Vision, Faith and Service" called the three priestesses at the door of the Kingdom of God. Noonday Bible studies by Revs. J. A. Sage on "Righteousness," W. C. Watson on "Joy." In compliment to Mrs. R. H. M. Mills, Mrs. E. R. Steel presented to the Conference for inspection a picture of the Bible woman named "Lizzie Lanier Mills." Miss Gilberta Harris, medical missionary to Korea, told of the lack and great need of medical skill in Korea.

The one who extended the invitation to the Conference the year previous, Mrs. B. L. Willey, showed the writer the meaning of real hospitality and her home will be remembered by this guest as one with the perfect atmosphere of cordiality and hospitality, and the tender solicitude of the dear boys to the little mother who was so soon after translated to the home beyond. In the absence of Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. MacDonell was the writer's room-mate and we talked far into the night as if we were school girls, discussing things pertaining to the Kingdom and that part of its building entrusted to our care. She was a dear little companion and a benediction to our meeting and we hope Bro. E. R. Steel has forgotten the unfairness to him in the using of his time for a noonday devotion.

Not only the beautiful temple erected to the worship of the Father comes to mind in reflection of that meeting, but the record which Lakeside has sustained for many years of faithful service to the church.

It was at the 1917 meeting that the president first saw an Arkansas cotton plantation in operation, where plenty abounded and hospitality was royal and where the great number of negroes and mules, together with their unquestioned obedience, made one feel they had been ushered into the days before the Civil War, instead of facing the World War. But "Inver-Urie," the Fergus-

son plantation, with its modern mansion and its latter day luxuries, had its war experience also when the fleece of the white queen of the fields fluctuated from 6 cents the pound to \$1.50 and then down to 4 cents. But courage is not lacking in the makeup of our Arkansas men, and they have bravely met the disasters of markets and have kept their business going, the schools opened, and church buildings completed. First Church, Pine Bluff, is an instance of manly courage, and the beautiful and stately edifice is a monument to the integrity of the Arkansas planter when the slump in cotton brought financial ruin to many.

The 1917 meeting was helpful, and we went away feeling it was good to be there, our purpose to serve was strengthened, and Lakeside proved herself such a delightful hostess it was easy indeed to accept another invitation to be her guests just four years hence.

The president came near missing the first day's session of this Conference because her distinguished husband could not be hurried for a 6 A. M. train, and while he was stroking down the fingers of his gloves, the minute hand of the clock kept on its journey nearer the completion of the hour, but as both were pretty good runners, the admonition of a servant a block from the station on her way to cook somebody's breakfast, who said: "Yo sho' better hurry, dat conductor done said: 'All aboa'd,'" was heeded. After a quiet settling the president looked over the paper and her eyes fell upon the horoscope for those born on March 6. It was: "You should not travel away from home on that day," but we made the journey without further trouble, and the worthy vice-president remembered her co-laborer's natal day with roses, so for one time when she gave her annual address the social editor could have said, "The president wore Killarney roses."

Thus we "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and were held together in bonds of sweetest fellowship.

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MRS. MATTIE BUTLER SUMPTER

When Mrs. Mattie Butler Sumpter of Malvern stepped upon the platform as recording secretary, we thought some high born lady of the Colonial period had stepped from a broad gilt frame and had come to serve us, so refined and dignified was she. Daughter of Major Butler of Malvern, she represented an old and distinguished family of Arkansas, and she was the exemplification of the gentility that was the Old South's and we felt that the executive board was enhanced by her presence. She was for a number of years chaperone at Galloway College and was a beautiful living lesson of dignity and gentility for the girls to emulate.

It was her daughter Marjorie who charmed the 1917 meeting at Lakeside, Pine Bluff, in the wonderful reading "The Iron Cross." Mother and daughter so closely united in affection now live at Cambridge, Mass., and seem to relish the old, historic things connected with the

early history of our nation. Someone said: "Mrs. Sumpster would rather blow out a coal oil lamp at night in Longfellow's old home than to turn off an electric bulb in Malvern."

FIRST MEETING—SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, ARKADELPHIA—JULY 2-7, 1917.

When the Arkadelphia District Conference was in session in Hot Springs about the middle of May, 1917, the writer, who had been thinking much along this line, called the superintendent of Young People, Mrs. Elza, over the phone and asked her to come over and help present the summer conference idea to the district conference. She said she could not come, but if the writer would dare the attempt, she would follow. The writer asked the privilege of the floor and presented the plan, which was enthusiastically received, and the preachers pledged their support. Thus was the first move made in the now well-established Summer Conference for Young People in the Little Rock Conference.

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Miss Marjorie Thomas was recreation director and put on the beautiful pageant, "The Spirit of Scarritt," and although a storm prevented the presentation of it on the campus and spoiled the beautiful setting of garlands of green, we saw enough of it in the hall (the only place in the college with light after the storm) to know it was beautiful and well prepared.

Miss Anne said she never heard girls sing as they did "Loyalty to Christ," and many of the war songs were paraphrased with missionary words and sung with zest.

We do not wonder at the growth of the Summer Conference when we remember the painstaking work to prepare and present such fine programs—and they were appreciated.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FORDYCE—MARCH 19-21, 1919.

Editor: Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

From the dates of the early annual meetings we find we have moved back toward the beginning of the year from June when the Foreign Missionary Society used always to meet as near the new year as January. Since the fiscal year now ends in December, instead of in March, we find the early meeting gives opportunity for laying the foundation for the year's work at least in the first quarter. The writer felt we should meet as early as possible after the annual reports were made, plan for the new year and go out from an early annual meeting with a zest for a full year's work. With nearly half of its months gone when we met to hear reports of the old year and plan for the new, seemed like a delayed garnering of a plenteous harvest that might result in a great waste.

So March, 1919, finds us at Fordyce in goodly number and where nothing seemed to mar the perfect meeting except the loss of Mrs. R. M. Briant's purse that contained some priceless treasures as well as more than railroad fare back home. Our common sympathy did not find the bag and we realized that even the church, dedicated to the worship of God, is not safe from the invading thief.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Wynne kindly housed the corresponding secretary and president, and we wondered how so young a mother of so fine children could serve her guests so comfortably, drive the car, attend the meetings and look so like a school girl. We were the first to indite our names in the new guest book she had just opened, and we daresay from the hospitality extended these, the list has no doubt lengthened and others have been made happy under this friendly roof.

Mrs. Claud Nelson, whose husband has given distinguished service abroad, conducted the first devotional, and greetings were extended by Mrs. P. J. Matlock, responded to by Mrs. T. M. Thompson.

Miss Estelle Haskin of the Woman's Missionary Council, Miss Ida Shannon, missionary from Japan, and Deaconess Rosa Breeden of Nashville, Tenn., were guests of honor and did splendid service to the Conference in devotionals and addresses. The pastor host, Rev. T. O. Owen, was a helpful adjunct to the "womanary meeting," and Revs. J. A. Sage, J. J. Mellard, Goddard and Riddling were guests. Dr. A. C. Millar gave an interesting address on "Our Woman's Work in Cuba."

Miss Elizabeth Holman gave a reading, "The Lost Word," and Mrs. Elza an address on "The Spirit of Youth and the Centenary." The "Summer Conference for Young People" was stressed at Young People's Hour. Seventy-five girls attended the 1918 Summer Conference and the spirit was fine. Mrs. Elza reported 720 members in Young People's Societies. Total finance, \$1,637.44.

In the year just past we sustained a great loss in the removal of Mrs. Moffett Rhodes to California. But she had built her work on a sure foundation, and Mrs. T. M. Thompson of El Dorado carried on the work without a break, reporting 1,450 Juniors, 300 Babies, 13 Mission Study classes, 22 studying Social Service, \$1,055.88 in finance. The Conference rejoiced in the acquisition of this fine worker, who before marriage was Miss Stroud Hall, teacher in Galloway College.

The members of the 1919 meeting will not soon forget the inspiring report of Mrs. A. B. Ross of Texarkana, as she gave the survey of her district and we knew why she accomplished so much, because she loved much. It was a fond mother speaking of her children and all felt anew the impulse of love that urges us on to greater endeavor.

Mrs. Pemberton reported three scholarships supported by Mrs. B. R. Donelson of Pine Bluff and the auxiliary of First Church Little Rock.

Bible women in China and Japan were supported by young ladies of First Church, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Mamie O'Brien Grosbeck of Little Rock First Church; Young Women's Bible Class of First Church Little Rock; Tilar Auxiliary; First Church Pine Bluff, and Mrs. Moffett Rhodes of Crossett. Central Church, Hot Springs, supported a teacher in Lambuth Memorial Kindergarten in Japan four years; Asbury Church and Mrs. Joe A. Goetz and Sunday School class contributed to a school in China; Mrs. Dave Hutchinson to medical work in China, and Mrs. J. R. Sanders to the memorial fund for the Missionary Council. She also reported her work as chairman of the Eighth Episcopal District in Laity Rights campaign, saying that "in all the district there were only six votes against the measure, while in Little Rock and West Oklahoma Conference there was not a dissenting vote." She also reported 4,325 members in Adult, Young People's and Junior departments, saying also: "These are new and difficult days. Thanks be unto God, our brave soldiers no longer stand before deadly cannon. With Prussian militarism overthrown, the greatest political victory has been won. Justice shall reign among the nations. With international justice, national strife shall not endure. But these triumphant days present new dangers in devious ways. The necessity for high heroism seems to have passed, and herein lies a snare. Individual integrity and personal purity must be reinforced. All possible influences for good must surround our young men and young women. Faith, love and patience must dominate our lives, that the most glorious victory, that over self and selfishness, may be won."

The John F. Taylor Fund reached	\$2,989.00.
Supplies	\$ 1,101.51
Total Finances	36,046.00
Connectional	17,613.21
Local	16,473.52

After the treasurer, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, gave her financial report in attractive verse, the president, with words of appreciation, presented her with a bunch of beautiful roses. As this completed the Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund, it was fitting that her talented daughter be honored for the faithful service as treasurer.

