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**ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE WORK OF THE
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BY THE PRESIDENT

Our present Council is assembling under conditions of new and peculiar solemnity. Eleven nations, representing more than half the population of the world, are still engaged in the agony of a life and death struggle. More than \$50,000,000.00 a day are spent to destroy men's lives, and more than 25,000,000 are pouring out the life blood of the nations for mutual destruction. The world is sacrificing one thousand times as many lives and five thousand times as much money to destroy men as the church is spending on the mission fields to save them. A visitor from some distant world to this tragic scene might well ask, "Can this be the world which the Father made and the Redeemer died to save?"

The only compensation which this mournful spectacle offers is that perhaps it is training men to higher capacity for sacrifice and heroism. The brightest hope that Christian faith can extract from it is that it must be somehow hastening, or at least foretokening, the kingdom and coming of our blessed Lord.

It is a matter for profound gratitude that the missionary operations of the various societies, including

our own, have not been greatly hindered even by this unparalleled war and that the principal theatres of our foreign missionary work have been exempt from its horrors and hindrances.

At the same time it has led to tragic sufferings and calamities which deeply stir all Christian hearts. Greatest perhaps among them has been the literal wiping out of the Armenian people and practically the martyrdom of half a million of the best elements in the Oriental church. Side by side with this has been the terrible suffering of the Hebrew populations of Europe, the Servians, the Belgians, and the Poles, to which might be added the distressing conditions in Mexico which have greatly interrupted missionary work in that land.

A Year of Revival

Perhaps the most pronounced feature of the religious life of our home land during the past year has been the spirit of revival and the unusual number of evangelistic campaigns that have been carried on in our principal centers of population by earnest and successful evangelists. Our Alliance people have been interested and active in these spiritual movements. The direct agencies of our own proper work in the home field have been accompanied by marked spiritual blessing, not only in our summer conventions and our autumn and winter rallies in the larger centers, but also by a nation-wide series of Bible and missionary conferences in all our districts and branches. Com-

plete details of these activities will be more properly presented by our Home Secretary and our Educational and Publication Departments, so that a brief survey and summary will be sufficient in this general outlook.

The Official Departments

The official departments have been somewhat carefully reorganized during the year. In the Finance Department Mr. F.L. Groff has kindly given his valuable services as Financial Secretary, and Mr. Jeffrey has been retired.

In the Foreign Department Dr. R.H. Glover is ably superintending the work so faithfully conducted by Mr. Williams who has been called to an important official position in the Northwest.

The Publishing Department has added to its periodicals *The Student Evangel*, and reports increasing business.

Mr. E.J. Richards has given his constant attention to the Home Department and visited many of the fields and branches during the year.

The Educational Work is under a Committee of the Board, of which Mr. Ballard for a time was the efficient Chairman. He was called during the year to an important pastoral charge in Hornell, and Mr. W.M. Turnbull has been acting as the Superintendent of the Educational Department as well as Dean of the Missionary Institute and Principal of the Wilson Memorial Academy. The Schools at Nyack have had a suc-

cessful year as will be shown by the detailed reports. A number of our graduates are completing their college course at Wheaton.

We are without reports from the schools at Boone. The school at Toccoa has been a child of providence and through a year of peculiar trials has been carried by the good hand of God in a most gracious way and reports a year of great blessing. The Mary Mullen School at Uree, N.C., has been destroyed by fire since the New Year, and this self-sacrificing and useful work is for the present suspended, but an encouraging report is submitted for the past year's operations. The property at Boynton has finally been placed upon a secure footing through the execution of important papers. Mr. Hartman has been appointed Principal, and has had an encouraging year. Mrs. Hench is in residence and giving her valuable assistance as well as doing general evangelistic work in the neighborhood. Special reports from these various schools renders it unnecessary to give further details at this time.

The Gospel Tabernacle, New York, has had a successful year, and its young people are engaged during the present summer in a second campaign of city evangelization.

The Young People's Alliance has been deprived during the winter of the personal evangelistic ministry of Miss Cora Rudy through her engagement in the Missionary Institute, but the reports will show a healthy and fruitful condition of the work.

Our colored brethren have been prosecuting the work of the Alliance with loyalty and energy in Phil-

adelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Bowling Green, Boydton, and other important centers.

Our German brethren maintain a number of strong branches and are giving liberal support to our foreign missionary work.

The Junior Missionary Alliance keeps up an active correspondence between the home and foreign children.

