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It is difficult to express by any combination of facts and figures the complete results, even for a single year of work, of such a society as the Christian and Missionary Alliance, on account of the fact of its invisible and spiritual agencies and influences being immeasurably greater than the mere machinery of its outward organization. Like the headlight of a great locomotive, the far-reaching circle of the light it casts is immensely greater than the little lamp from which it radiates. The lamp itself is lost in the glow and glory of the illumination it casts. So would our humble work seek to hide itself in the blessing it reflects, and be known rather by its beneficent results than its imposing array of pretensions, figures or outward forces.

1. This year will be memorable as the first year of the consolidation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The union which was formally consummated a year ago has been getting into practical operation during the past twelve months, and revealing at once its advantages, and, at the same time, some of the minor imperfections in form and method which the valued experience of the past year has enabled us during the important official councils of the present conference to modify and improve.

The year has been one of settling and stablishing and your President and Board of Managers are able to report that the work is now resting on a stronger and broader foundation than ever before. The many conferences of the past year and especially of the Advisory Council during the spring meeting have greatly strengthened and cemented the bands of unity and fellowship among the workers, and the experience of the year just closed has profoundly deepened our sense of the sacredness and importance of the trust which God has committed to us in connection with the testimony and work of the Alliance. God has given us a message and a combination of precious truth which meets the need and longing cry of multitudes of His people in these days of increasing worldly conformity and even threatened apostasy in a large section of the Church of Christ.

The Fourfold Gospel with its simple and intensely earnest witness for the living Christ as a complete Saviour, an all-sufficient Sanctifier, an almighty Healer, and earth's anointed and coming King, is a message which seems to meet the special need of the present age and awakes a responsive echo in the hearts of multitudes of hungry Christians. The work to which the Master has called us and to which He has permitted us to rally the loyal and loving hearts and hands of so many of His consecrated servants has peculiar attractions for earnest souls. It offers them a service of self sacrifice and entire consecration in the neglected fields at home and abroad which

others are not reaching. It seeks to work according to the divine plan for these last days, and it offers the worker a divine power and co-operation through the enduement of the Holy Ghost and the wonderworking Providence of God which has so manifestly sealed the work upon so many fields. The hearts of our people and especially of our workers have been thus confirmed in the deep sense of our divine and heavenly calling as an Alliance, and we are going forth into another year with a profounder conviction of our sacred mission and a deeper unity and fellowship in this great trust than ever before.

2. The year has been one of wide expansion as well as strong consolidation. The cords have been lengthened while the stakes have been strengthened. While the matter of organization is always held subordinate to spiritual life and work, yet the organization as such has been widely extended throughout the United States and Canada and many foreign countries. Besides the older auxiliaries established for several years in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Washington and Georgia new organizations have been formed under experienced and qualified state superintendents in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Ohio, Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota and Colorado so that now the Alliance is organized in most of the principal States of the Union and has for some time been in operation in the provinces

of Canada. Not only have these states been added to the list of auxiliaries, but in the older states as well as these a large number of new branches have been formed and the work has been pushed with great energy until now a great proportion of the leading cities and towns of the United States and Canada are centers of the Alliance. Meetings and branches have been formed in several of the cities of Europe, while our missionaries abroad really represent the Alliance in almost all heathen lands. We have many warm friends and faithful workers in England, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Russia, Turkey, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, India, China, Africa and the republics of South America. It is true that our representatives in any single locality are not always numerous or influential. They often represent a humble minority, a little flock, but it is blessed to know that they are holding forth the Word of Life, both by their example and testimony in almost every corner and quarter of the globe. The detailed reports of the state superintendents show that great progress has been made in extending the home work in the states of New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and California. In all these states there is a vigorous executive organization and it has been found that the progress of the work is only limited by our ability to secure divinely qualified leaders and fellow laborers. If we had a thousand God-given workers we could have a thousand branches during the coming year as prosperous

and powerful as any upon our lists. In many instances God has blessed the faith and work of a consecrated leader within a few months to such a degree that a single branch in a city of moderate population has not only become a local center of blessing, but has been able to assume the support of a number of missionaries on the foreign field.

3. The work of evangelization and deeper spiritual teaching has been even a more prominent feature of the work of the past year than organization, and, as we enter upon the current year it is the conviction of all the workers that the greatest need of the Alliance is an army of humble, holy, Christ-filled and anointed evangelists and teachers to go forth in every part of the field and hold up the testimony of Christ in His fulness, and the Fourfold Gospel in its glorious completeness and divine attractiveness to the hearts that are hungering for something better than they too often find in the cold and Christless religious teaching of the day. It would be impossible to estimate the volume of precious teaching and hallowed spiritual influence that has gone forth from the numerous conventions of the past year. These conventions, with their humbler adjuncts - all-day meetings - form one of the chief agencies by which the truths of the Alliance are propagated. During the past year these national conventions have been held at Old Orchard, New York City, Beulah Part, Ohio, and attended by thousands of persons who have gone forth quickened and inspired for higher living and truer work. Besides these, numerous conventions have

been held in all the leading cities of the country and many towns and villages, and it would not be too much to say hundreds of thousands of persons have been reached in this way during the past year with the deeper truths of the Fourfold Gospel.

It is our aim to multiply all these agencies during the ensuing year and we ask the prayers of our people that the "Lord of the harvest would thrust forth laborers into His harvest." This work of evangelizing and teaching must precede organization and it will always lead to missionary results. Let us only give our people these stirring truths and they will inevitably become either missionaries themselves or supporters of missions, and will be irresistibly aroused to sacrifice, labor, pray and give for the evangelization of the world and the hastening of the coming of the Lord.

4. The next great agency of our work for which we specially thank God is the work of education and the training of laborers. The past year has given to us our new Missionary Institute at Nyack and God has been pleased to bless this advance movement in a signal way. The building has been found to be specially adapted for its important purpose and our young people have responded to this gracious call of God's providence by coming in increased numbers and the highest Christian spirit to attend the classes of the School of Christ and the Christian Armory for the battles of the Lord. About 200 different names have been enrolled in our classes during the past

session and they have represented a very high quality of Christian piety, consecration, capacity and holy zeal. Many of them have already gone forth as missionaries and many more are looking to the field. The school has been well equipped in its force of workers and teachers. Mr. Farr is still acting as the Dean and Superintendent of Studies. The spiritual oversight of the students is entrusted to our dear brother, Mr. Funk. Mrs. Kirk has rendered invaluable service in the management of the home and the spiritual oversight of the young ladies of the Institute. Special lectures have been given by Dr. Gray, of Boston, Rev. W.W. Clark of New York, Dean Peck and a number of other visitors, while the ordinary staff of regular teachers has included Mr. Farr, Dr. Wilson, Mr. Mosier, Mr. Warren, Mr. Pardington, Dr. Oerter, Mr. Funk, Mrs. Field, Miss Shepard, Miss Agnew, Mr. Williams, Mr. Simpson and others. The regular classes of the Institute will be maintained from the first of June until the first of October and shorter courses of study will be available for those whose time will not permit them to take the seven months' course of the winter session.

Next in value and importance in connection with the training of workers is the Home School which during the past winter has moved from its former location to 208 E. 14<sup>th</sup> street. During the past winter this has been attended by relays of the ladies and gentlemen on alternate months from the Institute at Nyack, who have spent a

month at this school enjoying a very valuable course of training in practical mission work. The opportunity has been afforded to visit all the city missions under careful oversight of the experienced workers and to become familiar with the methods of rescue work which have been so greatly blessed in the metropolis. Daily teachings are also given at the Home. The work has been under the care of an experienced committee, consisting of Dr. Wilson, Mrs. MacDonald, Dr. Furry, Mr. Dennett and others, and Mr. and Mrs. Bell have rendered valuable help in charge of the domestic department of the Home. This Home School which has now been in existence for two years, has been much blessed in training a number of workers for the home field. The course is a short and inexpensive one and the experience acquired is of great value in practical mission work. It is to be removed for the coming winter to the old Institute Building, 44<sup>th</sup> street and 8<sup>th</sup> avenue.

In connection with the training of home and foreign missionaries the Board of Managers and Advisory Council have had under consideration the importance of establishing similar institutions in a few other great centers in the West and South.

5. Among the institutions of the Alliance on which God has set His gracious seal must be mentioned Berachah Home. During the past year this Home has been removed to a more suitable location at South Nyack. A commodious building with accommodations for nearly one hundred persons, and in a most charming situation, has been

specially fitted up as a temporary resting place for those who desire to wait upon God for quiet teaching, rest and healing. It is needless to say that while divine healing is recognized as one of the privileges of the disciples of Christ, and one of the teachings of the Fourfold Gospel, it is not given undue prominence in our work, and the workers make no claims of special personal powers and are most careful to avoid the fanaticism which has often been connected with such work.

In this connection we feel it proper to mention many similar centers of faith and divine working in connection with the Alliance in almost all parts of our field where God has been pleased to manifest His healing power confirming His Word with signs following.

6. One of the mightiest forces in the work of the Alliance has been the printed page and the work of publication. The Christian and Missionary Alliance is a weekly evangelist to tens of thousands of our people, and has, perhaps, been used as much as any single agency to interest our present constituency in the truths we hold so dear and in the work which has been made so great a blessing. It has added several thousand to its list of subscribers during the past year and much of this is due to the faithful labors of our superintendents throughout the country. A little effort on the part of our people would double the subscription list every year and send forth the truth perhaps more effectively than is possible even through any living voice.

Besides the weekly journal a great number of leaflets, tracts and volumes have been circulated during the year and the publishing work greatly increased, especially the Colportage Department, through which a great number of workers may easily find an opportunity of circulating the truth, and, at the same time, maintaining themselves through the profits of their sales.

A considerable amount of free official literature, including manuals, missionary reports and leaflets explaining the principles and work of the Alliance, has been circulated during the year, and the cost has been richly repaid in the increased interest and contributions of our people.

The publishing work of the Alliance has been greatly facilitated by the establishment of a valuable plant at South Nyack, where the Manufacturing and Publishing Department has its headquarters with a branch in New York and many agencies in the principal cities of the country as well as Great Britain.

7. The work among the children has not been overlooked during the past year, but has made more rapid progress than at any previous period. In connection with the Junior Missionary Alliance more than fifty bands have been established throughout the country, including about 1,200 children, and their little gifts and big sacrifices have resulted in a net contribution of over \$2,600 during the past year. About a thousand heathen children are under the care of these little ones at home, and they are planning much greater things for the year to come, including the

care of the children of the missionaries abroad and the work extending over all the home and foreign field. Nothing has been more beautiful in the records of the year than the heart-stirring story of the sacrifices these little ones have often made to give their savings, gifts and earnings for the help of others, rather than their own selfish indulgence.

We have not forgotten the claims of the fatherless and the orphan. Berachah Orphanage at College Point is one of our oldest and most precious institutions, and the action of the Advisory Council of the present Convention looks forward to the taking of this chartered institution under the direct care of the Junior Alliance as soon as the necessary legislative action be taken.

One of the greatest needs which has been deeply felt by our Alliance friends is a school for the higher education of our boys and girls under deeply spiritual influences and the special atmosphere and teaching of the Alliance. The Advisory Council at its late meeting has strongly recommended this important project to the attention and practical action of our people, and it is hoped that God will lay this so directly upon the hearts and minds of some of His dear children that the way may be opened for the establishment of such a school, or rather, to such schools respectively for our boys and girls during the current year.

8. The need of a Christian home for the reception and entertainment of our Alliance friends and missionaries in the city has led to the opening of the Christian Alliance

Home in the quarters of the former Berachah, 250 W. 44<sup>th</sup> street, New York. This delightful home, where God's children can be entertained during their residence in the city and enjoy the privileges of Christian fellowship and teaching as well as the comforts of a real home, is now under the care of Miss S. Lindenberger and has been much blessed during the past year to those who have enjoyed its Christian hospitality.

9. The executive work of the Alliance has been greatly strengthened during the past year. A Board of twenty-four members have met monthly for the more important business of the society and a smaller Executive Committee of twelve has met every week for the more detailed work. A thoroughly experienced bookkeeper has had charge of the accounts of the society and an experienced superintendent or secretary has had charge of each department, with an office at the headquarters of the society, 690 Eighth avenue.

During the ensuing year the executive work will be still more thoroughly equipped and managed. Most of this important service is rendered gratuitously by friends who are otherwise supported.

At the same time it has been found necessary to provide in a moderate and economical way for some of the workers but the principle of rigid economy and great simplicity of method and machinery will ever control the administration of this work.

10. In the valuable additions to the blessings of the year has been the new settlement at Nyack Heights which has not only afforded us an inexpensive site for our Institute, the Home and other departments of the work, but which has also been already sealed by the Holy Spirit by the signal blessing poured out upon the Convention held there during last September. This settlement is managed by an independent syndicate and involves no expense whatever to the Board of the Alliance.

11. Last but not least, among the blessings of the home side of the work for which we have special cause to thank our heavenly Father is the marked increase of the contributions of the Lord's people to our work during the past year. The direct cash receipts, as will be seen from the Treasurer's report exceed \$147,000, while from a kind friend and previous donor a large amount of stock has been contributed which, it is hoped, will eventually realize its face value. This special contribution bears on its face the nominal value of \$115,000, and the prayers of our people are earnestly asked that this may be all realized eventually for the work of the Gospel. We have been notified of a few legacies during the year, but no cash receipts have been realized from these sources during the year. There have been some small contributions of valuable securities. Altogether the receipts of the year greatly exceed any previous year in our history and mark the increasing blessing of our God and the deepening and widening of the great spiritual current of life and love from which all true giving must flow.