The president's message was an urge to "Go Forward," not only in the Centenary Movement, but in every phase of the work, saying: "The ideals of the Kingdom of God are to be elevated, no longer pauperizing the church by prayerless lives and penny paying," giving the full meaning of missions.

Social Service and Mission Study showed progress under the leadership of Mesdames W. E. Barkman and C. Travis Drennen.

Fordyce does things well, and this 1919 meeting was no exception. We were glad to come to Fordyce for many reasons. For years Mrs. B. M. Bowe had served well as our district secretary, and we wanted to tell her husband and friends how we loved her. Then Fordyce had long had a special interest for the president as being the place where the educational leader and former fellow townsman built a great school and where he died—Prof. J. D. Clary, whose name and memory Fordyce reveres. "Jimmy Dan," which he was called in the village in middle Tennessee where we were both born and reared, was without blemish of character from his youth up, and we are proud of the contribution he made to Arkansas in right living, high thinking and faithful service to all lines of religious work, as well as for education—it was Christian education he promoted, and that touches every phase of our religion, be it missionary or teaching a public school. He sensed impending dangers and gave honest warning which was evinced in his nature when a child, when with block playhouses which he threw down as soon as built, he would sound the danger signal to his childish sweetheart, whom he imagined was within, by saying: "Lookout Ma'y Tassie (Mary Cassie), the house is fallin' down." The

reward of work well done has come to him and the heritage of a good name is left his family.

In the back of this year's journal is found Miss Bennett's address, and in all the copies are the Constitution and By-Laws always found. Often Mrs. Pemberton and other editors have printed a page of council facts on the inside back cover, carrying always on the outside cover advertisements of "Our Homes," "Life of L. B. Helm" and the "Missionary Voice," using every means to put before the women information concerning the work, realizing that if we know we shall work, if we know we shall pray, and if we know we shall give.

The long list of the memorial roll showed the result of the awful epidemic of influenza that made such ravages upon all peoples, among whom Central Church, Hot Springs, lost her "parsonage princess," Mrs. Gussie Steel Gray, the daughter of Rev. C. O. Steel, who has been a Methodist preacher sixty-five years and a devoted friend to the woman's work, and who on that anniversary preached a splendid sermon on "Life in Christ." Mrs. Margaret R. (E. A.) Shippey, one of the pioneers of the Foreign Missions Society and who kept up her interest till the shadows gathered about her, also passed into the presence of her Lord that year. Thus are the laborers, one by one, gathered home with the Father in the building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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- President—Mrs. F. M. Williams.
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 Recording Secretary and Superintendent of Publicity—Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

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Little Rock—Mrs. Joe Goetz.
Monticello—Mrs. W. S. Anderson.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. J. W. Rogers.
Prescott—Mrs. R. M. Briant.
Texarkana—Mrs. A. B. Ross.

MRS. T. M. THOMPSON

The little town of Stephens, Arkansas, has given to the church many splendid workers, foreign missionaries and home, but the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society felt that the officary was much strengthened when Mrs. T. M. Thompson was added to the list.

Many of the girls throughout the state know her as Miss Stroud Hall, but the Conference has used her in the direction of the Junior work of the society.

Her work has been of the most secure in the laying of a good foundation for the young life of the church and the conservation of the children and their service for the church.

MRS. E. R. STEEL

While Arkansas has many fine men and women of whom she is justly proud, her citizenship has been greatly enriched by those who have come from far, and when Dr. E. R. Steel went to New York State for a wife, Arkansas was the richer thereby and extends a cordial welcome to many of like kind.

Mrs. Steel first served in the North Arkansas Conference, where she was an officer for several years. Coming to the Little Rock Conference, she was soon made superintendent of Publicity and Mission Study and has continued to put the work before the women, till the real idea of Mission Study and Publicity is better understood than ever before. She verily "dogged" them about reporting, till she now has the system well understood and a great majority of the auxiliaries reporting regularly.

Genuine is the one-word description of her and the perfect helpmate for her preacher husband. Sam, Richard, Marshall and David, her four sons, will call her blessed, for with it all she is a wonderful mother and a regular pal with them, and with her beauty of face presents a type of womanhood both useful and admired, and in the twenty-three years of service in the Southern Methodist Church she has justly lost the name of "Yankee upstart" with which she styled herself. Of the house of Tyler, one of whom occupied the White House and one of whose grandsires led the Boston Tea Party that was the beginning of our assertion as a free nation, she comes to us well born and well prepared to render the efficient service that has marked her term of office in the Little Rock Conference, and her modesty in suggestion does not justify the name she gave herself and which we readily deny.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE, HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, ARKA-
DELPHIA—AUGUST 4-9, 1919.

If you want to put new joy into your religious life, be an associate with Dr. Edmund F. Cook for a week as we were at the Second Annual Meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society Conference in 1919. He put himself on an equality with the youngest girl and entered into the play life with the greatest zest and fully appreciated an impersonation of him and his speaking idiosyncracies by one of the girls on stunt night. He thought we worked him pretty hard (for one of his waist measure), but we let him discard his coat and gave him a fan, and he went swimming; thus he got through that August week of very warm weather. His noonday devotions on "Prayer as a Working Force," "The Process and Power of Faith," "The Discipline of Difficulty" and "The Comradship of Jesus," and his early morning addresses on "The Young Christian and the Missionary Crisis," "The Young Christian and the Bigger Missionary Program," "The Young Christian in the Program

of Reconstruction" and "The Young Christian and Sacrificial Service" show we did work him pretty hard, but they were the big things of the Conference, and his closing service on "The Christian's Call to Service" brought satisfactory results in the response of many.

Miss Ruby Van Hooser was a delightful guest, now serving in Japan, and delighted us all with her joy in the service of her Lord. Mrs. Elza gave a report of the Centenary Celebration at Columbus, Ohio, the president giving a message on missions.

We could not get along without Miss Andrews so she and Miss Ruby Jane gave good music again.

Stunt night was inaugurated at this Conference and we laughed enough to last us a long time. Reception, drives, swimming and all such pleasures were provided for by the local committee of which Mrs. Neill Sloan was chairman and the Second Annual Meeting of the Summer Conference for Young People went into history as a great gathering.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, HOPE, APRIL 28-30, 1920.

Editors: Mesdames W. P. McDermott and A. E. Sparling.

With what joyous expectations we went to Hope for the 1920 meeting, April 28-30! There was much to draw us there, the indefatigable secretary of the Prescott district, Mrs. R. M. Briant, the pastor and pulpit prince, Dr. Alonzo Monk, the beautiful modern church and the name promised hope for a good meeting. We were not disappointed and it remains in memory like a sparkling gem, clear cut and pure, with fine representation of our women and choice messages from the speakers. Mrs. John Arnold, of Hope opened the meeting with a devotional from Judges 7, and Mrs. A. C. Ramsey gave a cordial greeting to which Mrs. S. W. C. Smith made happy response.

A "Symposium" conducted by the district secretaries gave interesting survey of the work which was highly commended by the president and evidenced that the

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Centenary Movement had brought about greater zeal, increased finances and a larger prayer life throughout the districts.

Through the courtesy of the "Elizabeth Briant Circle," the whole Conference were guests of "The Wayfarer," the moving picture of the pageant given at the Columbus Centennial of Missions. The earnest labors of Mrs. John Sugg of Central Church, Hot Springs, in putting on "The Wayfarer" so successfully were rewarded by a gift of a whole Christmas tree, and we felt she deserved it.

Mrs. T. P. Gantt reported \$1,409.98 in supplies, Mrs. Barkman reported twenty-nine adult, fifteen young people's and five junior, reporting Social Service. It was at this meeting that Mrs. Barkman, after many years of devoted service as district secretary and later as Social Service superintendent, decided to give up the conference work, but has continued her faithful service in the local auxiliary and to the Young People's Summer Conference. Mrs. E. R. Steel reported 1,120 members in Mission Study Classes, 24 Bible Classes, and 52 books studied. The treasurer, Mrs. Smith, gave the largest report ever made, a 25 per cent gain:

Connectional	\$21,679.72
Local	21,030.26
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Total Funds	\$44,566.58

Mrs. James Thomas reported for the John F. Taylor Fund \$3,314. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pemberton, reported 5,959 adult, young people, juvenile and baby members, a 21 per cent gain; also the Woman's Missionary Council at Kansas City, which was of special interest because of our interest in Scarritt Bible and Training School, and its various missionary enterprises in the city.

Mrs. T. M. Thompson, vice-president, reported 1,840 junior members, 403 baby members and total finances, \$1,174.34. Mrs. Elza, vice-president and superintendent of Young People's Work, said: "This has been the great-

est of all years in missionary achievement and enthusiasm, borne as it was, upon the high crest of the Centenary, with a new tide of zeal and devotion in the hearts of the people." Her report of 11 per cent gain in membership, 11 per cent gain in auxiliaries and 16 per cent gain in finance marked the wonderful record for the year. The Young People's report was 800 members, 53 mission study classes, eight Bible study classes and \$1,902.09 total finance.

At the Young People's Hour baskets of flowers were presented to Mesdames Elza and Briant for their devotion to the Young People's Work. The Young People's Summer Conference reached high water mark with 100 girls present, and the great messages of Dr. Ed F. Cook and sweet ministrations of Miss Ruby Van Hooser, who is now a missionary to Japan, were the strong features of the Conference. It was at this meeting the Conference felt it might suffer from the loss of Mrs. Elza as superintendent for the young people and we remember how we tried to "help God out" by finding her successor, when lo, He led one to the meeting who went on with the work without hesitation or hindrance, Mrs. Rosebud Savage Vaughn, who served with distinction and satisfaction.