The work of Divine Healing has so entered into all the departments that it has ceased to be localized as in the earlier years of the work in special Homes, but there has been a marked blessing in the important centers of Nyack, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, etc. The Friday meeting in the Gospel Tabernacle is but one of many centers of united prayer from which blessing goes forth continually to all the world.

The Home Field

There have been a number of changes in the home field. Mr. Williams accepted the call of our brethren in the Northwest to take charge of the Lake District, including Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Mr. Long has located in the Queen Street Tabernacle, Toronto, and is only able to give occasional attention to the great Canadian field, while Dr. Zimmerman has been added to the staff of our Field Evangelists. Mr. Chandler has continued to act as Field Evangelist. Mr. MacArthur has also been able to give considerable time to the field work. The Central District is still without a regular Superintendent, Mr. Patterson giv-

ing in addition to his pastoral work in Toledo, a large portion of his time to the oversight of the District as acting Superintendent, and Mr. Richards supplementing his services as far as his time will permit. Mr. Franklin is giving his careful oversight to both sections of the New England field, and Mr. Forrest is pushing the Alliance work vigorously with the assistance of Mr. Lewis in what might almost be called a whole empire, comprising a dozen southern states. He is assisted in his work by Mr. E.L. Bowyer chiefly in the great state of Texas. Paul Rader has continued to give his valuable aid in Alliance conventions and evangelistic work in addition to his absorbing duties and successful ministry in Chicago. Our esteemed host, President Blanchard, has generously held himself at the call of the humblest of his brethren and been a welcome helper at many of our larger and smaller conventions. The President has in addition to his literary and pastoral duties spent a large proportion of the Sundays of the year in missionary conventions and the dedication of many chapels in our various branches. One of the most fruitful engagements of the year was a visit to the Pacific Coast and a fortnight of delightful ministry in northern and southern California. His duties and opportunities have been considerably increased by a Correspondence School whose students represent all parts of our constituency.

The Financial Situation

The total receipts through the Treasurer for 1915

were \$177,676.35 for the ordinary fund. Additional receipts for Sustentation and Forward Movement Funds increased it to \$178,838.65. The gross receipts of the year exceed any previous record by a few thousand dollars. They are \$34,540.87 in excess of last year, the report of which, however, did not cover the early weeks of the year. The largest previous record was 1913, \$171,000.00. In addition to these Treasury funds the sum of \$106,785.22 has been received and disbursed through other departments including the Schools, specials for conventions, the Missionary Home, money sent directly to the field, missionary offerings, and school fees received on the fields, and a few other miscellaneous items. While we are grateful and encouraged especially in these trying times for even a moderate increase in our financial resources, yet we cannot forget that the necessary expenses of the work naturally increase much faster than the funds available. We are, therefore, encouraged to believe that a new measure of liberality and sacrifice is already stirring the hearts of our people as indicated by the conventions of the past few months. Our Board and Finance Committee have taken vigorous measures during the year to improve the financial methods of this department and insure a more systematic and regular disbursement of the funds to our home and foreign workers.

Our Foreign Work

The past year has marked an increasing interest

in our missionary work. The experience of many years has added greatly to the efficiency of our foreign workers, and we constantly recognize with gratitude and deep appreciation what God Himself hath wrought in the training and equipment of these men and women who have gone out from our midst during the past quarter of a century. While their numbers have not greatly increased, their efficiency has been much enhanced. The providential care of God has been singularly marked, but one of our missionaries having been called away by death during the year, our honored brother, Rev. H.L. Weiss, of Chile. During the year 35 missionaries returned on furlough, 21 were sent back to the field from furlough, 2 were added on the field, and 8 were sent as new missionaries from the home land, and 9 resigned or were retired.

The spiritual results of our missions have been far in advance of any previous year. The vine of God's planting has at length begun to bear abundantly. The additions by baptism during the year were 1,042. The number of inquirers has reached 1,584. The total membership of our missions is approximately 7,000, and the total number of baptized persons since the organization of the work on the foreign field, 10,804. The property held by our foreign missions is valued at \$317,790.00./ The entire foreign staff consists of 261 missionaries and 508 native workers. The central stations occupied number 121, and the out-stations 209. We thank God for this consecrated army of nearly 800 witnesses for Christ in heathen lands, and the larger

body who are standing behind them in sacrifice, faith and prayer in the home land.