When we remember the stringency of the times through which we have passed the last few years and the deep poverty of many of our people and their noble contributions during the past year, our hearts are filled with humble gratitude and profound encouragement.

### **OUR MISSIONARY WORK.**

Turning now to the great field of foreign evangelization which represents the chief work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance we are glad to call attention to a number of special causes for gratitude and hopefulness.

1. The most marked feature of the past year's history has been the distinct blessing of God in connection with the sending out of a large number of new missionaries. A year ago, owing to the fact that there were great financial needs upon the foreign field that we had not yet been able to meet, the Board of Managers decided to send no more new missionaries unless the expenses for their outfit, transportation and support were specially provided by direct contributions apart from our ordinary income. This was a severe test of faith for our missionary candidates. But God enabled them to meet it.

Accepting it as a divine challenge to claim God's distinct seal upon their call by the providential opening of their way, they went to Him in prayer along with the members of the Board and in almost every case God has been pleased to show His distinct interposition and to raise up some one to meet the financial need and open the way of the missionary to go to the field without entailing extra expense upon the society.

So quietly and constantly has this movement of faith and providence been going forward that the Board themselves had scarcely realized that during the past year more than fifty missionaries had in this way been directly sent forth by God Himself to their distant fields with the seal of His providence confirming the Spirit's call. Surely this is a glorious vindication of the faith principle in missionary work and a token of the Master's presence, which is more cheering than even the contribution of great sums through the ordinary channels. Nor is there any limit to the doors it opens for those who long to go forth as the sent of God to this, the great work of our age. May God use this glorious object lesson to stimulate the faith of hundreds more and to multiply the messengers of His Spirit and Providence in the harvest fields through the coming year.

2. The next remarkable encouragement of the year has been the many wonderful providences of God in conjunction with our missionary work in foreign lands, especially the opening up of closed doors and leading us into new and most needy fields. One of the most hopeful openings of the year has been the peninsula of Arabia. Our beloved brother, Mr. Forder, was providentially sent to us during the year and the crying needs of this neglected field together with his long and special preparation for the work through his residence among the Bedouins in the Land of Moab during his former missionary labors there, made it very clear to us that God was calling us to go forward in this direction. In a very special manner God was pleased to provide the means for his transportation and

support, and for several months he has now been in Jerusalem preparing for his journey into that difficult and dangerous land. Before another anniversary we hope to be able to report that God has enabled him to preach the Gospel and scatter the Word of God in the great cities in the interior of Arabia.

Another remarkable providence of the year has been the terrible plague and famine which has cast such a shadow of unspeakable suffering throughout a large portion of India. God has greatly used this fearful scourge to open the door for the Gospel and through the tender cords of gratitude for help bestowed to attract proud and hostile natives to the missionaries and their message. Already the abundant fruits have begun to appear and we doubt not that during the ensuing year there will be a wondrous harvest.

The most remarkable leadings and co-workings of God's providences have been in connection with the work of China and Thibet. Two years ago God was pleased to break the pride of China with the battle axe of war. Since that time there has been a manifest change in the spirit of the natives toward Christianity and European influence and the past year has witnessed great harvests of spiritual blessing through all the mission fields of China. Our own work has been signally blessed and sealed of God. Our entrance to the province of Quang Si was most providential. Several years ago the hearts of our missionaries and our Board were strongly directed to this destitute province without a single missionary for six millions of people. A

little band went forth daring to believe for an entrance into a region where for years the natives had prided themselves upon the exclusion of the foreigner, and the missionary. Just as soon as our missionary band was ready to enter this province God opened the door. It was found that Great Britain had just concluded a treaty with China opening up the West River and establishing a treaty port in the far interior, and within a few weeks after its opening our missionaries had secured a station in this important trade center and we have now several stations in this once closed province of Quang Si. As soon as we stepped forth in the path of faith God went before and became our rereward.

The same has also been more recently proved true in the case of the province of Hunan. This has been the other and even more hostile anti-foreign province of China. With a great population of more than sixteen millions of people it utterly refused permission to any Protestant missionary to rent a building or reside within its borders. But a year ago two of our youngest missionaries dared at the bidding of God and the impulse of faith to undertake to plant the Gospel in Hunan. And as they went forward, while they had some sufferings and persecutions to endure, God went before and again opened the door and in November 1897 these two young men, Messrs. Chapin and Brown, had the unspeakable joy of renting a missionary home in one of the principal cities of Hunan, where the work is now established, and natives are coming to them from the surrounding country and offering them their houses for their missionaries and stations.

Still more wonderful has been the opening of Thibet. Eight years ago the International Missionary Alliance was organized for the special purpose of giving the Gospel to Thibet. Several missionaries have gone forth within the past few years, called of God to undertake this great trust. But until about a year ago they had not been able to penetrate further than to a border town in Western Kansuh, a few miles from the Thibetan territory. There they preached to the Thibetans who thronged the region round about and made occasional short journeys across the frontier. But last August, under the guidance of our beloved Field Superintendent, a man of lofty yet humble faith, Rev. D.W. Le Lacheur, they ventured to take advance ground and crossing the frontier pressed forward through robber-infested regions and many dangers seventy miles across the Thibetan frontier. Again God honored their faith and crowned their courage with a great reward. They were hospitably received at a great Thibetan monastery and allowed to secure a building and establish a mission station within the borders of Thibet, and there, at Labrang, our first Thibetan mission, strictly so-called, they are carrying forward the work of the Alliance today and inviting others to join them in their glorious work.

Since then a second station has been opened about fifty miles further in at Paong, and a reinforcement of three new missionaries sent on to Thibet.

Space will not permit us to speak in detail of the opening of Mongolia, where our dear brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, are now laboring; nor more than refer to the

extraordinary journey which our beloved Superintendent, Mr. Le Lacheur, has been able to take during the past year around the entire Chinese empire from Macao in the South to Shangahi, Tientsin, Peking, Kalgan, Mongolia, No. Shansi, Ordos Desert, Western Kansuh, Thibet, down the Han River to Wuhu, and more recently up the West River through Quang Si, and home by way of Japan. This has been of great value to our mission work and will be the theme of many a stirring address on his return the ensuing summer to visit our branches throughout this country.

At the present time God seems to be leading in a very marked way to our opening a mission in Corea. He has sent back to us two young Korean Christians of high social standing who desire to return to their own country to preach the Gospel, and in connection with this other candidates have offered themselves for the Korean work and God seems to have so distinctly opened the way for their support that it is not unlikely that this new nation may be added to our mission fields during the ensuing year.

Among the latest of our providential openings has been South America. Nearly two years ago a wealthy friend in England earnestly urged us to undertake mission work among the Indians of South America, promising liberal support in the event of our undertaking it. We took the matter into prayerful consideration and especially asked God for a leader for this great work. Within a year God sent us our beloved brother, Mr. Emilio Olsson, who had had a large and valued experience through the whole South American field. After much prayer and mutual confidence

Mr. Olsson offered his services to our work and made a number of important visits throughout this country and Europe with a view to secure suitable laborers for this field. Unexpectedly the friend in England who had offered his financial aid was led to withdraw it after Mr. Olsson had been appointed and the work undertaken. But the Board did not feel that they were justified in abandoning the work into which God seemed to have so distinctly led them, and trusting to Him to supply the means they went forward. God has been pleased to supply special funds during the year and we have been enabled to send to South America nineteen new missionaries during the past year in addition to a force already on the field, and these have been located in small groups in most of the leading republics in that Neglected Continent. God has graciously opened their way and already enabled us to establish mission stations in Argentine, Uruguay, Paraguay, Patagonia, Peru, Chili, Bolivia and Ecuador, besides Venezuela and Brazil, our former fields.

During the year the precious work of our dear brother and sister McKillop in Jamaica has been added to the Alliance missions and the providence of God seems to be specially opening up Cuba and the West India islands, and this may yet become an important center from which to send the Gospel to these neglected fields.

3. While God has been thus working by His providence the Holy Spirit has been sending showers of blessings upon the stations and many have been baptized and led out to witness a good confession.

We are glad to report many seasons of revival in our work in the Soudan and the very last letters from our dear brother Kingman tell of the rich outpourings of the Holy Ghost upon the natives at Ro Bethel, and the moving testimony of some of the converts to the power of the Spirit.

There have also been special times of refreshing in several of our stations in India. In the field of Chandur, one of the hardest fields in India, sixteen have been baptized during the year. At Akola twenty-seven were baptized. In the Guzerat mission thirty-one were added to the flock by baptism in two of the stations, and at Ahmedabad, only occupied within the last three years, there is already a little church of over fifty members.

Still more marked have been the outpourings of the Holy Spirit in China. At nearly all the stations there have been additions by confession and baptism and at some of them there have been the evidences of marked revival. So deeply stirred have the hearts of our missionaries been by the manifest presence and power of the Holy Ghost that in their annual message to us from their Council at Wuhu they dare to say: "God has led us to claim 5,000 souls in China for 1898." Let us not fail to respond to their touching appeal that we will stand with them in this bold claim of faith and love.

In our single station in Tientsin, where there are over fifty native young men, members of the little church, so large-hearted has the faith of the converts been that this single congregation is at the present time supporting a native worker in each of the eighteen provinces of China,

and they have recently written to us to assign to them a native worker in every one of our mission fields in other countries that they may undertake the support of a worker in every field in the world.

Among the cheering tokens of the Spirit's gracious working during the year we have already reported through the columns of the Alliance paper the remarkable conversion and baptism of the wife of the Governor of the province of Hupeh and her uniting with the station under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Kristenson at Wuchang.

These instances, among the most encouraging of the year, will suffice to show that the Spirit of God is working in the hearts of the heathen. In the natural world it takes seven or eight years for a fruit tree to grow up to the stage where it can produce and ripen its first fruit. This has been the position of our Alliance stations. They are now reaching the harvest time and this year the first fruits have begun to appear in a remarkable way. God grant through the faith and prayer of His people that the year before us may be filled with a large harvest and that from every quarter of the globe our precious workers who have sown in tears may come rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them.

### **REVIEW OF THE FIELDS.**

#### **ISRAEL, PALESTINE, AND ARABIA.**

Beginning at Jerusalem our Alliance work has always recognized the high place of Israel in the plan and heart of God.

Our work in Jerusalem is under the direction of Miss Dunn, assisted by Miss Brown and Miss Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have returned to Hebron. A new station has been opened at Jaffa, under the care of Miss Parsons. Miss Ford is planning to begin a new work at Saphed, in Galilee. She has been engaged in several missionary tours among the Bedouins of the Jordan Valley. The work in Jerusalem is among the Syrian and Mohammedan women, and some of the Jews. There is, however, a more bitter prejudice against Christianity among the Jewish element in Jerusalem than in any other place, and the work of Jewish evangelization is slow. Mohammedan prejudice and Turkish censorship have been extremely acute the past two years. But the work is well established and is making steady progress. Full details are given in the appended report of our Home Secretary for Palestine, Mr. Senft.

One of the most marked forward movements of the year has been the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Forder for the work in Arabia. They are now at Jerusalem and Mr. Forder will soon begin his difficult and perilous journey into the very heart and seat of Eastern fanaticism and Moslem prejudice. Another advance movement of the year has been the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver as missionaries among the Jews in New York city. There has been much in the history of Jewish mission work in this city to discourage, and some of the workers with whom we have been temporarily associated have been far from wise or true. But this should not lead us to neglect God's still chosen people. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been long

known to us in connection with this work, and we commend them and the work with which they are associated, under the Alliance, to the progress and confidence of our people. The signs of the times are full of significance and fraught with hope for Israel, and amid the awaking of the dry bones of their long-lost nationality it becomes the Gentile Church to lift up her eyes for her redemption draweth nigh.

#### INDIA.

India has been suffering terribly under the hand of God in the past year. The twin horrors of plague and famine have swept multitudes of her poor Christian people away, and thrown upon our beloved missionaries a tenfold burden of care, responsibility and labor. But it has become a precious opportunity for winning the confidence of the people and finding through their gratitude for temporal relief an open door for the Gospel. Much new work has been done for the little ones, and our orphanages and refugees have been crowded and many of the inmates led to Christ.

The Alliance missions occupy three great provinces in Central and Western India, Berar, Khandesh and Guzerat. There are nineteen stations and about sixty American missionaries and about forty active helpers. In our mission churches there is a membership of 160. Over ninety of these were baptized during the past year, and the total increase was more than one hundred per cent. In five of the stations there were marked seasons of revival, and one

of these - Chandur, had been the hardest of all the fields. Over 30,000 tracts have been distributed and many sold. There are twenty-three Sunday schools and an average attendance at the regular services of nearly 1,000. After a year of much sickness and many bereavements God has been pleased, during the past year to preserve the lives of most of our beloved missionaries. But one, Mrs. Carroll, was called away by death, and she after a long and lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Garrison and their respective families returned to America during the past year, and their presence and stirring messages at our conventions and their most helpful conferences with our Board were the occasion of much good. Mr. Bannister is still in this country and in attendance upon this annual meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have recently returned to India with reinvigorated health and greatly enlarged doors of usefulness. Mr. Gutteridge, who has spent the past year in England, has also returned to his work in India.

The Alliance Mission in India has had a wider scope than even the evangelization of the heathen. God has been pleased to use our missionaries as teachers of deeper spiritual truth and make them a means of much blessing to other circles of Christian thought and word. The Home in Bombay has become a hallowed centre of teaching in the Fourfold Gospel and through the diffusion of spiritual literature for which a wider field has just opened, the influence of these deeper truths will, we believe, be greatly extended in the future. India, with its subtle theosophy and

obstinate intellectual pride needs not higher culture so much as living facts and real spiritual powers. God grant that the deep desire for such a movement with which our beloved leaders have gone back to India may be fully realized.