The president, reviewing conditions of the world, asked:

"Who is sufficient for these things," answering: "our sufficiency is of God," urging our part in the evangelization of America, asking: "Are we producing stronger preachers than Paul, the tentmaker; more beautiful writers than Luke, the physician; greater seers than St. John, the Divine; or stronger personalities than Peter, the fisherman?"

Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, for many years teacher of Bible at Scarritt, gave strong and uplifting noonday Bible studies on "Intercession," "Woman's Task of Inspiration and Public Service" and an address on "Christian Obligation in the Present Hour." The memorial hour conducted by Mrs. A. B. Ross showed again a great loss of members but was a sweet comforting service.

We rejoiced to have one of the pioneer workers of the Conference, Mrs. F. B. Rudolph of Texas, whose

earnest labors of early days had much to do with the laying of the sure foundation of the Little Rock Conference Society. She delighted the Conference with "Reminiscences" and many informal talks and devotionals.

Deaconess Florence Whitesides and Miss Elmer Morgan, missionary to Brazil, and Miss Glenn Moore, deaconess candidate, were guests of the Conference. Drs. J. D. Hammons, J. M. Workman, Revs. J. A. Henderson, Stevenson, J. F. Simmons and Ball were visiting ministers, and the pastor host, Dr. Alonzo Monk, constant in attendance and attention, closing the wonderful three days' meeting with a powerful sermon from I Peter 1:11 on the "Suffering and Glory of Christ." Devotions were given by the president on "The trial of faith," and Mrs. E. R. Steel on "Love and Service." It was a great meeting, the floodtide was on, 21 per cent gain in members, 25 per cent gain in finance, and many auxiliaries were overpaid in their pledge, and the conference expense fund was increased to 10 cents per month, and our treasurer allowed \$50 per quarter for the expert services. Mrs. Fannie Sauls of Hot Springs was made assistant treasurer while Mrs. Smith enjoyed a holiday in California and we felt that we were a self-respecting body in honoring our Lord with the gifts with which He had entrusted us.

Mrs. Pratt Bacon of Texarkana again delighted us with her lovely music. Mrs. R. M. Briant opened wide her doors and the writer was one of the several guests who enjoyed the wondrous hospitality so graciously bestowed by her and her good husband. She felt she must give up her work as secretary and Mrs. D. B. Thompson was her successor.

Mrs. Briant was the one district secretary who received a report from every auxiliary in her district the last quarter of 1919 for which distinction she was presented a fountain pen by the president. She not only brought up the work of the district to a very high standard, but entrenched herself in the hearts of the people by her generous giving and devotion to the work.

MRS. H. L. REMMEL.

When we learned that a Presbyterian secretary from New York had cast her lot with the people of Arkansas and the Methodists, we wrote a note of welcome and invitation to attend our first annual meeting after her arrival. Several other invitations followed as well as requests to serve but not until this year were we able to persuade Mrs. H. L. Remmel to join our working force and we have rejoiced at our find ever since.

The women have never felt that they understood Social Service. They do not think they do now, but under Mrs. Remmel's leadership we are having a better conception of Social Service as the scope widens and includes more and more of the things which interest the human family.

Mrs. Remmel's life in Arkansas has been full of other good works, being the teacher of the Young Women's Sunday School Class in First Church and active on the Y. W. C. A. boards, and a teacher of Mission Study and other and abundant labors.

At no meeting did we leave with more satisfaction that all was well with the work than from the Hope meeting of 1920 and we took courage to build for ourselves "more stately mansions" in which to serve more acceptably our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ.

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- Superintendent of Social Service—Mrs. H. L. Remmel.
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- Treasurer—Mrs. S. W. C. Smith.
- Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

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DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Arkadelphia—Mrs. R. W. Huie, Jr.
Camden—Mrs. L. K. McKinney.
Little Rock—Mrs. Max Frohlich.
Monticello—Mrs. W. S. Anderson.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. J. W. Rogers.
Prescott—Mrs. D. B. Thompson.
Texarkana—Mrs. Seth Reynolds.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCE—HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, ARKADELPHIA, AUGUST 2-7, 1920.

Mrs. Dwight L. Savage, of Lonoke, although superintendent for only six months, left her stamp upon the young life of our Conference by the real and personal interest in the girls, manifested in many ways but which culminated in the very successful Summer Conference for Young People of 1920.

We had never played so well, but the "Track Meet" was a covert name for many wholesome games that took the girls out of doors, then there was swimming, tennis, "Heart to Heart Talks" under the trees by Mrs. Workman, and Mrs. W. S. Johnson's beautiful vesper talks "Out of Doors in the Bible" on the campus each evening, all of which gave the girls wholesome recreation and opportunity to impress many beautiful lessons upon young life.

Miss Gilberta Harris' "Good Health Talks" added the touch of character building by having a good healthful body as a foundation.

Miss Anne Andrews of Siloam Springs, was there again and conducted the assembly singing, and it was good singing too.

This meeting was indeed rich in splendid talent, for beside Mrs. Savage's adaptability to fill in, which gives life to any program, she gave addresses on "Co-operation" and "Christian Citizenship," Miss Rosalie Riggan and Miss Minnie Webb, the Scarritt girls, gave evidence of their joy in special service. Miss Elmer Morgan, mis-

sionary to Brazil spoke on "Our Neighbors in Brazil," and Mrs. F. M. Williams spoke on "Seeing Things," Mrs. J. H. O'Bryant represented the North Arkansas Conference as our guest during the meeting, which resulted in a joint meeting of the two conferences the next year and in 1922 holding a like conference of their own at Gal-
loway College, at Searcy.

But the outstanding features of this Conference were the early morning missionary addresses by Dr. Edmund F. Cook, the noonday Bible lessons by Mrs. H. N. Street of Lonoke and the personal work of Miss Helen Hardy, student secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council.

A little girl said she liked Dr. Cook because he played with them and she listened to his words with interest, another liked Mrs. Street because she acted what she said, another liked Miss Hardy because she was a girl's girl, and thus the great characters in work and in play served with us to the delight and benefit of all who were there.

Dr. W. R. Richardson, pastor host, helped by his presence and devotionals, the people of Arkadelphia gave a reception, drives, decorations and showed their continued interest in the summer conference.

The morning watch conducted by Misses Riggins and Webb, the few minutes of prayer and praise before breakfast, has been a helpful feature of the Conference where the girls feel free and in unrestrained manner express themselves.

The third annual meeting of the Young People Missionary Society went over with great interest and enthusiasm and again we felt a shock when Mrs. Savage went to Washington, D. C., as Y. W. C. A. secretary soon after this Conference, and we feared the work might suffer but God's work goes on and Mrs. Curtis Stout was elected to fill the vacancy and nobly carried on the work.

It is no longer hard to get girls to attend the summer conference, they just pour in and it is encouraging to see the same ones coming year after year, and we hope

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this enterprise of intensive missionary training will mean much in character building of the young life in our Conference.

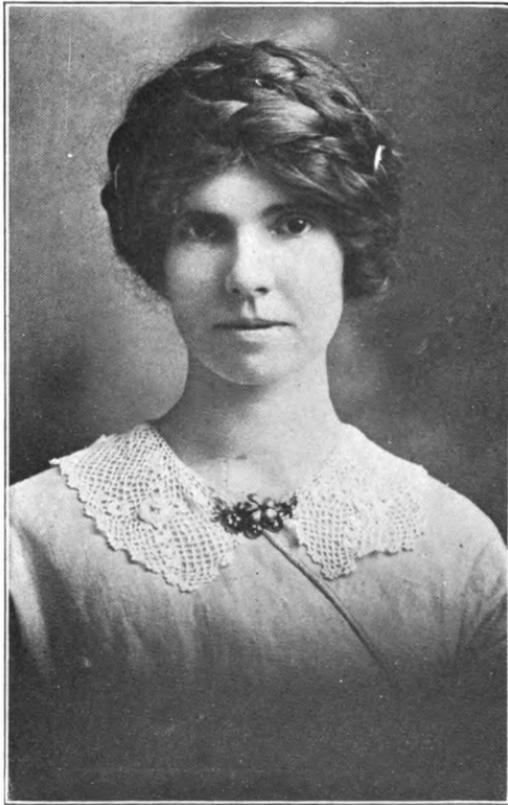
NINTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LAKESIDE CHURCH, PINE BLUFF, MARCH 22-25, 1921.

Editor: Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

We felt like we were at the Woman's Missionary Council at Little Rock, when, at the Hope meeting of 1920, the telegrams and special delivery letters kept coming in at all hours of the day and evening bearing urgent invitation for the Conference to come back to Lakeside for the 1921 meeting, the Fifth Annual Meeting having been held there just four years previous in 1917.

But it is lovely to go where one feels wanted, so twice within the quadrennium the Conference was held at Lakeside, this time March 22-25. The beautiful words of welcome from Mrs. H. B. Trimble was but another expression of the welcome already received and which continued throughout the meeting. Mrs. Elza responded for the Conference, after which Rev. H. B. Trimble preached a strong and helpful sermon on "The Motive of Migration." Mrs. Preston Hatcher, of Jonesboro, president of the North Arkansas Conference Society, was the honor guest of the meeting and her sweet presence strengthened the bond of fellowship between the collaborators of the two Arkansas conferences. Her Bible lesson on "Readiness to Pay the Cost" bore fruit in the hearts of some who felt they must give up the work at that time.

The North Arkansas Conference returned the compliment by inviting this president to attend their meeting, but a "journeying" in the East prevented it, but the invitation was accepted by the superintendent of young people, Mrs. Curtis Stout, who brought good report of kind treatment and a lovely meeting exemplifying the "sisterly kindness" of the Christian spirit.