A comparison of the two last years shows an increase since 1914 of 21 stations and 37 out-stations, 58 in all, in our foreign fields; a decrease of 10 American missionaries in actual service, and an increase of 49 native workers; an increase of 9 organized native churches, and 728 communicants; an increase of 74 baptisms as compared with last year in a total of 1,042 for the present year; 11 new Sunday Schools opened with 902 more children in attendance; 12 new primary schools reporting an addition of 1,211 scholars; an increase of \$2,560 in the combined offerings of our native churches and school fees' a decrease of \$12,216.00 as compared with last year in sums directly sent to the field, and an increase of \$34,540.87 over last year in funds received directly by the treasurer here; and, finally, an increase of \$7,229.50 over the highest record of any previous year in our Treasury receipts.

PARTICULAR FIELDS

Argentine

The reports from Argentine call attention to the remarkable growth of the Mission in the past two or three years. There are now 9 stations, with 8 organized churches, 11 foreign missionaries, one of whom is at present on furlough, and 5 native workers. Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. Dezall returned and have re-

tired from the work. The native church members 162 communicants, to which 24 were added by baptism, and 71 inquirers are under instruction. Since the opening of the work 217 have been baptized. The schools contain 19 pupils, and the Sunday Schools 397. The offerings of the native Christians reached a high average, amounting to \$1,578.00, nearly ten dollars for each member. The Zooks, Millers, and Mr. Jennings are at Olavarria; Mr. and Mrs. Turner at Azul; the Russels at Lobos; Mr. Strapp at La Prida. The other stations are manned by native workers, and Miss Hamilton is at present in Ireland.

During the summer, tent meetings were held in many places with most encouraging results, and several of the stations were visited with revival. There were 11 baptisms at Lobos, 6 at Olivarria, and several at Azul, Salidillo, and other stations. The annual Conference was held at Azul, November 10th, which was a season of refreshing and blessing, and several followed the Lord in baptism. The field is open; the country enjoying extraordinary prosperity, and the missionaries are much encouraged in their work. There is a considerable amount of Christian literature distributed and a printing press has reached the field.

Chile

The sudden death of Rev. H.L. Weiss, the leader and founder of the mission. Which occurred during our last Council at Nyack, threw a heavy cloud over this mission, and the Foreign Department with the assist-

ance of Mrs. Weiss and the cooperation of our Executive Committee on the field has been earnestly laboring to readjust the administration of the Mission. General support is given to the Mission by the Mennonite churches in this country. Mr. Weiss was so intensely active and prominent in all the work of the Mission, that it has not been easy to readjust the work without him, but the foreign missionaries and native workers are cooperating in a good spirit, and it is probable that Mr. Zook, a former Chilean missionary, may be able to return to Chile from the Argentine to give his valuable assistance and the benefit of his long experience to help out.

The annual Conference was held about the New Year at Lautaro and was attended by 5 foreign missionaries, 9 native workers, and 11 delegates. The evening services were evangelistic and much blessed. The year has been one of spiritual blessing, especially in the out-stations where much evangelistic work has been done. Of these there are 37 in addition to the 15 central stations. The foreign mission force is now reduced to 8, with 16 native workers. These are of a high order and men of long experience and spiritual efficiency. The baptisms of the year numbered 78, with 50 additional inquirers, and the total membership is 717. Mrs. Weiss and Miss Aeby are still absent from the field on furlough. Mr. Deiner is chiefly engaged in work among the Indians and is encouraged in the large attendance upon the day school, in which the New Testament is taught.

Ecuador

During the past year Mr. Polk and wife have continued to occupy the city of Quito. Mrs. Polk has suffered greatly from illness. The work is chilled by the atmosphere created by Romanism. The missionaries report, however, a family of three adults who were distinctly called out during the year into spiritual life and earnestness, an encouraging movement toward the lower classes of the population, and upon the whole a better spirit among the few native Christians. Mr. Johnston has been engaged in evangelistic work at the old station, Montecristi and vicinity. Mr. Crisman returned to the field leaving his wife and family for the present in California, and Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds accompanied him, and have been added to the missionary staff. The foreign force numbers 7, including Mrs. Crisman at home, with one native worker, a young woman supported by the Los Angeles Sunday School, 20 communicants, 6 children in day school and 15 in Sunday School. There was one baptism during the year. The light that shines on Ecuador at present is chiefly that of faith, hope, promise, and opportunity.