We are glad to announce that a reinforcement of ten new missionaries has been added to our India mission during the year.

#### THE PROVIDENTIAL OPENING IN CHINA.

China, the Colossus of heathenism, has been strangely thrust upon the world by events of the past few years.

If we may judge by the crowding events of God's providence, it must have an important place in God's plan in these last days.

Two years ago it was rudely shaken by the shock of a disastrous war, and today we see it falling to pieces by the dead weight of its own incoherence and imbecility, while the selfish nations are grasping for the fragments and contending for the spoil.

In all this we see the hand of God scattering the obstacles of ages, and preparing the way of His glorious Gospel. The events now crowding fast upon each other in the Orient are fraught with mighty possibilities for the coming of the Lord and the evangelization of the heathen. God's eyes are surely upon China, so should the eye and the heart of the Church, and so should her willing feet fly to follow the cloud and prepare the way of the Lord.

The past year has witnessed a great spiritual revival in all the missions of China. God has given the Alliance a blessed part in it. Our Alliance missions in China cluster around ten great centres: Wuhu, Wuchang, Hunan, Quang Si, Tientsin, Peking, Mongolia, Shansi, Kansuh, Thibet.

1. Wuhu is our oldest station and the headquarters of our Central China mission. Here we have seven stations and about thirty missionaries with an excellent school and woman's work, and about a dozen native workers. There have been a good many baptisms during the year in various stations, and there is much inquiry.

2. Wuchang. This is the Capital of the great province of Hupeh, 300 miles above Wuhu, and a city of half a million inhabitants. Here the work, once bitterly opposed by the officials, has been strongly established, and during the past year the wife of the Governor of the province has been baptized at the Alliance mission.

3. Hunan. This long-closed province has at last been opened, and last November our two dear brethren, Chapin and Brown, were at length permitted to rent a house and open a mission in the great city of Chang-te-Fuh, where the work is now fully established.

Quang Si and South China. Quang Si is a province of 6,000,000 people, and long closed against the Gospel. Three years ago our missionaries were permitted to enter it. God has since been opening all the doors. We have now fifteen American missionaries and six stations, four

of these stations being in the province of Quang Si, and one at the principal treaty-port, where valuable premises have been secured. One new station, Quei-ping, has been opened during the year. There have been several baptisms and a vigorous aggressive work has been carried on throughout the year. A woman's work has been opened. At one of the stations, Lo-ping, the latest mails inform us that the people are crowding to hear the Gospel, souls are being saved and the missionaries are kept busy four or five hours every day, preaching to the crowds.

The latest tidings from the field convey the sad intelligence of the death of our devoted young leader, Rev. C.H. Reeves, to whom under God is largely due the opening of Quang Si.

The Annual Conference of the South China Mission has just been held, and it had under consideration the project of extending the South China work into the neighboring and neglected province of Anam. We trust that the ensuing year may see this accomplished, and one of the neediest fields on earth be thus at length reached by the Gospel.

5. Tientsin. The mission at Tientsin is under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry. While primarily our business depot for North China, it is also a valuable mission station. It is composed largely of young Chinamen of the better class, and the best evidence of the quality of their piety is the fact that they are now supporting a native worker in every one of the provinces of China, and have

lately applied for a native in each of our other mission fields.

6. Peking. This is the centre of the excellent work of Miss Duow and her associates among Chinese women. There have been several baptisms during the year, and the three ladies of the mission are being much blessed in their efforts to reach the women of the capital.

7. Kalgan and Mongolia. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are carrying on a good work among the Mongols, with their headquarters at Kalgan. In summer they travel with the caravans, preaching and teaching. There are many difficulties owing to the unsettled habits of these nomadic tribes, but they have found many open doors and open hearts.

8. Shansi. This, the most northern province of China, is the home of our Swedish-China mission. Here over fifty Swedish missionaries are laboring in about twenty stations, and the work is still making steady progress, and reaching and drawing many to Christ.

9. Kansuh. Beyond the Ordos desert there is another Swedish party in Northern Kansuh, and in the south of the same province the Ekvall brothers have established a station near the border of Thibet.

10. Thibet. The crowning blessing of the year is the opening of Thibet. After nine years of waiting, the object for which the Missionary Alliance was organized has begun to be fulfilled. Three years ago a station was opened at Tao-Cheo, near the Thibetan border, but last August our

beloved superintendent, Mr. Le Lacheur, accompanied by two missionaries and several natives, crossed the frontier, and facing many dangers penetrated seventy miles into Thibet proper and established a permanent station at Labrang, in the immediate vicinity of a great Buddhist monastery.

They have been able to hold it since that date and their latest letters tell us of other remarkable openings in this whole region. And so the last stronghold of Satan begins to yield, and soon there will not be a nation left to which the Gospel as a witness is not being proclaimed.

We have now eight missionaries in the Thibetan work, two at Tao Chao and the others at Labrang and Pao-nang.

#### JAPAN.

Our work in Japan has experienced a few changes during the year. Dr. and Mrs. Gulick have returned to this country and Dr. Gulick's visits to many of our conventions have awakened a deeper interest in this department of work. In his absence Mr. Lindstrom is in charge, assisted by Mrs. Lindstrom and Miss Barnes, also a number of native teachers and evangelists.

The headquarters of the work are still at Myoshi, with stations at Shobara and Omori. There have been a number of conversions and there is a fine Sunday school and good work among the children. One of the special needs of our work in Japan is a training school for native workers.

## THE CONGO.

Our work on the Congo has now seven stations, all on the north bank of the river, viz: Boma, Ngangila, Vungu, Kiama, Kinkonzi, Maduda, Mazinga.

Ten missionaries were sent to the field in 1897, twenty returned home on furlough and three died. We have now thirty laborers on the field, and two new missionaries have just gone forth to fill the depleted ranks. There are also seventeen native evangelists and teachers. During the year nineteen persons have been baptized on these stations and the entire number baptized since the beginning numbers seventy-two. This mission has suffered from various causes, especially the death and return of missionaries, more heavily than any other of our missions during the past year, and we commend it to the special prayers of God's people.

The work at home has been much helped by the presence with us of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Symington, who expect soon to return to the field. Mr. Cramer writes in his last report of the deepening of the spiritual life of the missionaries, and gives some teaching instances of the devotion and faith of some of the native Christians, who, when dismissed from the service of our station at Mazinga, on account of limited means, asked if they could not stay and trust God too, as well as the missionaries.

The loss, by death of Messrs. Woodcock and Bullerkist, is severely felt. The work is now under the special charge of Mr. W.A. Cramer. The severity of the climate is a

tremendous difficulty and we must expect our missionaries to be under the necessity of frequent furloughs. The death rate, however, has been much lower than in any previous year.

#### THE SOUDAN.

The Alliance occupies five stations at the entrance of the Soudan, viz.: Freetown, on the coast; Magbele, fifty-five miles inland; Ro Bethel, seventy-five miles inland; Makomp, 125 miles inland, and Tubabudugo, 225 miles inland.

We have eleven missionaries in the field and seven have just gone out, including Mr. H. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Shoobridge, returning. Two others, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kingman, are at home. There are two native workers. There have been several conversions and there is a native church of about thirty.

Four have died during the year, Messrs. Walker, Wendell and Hill and Mrs. Matthew Francis.

Mr. Coddling has been most successful in the work of translation, and a grammar of the Kuranko language has been prepared and two of the Gospels translated. Mr. Kingman, our beloved superintendent, has made several important journeys, and is projecting another to Timbuktu and the interior as soon as the circumstances will permit. Our work is now within easy reach of the upper Niger, and along that great waterway lies the means of advance to the whole vast and destitute interior.

Our beloved brethren, Messrs. J. Hal Smith and M.

Mitchell have visited many parts of the home field during the year and rendered valuable service to the missionary cause. Mr. Smith has just returned to the field with Mr. and Mrs. Shoobridge, former missionaries, and Mr. Mitchell will remain a few weeks longer, and will visit Paris on his return with a view to meet the French authorities and secure their favorable consideration of the plans to work in the French territory, which comprises the larger portion of one field.

Since the body of this report was written, Mr. Kingman the superintendent, has returned temporarily to this country and our work in the Soudan has been suspended for a time by the political disturbances of the country.

#### SOUTH AMERICA.

During the year, as already stated, God has opened our way for an advance movement in South America by sending to us our dear brother and superintendent, Emilio Olsson. With brother and Mrs. Olsson we have twenty-four other missionaries scattered through South America. In Venezuela we have Mr. and Mrs. Bailly and Miss Alice Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are doing a good work in eastern Brazil. Mr. and Mrs. Price contemplate an extended trip in the interior of Brazil to begin work among the Indians.

In Ecuador are located Mr. Fritz, also Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox. Speaking of Guayaquil, the city in which they live, they say: "The sight of a city full of never-dying

souls living without God and without hope is far more eloquent than anything I can write and will inspire the coldest-hearted Christians to enthusiastic service for the Lord in foreign mission work.”

Last winter 20,000 inhabitants of Guayaquil died of fever and the only hope they had was a false one.

Peru is represented by Mr. Arnold, who writes most encouragingly of his work. He tells us that the young men of Huancayo hearing their town was the next to be visited by the Catholic bishop, sent this word to him: “We, the young men of Huancayo, request that you do not send their missionaries to our town. We do not want them. If you do send them they will be received badly.” At the same time they went to the only Protestant living there and said: “We hear Senor Arnhold is coming here. Good! We will receive him gladly when he comes. We are willing to receive any liberal-minded Protestant that comes to our town.”

Mr. Mebius, of Bolivia, is our missionary in this, perhaps the darkest place of South America. In his last communication he said: “I am praying for freedom and glorious liberty. I am safe and sound and enjoying Him in His blessed fulness.” Here are thousands of these Indians which are in the greatest darkness. As far as we know, Mr. Mebius is the only missionary stationed at Bolivia.

In the Argentine we have Mr. and Mrs. Olsson, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Smart, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Buchanan.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Home and Training School is in La Plata and is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Price are about to take an extended trip into the interior of Brazil. All of our work in the Argentine is most encouraging. Many souls have been converted during the past year and all the missions are in a flourishing condition.

Chili is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss and Mr. Dawson, all faithful workers. While they have had to endure some persecution, yet God has graciously opened up the work here. Sixty conversions were reported recently, and several cases of healing. They wrote: "We believe the time has come for a large ingathering of souls in Chili." Many communications from our dear missionaries have been received during the past year and their reports have been most encouraging.

Think of Bolivia with a population as large as California with but one per cent in school. Think of Ecuador with about two million people, one tenth of the population are priests, monks or nuns, 272 days in the year are feast or fast days and seventy-five per cent. of the children are illegitimate, one fourth of the property being owned by bishops, and one church to every 250 of its inhabitants. Imagine New York, Chicago, or London with but one minister to every 300,000 people and you will get something of an idea of the great need of South America today. Only the outskirts of the continent have been touched as yet by the missionary. The great interior

remains in gross darkness as it has been since Jesus Christ gave His commission to go to the utmost parts of the earth. Millions of Indians are there who have never heard of Jesus. Left without a Bible for centuries, religion has been a whited sepulchre having the outward pomp of religions ceremony but all darkness and corruption within. These young republics are now throwing off the old grave clothes which have bound them so long and are rapidly advocating social and religious freedom. The whole nation is in a state of transition. Opportunity is the watchword for the hour. Now is the time for Christians to seize the opportunity for the South America of the future is being moulded today.

### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we desire

1. To express our profound gratitude to God for the extraordinary blessings of the year in our greatly increased financial receipts, the increase amounting to over \$50,000, in the wonderful providential manifestations which have been so marked upon many of the fields and in the beginning of a great spiritual harvest through most of our stations.

2. We desire specially to acknowledge the great value of the deliberations and counsels of the Advisory Council that has just closed its first annual meeting and which has contributed and will still contribute, we believe, immeas-

urably to enlarged views, deeper unity and more efficient co-operation in all departments of the work.

3. We desire to express our deep sense of the loyalty, liberality and love of our Alliance people at home in their noble sacrifices and magnificent contributions to the work and the efficiency, fidelity, consecration and splendid labors of our beloved missionaries on the field, and to recommend that a greeting be sent them in the name of this Annual Conference, assuring them of our sympathy and co-operation with them in their lone fields and glorious work.

4. We desire to place on record our sense of the great loss sustained by the calling away during the year by death of two of the oldest and most valuable members of the Board, Mr. H.W. Burnham, of New York, and Mr. W.H. Conley, of Pittsburgh, and we recommend that appropriate memorials of these beloved brethren be adopted at this time.

5. With tender and affectionate remembrance we would place on the roll of honor the following names who have been called away from the mission field on earth to their reward above during the past year: Mrs. John Symington, Mr. Albert Woodcock, Mr. John Bullerkist, of the Congo mission; Mrs. Matthew Francis, Mr. Malen R. Hill, Mr. W.C. Walker, Mr. Alvin Wendell, of the Soudan mission; Mrs. George Carroll, of India; Mr. Erving W. Hathaway, of South America, and Rev. C.H. Reeves, of South China. These were among the most beloved,

honored and valuable of our missionary laborers and it is fitting that a suitable memorial should be put on record and communicated to their friends.

6. We commend to the earnest attention and practical co-operation of our beloved people the great importance of systematic concert of prayer for missions on the part of all our people and branches, and we call attention to the resolutions adopted by the Advisory Council in this matter which will be publicly communicated to our people.