MISS ALLYS BELLE WADLEY



MRS. C. F. ELZA

Early in the meeting we were enheartened by a letter of good wishes from our Arkansas girls at Scarritt, assuring us of their prayers as they met in groups and signed by Glenn H. Moore, Johanna Linke, Lillian Wahl, Gilberta Harris, Jessie Moore, Cornelia Crozier, Alice Furry, Elma Morgan, and Sue Medlock.

Before we had as a church, completed the great task of the Centenary Movement, we were plunged into the educational movement, which was ably represented by Dr. P. L. Cobb of Nashville, who not only spoke on education but the prayer life and typing the Christian life. Dr. J. M. Workman spoke on "Life Service" and Mrs. C. F. Elza on "Christian Education and Life Service," pleasing the whole Conference by her attractive presentation of the subject.

The noonday Bible lessons by Rev. E. R. Steel were sweet and tender, yet cutting, in the realization of our duty as a follower of Christ, on the subjects, "Successful Life," "The Supreme Need of the Church," and "Is it Easy to be a Christian?"

A very beautiful missionary pageant was given by Mrs. H. B. Trimble and the Lakeside young people on Thursday evening when Mrs. Curtis Stout presented a very splendid young people's program. Having been elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Savage after half the year was gone, Mrs. Stout, our own Pearle Hawley, showed her great executive ability in carrying on a great work already established. Her beautiful message was all the more convincing in the presentation of thirteen young women for life service.

Mrs. T. P. Gantt reported:

Supplies to preachers	\$ 2,026.66
To Mission Schools	114.00
Value to Polish Relief.....	11,506.92
 Grand Total	 \$13,647.58

Dr. P. L. Cobb said:

"The sending of \$2,000,000 worth of supplies to Poland in the few months is the most stupendous task ever accomplished by the church."

Mrs. H. L. Rimmel reported much activity in social service especially in the Inter-Racial work. Mrs. E. R. Steel reported 3,600 bulletins mailed, 93 mission study classes, 3,360 "Helps for Leaders," 1,800 leaflets, 250 circular letters, and 212 reports received, one visit to Henderson-Brown College in the interest of life service, showing as publicity and mission study superintendent, she was fulfilling the challenge of the slogan for the year, "Tell It Out."

The treasurer's report by Mrs. S. W. C. Smith still shows the upward climb although the slump in cotton and rice had not only thrown a financial pall over the country, but many of the large plantation owners were in financial ruin. She reported:

Connectional	\$24,369.00
Local	27,030.64
Total	<u>\$59,852.92</u>

The John F. Taylor Fund, \$3,438.67. The superintendent of Children's Work, Mrs. T. M. Thompson, reported 1900 junior members, 535 baby members, and a total finance, \$1,459.33. She likened the human waste of our nation to the giant torch in the El Dorado oil field that burned out \$20,000 a day, and said that childhood is the time for directing this power into channels of greatest usefulness.

Mrs. Curtis Stout, superintendent of Young People's work, reported:

"Eight hundred and twelve members, 38 mission study and Bible classes, finances, \$1,106.34. Mrs. Pemberton reported: 4,016 adult and young people members, and said: "Never in our history was the spirit of determination to press forward more beautifully expressed in word and deed than at our meeting last year at Hope."

But we were saddened that Mesdames Barkman, Briant, Goetz, Bowe and Ross asked to be relieved from office, but Mesdames Rimmel, Thompson, McKinney, Reynolds and Frohlich have proved full worthy and efficient in the labors assigned them.

Mrs. C. F. Elza, vice-president, in her address on "Christian Education and Life Service," said:

"As our national government has had to spend immense sums of money on cantonments and officers' training camps to

prepare men and officers for the front line trenches in Europe before America could deliver her full power in the present war, so the churches of the living God will have to put millions upon millions into their colleges and universities, their training camps and cantonments, so that the churches may be able to mobilize in the front line trenches in the days of the world conquest and reconstruction. After the war thousands of Woodrow Wilsons, Bryans, Haygoods, Galloways, Lambuths, Wainwrights, Clines, and Motts will be needed, where they have dozens today, and may they have their constantly increasing reserve armies well trained and seasoned to fill up the thinning ranks on the firing line. As I read this list of representative statesmen, bishops, missionaries and teachers my heart swelled with joy that one of the greatest of these men came from my own county, from the suburbs of my own home town, and then there came to me the painful thought, 'Who follows in his train?' And as my heart made inventory of the past years and I saw that no one had followed the great life precedent of John W. Cline, president of Soochow University, I said: 'We are failing, we are falling down in some of the greatest essentials of missionary education.' And does it not fall peculiarly to us as women of the missionary societies to aid and augment to the greatest degree the Christian education of our children?"

At the Summer Conference for Young People in the year 1920 Lakeside auxiliary received the prize (honorable mention) for the most artistic stunt. 'Twas a lake scene painted on a very large canvas, with the heads of the girls peeping through water lily designs, singing: "Lakeside, Lakeside, beautiful Lakeside" to the tune of "K-K-K-Katy, Beautiful Katy." It was beautiful and ever since that joyous, happy evening, when Lakeside is mentioned, that beautiful picture comes to mind. Added to that was the memory of the delightful meeting of 1917 and it was with great expectation that we turned toward Pine Bluff again for a three days' counsel with co-workers and communion with the Master.

We shall not forget Mrs. H. M. Fuller as president of the local auxiliary, Mrs. Earle Phillips, local chairman, Mrs. Renfro's organ music and the sweet voice of Miss Lucy Broadstreet and Mrs. J. P. Wells, the beautiful reception, drives and the lovely dinner to Hot Springs friends and officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Andrews, where the saintly Mrs. Kirk now abides in the eventide of life.

Mrs. Pearl Gibson Kerr and her mother, Mrs. Gibson, very kindly included the president with the vice-president as their guests, their gracious hospitality and the welcome to the long time friend were easily appropriated by the stranger guest; thus we children of the King readily become one in fellowship and cease to be strangers.

There were many things to make it a good meeting and the president was gratified when on the way to the train in company with another delegate, who said: "This has been the best and most helpful meeting I ever attended." And why not? The subjects were vital, the discussions helpful, plans large, our souls brought nearer to the great heart of God and our purpose set to do His will. Builders of other days were present, Mrs. R. H. M. Mills, whose many years of devoted service mark her a faithful friend to missions, Mrs. W. A. Kirk, once superintendent of Tithing in the Home Missions Society now, as the shadows lengthen, a benediction in the home of her devoted daughter, Mrs. Leo Andrews, where she talks to people about God and prays for the work she loves so well. Mrs. J. R. Sanders, the faithful wife of a faithful itinerant preacher, was also introduced.

When darkness closes upon their daylight here, may they awake at the touch of the Master in His own bright Morning Land.

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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING—SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE, HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE—ARK-
ADELPHIA—JUNE 25-JULY 1, 1921.

Mrs. Curtis Stout proved herself an able leader if the Fourth Annual Session of the Summer Conference for Young People was an index, for Henderson-Brown was crowded to the wall to accommodate the large number who came that year.

It is true North Arkansas united with us, but of the 125 girls, the Little Rock Conference had about 100 and enthusiasm ran high.

Mesdames Curtis Stout and J. H. O. Bryant of the North Arkansas Conference presided alternately; Mrs. C. L. Crawford was chaperone; Miss Amanda Dye was musical director, with Miss Susan Bell accompanist.

Rev. J. L. Cannon, pastor host, led the first devotional, and on Sunday morning Dr. Forney Hutchinson gave a great sermon on "The Army of Occupation" and at the evening hour an address on "A Prescription for Success."

Rev. R. W. McKay, presiding elder of the Arkadelphia District, gave two morning talks on "Who Is My Neighbor?" and "Our Duty to Arkansas."

Mrs. C. F. Elza gave a series of talks on "A Girl's Responsibility." "Health Talks" were again given by Miss Gilberta Harris, Mrs. Workman on "Brazil's Need a Challenge to the Church," and group meetings under the trees led by the girls.

Miss Helen Hardy, student secretary, was again a guest of the Conference and her wholesome influence on the girls added much to the success of the meeting.

The noonday Bible lessons, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Raucher of North Arkansas, were sweet and inspirational,

and the "Missionary Travelogues" given by Dr. J. V. Johnson, under the trees, was a very delightful feature of the Conference.

Mrs. H. L. Remmel spoke on the "Southern Highlander" and the "New Social Service," and Mrs. F. M. Williams on "Stars," and Rev. C. M. Reeves closed the last day of the wonderful Conference with a morning missionary address and sermon in the evening on "Life Service."

These Conferences are varied with choice music, readings, informal talks, yells, jolly good humor and are the fullest five days of deep felt missionary and religious inspiration, and we rejoice that such an institution has been founded, which is building into the character and lives of the girls of this Conference a desire to serve the Lord of hosts in the beauty and enthusiasm of youth.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, TEXARKANA—FEBRUARY 21-24, 1922.

Editor: Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

Never in the knowledge of the writer did officers and secretaries strive to make the conference year one of joyous and faithful service more than in the year 1921, that the financial depression that fell upon our section of the country might not affect our collections, and the splendid meeting at First Church Texarkana in February, 1922, was a time for great rejoicing and was a reward for work well done. Everybody likes to go to Texarkana to a meeting. We know it will be a good meeting, and surely this one was no exception.

Mrs. A. B. Ross, our former district secretary and one who had a wonderful record in bringing things to pass, had been ill, but was better and her friends and co-laborers responded beautifully to her leadership, and all went well except Mrs. Pratt Bacon was ill during the early part of the meeting, but later came to make us feel perfectly at home with her at the organ. An unusual combination of musical genius with sweetness of man-

ner and jovial disposition makes her the ideal organist and we always feel so secure when Mrs. Bacon is at the organ. But the music was good at the hand of Mrs. W. E. Marr, and we only needed Mrs. Bacon's presence to make us feel at home in First Church. There was so much to come to, too—Mrs. Seth Reynold's district, Mrs. H. M. Harper, who served as district secretary, Mrs. A. B. Ross, whose leadership, marked by love, has stood out in the history of First Church, Mrs. Ragland, another district secretary, and a host of faithful followers of our Lord.