Jamaica

During much of the past year Mr. and Mrs. McClare were absent from the field on furlough, returning shortly after the New Year. Their visit to this country was much blessed, and their fellowship with their old friends in New York and the Gospel Tabernacle

mutually refreshing. During the year a new church was dedicated at Richies, with a membership of 90 and a Sunday School of 125. The work at Devon and Coley Mountain is still prospering. The chief hindrance is the poverty of the people. Notwithstanding this their offerings during the year amounted to \$277.00, about 80 cents per head. The total membership of the Mission is 370 with 633 children in the Sunday Schools. While this is not strictly a mission to the heathen, yet it is an old legacy left our work among a most deserving and needy people and is still one of our sacred trusts.

Porto Rico

Our brethren in Porto Rico are standing fast in their purpose to lead the native churches gradually into financial independence and self-support. They ask a little extension of time for the completing of this plan. They have had a year of spiritual quickening and encouraging growth. There are now 10 organized churches with 24 central and 17 out-stations, 41 centers in all; 3 foreign missionaries, 42 native workers, and 313 communicants. The additions by baptism were 22, but the roll of inquirers and hopeful converts is 333. The total number of baptisms since the beginning is 543. The Sunday Schools have 710 members, and there are 30 in the day schools. As showing the remarkable liberality of the native church, the offerings of the year amounted to \$1,800.00, being an average of about \$5.75 per head, only exceeded among our

foreign fields by the Christians of Argentine, whose gifts averaged about \$10.00 per head.

Palestine

In the beginning of 1915 it became necessary to reduce the Palestine staff to four. Mr. and Mrs. Van Guysling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family, Miss Beecroft, and Mr. A.W. Payne left the field, and a month later the girls of the boarding school were sent home under military escort, and Miss Parsons returned also to America. Miss Hannie, the senior teacher and a graduate of the school, remained to take charge of a few of the girls who have no homes or friends to go to. Miss Best took charge of the boys' boarding school; Miss Gummoie of the training school, and Miss Butterfield of the Business Department. There was at times much difficulty in getting money to our little party in Jerusalem, and they have sometimes been much in arrears, but they have continued bravely at their posts, and the hand of God has guarded them from grave peril. The native staff has stood loyally with these ladies, and our graduates have shown a fine missionary spirit. Two of our young men were taken for army service.

The school work reopened in the autumn with the exception of the girls' boarding school, their building having been used as a home for the girls' day school, the day school building being required for the boys, whose classes have largely increased. Miss Best reports about 175 in these day schools and she has been

obliged to refuse many applications. The Turkish language has been made compulsory in all the schools of the country. Fortunately three of our teachers knew the language. There has been comparatively little interference with religious teaching, and an earnest spirit has been prevalent among the boys, some of them turning to the Lord, and others making real progress in their Christian life. Miss Gummoë reopened the training school also in the autumn, but, because of limited workers, she has confined it to men. There are 12 students, 6 of whom are residents. The ladies have formed a pastoral committee, and have charge of the services in the church. There are large and fruitful Bible classes, and their Sunday School is supporting an evangelist in the Congo, and has already sent this year \$25.00, while the church has sent \$72.00 out of their penury for a native preacher in China. The downtown Jewish mission room was closed, the classes for Jews being now held in the day school.

Conditions in Jerusalem are extremely trying and have practically reached famine conditions. A locust plague swept over the country the last harvest time, and only a special providence prevented their destroying the entire vegetation. The Wheat and barley were saved, but the trees and vines were stripped, and the vegetables, upon which the city depends so largely, were utterly destroyed.

Military conditions also are most oppressive, foodstuffs being requisitioned wholesale by the army and much license allowed the soldiers. Mr. Thompson adds that the mission, notwithstanding, has much

cause for thanksgiving. None of the atrocities which have occurred in other parts of the empire have visited Palestine, and we have been permitted to continue on a considerable scale our important mission work in that hallowed center of the Lord's purposes for Israel and the world.

India

For the first time in many years there comes from India a note of revival, glorious revival. One of the oldest stations, where the gospel has been preached for a generation apparently without fruit, Murtizapur, has had during the recent touring season a great outpouring of the Spirit under the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Cutler, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and other missionaries. Already 222 have been baptized as the fruit of this awakening, and 105 children dedicated to God. Most of these results have been since the close of the year 1915. The total number of baptisms in India during 1915 was 182, equal to the additions for the three preceding years, while a list of inquirers reaches nearly 200. The total membership of all the stations is 1,289, of which a large majority consists of men. Altogether 2,830 have been baptized in India in the history of the Mission. There are 40 in attendance in the Bible Training Schools, 662 in the day schools, and 1,252 in the Sunday Schools. The property owned by the Mission is valued at \$95,000.00.