7. In accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Council we call attention to the great importance of more actively and more widely circulating the literature of the Christian and Missionary Alliance as perhaps the very best means of arousing interest in the subjects that lie so near our heart, and inspiring them to the all-important work of the world's evangelization.

8. We would call special attention to one of the matters which has occupied the careful attention of the Advisory Council, namely, our methods of co-operation in the financial support of the work, especially the matter of assigning missionaries to individuals for their support.

The Council and the Board deem it important that our generous friends who are thus assisting us in the work throughout the country should understand that while we heartily welcome the support of individual missionaries in this way and are glad to have them assigned to friends for their special interest, sympathy and prayer, yet it is necessary that it should be always understood that a certain

portion of the money contributed for the support of missionaries has to be used in the general expenses connected with their separate fields for transportation, buildings, and many incidental expenses understood by them, and that the Board must reserve the right to expend these contributions in the way most practicable and necessary for really sustaining the missionary and securing the efficiency of his work.

It should always be understood that these contributions are not given to the missionaries but to the Lord, to the Board, and for the work rather than for the man, and that the highest possible motive and standard of Christian giving should always be maintained by us as the disciples of Christ and witnesses for Him.

The same principle applies to the support of children, and while funds contributed for these special objects will be carefully used for the objects intended, yet it is much better to contribute for the school or the station than merely for an individual child, for the child may change, but the work goes on. At the same time such children will be assigned wherever practicable for correspondence and prayer.

The missionaries go to the field understanding that they are not promised a specific salary but that they are trusting the Lord with the Board for the means to be sent to them through us necessary to sustain them on the field and that the principle of individual interest is always held in subordination to the higher principle of mutual con-

sideration - love - and the general interest of all the missionaries regarded as one family.

From the distant field comes a thrilling cry. It is a call to mighty faith and prayer - 5,000 souls from China in 1898. Shall we echo it back as Jonathan's armor-bearer did, and say, "Do all that is in thine heart, I am with thee according to thy heart." Shall we not pass it on until from every field shall come the watchword, "Let us go up at once and possess the land," and God shall answer us from the heavens, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show thee," etc.

By the signs of our times, by the call that comes from our missionary pioneers out on the far-off skirmish line, by the voices of threescore graves on foreign shores, by the marvelous providences of the past year, by the power of His resurrection, by the glory of His ascension, by the transcendent hope of His coming, by the power of the Holy Ghost let us understand our upward calling, our holy trust, our stupendous opportunity, and let us - BE TRUE.



## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS AND PAPERS.

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### CHINA, THIBET AND JAPAN.

BY DR. W. LE LACHEUR.

#### CENTRAL CHINA.

In this field we have represented about forty missionaries, and we thank God that during the year death has not broken our ranks; indeed, there has not been a death on this field for four years.

During the past year one new station has been opened and the work here is only restricted by the lack of laborers. While we thank the Lord that seven new missionaries have been sent to this field, yet there is great destitution.

The work in connection with all the stations has progressed; in several places quite remarkably, where many souls have been brought to renounce their idol worship, and worship the true and living God.

Nearly all our stations in addition to organized churches have Sabbath schools, and day schools. Some of them have two and three day schools which the dear Lord is making a very great blessing to the children.

#### SOUTHERN CHINA.

We have abundant reason to praise the dear Lord for His great goodness to us during the past year. He has permitted the messenger of death to enter our ranks for

the first time in four years. Our highly esteemed local superintendent, Rev. C.H. Reeves, of Central China, has been removed to his blessed reward. Small-pox was the cause of his death, and it was the second time that he had had it since being in china. Shortly after he was taken down with it he informed his dear wife, who stood heroically with him during his illness, that the dear Lord had spoken to him about death and dying, so that he was quite prepared when the change came, and his fellow laborers recognized the fact that it was God's will that he should cease his labors here and be rewarded.

Two new stations have been opened in the province of Quang Si during the past year, and more could be opened if we had men prepared to occupy them. The work has been somewhat interrupted by the uprising of the natives, but the dear Lord has graciously protected all the missionaries, and now that peace is again prevailing, hopes are high as to the future success of the work. We gratefully recognize the kindness of the Lord in calling and making it possible for five new missionaries to be sent to this field during the past year.

#### NORTHERN CHINA.

This is our Swedish mission. During the past year, three new stations were opened and the dear Lord has greatly blessed the work. It is not possible for us to extend our work in this section of the country inasmuch as all the laborers are now fully employed, and we are asking the dear Lord to give us more men and more means in order that this branch of the work, as well as all the other branches, may be largely reinforced, that the many destitute cities and towns may speedily have the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached to them as a witness.

The work in Tientsin is progressing very satisfactorily; the blessed Lord has made this work an example of consecrated zeal and sacrifice. The native Christians are not only consecrated workers, but willing themselves to sacrifice for the support of workers in other parts of the great Empire. Now they have a representative in each of the eighteen provinces, and have sent of their Christian benevolence to Palestine and to the destitute and suffering in India.

The woman's work in Peking is in a much more prosperous condition than at any time in the past, and the dear workers are anticipating most blessed results, now that they have secured a native assistant who can do service among the men while they can conduct service among the women. There is a native church, also a day school and a Sabbath school which the dear Lord has been pleased to bless.

#### MONGOLIA.

Our work in Mongolia is limited. The missionaries appointed are unable to live in the country during the cold weather, because there are no houses in which they can live, so their only chance for work is in the summer following the tribes of shepherds and preaching to them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the winter they reside in Kalgan in the Mongolian part of the city where they have a chapel and do work among the many hundreds who reside in the city.

We are asking the dear Lord to lay Mongolia upon the hearts of His people that the necessary means may be obtained to construct a home in Mongolia in which the missionaries can live in the winter.

#### THIBET.

The story of the opening of Thibet is well known.

We have in this hitherto unoccupied kingdom two stations; one in Labrang, and the other in Pao-nang. We have been able by the help of God to send four missionaries to this field, and they are asking the dear Lord to make it possible for more to be sent that the work may be increased. Already blessed fruit is the reward of the servants of the Lord who are working in this field.

#### JAPAN.

Our work in Japan is largely in the province of Bingo. We have a station in Myoshi which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom, in which station we have a native church also a large Sabbath School of about two hundred members.

During my visit in January last, the judge of the city desired an interview with me; an appointment was made, and he came at four o'clock in the afternoon and remained until seven. During which period of time he asked me a number of questions which he had previously prepared in writing, bearing principally upon the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and especially concerning Christ Himself as the Son of God. These questions we answered through an interpreter largely from the Word of God, having given to the judge a copy of the Scriptures which he could read in his own language. At the close of the interview, before his departure, he stated that he believed Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, and the Saviour of men, and that he would worship Him. Then he asked if he could worship the Son of God privately so that his friends would not know it. I then referred him to that portion of God's Word which informs us that if we are ashamed to confess Him before men, He will be ashamed to confess us before His Father.

On my way to America the last of April I invited the

missionaries to meet me in Kobe. There Mr. Lindstrom informed me that the judge on the previous Sabbath had been publicly baptized, thus making a public profession of his belief in Jesus Christ. This profession has had a wonderful influence upon the people of that city.

Our second station in Japan is at Shobara. Here Miss Emma Barnes has charge and is doing a very blessed work, having quite a large school and also doing a very efficient work among the ladies.

We have a third station which is occupied by a native preacher. The name of the station is Joje; it is newly opened under the direction of Miss Barnes. In the two provinces in which our missionaries are supposed to operate (being the only missionaries in these two provinces) are about a million and a half of souls. When we consider that there are only three missionaries, we at once understand the destitution of this part of the land, and it is certainly an appeal to us who love the Lord Jesus Christ in this country to enquire if we are doing our duty.

We regret that circumstances make it necessary for the Rev. Theodore Gulick, the former superintendent of Japan, to remain in this country, but we rejoice that the dear Master has made it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Currens to go to Japan. We hope soon to know that they are on their way.

### **THE OPENING OF HUNAN.**

Two years ago there were two provinces in China, out of the eighteen, that had refused to receive the Gospel - Quang Si in the south, and Hunan in the center. The Hunanese had boasted that no missionary had ever been allowed to reside within their borders, and never would.

The Hunanese are the heroic, brave, warlike men of

China, and permit me to say, that nearly all the bad literature against the Christians that has excited and started the riots in China has come from Hunan. Great, filthy placards that I have in my possession at home, too filthy to be exhibited, have come from the officials of Hunan, and have been scattered all over the provinces of China to stir up the prejudice of the natives against the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But, thank God, Hunan, the last of the eighteen provinces has fallen.

And it has fallen in answer to prayer. I want to say, dear friends, that in China we take no advance step without prayer. As a mission we believe very much in prayer, and it is not uncommon for us to spend most of the night in prayer when we have an important work to do for the Lord. We are persuaded that if we seek honestly the mind of God He will reveal it to us, and will not allow us to go in ignorance or darkness. And thirdly, we believe that, having obtained the mind of God by the Spirit in answer to prayer, there are not men on earth or devils enough in hell to defeat the purpose of God. It is a wonderfully comforting thought to us on the mission field that when we are in the mind of God, you must defeat the throne of God before you can defeat the servant of God. Can you get that faith in this country? Is it rashness? Well, in every case God (and we say it with great humility), God has made it true.

And so, at the close of our Conference, which had been a Conference of unusual prayer and divine approval, we spent a long time waiting upon God. There were about thirty missionaries present, and at the close of that remarkable time of prayer the dear Lord seemed to make us of one mind that it was His time to open Hunan, and the grand, noble, heroic Chapin and Brown, were the ones

to go. Chapin is the son of an old American missionary under the American Board. He was born in China and his father came to California and died there, and the son received the baptism of the Holy Ghost after attending our Institute, and went out as a missionary with Hunan on his heart, and when he got there he wanted to go at once to Hunan; but I said, "My brother, wait; it is not God's time yet. You have got to brush up the language." Brown came and said, "May I go with Chapin?" "If God says you can. That is the only way we can settle it." So they studied the language. It was not so difficult for Chapin, for he knew it when a boy, and it quickly came back to him.

Nearly a year passed away, and at the close of that Conference, when God seemed to make us unanimous that it was His time, we appointed Chapin and Brown to Hunan. We could not appoint them to any particular town, for we did not know where they could get in. The morning we read the appointments out, after the ten days' Conference and prayer, and lifted up our hands and pronounced God's blessing on them, we shall never forget how Ed Chapin turned and said, "Brother Le Lacheur, we believe it of God, and we will go and never come back till we get a footing in Hunan." And when men start out that way something is going to happen.

They went to Hankow, six hundred miles up the Yangtse river, and there they got their houseboat, and with the natives to guide and row and tow the houseboat in which they were to live, they went up the river, crossed the lake, and came to the gate of the second largest city in the closed province of Hunan. When they went ashore they were stoned until their blood flowed.

But they were to stay. They were in God's order. For

months these two young men lived in their houseboat outside the gates of Hunan, feeling sure that God would give them that place. When they would to ashore it was to be stoned and covered with mud, and followed by an infuriated, hooting mob. But by and by the people became accustomed to them, and it began to be talked in the city that these two white men had come to stay. And so they had.

Before they had a home in the city two natives had been converted in the boat, and in sight of the citizens they had been baptized from the boat. Things began to quiet down a little, and one day they went into the city and found a man willing to rent them a house. They hired the house. The news spread, and the man renting the house was called to the governor, and was asked, "Have you rented the foreigners a house?" "Yes." "If they are permitted to live in that house, we will punish you." The man knew what that meant. It meant the loss of his head. He went to Chapin and Brown in the houseboat, told them the circumstances, and the dear boys said, "We are not here to cause any man to be put to death; pay us the money and we will give back the lease." They did so, and the dear fellows are without a house again.

After several months word reached the American Consul, who was in Hankow, that two Americans were in Hunan, being afflicted and deprived of their rights. The American Consul flashed a wire that these two Americans must be respected in their rights. And then came a change, after nearly a year's waiting, and placards were put up in the city, informing the natives that these two missionaries must not be harmed, but at the same time no home must be rented to them. That went on for some

time, and our dear missionaries were permitted to go on the streets without being stoned and injured; and they preached the Gospel until people became accustomed to them.

One day as they were on the street a very aged Chinese woman came to them, and through the courage of this widow our missionaries were enabled to obtain a house in that city. They met this widow woman on the street. Men were afraid to rent them a house for fear they would be punished, but this poor woman had a large house, and she was suffering for food. She approached the two missionaries and asked them if they wanted a house. They said "Yes." "I have a house I'll rent you." "But do you know what the consequences will be if you rent us a house?" She said, "If I don't get something to eat I'll die, and if I rent the house I can but die." And before dark that night the papers were made out in the house, and the woman had signed the papers, and the dear brethren had paid her part of the rent and the house was theirs.

It was just about dark, and Chapin said to Brown, "If we leave this house tonight we will not get into it in the morning. They will frighten the poor woman to death if they hear about it. Now you go to the boat and take care of what we have in the boat. I'll lie down here, and I'll be here if the Yamen runners come to interfere with the woman." The woman was lodging in a little hut in the rear of the compound. So about midnight Chapin heart loud, awful words. The Yamen runners had come, sure enough, and they found the poor old widow woman and were abusing her. She said "Hush, the foreign man who is lying on the ground will hear you, and you will be in trouble." When they heard the foreign man was there they went out of the house very quickly, and the next

morning, do you believe it, that governor sent around word to know if they wanted soldiers to protect them. At night they wanted to punish the old widow woman, but in the morning they wanted to know if the Americans desired soldiers to protect them. If the governor would take care of the Yamen runners the missionaries would take care of the people. The governor insisted, and for quite a long time the soldiers have visited the missionaries, until, at last, great placards have been put ordering that they must be properly treated in the city.