The record of this great church has been marvelous ever since its organization by Rev. and Mrs. James Thomas in 1902, closing last year's report of the Woman's Missionary Society with a financial record of \$5,573.02. Miss Lucy Bell, student at Scarritt, went from that auxiliary and great interest is manifested in her every need.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold extended cordial greetings, Mrs. H. L. Rimmel of Little Rock First Church responding for the Conference. Miss Leila V. Epps, missionary to Brazil, was honor guest and her noonday Bible lessons brought us very close to the Master, her talks very close to the Brazilians, and we were more interested in the unprivileged of South America than ever before; also Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, one of the Conference little boys who used to go as delegate to the Foreign Missions Society, brought us a great message on "The Old World and the New," which was a mighty challenge to all Christians, and he showed "how through all the ages God's hand has been at the helm and that every great world movement has been but a preparation for the time when the entire world shall crown Him King of Kings and Lord of all." We were more than proud of the Arkansas boy and the foundation for missions builded into his character by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of this Conference when he was a child.

Mrs. L. A. Smith, returned missionary to Korea, gave illustrated lecture, making the Korean situation plainer than before.

Rev. J. D. Hammons, pastor host, preached the annual sermon from Luke 2:44, which was a strong arraignment of modern society and recreations and an appeal to the women to keep high standard in the homes and save the children. He said: "Through all ages the charm of woman has been a mighty factor in the civilization of the world. God pity us if we ever come upon a time when woman thinks more of her personal charm than that of her spiritual life."

Mrs. J. R. Wiseman of the First Church, Texarkana, opened the Conference with a devotional on "Thanksgiving and Praise," the president, giving from memory the thirteenth chapter of I Cor., conducted the first morning devotional on "The Greatest of These Is Love," which was printed in full in the minutes, as was Mrs. Elza's on "A Promise of Youth" on young people. Devotions by Mesdames H. L. Rimmel and E. R. Steele and J. S. Ragland, Revs. J. R. Simmons, J. R. Dickerson, the latter presenting the great need of a school for the mountain boys and girls who are denied education for lack of money, thanking the president for aid which had kept the school going the past year.

The president had made an appeal in the "Methodist" for this school and met some response—even from a family in Texas who had once lived in Arkansas. The president introduced the district secretaries as the most important workers in the Conference. She said they were the link between the Conference and the Auxiliary. These reports showed much good work on the part of the secretaries. No note of discouragement was heard in any of these reports and all thought the general outlook for the work very bright. Some encouragement was found in the reports on inter-racial work and on the use of the Bible in the public schools, several schools reporting the daily use of the Bible in the school.

Mrs. Ragland presented the Conference with a beautiful purple and gold pennant, the reception at Mrs. Atkinson's was exquisite in all its appointments, the attendance at all meetings was good, the noonday luncheons

delicious, and the Texarkana meeting was an occasion of sweetest communion with God and fellowship with friends.

Regret was felt at the decision of Mrs. T. P. Gantt to give up her office, which she had carried on with such devotion. She reported for supplies, \$2,352.63.

Mrs. H. L. Rimmel made us understand the real meaning of Social Service in the report of 45 Adult, six Young People's and six Juniors that had been carrying on many phases of the work, embracing co-operative work with the Y. W. C. A., Florence Crittenden Home, Juvenile Court, State Hospital, State Farm for Women, Town and City Clean Up Campaigns, Community Clubs, negro work and other good works.

Mrs. E. R. Steel reported two departments, 121 reporting mission study, 48 Bible study, 57 using Bulletin, 34 church and secular press. "Break Up the Fallow Ground" was the slogan and to sow the seed of a new day in the 111 auxiliaries that did not report during the past year.

Mrs. T. M. Thompson, reporting the Children's Work, spoke of the "19 Carlisle Juniors uniting with the church under the influence of their consecrated leader. This brings to mind the supreme need of the world today—spiritual power. Too many of us are veritable Marthas so cumbered with many things that we lose sight of the necessity for and value of this power in the child world which is our province." She reported 2,000 Junior members, 579 Baby members, and total finance, \$1,682.22.

Mrs. Curtis Stout, although in bed for many months and a great sufferer, was able to send the best report ever made by the Young People, with 50 auxiliaries, 1,019 members, total finances, \$2,410.67, 17 girls for life service, 200 girls attending the Young People's Summer Conference at Henderson-Brown College representing both conferences, but probably two-thirds from the Little Rock Conference.

The John F. Taylor Fund reached \$3,850 as reported by Mrs. James Thomas, but who on account of illness was not able to be present. Thus the shadows began to

gather about the life of this faithful servant of the Lord till, weary with suffering and pain, she fell asleep and was at rest. Her name is revered and her labors honored in many ways in First Church, Texarkana, which she helped to found, and the "Ella Thomas Bible Class" for men multiplies, day by day, the good works with which she filled all her days.

The treasurer, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, reported:

Connectional	\$25,336.85
Supplies	2,040.37
Local	29,047.40
Total	\$56,424.62

In these figures are written the joy and sacrifice of those who day by day have given as God hath prospered them.

Mrs. Pemberton reported 4,176 Adult and Young People members, 1,427 subscribers to the "Missionary Voice," 203 to "Young Christian Worker," five scholarships in Foreign Mission fields, four Bible women in China and Japan, never forgetting to pay tribute to Dr. A. C. Millar for the Missionary Department in the "Arkansas Methodist." She reported her work as member of the Standing Committee on Literature of the Woman's Missionary Council and the pleasure of seeing the finished product of those days of projecting and prophecy in the splendid literature of Miss Haskin, chairman of the committee, has sent out for the year, and the action taken at the executive meeting and which had been adopted at the Arkadelphia district meeting on the Bible in the public schools as represented by the president as follows:

"That we, the executive committee of Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, in executive session at Little Rock, November 4, 1921, realizing the vital need for a greater knowledge of the literature of the Bible, do hereby petition the next General Assembly of the State of Arkansas to enact a law requiring the daily reading of the Bible in the public schools."

A love gift of \$200 to Miss Virginia Howell was a joy bell of the Conference, and the letter from her hand

showed to what depths of suffering she has been called, yet she says: "Knowing all that I know after these years of experience, I would gladly bring my life and offer it to my Savior."

Mrs. Elza's address on "Victory in Your Auxiliary in 1922" was a gem in thought and most beautiful in deliverance, saying: "If we are to make this year a victory year in our auxiliary, we must first make it a victory year in our lives. Personal victory is born of personal endeavor."

The president said:

"The message of missions is one of cheer; the message of missions is one of hope; the message of missions is one of joy, for missions is expressing itself in the great heart beat of the world in its ministry to mankind, its impelling power being the constraining love of Christ." In retrospection of the work for the past 20 years' service in the Little Rock Conference, seventeen of which she had been president, said "the financial report of the Woman's Home Missions Society the first year was \$1,119.66 and for 1922 was \$26,248.90 connectional, making about 225 per cent gain or an average of eleven and one-fifth per cent gain each year. The 6,000 adult, young people and juvenile members in 238 groups, 36 baby divisions with 535 members shows the leaven is working and the Little Rock Conference becoming a great power. As we have gone down the road hand in hand during these years, the journey has been brightened by the sweet association of friend with friend."

The minutes record this item:

"At the evening session Mrs. E. R. Steel, on behalf of the Conference and in appreciation of Mrs. Williams, who has so long served us as our leader, presented a silver candle stick with a lighted taper—symbolic of the light she has been to us. Mrs. Williams responded in her usual graceful way. Miss Epps was then presented, who was the chief speaker for the evening. She brought home to us in a very real way the true conditions of Brazil and the great needs of that rich country."

The conference journal makes this record:

"Mrs. Williams announced that we were approaching the time for the election of officers and begged us to remember that this was as much a part of worship as the songs we sing or the prayers we offer. In this day of woman's opportunity—of free speech—she wanted every woman present to feel that she was free to express her real desires when she wrote the name on the ballots. She expressed the belief that the time had come for her to step out into the ranks and give way to another. She told of the joy that had been hers in this service—of her

tender feeling for the cause—that its responsibility had made her lean heavily on the Everlasting Arms. This service has been full of joy and happiness and thanks for this opportunity.”

Mrs. Pratt Bacon presented Mrs. Williams with a beautiful bunch of pink carnations from First Church Texarkana, saying that they were trusting these blossoms to express to her their love and appreciation for her love and devotion to the cause so dear to our hearts.

The report from committee on Social Service was presented by the chairman, Mrs. J. M. Workman, and was adopted.

Mrs. Jas. Rogers, chairman, gave the report from committee on Record Books of District Secretaries and it was adopted.

The record says:

“Mrs. F. M. Williams invited the conference officers to the platform and very graciously presented a new gavel of walnut made from a bit of an historic tree which grew in Warren on the home estate of Mrs. Holmes, one of Arkansas’ pioneer workers for missions.

“Mrs. C. F. Elza, the newly elected president, gracefully accepted the gift for the Conference Society, paying beautiful tribute to her predecessor, Mrs. F. M. Williams, and to the women of Little Rock Conference Society from whom she expects co-operation.”

In compliment to the beautiful and efficient service of Mrs. A. B. Ross, she was elected vice-president, but declined on account of ill health, but the Conference was happy to elect Mrs. James M. Workman to that position.

The president felt she was privileged to peep upon holy scenes as guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McKinney, where their two lovely children, Billy and Margaret, gave us the complete picture of the perfect home. Again and again we saw the fruits of the labors of the sainted mother of Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. J. F. Giles, in the earnest missionary spirit, the devoted motherhood and the Christian home where Miss Epps and the writer were so kindly entertained. We remembered the meeting years ago when the Home Mission Society met at the First Church Texarkana and Mrs. Giles was doing

the things our little hostess was doing, and in the precious daughter, Eugenia, we can say of the mother: "Her works do follow her."