Let me say there is some spiritual result. I have told you about the two brethren baptized from the boat. Whilst they were in the houseboat an old man, a scholar, who had been an official, who wore the button of degree in his cap, came on board one day to talk with the two white men, and inquire about their books. He purchased a copy of the books they had, including portions of God's Word; for in China the Word of God is not in one volume, as their characters are too large, and it would be a ponderous book if all the books were bound in one. They are bound separately, and are called portions. He, scholarlike, went away and read the books bought. He came back again to the missionaries and said he was persuaded that their books taught the true religion, and he wanted to be a worshiper of the true God. A marvelous thing for a Hunanese scholar, and that scholar with a button in his hat, to become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ!

A short time afterward he went to the capital of Hunan, where he met the scholars and officials, and he began to tell them about the new religion. In China scholars are much respected. He was taken very sick of an illness, which he knew to be a sickness unto death. He called another scholar and dictated a letter, which we have,

to his daughter and he told his daughter of the new religion, and wanted her to go down to the missionaries that were on the boat and be instructed in the knowledge of their God; that he was going to die in that religion; and he said: "When my body reaches home, don't have a priest, and don't burn fragrance, and don't burn incense, but call the men of the boat and let them bury me according to the religion of their God." That is a scholar of Hunan, the bitterest province in China. Then began another sentence which is unfinished, for before he had finished it his spirit had gone to be with the new-found Christ. The first representative of Hunan in the presence of Jesus is an old scholar and official. Thank God for it.

Since I have returned to this country, and I left China the 23d of April last, I have received several communications from dear Chapin and Brown, and in one of them they say that eight more have renounced their idols and have become Christians. Thank God for that. It pays to trust God. Do you know, dear ones in America, what it means to trust God? Do you know what it means to stand where there is nothing but God beneath you, and to feel that if God fails you you will fail utterly? That is what it means to trust God. Do you know what it means?

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR ALLIANCE WORK IN INDIA  
UP TO OCTOBER, 1898.**

BY REV. HENRY WILSON, D.D., HOME SEC'Y FOR INDIA.

While we praise God for the eight years of blessed work done by our Alliance missionaries in India, we would never forget the seven years of faithful seed-sowing done by Rev. M.B. and Mrs. Fuller as independent missionaries before they cast in their lot with us in 18—. To them under God we owe the location of our first Alliance work in Akola, and through them the steady outgrowth from that centre to the enormous limits which we touch today.

Their time of tearful sowing is not over yet, but they surely have already reaped in joy. The native churches, the boys' schools and workshops, the girls' schools and orphanages, the multiplied mission stations, the village services, the evangelistic tours from place to place; the thousands who have thus heard, the hundreds who have been thus saved, the scores who have been baptized and joined the church and are now bright witnesses for Christ; the unknown and untold influences they have had upon those around them - these are some of the first fruits of the harvest, whose sowing time began not eight but fifteen years ago.

Truly God has blessed our work in India.

From Akola in Berar, with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Miss Bates and Miss Holmes in charge, the industrial workshops under Mr. Rogers, and the boys' school under Mr. and Mrs. Moyser, the work has steadily spread till we have in Berar, alone, the following well-placed and prosperous stations: Khamgaon, Shegaon, Amraoti, Murtizapur, Chandur, Buldana and Mulkapur. These eight points mean twenty-four

faithful men and women laboring night and day, in season and out of season, for the salvation of the millions of Berar. Then comes the great province of Khandesh teeming with its needy millions. Here we have four stations, viz: Jalgaon, Chalisgaon, Pachora, and Bhusawal, manned by seven good workers.

After much prayer and preparation, an entirely new district swarming with people of a different type and language, was opened to us by the providence of God. This, our Guzerati field lies 250 miles northwest from Chalisgaon in Khandesh, and 300 miles north from Bombay. Here we have already five stations as points of vantage for mission work: Ahmedabad, with 150,000 people; Memadabad, next on the south; then Kaira, the centre of an important district and where more than one hundred were baptized in eighteen months. East from Kaira lies Kapodnang, a fine town of 15,000 people, where work has been going on with much blessing for four years. Dhalka, twenty-five miles west from Kaira, has a Guzerati boys' orphanage under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Bach, and the work is growing rapidly. These with Bombay, a great city of 900,000 people, and affording wonderful opportunities for mission work and where our superintendent Mr. Fuller with Mrs. Fuller and seven other workers are stationed, complete the list of our stations in India at present.

Eight in Berar, with 23 workers.

Five in Guzerat, with 15 workers.

Four in Khandesh, with 7 workers.

One in Bombay, with 9 workers.

Total eighteen stations and fifty-four workers, and results already too great to tell here, and only to be fully seen in eternity.

## **THE CONGO FIELD.**

BY REV. A. E. FUNK, HOME SEC'Y FOR AFRICA.

Additional items of interest have come to us from this mission field since the former part of the report was closed. There have been a number of baptisms of young men, who were thoroughly converted and who became at once after their baptism, a great help in telling the simple story of salvation to their own people, and to have saved interpreters with the missionaries as they go about the villages is of great blessing. At the stations at Kinkonzi and Maduda especially, the natives come in large numbers to hear the Gospel preached. At Kiama, a number have been baptized, and are very helpful in the work.

On one station a chief has been healed from a severe sickness, which made a deep impression upon all his people and it is hoped many will soon turn to the living God.

Our superintendent writes prospectively of new work to open on the east and south bank of the Congo, along the Kwango River, a large branch of the Congo flowing north. It is about twenty days' journey east from the Congo. A large, fertile region with Tumbu as the capital or chief state. Part of the country is a very thickly populated region, with no missionary for hundreds, if not thousands of miles around. Pray for this aggressive movement that in God's time this new field will be reached.

A large number of the missionaries have come home disabled, so that our present number of missionaries there is less than it has been for a number of years. The latest reports from all the stations, just received, have been most encouraging so that we have reason to believe there are brighter prospect ahead for this hard field than there has

been for a number of years. The cheerfulness of the missionaries in the midst of deep trials and hard places, is worthy of commendation. May God give grace for corresponding evidences of sacrifice and devotion to the cause of Christ in the homeland, and may His presence with them be always a blessed reality to uphold and quicken them in all their life and service.

### THE SOUDAN MISSION.

BY REV. A. E. FUNK.

Since the above report was written, this mission has gone through very trying days. Early in the Spring, war broke out between the natives around Freetown, and the English government, which controls this section of country. All the world has been informed of the massacres on the stations of the United Brethren Mission. This same trouble had taken hold of the natives around our mission stations there, and two of them had to be abandoned, and the missionaries come to the coast for protection. None of them were killed but a few of the sisters just escaped with their lives through the faithfulness of an old native chief, the missionaries' friend. The war is about considered over, and our missionaries may even at this time be on their return to their stations. It is more than probable that they will find two deserted stations, plundered and robbed of everything the natives could carry away, if not the mission property destroyed. The Lord has very graciously blessed this field with very efficient and devoted workers, and the outlook is most hopeful, but the effect of the war upon the native minds and lives has been disastrous in its results, turning hosts of them against the white man in general, and the missionaries may have to live and labor among them a long time to overcome these prejudices. Special prayer is requested by the missionaries on the field that the Lord may use them to speedily overcome these difficulties and turn the hearts of the people Godward.

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and inviting opportunities for the speedy proclamation of the Gospel of the grace of God to all nations and tribes on this great continent, we earnestly appeal to you to send one hundred missionaries to this field before the close of the present century in addition to supporting the native workers which the Lord may raise up on the field.

We believe that now is the time for a great advance in the work of evangelization. Our brethren who have gone to Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and other parts are calling out for helpers. Numbers of workers are being sent to Africa, China and other lands; shall not South America, the neglected continent, have a share of reinforcements during 1898? We make this appeal in behalf of the millions of unevangelized people in your sister continent. May the Holy Spirit incline willing hearts to consecrate their means and their lives to His service in response to this appeal. Time is passing and the Lord's coming draweth nigh, and we fully believe that you will do your utmost to help us spread the light in this dark land.

We have an immediate need of two thousand dollars to start the work among the Indians of Bolivia, Brazil, and the Amazon region, as well as for other missionary purposes.

Trusting that the Lord will enable you to fulfill these our earnest desires, we remain dear brethren, your fellow workers in Christ's service.

May the Lord grant these desires to our dear, faithful missionaries. May He fill our hearts with love for our brothers and sisters there. When we give, and when we pray let us remember the neglected continent, South America.

## **PALESTINE AND ARABIA.**

REV. F. h. SENFT, HOME SEC'Y FOR JEWISH WORK.

“To the Jew first” is the divine plan and the gateway of blessing to the Gentile. The commission is “to every creature.” We should, in every place, first seek out “the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” then “turn to the Gentiles.”

Among the first missions established by the Alliance was the one in Palestine, “beginning at Jerusalem.” In some respects it is the hardest field in the world, but none too hard for the God of Abraham - El Shadai.

The home and headquarters, “Bethel,” in Jerusalem, has been the house of God to many weary, hungry ones. Recently, in answer to prayer, and an appeal sent to the Keswick Committee, Dr. Elder Cummings and two others, came to Palestine and held a number of services in the Alliance Home, and other parts of the land. Ira D. Sankey added his testimony in song. Much blessing has come from these meetings as the fulness of Jesus and the second coming of Christ were presented, strengthening the testimony of our beloved missionaries on these lines of present truth. The second coming is being discussed by the Eastern churches, the Greeks, Latins, Syrians, etc. This is but another sign of His speedy coming.

The prejudice and persecution of the bigoted Jews are growing stronger each year. This was evidenced some time ago, in refusing to bury in their own cemetery a Jewess, who died in the new mission hospital of the London Society, resulting in almost a riot. Out of this God is working good. Miss Dunn writes: “Our evangelist has distributed among the Jews more than two hundred copies

of the New Testament during the past two months, as they are eager to know more about this Man, whose teachings cause so much trouble. There are many secret believers in Jesus among them. One came openly to the Bible class saying, 'I am more concerned for my soul's salvation than about what my people may do to me.'" These incidents, with others that could be cited, show that underneath all this persecution and fear of man, a mighty power is working, and God is about to lift the veil from the hearts of the remnant of Israel.

There are upon doors among the Moslems, especially in the hundreds of villages hidden among the hills of Judea, Samaria and Galilee. Some bright conversions have occurred among the Moslems, and by their confession and radiant faces show that the false prophet has lost his hold upon them. The servant girl in the Home has been converted and healed, and some of the girls in the schools have accepted Christ.

#### STATIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

Jerusalem - Miss Lucy Dunn, Superintendent. Miss Lucy Dunn was the pioneer missionary. She is assisted in Jerusalem by Miss Brown and Miss Ford, also a native evangelist, and two Bible women.

Hebron - Mr. and Mrs. Murray, assisted by Miss Berry and a native teacher.

Jaffa - Miss Parsons and a native helper.

Arabia - Rev. and Mrs. Forder.

New York - Mr. and Mrs. Weaver.

#### MEETINGS AND METHODS.

Besides weekly meetings held in Bethel, Jerusalem, a Sunday school has been opened during the past year. Much

House to house work is done among the Jews, Moslems and nominal Christians. Also work among the villages. Our lady missionaries can sit for hours and converse with crowds of women and girls, with no opposition but that of ignorance and superstition. Some of them will repeat the story of the Saviour's love, life and death, which is through the Spirit, eternal life to all who believe. In their camping expeditions the past season, some villages were reached which had never heard the Gospel. Think of it! In the land where Christianity began!

At Hebron there is a girl's school, and evangelistic work is done among the vineyards and olive groves.

At Jaffa, during the past year, a training school for girls has been opened, which promises to furnish native workers for the waiting fields.

An important accession to our Palestine mission the past year has been the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Forder for work among the thirteen millions of Arabians, the sons of Ishmael, who have no one to tell them of Jesus. Many live in towns and others follow the nomadic life, and all, with holy tact and faith, will listen to the old story. Mr. Forder leaves his little family in Jerusalem, and goes on a year's tour through Arabia to open it up for other helpers. Many are deeply interested in this new work through the addresses of brother Forder while in this country, and will follow him with much prayer as he goes with the four hundred Bibles, and the love of Christ in his heart, to a people to whom he has already preached the Gospel for five years.

Another forward step during the year has been the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver to work among the Jews of New York City, where it is estimated there are two hundred and fifty thousand Israelites. Special pro-

vision has been made through a dear brother interested in this work and workers, so that no extra expense is incurred by the Board. Several others, members of the Gospel Tabernacle, assist in the same work, which is conducted by Rev. B. Angel, 280 Rivington Street.

#### NEEDS.

First, much prayer for Israel and the work among the Arabs. This field is as hard as it is important. God's people, footsore and weary, are fast coming home to the land of their fathers. They come in unbelief but many looking for their Messiah, hence the need of telling them of Him "who is, and who was, and who is to come."

The whole Jewish race is being stirred by the Zionistic movement, looking forward to a Jewish State in Palestine. God would not have us push the work of evangelization among them faster than His providences and promises warrant us, but surely to open our eyes and see the budding of the fig tree and quickly herald the Gospel to both Jew and Gentile, while we lift up our heads and look, for our redemption draweth nigh.

Second, we need more men and means. In Palestine they are praying for a man and wife, "apt to teach," "full of faith and the Holy Ghost," to stand in wisdom, love and sacrifice with the true and faithful women already on the field.