Thus the 1922 meeting closed and with it the record for the year 1921 and the term of presidency of the writer, who for ten years was privileged to serve as president of the Home Mission Society and since 1914 of the Woman's Missionary Society. When the good husband met her at a late train that night, she said: "When we come home *with* flowers, we come *without* office," and thus he knew she had meant what she said about giving up the conference work as president.

As the first and last devotionals given by the writer were from Paul's Psalm of Love, the thirteenth chapter of I Cor., so has the twenty years' service in the Conference been bound by this love that has been the dominating, impelling force that answered the call to be co-laborers with Christ in the building of His Kingdom in the earth.

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MRS. ELLA FLICKINGER

Mrs. Flickinger, who served the Conference as treasurer for a number of years, was of indomitable will and spirit. She was of the North, a transplanted flower that was readily acclimated and performed its mission of service to the world as if in native soil. She lived in Malvern and Benton, later Little Rock, and was always busily engaged in some worthwhile service. If advantages were denied her in the morning time of her life, the noonday and evening of her life were assiduously spent in the improving opportunities for the fuller and larger life. She used well that latter day school for women, the literary club, and made of it a real study for broader thought.

She was active in the patriotic societies and kept alive the deeds of those who prepared the way for the building of the nation that is ours.

No work that she ever did was of more value than that in the capacity of treasurer of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, even though the entries were of small amount, one report from a small auxiliary being only 48 cents, her work was neat, exact, painstaking and her interest in the work manifested in the investment for the first time of the funds, in the Owasso Mfg. Co., that there might be an accumulation of interest while in her care. Her policy was to always add every line of figures after each copy, and the writer remembers when Miss Gertrude Sanders of Hot Springs and she were doing her work at the beginning of her long illness, we thought if they were added correctly on page 23 and were transferred to page 38, another addition was not necessary, but at Mrs. Flickinger's bidding we studiously added again and again with every transfer of her figures, it being before the time of adding machines, or our use of them at least.

She served joyously and well, but was forced to lay down her work on account of the spinal trouble that made her a sufferer for years. A weaker will would have broken under the affliction, but she bore excruciating pain with fortitude, patiently endured most severe and painful treatment and after several years was rewarded with a reasonable recovery that made it possible for her to enjoy life again, living in Little Rock, where she made for herself a place in the social life and into the hearts of the people.

When on October 28, 1922, death called her, it was as if the Great Commander had said: "Soldier, now the warfare o'er."

Little Rock Cemetery holds her sacred remains, but the friends with whom she worked when small things were not despised, will hold her memory in their hearts as one who brought to full fruition the possibilities of an indomitable "I will."

MISS BENNETT'S DEATH

The year 1922 not only closed the thirty-fifth year of Miss Bennett's service as vice-president of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, president of the Woman's Board of Home Mission, and president of the Woman's Missionary Council, but marked the close of her long and useful life.

Miss Bennett was easily recognized as a leader, not only of the womanhood of her church, but of interchurch and international movements, and we who have been touched by her greatness would aspire to the things that made her great—an unreserved service to her Lord. And all that we may say of her, the true things and the beautiful things, it all seems too small when we think of her. Just to say Miss Bennett, there looms before us now, not the striking personality of the woman who did so much to change the conditions of the world, but there comes to our mind her wonderful fitness for the eternal things in the household of God.

God can use her right away. May we so live to feel her presence, her benediction, and be recipients of her

intercessions. Our great leader is at home with the Father. We miss her in everything. May her all pervading spirit of service enter into the hearts of our women that in being like her they may be more and more like her Lord.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE—METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK—MAY 3-24, 1922.

The greatest Methodist gathering that ever met in Arkansas was the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met at Hot Springs National Park (our new name) during the month of May, 1922.

The Eastman Hotel, the "Monarch of the Glen," was headquarters and housed all the 400 delegates and many visitors beside.

The Auditorium Theater was the seat of the Conference and was always filled to capacity.

All the bishops were present except Bishop E. R. Hendrix, who sent tender greeting. The two enfeebled bishops, on account of ill health, Bishops Jno. C. Kilgo and Waterhouse were present, but were translated to the Home Beyond soon after the Conference adjourned.

The universality of the gospel was shown in the representatives from Cuba, Mexico, South America, Africa, China, Japan, Korea, the European and Manchurian fields.

The fraternal addresses from Canada, England, the M. E. Church, the colored Methodists and other Methodists were of the highest type intellectually and spiritually.

But the thing that interests us as women was the representation of the women in the Conference for the first time. There was a general feeling of regret that Miss Bennett could not have a seat in the Conference, on account of her illness, to enjoy the laity rights of the

women of the church which she coveted and for which she worked. There were 41 women delegates and alternates, and they made good delegates, were on time, and stayed till it was over. The two conferences in Arkansas were represented by two women in each conference, Mesdames F. M. Tolleson and W. L. Oliver of the North Arkansas Conference, and Mesdames C. F. Elza and F. M. Williams of the Little Rock Conference.

While the writer was looking over the Methodist files for data for this history, she ran across a protest from Mrs. Tolleson against laity rights, but she made a good delegate and no doubt has been converted to this fairness to the women of the church.

The five new bishops elected—Bishops Beauchamp, Dobbs, Hay, Boaz and Dickey—have been in labors abundant at home and abroad. The women had their pictures made, although some did not get taken, and they were appointed to many places of trust.

Hot Springs was happy to have the Conference, and they proudly showed the guests the beauties of the first National Park.

Receptions in the homes of Mesdames F. M. Williams and C. Travis Drennen were largely attended and appreciated by the ladies, the wives of bishops and council officers assisting in receiving.

The new program of the Conference embraced the Superannuate and Hospital commissions, two very important phases of the church, the care of her veteran soldiers of the cross and the ministration to the sick. Results of the Centenary and Educational campaigns were visible and the church can do naught but go forward if we are true to our obligations.

We saw plenty of the parliamentary parley, wondrous words of wit and wisdom, and marvelous manifestations of the mind of the Master, but we were strengthened in our faith in God and man and proud to be one in that mighty force called Methodism which is building, in a mighty way, the kingdom of God.

270 BUILDERS: OF A KINGDOM

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING—SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, ARK-ADDELPHIA—JUNE 24-30, 1922.

Within the six years of the history of the Summer Conference for Young People, there were four superintendents, and Mrs. J. G. Moore who was elected superintendent at the Texarkana meeting in 1922 took hold of the work like an "old hand" and quite well was she fitted to work with young life. It is well that each time we think we have the best and Mrs. Moore seemed specially fitted with many graces.

Dr. John W. Cline of China, Deaconess Glenn Moore, Misses Lucy Bell and Christine Stout were honor guests, Rev. J. L. Cannon making a missionary address and Rev. Walter Scott giving "The Call to Service." Dr. Cline was quite a favorite in his strong sermon, Chinese songs, and delightful communion with the girls. Miss Annie Starke Foster led the singing and Miss Lucie Ellen Hayes was accompanist and gave beautiful solos—extra. Thus we see the fruits of the life and labors of Mrs. Ellen A. Hayes in the charming grand-daughter, Lucie Ellen.

Mrs. E. R. Steel taught "Women and Missions" in a comprehensive way, Miss Gilberta Harris, Miss Glenn Moore and Mrs. F. M. Williams held group meetings under the trees each morning, speaking on "Beauty," "Service," "Youth," and "The Urge."

Mrs. L. A. Smith brought a message from Korea and Mrs. Rex Wilkes discussed the "Model Program." Dr. James V. Johnson spoke on South America. Rev. L. E. N. Hundley gave a devotional and inspiring message. Stunt night under the leadership of Mrs. W. L. Phillips of Ashdown was pronounced the best, Mrs. Workman assisted in presiding and was helpful in every capacity.

The president, Mrs. Elza, was sightseeing abroad and we missed her at every turn, but Mrs. Moore proved herself equal to every occasion. Mrs. Moore, assisted by her niece, Miss Hays and two of the girls, gave a beautiful and artistic recital of readings and music. "Fields of Op-

portunity" was a beautiful presentation of the seven missionary fields of our church. One hundred and thirty registered in the College, the attendance good, and programs well rendered made this seem the best of all the conferences.

THE JUBILEE MEETING—ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S MIS-
SIONARY SOCIETY, WARREN, MAY 24-26, 1923.

*"Hail, blessed Jubilee,
Thine, Lord, the glory be,
Hallelujah!
Thine was the mighty plan,
From thee the work began,
Away with praise of man!
Glory to God."*

The Golden Jubilee Meeting at Warren, April 24-26, was a fitting climax to the fifty years of woman's work in the Little Rock Conference.

The spirit of the semi-centennial celebration was carried out in the well arranged program, the streamer across the chancel bearing in letters of gold, the words: "Golden Jubilee," the beautiful decorations of yellow roses in large baskets and vases about the altar, the badges of ribbons of gold, and programs printed in letters of gold, but best of all was the real jubilee spirit of the people of Warren, who seemed to realize to the fullest degree, the sacred responsibility of the celebration of the founding of missions for women, and the realization of the officers and delegates of this great program of prayer and praise.

Unusual interest was added to this meeting because the three living charter members were to be present, and Mrs. Frances McKinnon Morton, of San Marcos, Texas, daughter of Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, in whose mind perhaps more than in any other, the thought of a missionary society crystallized, was to be honor guest.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE—METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK—MAY 3-24, 1922.

The greatest Methodist gathering that ever met in Arkansas was the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met at Hot Springs National Park (our new name) during the month of May, 1922.

The Eastman Hotel, the "Monarch of the Glen," was headquarters and housed all the 400 delegates and many visitors beside.