At Jaffa a helper (a young lady) is needed for Miss Parsons.

Third, Miss Ford feels called to open a work in Safed, Galilee, a city of about twenty thousand, with many surrounding villages, and not a missionary among the Moslems. Miss Ford has had a number of years of service among the Moslems, and is familiar with their language,

and fully capable for such a work, but needs a helper, all of which requires special prayer, and special funds.

Fourth, pray for the safety and health of our missionaries. While Turkish intolerance is slowly diminishing, Jewish bitterness is increasing, and God alone can open their hearts to the Gospel, and prevent violence.

Since the mission was opened in 1890, two of our missionaries and two little ones have gone to be with the Lord, Miss Robinson, Mr. Cruikshank and the two children. God has graciously spared the lives of all, the past year. Some have had severe sickness, but Jehovah-Rophi was in their midst. Part of the year the climate is very trying, and we need to stand in "faith that worketh by love" for our watchers in Zion.

Miss Dunn sends this word to the Lord's remembrancers in the home land: "We feel that God is using and leading us. His word is precious to us. His provision gracious; His rich promises are being fulfilled daily, and we expect great things from our God in His own time, and way. Brethren, pray for us, that we may be able to speak the Word with boldness and have increasing opportunities among Jews, Moslems and Christians, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

## **FRATERNAL LETTER.**

The following letter from the President and Board of Managers, the Advisory Council, including our official workers, and the annual convention just held during Easter week is addressed to our beloved brethren of the Christian and Missionary Alliance throughout the United States, Canada and the whole world in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the spirit of deep humility, fraternal love and believing prayer.

It is intended to explain and interpret the principles and methods of our Alliance work, and, at the same time, to impress upon the hearts of our people the great interests and objects which God has laid upon our hearts and committed to us as our sacred trust for Him in these last days of extraordinary opportunity and infinite responsibility.

It expresses the united sentiment both of the Board of Managers and the official workers of the Alliance, and was submitted to the assembled council at the recent conference and sent forth in the name of all those assembled at that time.

While not a formal constitution it is an interpretation and explanation of the principles and methods of work adopted by the Alliance, and will be found a valuable manual of reference for all our workers. It can be obtained in smaller or larger quantities free on application to the Secretary of the Organization Department, 690 Eighth Avenue, New York.

To the Members and Friends of the Christian and Missionary Alliance throughout the World,

GREETING:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord: -

Your representatives from the home and foreign fields, including the Board of Managers, Superintendents, etc., assembled in First Annual Council in New York, take this method of addressing to you, in the love of the Holy Ghost, a fraternal letter setting forth the divine call and work, which, under the providence of God, has been wrought, and the methods adopted to spread the Fourfold Gospel preparatory to the coming of the King.

1. We wish, first of all, to emphasize our conviction that the Christian and Missionary Alliance has been raised of God in these days to preach a full Gospel at home and send missionaries to carry the same glad tidings to the unevangelized regions beyond. Foreign work is the inspiration and complement of home work.

2. Believing our call and work to be of God, and that He has sent the Holy Ghost into the world to direct the movements and preside over the affairs of the Church, we propose under His leadership to preserve our non-sectarian and interdenominational attitude and to join hands with every true pastor, and to unite the earnest elements of the Church of Christ in a deeper fellowship than can be known in mere formal union - one in the Holy Ghost, one in a common life which flows from our living Head.

3. Recognizing as we do, the necessity of sufficient organization to hold us together in Scriptural unity for prevailing prayer, faith and action, we shall study to confine the machinery to that which is necessary. We adopt few,

but comprehensive rules, and little, but effective machinery.

4. In the work, but at home and abroad, we constantly emphasize the Scriptural principle that God is no respecter of persons. We have no great men to set up to received the homage due Christ alone. The heads of departments of work, and superintendents on the field are the brethren and co-workers both of Christ and the humblest members of the smallest branches and weakest bands. In the practical expression of this, the principle of co-ordination - people and officers working conjointly - has been adopted.

While we believe in a centralized government, we recognize that such final authority, to be strong and effective, must rest upon the love, confidence and loyalty of the people governed. To this end the Field, district, State and Local Superintendents are instructed to administer the affairs of the Alliance in conformity with the spirit of the New Testament, always listening with deference and loving regard to the voice of the humblest member. We desire to be able to say in all things "It seemed good unto the Holy Ghost and to us."

With the above setting forth of the aim and spirit which permeates and actuates the Christian and Missionary Alliance, we also beg to set forth before you the subjoined interpretation of the constitution to be used for practical guidance in conducting the work of organization and administration on the field.

#### THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The President and General Superintendent and the Board of Managers, consisting of twenty-four persons, are elected triennially, and have general direction over the entire work.

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FIELD SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Field Superintendent shall be elected annually by the Board of Managers.

2. He shall be the executive officer of the Board of Managers on the home field and shall be responsible to said Board.

He shall have an office in New York and shall exercise a general oversight of the work in America. He shall travel at large throughout the home field; organize the work therein; arrange for and hold conventions in conjunction with the District and State Superintendents and perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be committed to him by the Board of Managers.

DISTRICT AND STATE SUPERINTENDENTS.

1. District and State Superintendents shall, with the concurrence of the State Committee, be appointed by the Board of Managers.

2. District Superintendents shall have the immediate oversight of such groups of states, territories or provinces as shall be committed to them until the growth of the work warrants the erection of state organization. Their authority and duties in their districts shall be the same as are exercised by State Superintendents.

3. State Superintendents, in conjunction with the State Committee, shall have the immediate oversight of the work in such states as may be assigned to them, make annual report to state convention, also quarterly report to State Committee, travel in their territory, holding meetings and conventions, and organizing local branches; appoint, remove or change local superintendents and evangelists; arrange for and hold an annual state convention,

and make quarterly report of their work to the office of the Field Superintendent on blanks furnished for that purpose.

#### LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

1. Local Superintendents shall, upon the request of the branch or branches desiring them, be appointed by the State Superintendent and approved by the State Committee.

2. Local Superintendents shall have the immediate oversight of such cities, towns, counties or local districts as may be arranged for them by the State of District Superintendent under whom they work.

3. They shall hold meetings as opportunity may offer, always seeking to establish them at regular places and times; seek in every legitimate way to circulate the literature and spread the truths of the Fourfold Gospel; visit from house to house; gather and teach the children; keep the missionary work before the people, hold a missionary meeting at least once a month in every branch, at which opportunity shall be given for the people to make offerings for the spread of the Gospel; and in every Scriptural way seek to promulgate the truth; and make quarterly reports of their work to the District or State Superintendent upon blanks provided for that purpose.

#### EVANGELISTS AND TEACHERS.

1. In order that the doctrines of the Fourfold Gospel may be more rapidly spread, evangelists and teachers shall be commissioned and sent forth to hold meetings for the dissemination of the truth.

2. Evangelists shall be appointed by the Board of Managers upon the recommendation of the Field, District or State Superintendents. Their commissions shall be

signed by the President and Field Superintendent and countersigned by the State or District Superintendent under whom they labor, and shall be renewed annually.

3. Evangelists shall be under the general direction of the State or District Superintendent in whose territory they evangelize.

#### BRANCHES AND BANDS.

1. Branches of the Christian and Missionary Alliance may be formed wherever twelve or more people unite in the request for such organization, by any duly authorized person, with the approval of the State Superintendent.

2. Bands may be formed by any number of people who are members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, associating themselves together for the purposes for which branches are organized. One member of the band should be chosen as leader. When the number of believers exceeds twelve, application for organizing a branch should be made to the District or State Superintendent.

3. The government of branches shall be vested, co-ordinately, in a Local Superintendent and a committee of five or seven persons, as the branch may determine. Said Committee shall be elected annually. Where no Local Superintendent exists the Committee shall direct the affairs of the branch.

4. The Committee shall organize itself for the transaction of business by electing from its own number a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties appertaining to their respective offices.

5. Branches should hold at least one meeting every week for prayer, praise, the study of the Word and the promulgation of the doctrines of the Fourfold Gospel. One missionary meeting should be held every month, at which an offering should be taken for our missionary work.

6. All persons received into local branches at the time of organization are charter members. Subsequent to organization membership may be obtained by any person who gives sufficient evidence of having passed from death unto life, by making declaration of belief and sympathy for the principles and work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and the affirmative vote of the Local Committee.

7. Members may be excluded for cause by the joint action of the Local Superintendent and Committee; or, in case there is no Local Superintendent, by the vote of the Committee.

#### DISCIPLINE.

All officers and members may be suspended, removed or changed, for cause, by the power which appointed them, but have the right of appeal.

#### THE STATE CONVENTION.

1. The State Convention shall be composed of the following persons:
  - (a) The State Superintendent.
  - (b) All Local Superintendents.
  - (c) Members of the State Committee.
  - (d) Two delegates from each branch.
  - (e) One delegate from each band.
2. The State Committee shall be composed of twelve or more members who shall be elected annually at the State Convention.
3. The State Committee may elect an Executive Committee from among its own number, of five members, three of which shall constitute a quorum, to which it may delegate full authority to act in all matters. Said Executive Committee shall keep a record of all its work and present the same to the State Committee at least once a year.

4. The State Committee shall, in conjunction with the State Superintendent, give general direction and oversight to the state work.

#### MISSIONS.

We cannot better express and emphasize the paramount claims of this great work and the call of God to us as an Alliance than by embodying the following deliverance just adopted by our Advisory Council, representing all our workers at home and abroad:

*Whereas*, The only aggressive work the Lord ever laid on His called-out and separated Church was the evangelization of the world in order that He might have opportunity to gather out of the Gentiles a people unto His name; and

*Whereas*, The obligation has been largely overlooked by the Church. Probably two-thirds of the race having not yet heard of the name of Jesus, while we spend hundreds of millions of dollars in the comforts and luxuries of home worship; and

*Whereas*, Foreign missionary work is the life and inspiration of the Church on the home field, and the promise of the Lord to be with His people unto the end is conditional on their going forth to preach the Gospel to every creature; and

*Whereas*, Foreign missionary work enlarges the capacity of the followers of Jesus to both know and enjoy God by lifting them out of the narrow circle of selfish prayer and work to become participants in the world-wide plan of our Lord now in process of consummation (see Acts xv. 14, 17); therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we will address ourselves as never before, by prayer, by enlarged and strengthened faith, by offerings according to our ability, and by efforts in season

and out of season, to spread the glorious truths of the Gospel until we bring the King back. And so be it

*Resolved,* That we will seek, by our preaching and teaching, and by the circulation of missionary literature among the peoples to whom we are sent, to so present God's plan for work during this age and the next, that missionary intelligence may be spread and increased and enthusiasm awakened that will result in a mighty growth of our missionary work during the year to come. And be it,

*Resolved,* That, after examination of the methods and workings of the Board of Managers and of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and hearing reports of the work at home and abroad, we unite in hearty endorsement of the work as it is carried on, and recommend it to our people, not only as an economical way of sending the Gospel to the heathen, but also as worthy of their fullest confidence and most cordial support.

## **OTHER OFFICIAL PAPERS.**

We have space only to add the following among many important papers adopted by the Advisory Council, and commend them to the prayerful attention of our people:

### **PRAYER UNION.**

We are profoundly impressed that one of the greatest needs of our missionary work is the definite, personal, daily and believing prayer of God's children.

The ministry of the faithful missionary is noble and great; the ministry of self-sacrificing giving is most blessed; but the ministry of prayer we regard as the highest, for if you cannot go as a missionary to the foreign field, or if you cannot give much, but if you be walking in the light it is possible for you to accomplish as much and perhaps even more for the extension of God's kingdom on earth through your prayers and supplications than others might do by their works or gifts.

We regard the success and growth of the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, at home and abroad, in the face of much criticism, and in the midst of much opposition, as the answer given by God to much prayer offered by many people.

We believe in the great importance of prayer; that the success of our work in the future depends largely upon our living and our praying; that the means by which the strongholds of Satan can be assailed and overthrown is by the earnest believing prayers of God's people; that there should be special prayer for special needs; that we should give ourselves to more systematic prayer; that we should

pray much in secret; and that there should be more public prayers in our weekly services and conventions.

We therefore appeal to all the friends of our work, and to all who desire to spread the blessed Gospel throughout the world, and to hasten the return of our Lord, but who may feel they cannot work actively among us, to “give themselves to prayer.”

In order that we may accomplish this end, viz., a more general co-operation for missions, we, the Advisory Council, now sitting in session this sixth day of April, 1898, recommend:

1. That we urge our people, whatever else they do, to pray much for our work and workers, and that, when possible, they unite at the noon hour in their supplications.

2. That we recommend all lovers of the work to connect themselves with the Prayer Union, in order that they may on appointed days pray for specially designated fields and objects.

3. That Prayer Union or Circles be formed everywhere.

4. That leaflets already printed, and other tracts on this subject that may be needed, should be disseminated among our people.

5. We especially recommend the formation of Prayer Circles in places where there is no regular Alliance meeting, but where a few friends of the work live, believing, as we do, it would be the nucleus of an Alliance Branch.

6. We would suggest as we gather around the family altar in our homes that we always pray for our missions and missionaries.

7. And we would also suggest that as many as can will assemble one-half hour before our regular weekly meeting to devote the time in united prayer for our work.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS.**

The Constitution recommends that all contributions to missionaries, for support and otherwise, be sent through the Board, and that missionaries are expected to report to the Home Board all gifts over \$100 received through the year.