The Auditorium Theater was the seat of the Conference and was always filled to capacity.

All the bishops were present except Bishop E. R. Hendrix, who sent tender greeting. The two enfeebled bishops, on account of ill health, Bishops Jno. C. Kilgo and Waterhouse were present, but were translated to the Home Beyond soon after the Conference adjourned.

The universality of the gospel was shown in the representatives from Cuba, Mexico, South America, Africa, China, Japan, Korea, the European and Manchurian fields.

The fraternal addresses from Canada, England, the M. E. Church, the colored Methodists and other Methodists were of the highest type intellectually and spiritually.

But the thing that interests us as women was the representation of the women in the Conference for the first time. There was a general feeling of regret that Miss Bennett could not have a seat in the Conference, on account of her illness, to enjoy the laity rights of the

women of the church which she coveted and for which she worked. There were 41 women delegates and alternates, and they made good delegates, were on time, and stayed till it was over. The two conferences in Arkansas were represented by two women in each conference, Mesdames F. M. Tolleson and W. L. Oliver of the North Arkansas Conference, and Mesdames C. F. Elza and F. M. Williams of the Little Rock Conference.

While the writer was looking over the Methodist files for data for this history, she ran across a protest from Mrs. Tolleson against laity rights, but she made a good delegate and no doubt has been converted to this fairness to the women of the church.

The five new bishops elected—Bishops Beauchamp, Dobbs, Hay, Boaz and Dickey—have been in labors abundant at home and abroad. The women had their pictures made, although some did not get taken, and they were appointed to many places of trust.

Hot Springs was happy to have the Conference, and they proudly showed the guests the beauties of the first National Park.

Receptions in the homes of Mesdames F. M. Williams and C. Travis Drennen were largely attended and appreciated by the ladies, the wives of bishops and council officers assisting in receiving.

The new program of the Conference embraced the Superannuate and Hospital commissions, two very important phases of the church, the care of her veteran soldiers of the cross and the ministrations to the sick. Results of the Centenary and Educational campaigns were visible and the church can do naught but go forward if we are true to our obligations.

We saw plenty of the parliamentary parley, wondrous words of wit and wisdom, and marvelous manifestations of the mind of the Master, but we were strengthened in our faith in God and man and proud to be one in that mighty force called Methodism which is building, in a mighty way, the kingdom of God.

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FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING—SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, ARK-ADDELPHIA—JUNE 24-30, 1922.

Within the six years of the history of the Summer Conference for Young People, there were four superintendents, and Mrs. J. G. Moore who was elected superintendent at the Texarkana meeting in 1922 took hold of the work like an "old hand" and quite well was she fitted to work with young life. It is well that each time we think we have the best and Mrs. Moore seemed specially fitted with many graces.

Dr. John W. Cline of China, Deaconess Glenn Moore, Misses Lucy Bell and Christine Stout were honor guests, Rev. J. L. Cannon making a missionary address and Rev. Walter Scott giving "The Call to Service." Dr. Cline was quite a favorite in his strong sermon, Chinese songs, and delightful communion with the girls. Miss Annie Starke Foster led the singing and Miss Lucie Ellen Hayes was accompanist and gave beautiful solos—extra. Thus we see the fruits of the life and labors of Mrs. Ellen A. Hayes in the charming grand-daughter, Lucie Ellen.

Mrs. E. R. Steel taught "Women and Missions" in a comprehensive way, Miss Gilberta Harris, Miss Glenn Moore and Mrs. F. M. Williams held group meetings under the trees each morning, speaking on "Beauty," "Service," "Youth," and "The Urge."

Mrs. L. A. Smith brought a message from Korea and Mrs. Rex Wilkes discussed the "Model Program." Dr. James V. Johnson spoke on South America. Rev. L. E. N. Hundley gave a devotional and inspiring message. Stunt night under the leadership of Mrs. W. L. Phillips of Ashdown was pronounced the best, Mrs. Workman assisted in presiding and was helpful in every capacity.

The president, Mrs. Elza, was sightseeing abroad and we missed her at every turn, but Mrs. Moore proved herself equal to every occasion. Mrs. Moore, assisted by her niece, Miss Hays and two of the girls, gave a beautiful and artistic recital of readings and music. "Fields of Op-

portunity" was a beautiful presentation of the seven missionary fields of our church. One hundred and thirty registered in the College, the attendance good, and programs well rendered made this seem the best of all the conferences.

THE JUBILEE MEETING—ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S MIS-
SIONARY SOCIETY, WARREN, MAY 24-26, 1923.

*"Hail, blessed Jubilee,
Thine, Lord, the glory be,
Hallelujah!
Thine was the mighty plan,
From thee the work began,
Away with praise of man!
Glory to God."*

The Golden Jubilee Meeting at Warren, April 24-26, was a fitting climax to the fifty years of woman's work in the Little Rock Conference.

The spirit of the semi-centennial celebration was carried out in the well arranged program, the streamer across the chancel bearing in letters of gold, the words: "Golden Jubilee," the beautiful decorations of yellow roses in large baskets and vases about the altar, the badges of ribbons of gold, and programs printed in letters of gold, but best of all was the real jubilee spirit of the people of Warren, who seemed to realize to the fullest degree, the sacred responsibility of the celebration of the founding of missions for women, and the realization of the officers and delegates of this great program of prayer and praise.

Unusual interest was added to this meeting because the three living charter members were to be present, and Mrs. Frances McKinnon Morton, of San Marcos, Texas, daughter of Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, in whose mind perhaps more than in any other, the thought of a missionary society crystallized, was to be honor guest.

In this instance, as we journeyed and made changes, it was a case of people over running the train instead of the train running over people, but the conductor made the most of it while we tried to make the best of it, but good humor prevailed and he rewarded us by having an extra coach for our return.

All officers and district secretaries were present, except Mrs. W. S. Anderson, of Wilmar, who was detained on account of illness, 121 voting members of the Conference and many visitors enjoyed the hospitality of Warren.

The first time the writer of this history saw the program she asked how the committee "happened" to choose the keyword "Building," for she had not then told the title of this book which she selected definitely last year but which was spoken to her seventeen years ago at the El Dorado meeting, and thus was the leading of the Holy Spirit manifested in the naming of this book to fit the program of the semi-centennial celebration which was sent out from headquarters at Nashville.

"Pioneer Night" was ushered in by a devotional led by the pastor host, Rev. J. D. Baker, and a gracious welcome by Mrs. E. L. Harley, president of the local auxiliary, who likened the pioneers who sat in state upon the platform, to the mother bird who sends out her nestlings to make melody in the heart of the world, welcoming them to the old nest, the place where the work was organized.

Mrs. Frances McKinnon Morton, with sweet and telling words spoke of "The Pioneer and Her Work," paying tender tribute to her mother as a pioneer in missions. She said:

"A pioneer is one who does straight thinking and far seeing and does not necessarily live in the past or primitive days. Women are the keepers of the torch of life and world peace will come through the united womanhood of the world. We need more Christian social standards, humanity is worth something." She said she did not come to Warren to pay a tribute to her mother, her whole life was that tribute, not to pay tribute to the pioneers their lives were their tribute, nor to the people of Warren, they knew she loved and honored them, but to bring a message to the young life that might be there, that some might answer the call to serve in Christ's kingdom.

Her poems, her letters, all she writes will take on new meaning, now that we know that gentle, attractive, unusual personality. We know too, that her boys, Jack, Ward McKinnon, in whose name is perpetuated that of mother and father, Charles and "Dr. Jack" the husband, must be very proud of the little mother whose frailty does not betray the abundance of duties which add to the richness of the life dedicated to God and her family.

Her presence throughout the meeting was like a soft radiance from the spirit world, embodying the spirit of the mother whose influence is felt in the lives of many people in Arkansas today.

"The Holy City" was rendered in beautiful voice by Mrs. Hugh Lyde of Camden, and a pageant, "Honoring the Pioneers," was presented by the young people of Warren, directed by their leader, Mrs. Hugh Mosely. This pageant presented the development of the missionary society in three divisions: "Call to Service," "Fields of Service" and "Agencies at Work." The three departments and the three living pioneers were represented by bearers of three lighted tapers. The closing scene of this very beautiful and effective pageant was the presentation of arm bouquets to the pioneers, Mesdames E. L. Holmes, J. R. Howell and M. A. Price, which was made by three tiny tots in fairy like costume, bestowing upon these workers of early days, a token of love from the Warren auxiliary.

A reception in honor of the pioneers was held at the close of this session. The two days were crowded with good things of song, of worship, of praise and plans for the extension of the Kingdom.

The president, Mrs. Elza, opened the morning session with a devotion on "Building by Prayer," which was followed by her message and the reports of the conference corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pemberton and treasurer, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith.

The president mentioned many features of the work in which our women were pioneers, the work in China, the building of Scarritt Bible and Training School, the

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union of the two societies, laity rights, inter-racial work, and others, urging us on to greater endeavor and loyalty to the cause that made pioneers of early days.

The noonday devotions were led by Mrs. E. R. Steel, with Mesdames H. L. Rimmel, W. P. Darby, F. M. Williams, J. G. Moore and Rev. J. A. Parker leading at other times.

The reports of the officers and superintendents showed we had had a fine year and the building of the Kingdom had gone steadily on. Mrs. Pemberton, corresponding secretary, reported:

Number of auxiliaries, adult.....	121
Number of members	3,342
Subscribers to Missionary Voice.....	1,295
Scholarships supported	3
Bible Women supported	3

Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, treasurer, reported:

To Council Treasurer	\$24,140.11
Value of Supplies	\$ 6,020.75
Local Work Reported	\$35,852.07
Grand Total	\$68,833.25

Mrs. J. G. Moore, superintendent of Young People's Work reported:

Number of auxiliaries	50
New auxiliaries	13
Number of members.....	884
New members	400
Total to conference treasurer	\$1,786.27
Value of boxes (23)	\$ 260.15
Local work	\$1,934.88
Total	\$3,981.30

Mrs. T. M. Thompson, superintendent of Children's Work reported:

Baby divisions, 40; members, 684; Finance, \$161.45	
Junior divisions, members 2,000; Finance, \$1,312.55	
Supplies and local work.....	\$ 406.43
Total Finance	\$1,180.43

Mrs. J. R. Sanders, superintendent of Supplies, reported:

Value of supplies reported.....	\$2,399.39
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Mrs. H. L. Rimmel reported 100 auxiliaries, reporting on social service work, with many phases of the work being done in the Conference.