Nearly all our missionaries in the field have pledged supporters at home, which of course does not include any other expenses of the mission on his station, nor general expenses. Supporters at home do not regard the missionaries they support as independent representatives on the field under their care, but as regular Alliance missionaries, under the care and oversight of the Board by which they stand in sending their support. Our missionaries are, notwithstanding such personal positions, expected to keep looking to God with the friends and Board at home, according to the principle of the Constitution, for the supply of all needs, because these agencies of support may fail, as they have failed in the past, in which case the Board and missionaries at home and abroad need to stand together before God for all needs to be supplied. It is to be understood at all times that these pledges of support are not stated salaries, but in many cases taken on faith in God, and need to be so looked upon by the missionaries in the field. If this is clearly understood, and acted upon by the missionaries in the field and friends at home, there will be no question about making up arrears so-called, or the receiving of the full amount of allowances promptly on time. It needs to be understood that all the contributors, supporters, the workers at home, the Board and the missionaries on the field are one family, or one body standing together for the needs of all, and treating all alike in their love and care in accordance

with the pressing needs of personal support or establishing of the work on each field. It has therefore been always considered the wisest plan to have a uniform basis on which to send to all the fields, and all the workers, at home and abroad, whatever there is in the treasury at the end of each month. Though there have been delays in the sending of regular allowances the last year's report shows that there has gone to each of the fields almost the full amount for the twelve months. We are trusting that in all questions concerning this important matter, we may all see eye to eye together, and stand together in the great work put into our trust.

### **THE PRINCIPLE OF FAITH.**

About a year ago we faced a problem in our work in relation to the accepted missionaries waiting to be sent to the field. We felt that the funds which were coming into the general treasury ought to be appropriated for immediate needs on the fields, and at the same time we were convinced that God did not want us to quit sending out missionaries. After much prayer and deliberation we agreed to put on our minutes a resolution expressing our conviction that all accepted missionaries at home should with us look to God directly for the supply of all the funds needed to send them forth without drawing on the general treasury, and have at least one year's support pledged.

We saw that this would throw them directly upon the Lord in faith, and it would be in many cases a test of God's approval to their call and time of departure for the field. It was also understood that as far as possible such positions should not be expected from the already established channels to the general treasury. The missionaries received this decision in most cases with perfect satisfaction, and

in a very real way began to look to God for guidance. The result, after a year's experience, is most gratifying. About fifty missionaries have gone to the field on this principle, and it is surprising to see how many new channels of means and interest have been opened on all sides where such positions have been taken up and carried through. We therefore commend that this principle be everywhere encouraged and helped by prayer.

### **CHILDREN'S AND ORPHANAGE WORK.**

1. On the question of Orphanages at Home. How to help them and interest our people in them.

The Committee would recommend that the advisability of establishing orphanages in connection with our work be taken up by the Board and commended to the liberality of our people.

The Berachah Orphanage at College Point be recognized as a part of our work.

2. Children at home and how to develop their liberality.

On this point the Committee recommend that at every convention of our Alliance proper provision be made for children's meetings at which the subject of missions can be brought before them and bands for active work organized.

3. Work for heathen children in schools, orphanages and homes abroad.

The Committee recommend that committees be formed on the field and that children's meetings form a part of every convention abroad, as well as at home, and also that the matter of homes, orphanages and schools under proper limitations be recognized as part of the Alliance on the foreign field.

4. Children of missionaries, their education and care.

The Committee suggest that the Board make some proper provision for the education of our missionaries' children on the field or at home.

5. Alliance schools for the children of our people.

The Committee realize the great importance and need of providing schools for our children at home, where they may get the advantage of a liberal education as well as the truths of the Fourfold Gospel, and would commend the whole subject to the earnest consideration of the Board.

### **ALLIANCE LITERATURE.**

Your committee recognize the important and efficient work already done through the department of literature and publication, but in order to more fully meet the great and increasing need for information concerning the object and teachings of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, recommend that the Board of Managers extend the work of the department of free literature and publications.

1. That a speedy and judicious distribution of literature, through the medium of state and local superintendents, be made.

2. That the present supplies of the department consisting of manuals and leaflets be increased by the addition of other leaflets setting forth more specially the teachings of the Alliance, including sample copies of the weekly paper as may be arranged with the publishers.

3. That in order to provide for the expenses incurred, the friends of the work everywhere be invited to purchase these supplies at such reduced rates as the Publishing Company may be able to furnish and that due notice be given of such arrangement through the columns of the paper.

## **RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

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### **OUR MISSIONARIES.**

*Whereas*, The lives of our missionaries have been precious in the sight of the heavenly Father; but few having fallen asleep during the year; and,

*Whereas*, The labors of our missionaries have been specially and wonderfully blest, both in better access to the people and increased results in souls; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we on the home field unite with the dear missionaries in foreign fields in hearty thanksgiving to Almighty God for His loving care and for the splendid results of the year's work; and be it

*Resolved*, That we assure them, that, standing on God's Word, encouraged by the past, inspired by the present, and confident as to the future, we will stand with them in faith, prayer, substance and effort until the Lord unites us in the air.

### **OUR FINANCES.**

*Whereas*, Notwithstanding the stringency of the times in many parts of the country our cash receipts for missions during the past year have been fully twenty-five per cent. in advance of last year's offerings; and,

*Whereas*, This amazing presentation is accepted by us as direct evidence that God is pleased with our work of faith in sending the Gospel to the regions beyond; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we take yet firmer stand upon the prom-

ises of the Bible and claim by faith yet larger things to advance the preparation to bring the King back.

In conclusion we beg your earnest prayers and hearty co-operation in all of the work of the ensuing year.

### **RESOLUTION OF PRAISE.**

That we as an Advisory Council in connection with and on behalf of our Board, and our Alliance people, at this our First Annual Meeting, desire to recognize with profound thankfulness

1. The signal goodness of God in the operation of His blessed Spirit on our workers and their work in all parts of the field, home and foreign, during the ten years of our existence as a society, but more especially during the year past, as shown in the reports of our superintendents at home and abroad.

2. We would also praise God most heartily for the splendid service and self-denying labors of our dear missionaries in all parts of the field under our care, and with them thank Him for His preservation of our dear workers from disease and death, while laboring in the very midst of these things. We would especially note the goodness of God in China, where, for nearly three years, not a single death occurred in the number of our one hundred and thirty missionaries, and also in India, where famine and pestilence have been raging, only one of our dear workers has passed away during this year of great trial.

3. We would take occasion of this meeting to send to our three hundred brave workers, scattered over the great fields of Japan, China, India, Africa, Palestine, South America, San Domingo, and Jamaica, with their wives and children, to our native workers, teachers and converts, under their charge, a loving greeting, and an

expression of our appreciation of their noble Christian lives and work, and of our profound sympathy with them in all the heavy burdens and keen trials they have had to bear, with a tender, holy remembrance of the dear ones, their's and our's, who during the past years, have laid down their lives on the field for Jesus' sake.

#### **TRAINING INSTITUTES, HOME AND FOREIGN.**

*Whereas*, Our missionaries, superintendents, evangelists and teachers, in order to do the best work in spreading the truths of the Fourfold Gospel, should receive uniform instruction in the doctrines we preach; and

*Whereas*, The rapid growth of the work at home and abroad necessitates more workers, and the great distances to be traveled and consequent expense, make it expedient for all who receive God's call to attend the Institute at Nyack, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we meet, with grateful hearts, the evident providence of God in the desires and offers of our people to establish Bible training school on the Pacific coast, at Denver, in the South, and in some of the foreign fields; and be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Council that these schools, as far as possible, should be made tributary to the central institution at Nyack; and especially do we advise that those expecting to go to the foreign field spend at least one term at Nyack.

#### **DEPARTED WORKERS.**

*Whereas*, Several of our missionaries abroad and workers at home have fallen asleep during the past year; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we record with deep affection and sorrow these additions to the roll of our honored dead; and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to the friends of these fallen saints an expression of our sympathy for them in their bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we direct the attention of our parents and young people to the empty ranks with the suggestion that they must be filled.

#### **THE JEWS.**

*Whereas*, The remarkable movements among the Jews and Israel these days, in fulfillment of prophesy, indicate that the last days of the age are upon us, and that the coming of the King is imminent; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we will address ourselves with renewed diligence to prayer and the work of sending the Gospel to the Jews, that they may be speedily established in their own land.

#### **CHINA.**

*Whereas*, The vast empire of China, so long the recluse among the nations, has been opened to the advance of our missionaries during the past year in most marked and providential manner; therefore

*Resolved*, That we accord our appreciation of God's doings and render unto Him our thanks for His gracious recognition of the work of our missionaries, and unfailing blessings upon them; and be it

*Resolved*, That we send congratulations to Superintendent Le Lacheur, and his co-workers in the Chinese empire, upon the splendid work which the Lord has been enabled to do through them, with assurances of our continued support in prayer, sympathy and money.

**AFRICA.**

*Whereas*, The darkened continent is already opened for the reception of the Gospel by the advance of commercial enterprise, especially the building of railroads; and

*Whereas*, We already have two strong missions established to teach the blessed truths of the Gospel to these benighted people; and

*Whereas*, The dangers of the country from malaria are peculiar and constant, many of our missionaries having fallen; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we send our brave and devoted African bands assurances of our loving remembrances, and pledge them our prayers that they may be delivered from malaria, the power of the prince of the air exercised against them; that they may be permitted to enter the unevangelized countries toward which God has turned their eyes; and that God may give them the desires of their hearts in gathering great harvests of immortal souls.

**INDIA.**

*Resolved*, That we recognize the remarkable opportunities in India, and thank God for the faithful labors of our Superintendent and missionaries in that land, and commend India to the prayers of our people, and the consideration of all candidates for missionary service.

**SOUTH AMERICA.**

That we thank God for the hopeful advance that our missions have made in the neglected continent, and commend South America and our missionaries there to the sympathies and prayers of our people.

**CUBA AND THE WEST INDIES.**

*Whereas*, The light of God's emancipation seems to be

breaking over the West India Islands, and especially over that long-suffering and war-ravaged island of Cuba, and

*Whereas*, The nearness of these islands to the borders of our own country make them our next-door neighbors, entailing the peculiar responsibility of neighborliness in addition to the obligations of evangelization laid upon us by the dear Lord; therefore

*Resolved*, That we extend our deepest sympathy to the afflicted people of Cuba, and pledge ourselves, as soon as possible, to carry the Gospel among such people of the West India Islands as may be accessible to it.

#### **DELIBERATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

*Whereas*, The deliberations of the First Advisory Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance have been attended by such interchange of opinion and gathering up of facts from many fields as must result in the greatly increased efficiency of the work in the year to come; therefore

*Resolved*, That we emphasize the great value of the Council to all who are entitled to seats therein; and that we strongly advise the state superintendents and delegates from state conventions to make every effort to be present next year.

#### **CONFIDENCE IN THE OFFICERS AND BOARD.**

*Resolved*, That as an Advisory Council, representing all departments of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, we give thanks to God for the spirit of blessed fellowship and the unanimity of action which have prevailed in all our deliberations; and that we recognize the singleness of purpose, the faithful labors, and the uniform wisdom of the President and Board of Managers in whose leadership we have the utmost confidence.

**MISSIONARIES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND  
MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.**

**CENTRAL CHINA.**

Rev. D.W. Le Lacheur, Superintendent, Wuhu, China.  
General P.O. Address, C. and M.A., Wuhu, China.

**STATIONS.**

Province of An-Huei - Wuhu, Han-shan-sien, Nan-ling-hsien, Wan-chi, Ta-t'ong, T'ong-ling-hsien, T'sing-lang-hsien.

Province of Hu-peh - Wuchang.

Province of Kan-suh - Ming-sheo.

Province of Hunan - Te'h-chong-fu, Tao-cheo.

**MISSIONARIES.**

Rev. Z. Chas. Beals, Local Superintendent.

Mrs. Z.C. Beals,	Miss Morgan,	Mrs. Kristenson,
Miss M. Parmenter,	Mr. Hiscock,	Mr. F. Brown,
Miss Mary Funk,	Mr. Snyder,	Mrs. F. Brown,
Mr. James Smith,	Mr. M.B. Birrell,	Mr. E. Chapin,
Mrs. James Smith,	Mrs. M.B. Birrell,	Mrs. E. Chapin,
Miss Genevieve Oviatt,	Mr. J. Helgesen,	Mr. E.M. Ekvall,
Miss Minnie Oviatt,	Mrs. J. Helgesen,	Mr. D. Ekvall,
Miss McCully,	Mr. W. Shantz,	Miss E. Larsen,
Miss Quinn,	Miss E. Von Gunten,	Rev. H.S. Nichols.
Miss Pool,	Miss J.P. Rhind,	Mrs. H.S. Nichols,
Mrs. McBeth,	Mr. Kristenson,	Mr. B. Alexancer.

**MISSIONARIES AT HOME.**

Miss R. Cassidy, Miss M. Cassidy, Rev. D.W. LeLacheur.

**NORTHERN CHINA.**

General P.O. Address care of Mr. Woodbury, Tientsin, China.

**STATIONS.**

Province of Chih-li - Peking, Tient-sin, Suen-hua-fu.

Province of Shan-si - Kweiii-hua-ch'eng, Pao-ri-hoh-shao, Ho-lin-ko-ri, Pih-k'eh-t'si, T'o-t'o-ch'eng, Tsing-shui-hotsi, Pao-t'eo, Sha-ri-ts'ing, Sah-la-t'si, Feng-cheng, T'ien-cheng, Iang-kao, Ping-lo.

Province of Kansuh - Chong-uei, Ning-hsia.

Kalgan (Mongolian Mission).

## MISSIONARIES.

Miss D.W. Douw,	Mr. J. Woodbury,	Mr. Larsen,
Miss Any Brown,	Mrs. J. Woodbury,	Mrs. Larsen.

## SWEDISH MISSIONARIES.

Mr. E. Olsson,	Miss A. Noren,	Miss E. Ericson,
Mrs. E. Olsson,	Mr. S. Book,	Mr. C. Nordling,
Mr. N. Kullgren,	Mrs. S. Book,	Mrs. C. Nordling,
Mrs. N. Kullgren,	Mr. A. Sandberg,	Mr. O. Bingmark,
Mr. Ludwig Ericson,	Mr. E. Anderson,	Mrs. O. Bingmark,
Mr. M.C. York,	Mrs. E. Anderson,	Miss A. Gustafson,
Mr. J.H. Swardson,	Miss A. Lindkulst,	Mr. C.L. Lundberg,
Mr. O. Oberg,	Mr. K.G. Helleberg,	Mrs. C.L. Lundberg,
Mr. O. Forsberg,	Mrs. K.G. Helleberg,	Miss Larsen,
Mr. C. Blonberg,	Mr. P.A. Ogren,	Mr. C. Nystrom,
Miss L. Hansen,	Mrs. P.A. Ogren,	Mr. M. Nystrom,
Miss E. Jacobsen,	Mr. F. Sjolund,	Miss I. Anderson,
Mrs. C.F. Lundkvist,	Mrs. F. Sjolund,	Mr. C. Soderbaum.
Mr. C.F. Lundkvist,	Miss A. Anderson,	Mrs. C. Soderbaum,
Mr. W. Norens,	Mr. A.E. Palm,	Miss C. Hall,
Mrs. W. Norens,	Mr. C.J. Hill,	Miss C. Larson,
Mr. A. Fagerholm,	Mrs. C.J. Hill,	Miss A. Johanson.

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Miss H. Berg,	Mr. A. Anderson,	Mr. E. Jacobsen,
Miss A. Lindblad,	Mrs. A. Anderson,	Miss A. Gowans,
Mr. P. Ehn.		

**SOUTHERN CHINA.**

General P.O. Address, Wuchow, South China.

## STATIONS.

Province of Kuan-tung - Macao, Lo-ting.

Province of Kwang-sai - Ng-cheo, Tung-un, Kuei-p'ing, Tung-tsun

## MISSIONARIES.

Rev. I. Hess,	Mr. Howden,	Mrs. Fee,
Mrs. I. Hess,	Mr. Christopherson,	Mr. Landis,
Miss Cooney,	Mrs. Reeves,	Mr. B. Quick,
Miss T. Campbell,	Miss M.B. Doner,	Mrs. B. Quick,
Mr. Hinkey,	Dr. Glover,	Mr. Cunningham,
Miss Landis,	Mr. Jaffray,	Miss Prentice,
Miss F. Miller,	Mr. Fee.	

**THIBET.**

General P.O. Address, Wuhu, Central China.

## STATIONS.

Labrang, Pao-nang, Tao-cheo, Kansuh Province.

## MISSIONARIES.

Mr. W. Christie,	Rev. Geo. T. Shields,	Mr. W. Simpson,
Mr. W. Shantz,	Mrs. Geo. T. Shields,	Mrs. W. Simpson,
Mr. W. Ruhle.		

**JAPAN.**

Rev. Theo. Gulick, Superintendent.

## STATIONS.

Myoshi, Shobara, Joge.

## MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Mr. Lindstrom,	Mrs. Lindstrom,	Miss Emma Barnes,
	Japanese Teachers.	

**AFRICA - CONGO.**

General P.O. Address, Matadi, Congo Free State, West Africa.

## STATIONS.

Ngangila, Vungu, Mazinga, Londe, Boma, Cabenda, Kiama, Maduda, Kinkonzi.

## MISSIONARIES.

Mr. C. McKinney,	Mr. L.S. Gardner,	Mr. C. Ave,
Mrs. C. McKinney,	Mrs. L.S. Gardner,	Mrs. C. Ave,
Mr. W. Roth,	Mrs. Stevenson,	Mr. William Raff,
Rev. Mr. Campbell,	Mr. A.J. Stevens,	Mrs. William Raff,
Mrs. Campbell,	Mr. E.G. Stanley,	Mr. F. Soderberg,
Mr. T. Louttit,	Mrs. E.G. Stanley,	Rev. W.A. Cramer,
Mr. E. Biber,	Mr. G. Egerton,	Mrs. W.A. Cramer,
Miss L. Villars.		

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Rev. G. Maguire,	Mr. R. Halme,	Mrs. A. MacDonald,
Mrs. Maguire,	Mr. T. Townsend,	Miss Lusch,
Mr. Robb,	Mrs. T. Townsend,	Miss A. Ward,
Mrs. Robb,	Miss Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. John Symington.		

## CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

**THE SOUDAN.**

Rev. E. Kingman, Superintendent, Freetown, Sierra Leone.  
General P.O. Address, Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

## STATIONS.

Freetown, Magbele, Ro Bethel, Makomp, Tubabudugo.

## MISSIONARIES.

Mr. J.L. Trice,	Mr. W. Lewis,	Mrs. W.H. Seiple,
Mrs. J.L. Trice,	Miss S. Peterson, Rev. C.A. Mitchell,	
Rev. Hal Smith,	Miss Mamie Kinsey,	Mr. Chrisman,
Mrs. Hal Smith,	Rev. Roy Codding,	Mrs. Chrisman,
Mr. Benton,	Mr. Howard Smith,	Mr. W.E. Shoobridge,
Mr. Nash,	Mr. W.H. Seiple, Mrs. W.E. Shoobridge.	

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Rev. E. Kingman, Mr. W.H. Hubby, Mr. F.E. Swenson.

**INDIA.**

Rev. Mark B. Fuller, Superintendent, Bombay.  
General P.O. Address, Berachah Home, Byculla, Bombay, India.

## STATIONS.

Bombay, Akola, Berar, Khamgaon, Shegaon, Buldana, Mulkapur, Amraoti, Murtizapur, Chandur, Khandesh District, Bhusawal, Jalgaon, Chalisgaon, Pachora, Guzerat District, Ahmedabad, Kaira, Kapodray, Dhalka, Mehemadabad.

## MISSIONARIES.

Rev. M.B. Fuller,	Mrs. Peter Neilson,	Miss A. Seasholtz,
Mrs. M.B. Fuller,	Mr. E.P. Hagberg,	Mr. T.F. King,
Mr. Wm Franklin,	Mrs. E.P. Hagberg,	Mrs. T.F. King,
Mrs. Wm. Franklin,	Mr. Shelander,	Miss E. Smiley,
Miss K.G. Park,	Mr. Carl Erickson,	Mr. H. Andrews,
Mr. Phelps,	Mrs. Carl Erickson,	Mrs. H. Andrews,
Miss Scoville,	Miss Hattie Mallory,	Miss Mahaffey,
Miss McDougal,	Mr. L.J. Cutler,	Miss Wells,
Miss Becker,	Mr. W. Ramsey,	Miss M. Woodworth,
Mr. R.S.M. Stanley,	Mrs. W. Ramsey,	Mr. S. Hamilton,
Mrs. R.S.M. Stanley,	Mrs. C.J. Simmons,	Mrs. S. Hamilton,
Miss Carrie Bates,	Mr. C. Lenth,	Mr. F. Bach,
Mr. William Moyser,	Mrs. C. Lenth,	Mrs. F. Bach,
Mrs. William Moyser,	Mr. T.E. Dutton,	Mr. C. Borup,
Miss L.J. Holmes,	Mrs. T.E. Dutton,	Dr. Smalley,
Mr. J.P. Rogers,	Mr. J.D. McGlashan,	Mrs. Smalley,
Mr. J.W. Johnson,	Mrs. J.D. McGlashan,	Miss C. Claussen,
Mrs. J.W. Johnson,	Mr. A. Johnson,	Miss Olssen,
Miss Alice Yoder,	Mr. G.W. Woodward,	Mr. Gutteridge,
Mr. Peter Neilson,	Mrs. G.W. Woodward.	

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Mrs. M.T. Garrison and family, Mr. R.D. Bannister.

**SOUTH AMERICA.**

Rev. E. Olson, Superintendent.

## STATIONS.

Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, Equador, Chili.

## MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Emilio Olson,	Mrs. J.B. Emory,	Mr. F.E. Mebius,
Mrs. Emilio Olson,	Mr. W.D. Smart,	Rev. Geo.J. Arnhold,
Mr. John Price,	Mrs. W.D. Smart,	Mr. W.G. Fritz,
Mrs. John Price,	Mr. William A. Cook,	Mr. E.B. Tarbox,
Mr. Logan,	Mr. Nelson,	Mrs. E.B. Tarbox,
Mrs. Logan,	Mrs. Nelson,	Mr. H.L. Weiss,
Mr. Joseph Thacker,	Rev. Gerard A. Bailey,	Mrs. H.L. Weiss,
Mr. David Buchanan,	Mrs. Gerard A. Bailey,	Mr. A.E. Dawson,
Mr. J.B. Emory,	Miss Alice C. Wood,	Nine Native Helpers.

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Miss Bessie Lanman, Miss Bessie White.

**PALESTINE.**

Miss Lucy Dunn, Superintendent.

General P.O. Address, care American Consul,  
Jerusalem, Palestine.

## STATIONS.

Jerusalem, Hebron.

## MISSIONARIES.

Miss Lucy Dunn,	Miss Elizabeth Brown,	Mr. Murray,
Miss Francis Parsons,	Miss Mary Ford,	Mrs. Murray.

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Mrs. Jas. Cruikshank.

**ARABIA.**

Mr. Forder, Mrs. Forder.

**WEST INDIES.**

## STATIONS.

Jamaica, Devon P.O. San Domingo City.

## MISSIONARIES.

Mr. D.A. McKillop, Mrs. D.A. McKillop.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

**of the**

**CHRISTIAN and MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

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New York, April 8, 1898.

Balance reported at last Annual Meeting	\$ 4,099.53
Receipts during the year . . . . .	<u>147,320.55</u>
Total . . . . .	\$151,420.08
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>145,959.24</u>
Balance . . . . .	\$5,460.84
Special donations sent by individuals direct to the foreign field, not going through the treasury . . . . .	13,550.00
Institute, Nyack - Special donations received during the year for the Institute. . . . .	12,760.00
Disbursements for the Institute . . . . .	<u>12,760.00</u>
Securities and real estate held by the Society and previously reported . . .	\$96,800.00
Securities at present unavailable, given in 1897-8 . . . . .	<u>115,000.00</u>
	\$211,800.00

Audited and found correct,  
S.E. Furry,  
E.G. Selchow.



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE - FOR  
TWELVE MONTHS  
APRIL 1, 1897 TO MARCH 31, 1898**

Swedish China Mission . . . . .	\$12,239.56	Balance reported last	
Central China Mission . . . . .	15,700.48	Annual Meeting	\$4,099.53
South China Mission . . . . .	6,199.33	Receipts during year . . .	
			<u>147,320.55</u>
North China Mission . . . . .	1,702.60		
			\$151,420.08
Japan Mission . . . . .	1,648.73		
India Mission . . . . .	22,879.78		
Africa, Soudan Mission . . . . .	7,007.01		
Africa, Congo Mission . . . . .	18,932.76		
Palestine and Arabia Mission . . . . .	2,620.87		
San Domingo Mission . . . . .	308.54		
South America Mission . . . . .	10,164.43		
Missionary Institute . . . . .	16,432.76		
Missionary Allowances Home . . . . .	4,042.14		
Home Mission and Jewish work . . . . .	9,809.90		
Office expense, clerical work, postage, literature, etc. . . . .	2,056.42		
General expense, printing annual reports, stationery, rents . . . . .	2,468.76		
Real Estate . . . . .	7,421.36		
Annuities . . . . .	1,938.65		
Loans and accounts paid . . . . .	2,385.16		
Balance in bank, April 7, 1898 . . . . .	<u>5,460.84</u>		
	\$151,420.08		\$151,420.08

Audited and found correct.  
S.E. Furry,  
E.G. Selchow,  
Auditing Committee.

**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE VARIOUS  
FIELDS DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.**

	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.	1898. Half Year.	Total.
China Swedish	\$17,329.	\$10,108.	\$12,503.	\$ 9,494.	\$ 8,141.	\$ 9,494.	\$12,239.	\$ 79,308.
China, Central and Southern Missions	10,063.	14,509.	18,122.	19,784.	12,883.	19,784.	22,601.	117,746.
Japan Mission	2,241.	2,750.	2,786.	2,695.	3,235.	2,695.	1,648.	18,050.
India Mission	19,275.	19,678.	15,621.	15,349.	15,546.	15,349.	22,879.	123,697.
Africa, Soudan Mission	10,893.	4,308.	8,243.	8,756.	6,842.	8,756.	7,007.	54,805.
Africa, Congo Mission	12,696.	12,072.	18,681.	20,891.	12,126.	20,891.	18,932.	116,289.
Palestine Mission	520.	1,679.	1,292.	2,364.	1,184.	2,364.	2,620.	12,023.
Hayti and San Domingo Mission	1,762.	1,759.	1,563.	940.	233.	940.	308.	7,505.
South America Mission	2,023.	3,199.	2,821.	4,294.	3,547.	4,294.	10,164.	30,342.
N.Y. Training Institute	16,004.	15,033.	13,166.	12,775.	9,705.	12,775.	16,432.	95,800.