Mrs. E. R. Steel received commendation from the council as having the largest number of reports sent to council.

Number of mission study classes.....	220
Number of members	1,936
Number of bible study classes.....	200
Number using bulletin	73

OFFICERS L. R. CONFERENCE W. M. S.

President—Mrs. C. F. Elza.
Vice-President—Mrs. J. M. Workman.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. W. C. Smith.
Superintendent of Young People—Mrs. J. G. Moore.
Superintendent of Children—Mrs. T. M. Thompson.
Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. J. R. Sanders, Jr.
Superintendent of Social Service—Mrs. H. L. Rimmel.
Superintendent of Mission Study—Mrs. E. R. Steele.
Superintendent of Publicity—Miss Fay McRea.
Historian—Mrs. F. M. Williams.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Arkadelphia—Mrs. W. D. Brouse.
Camden—Mrs. L. K. McKinney.
Little Rock—Mrs. Max Frolich.
Monticello—Mrs. W. P. Darby.
Pine Bluff—Mrs. Frank Meyers.
Prescott—Mrs. Geo. Cress.
Texarkana—Mrs. Seth Reynolds.

“Perplexing Problems” was well presented by Mrs. W. P. McDermott, whose position as probation officer of the Juvenile Court of Pulaski County, qualifies her to speak on such a subject. Most of these problems can be solved by right home training, was the final conclusion.

The historian, Mrs. F. M. Williams, reported the completion of the history and presented plans for its dis-

tribution, and at the Wednesday evening session she and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton gave the "High Lights of Fifty Years of Kingdom Building."

The Jubilee Conference was fortunate in having Miss Mabel K. Howell, administrative secretary of the foreign department, and who had just spent six months in the Orient, as their guest.

Miss Howell brought us a great message as she always does, but this was so full of hope, that the Orient is seeking Christ; that Japan is looking for a religion that will give her people a moral basis, that China is assuming responsibility of evangelizing China and Korea as a nation has decided to go to school. The womanhood of the world has caught our vision, and we are writing into the hearts of the women the Christian ideal of womanhood, and we have developed a group of women in all nations with this missionary spirit and that the capstone to this building is the Missionary Federation of the World to be formed and a Joint International Missionary paper to be published. We thank God for Miss Howell and her great message. The heart of Mrs. E. L. Holmes whelmed with pride and her face beamed with joy when Miss Howell brought news of "Won Ta Ta," the first Chinese girl to be educated by the women of our church and by the Warren auxiliary, that "Won Ta Ta," the "Emily Van Valkenburg" of China still lived and was known as the "Belle H. Bennett" of China, that the Christian religion had touched three generations of her family, and that her daughter had just graduated from one of our universities.

Thus we see something of the early labors of that small group of women in Warren, who in honor of the Little Rock Conference corresponding secretary named their Chinese student, Emily Van Valkenburg, who after 45 years, has become a power among women in China. In the minutes of the First Annual Meeting of the General Executive Association of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held in Louisville, Ky., in 1879, this entry is made: "Little Rock Conference, April 24th, Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Warren Auxiliary Society, for support

of "Emily Van Valkenburg" in Mrs. Lambuth's School, China—\$4.00." \$210.70 being the sum paid by the Conference in the year 1878 as compared to the connectional fund in 1922, \$24,140.11. God hath surely blessed the labors of the women and multiplied them by His mighty power.

At the Friday evening meeting the last bits of business and beautiful music preceded Miss Florence White-side's report of her work at El Dorado, and we were happy that Methodism and our woman's work could furnish a worker in the great oil center which has so lately developed in our state.

Mrs. Elza gave in most attractive manner, "The Imported Rosary," her travelogue of her European trip, which was a beautiful climax to so fine a meeting. En-route we thought we had a world traveler when we saw her grip bearing the foreign stamps; when we saw her gowns we thought a Parisian was in our midst; when we saw her secretarial portfolio and spic note books we thought we had a council secretary with us, but when she spoke we knew it was our own Mrs. Elza of Benton, and the whilom prim president of the past, but now historian, noted with an inner smile her own little "Blue Jay" note book to which she had dropped from the accustomed "I. P. Loose Leaf No. 505."

Mrs. Elza's first address to the Conference as superintendent of Young People in 1916 was at Warren and closed with a simile of a rosary, and seven years after, president, closed her first meeting with "The Rosary" thus magnifying the Cross in her service.

Many beautiful incidents made this meeting of special interest, the presentation of ten dollars in gold to the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund by a granddaughter of a charter member, Mrs. Nannie Koonce, and a hundred dollar honorary life membership to Mrs. E. L. Holmes by her children, the banquet given by the Warren auxiliary at the Y. M. C. A. to the pioneers, officers and auxiliary presidents, and the reception at the Bradley Lumber Co. department store where Mr. Victor was host.

These and many other courtesies evidenced the spirit of Warren which the writer names as "The Little City of Brotherly Love."

When in the early days of the settlement of Arkansas, Captain Hugh Bradley came down the river and across the country and settled in Southeast Arkansas, Bradley County was named for him, and the little village which sprung up about him and his activities, he named "Warren" for his "bodyguard" as the servant was then called. The spirit of Warren retains that grace of "in honor preferring one another."

While in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson at previous times, the spirit of Warren was seen in its enterprising business, loyalty to youth in wholesome recreation, unity of church relationship, civic pride and a courteous cordiality that makes the stranger feel at home. The great mills, "The Southern," under the management of Mr. O. O. Axley, "The Bradley Lumber Co." and "The Arkansas," "Warren Stave and Lumber Co." and other big concerns stamp Warren as a business center, yet that brotherly spirit is apparent in the hearts of the people.

The home of Mrs. A. L. Green, daughter of Mrs. Van Valkenburg, was the center of much attraction where were housed two of the honor guests, Mrs. E. L. Holmes and Mrs. Morton. The writer remembers with pleasure, the ex-presidents' luncheon, given by Mrs. Green where she was a guest with ten ex-presidents of the local auxiliary.

Mesdames Pemberton, J. R. Sanders, Miss Howell and the writer were kindly housed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ederington at the jubilee meeting.

By no means the least delight of the annual meeting is that of being in the homes of our friends, and this Christian home, with the pervading spirit of the child, was a joy to those included in the family circle, and we know the world will be richer by the lives of Louis Wilson, Virginia, Janet and Helen when they take their places in the affairs of the world.

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And thus we turn the last page in the fifty years' history of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society, with enlarged membership, increased finances, a pledge of \$7,500 to the Bennett Memorial Fund, the acceptance of this book and the sale of its 2,000 edition, these and other high purposes being the goal as we enter into another period as "Builders: of a Kingdom"—the Kingdom of God.

*"Lord of all power and might,
Father of love and light,
Speed on thy word!
O let the gospel sound
All the wide world around,
Whenever man is found
God speed his word!"*

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE—HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, ARK-
ADELPHIA, JUNE 11-16, 1923.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Summer Conference for Young People took on some of the enthusiasm of the Adult Conference, not only in the 125 girls present, but in the fine program which was well executed.

Mrs. J. G. Moore, superintendent of Young People's Work, again proved herself worthy her high position in the conduct of the Conference. By far the most popular person at the Conference was Miss Miwa Yamaga, of Japan, a product of Christian missions. Her talks, her dress and her display of curios from the Orient delighted all who attended the Conference.

Miss Mary Cline, who was reared in China, also gave strong messages as did Rev. T. A. Hearn, Miss Elmer Morgan, from the mission fields, and Mesdames W. P. McDermott, Blakely, Gibson, F. M. Williams, Workman, Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, and Rev. Rex Wilkes stirred the hearts of all hearers in his "Call to Service" at the last service.

Mrs. A. O. Evans "spread herself" in the giving of good meals, the weather was pleasant and the play life entered into with zest, the Arkadelphia district carried off the prize in athletics.

Mrs. W. L. Phillips again did herself proud in the management of Stunt Night, the singing, under the direction Miss Annie Starke Foster, was the best, and the stage was kept attractive by fresh flowers each day by Mesdames R. W. Huie, Jr. and T. A. Tennyson.

Each day was begun by the early "morning watch" conducted by Miss Alita Hamiter, and was the index that pointed to a full day's service for the girls, and the closing service when a host of girls offered themselves for special service was the climax to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Summer Conference for Young People.

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One day as the writer lay upon a cot in a Hot Springs bath house she watched the builders of another new bath house, and noticed how rapidly the bricks were carried up, and were quickly laid upon the soft bed of mortar. But also noticed that the work of the master workman was slow and painstaking, for with the square and plumb he slowly and carefully fitted the bricks and kept in plumb the wall as it grew in height day by day. Many of us have helped in this building of a kingdom, but the Master Builder, with painstaking care smooths the rough edges of our work and plumbs the line of our character so that we poor workmen of His may even be counted worthy to be builders of His Kingdom.

Some came early in the process of construction, some worked faithfully and well, some "walked with us no more" and fell by the way, some came in just in time to lend a hand in placing the capstone upon this "Building" that now stretches to the nations afar.

All have their reward and yet we cannot say the whole wide world knows Jesus and there is yet much to do.

The door of opportunity is still open wide and the Master says "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and it has not been done. Will *you* lend a hand?