Our orphanages have steadily decreased in numbers; there are now 90 girls at Kaira and 71 at Kham-

gaon. A number of the girls have been married and left the orphanage during the year. Besides the great work at Murtizapur, there have also been revivals at other stations through the ministry of Mr. MacPherson, an evangelist from the Society of Friends, and the earnest cooperation of the missionaries. Ten were baptized at Matar, Gujerat, and 10 at Khamgaon, besides a number at other stations.

During the year Mr. and Mrs. Schelander, Mr. and Mrs. Dinham, and Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Cox returned on furlough; Mr. and Mrs. Lapp, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, and the Misses Wells, Fuller and Lothian went out.

The Chairman in his survey of the year emphasizes the need of at least six men to hold the great centers of missionary work, and at least a doubling of our present native force, which now numbers 134, or about two to each foreign missionary. He also pleads for the reopening of the training school in Gujerat, so long closed for the want of a leader. He reminds us that during the past ten years eight couples have left the Gujerat field, and that there are at present only six men there to direct our meagre forces. In the new district affected by the Murtizapur revival, there are more than twenty villages represented, and with increased forces the opportunity could be followed up with great advantage.

Upon the whole, however, the India report is the most encouraging that has come to us for half a score of years, and it is added as not the least of the bright

spots in the review that there have been no deaths during the year, and that notwithstanding the limited forces and resources, there have been no retrenchments.

The Philippines

The past year in the Philippines has increased the membership of the native churches about thirty-five per cent. Thirty-seven have been added by baptism, and the total membership is now 146, with a record of 310 baptized altogether since the Mission was organized. There are 13 students in the Bible Training School, 5 foreign missionaries, and 7 native helpers and 150 in the schools. Three churches are organized in 4 stations, and 8 other places are worked as out-stations. Mr. and Mrs. Lund are in charge of the central station at Zamboanga, and Mr. Lund makes frequent excursions by water to the villages lying within reach. Mr. Lommasson reports much encouragement among the Subano pagans, with a good attendance at the school which he has opened. He is at present suffering from serious abscesses. The missionaries were greatly encouraged during the year by the testimony of a man living 200 miles from the Mission who had heard the gospel through the missionaries, and who had burned his idols, and with his family had turned to God. Mr. Harvey was transferred during the year from the Philippines to Central China. There is a good work at Mercedes under a native evangelist, where a chapel is being erected and a church will

shortly be organized. Several new additions are reported at Tetuan. Mr. Sholin has also opened a promising work in a native village near the plantation where he is employed and is rejoicing in the beginning of blessing. The young people's work has grown throughout the whole field and is being vigorously organized. The special needs reported are another lady missionary for school work, financial help for the additions necessary in the dormitory building at Zamboanga, means for the mission home being erected at Tetuan, and a colporteur costing fifteen dollars a month for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

Japan

The Alliance work in Japan includes three important stations: Hiroshima, a city of about 160,000 people, under the direction of Mr. Lindstrom; Shobara, a city about fifty miles in the interior, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Francis and Miss Francis, and Onomichi, a new station, about 100 miles from Hiroshima, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lucas and Miss Wylie. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are at present in Korea. Mrs. Francis was healed during the year of serious illness; Mrs. Lucas is at present seriously indisposed, and Miss Ague has permanently retired from the Mission. Miss Wylie reports a Sunday School of 150 with 20 inquirers. In Shobara there is a large Sunday School, and 6 converts were baptized during the year. In Hiroshima the work has been greatly stimulated by the completion of the new chapel, which is situated on a prominent busi-

ness corner and draws large congregations. There are 8 missionaries on the field and 13 native workers. Twenty-one were baptized during the year, and 75 more are reported as inquirers, with a total membership in the whole Mission of about 80, and 750 children attending the various Sunday Schools. The population is fluctuating, and many who have been converted in the Mission have floated away to other places and joined other churches. Out of more than 2,500 that have attended the various after-meetings during the past few years, a total of 260 have been baptized, and yet of these only 80 are at present in the membership of the Mission.

Shanghai

Mr. Woodberry made a brief visit to the United States during the year, and Mr. Earl Woodberry returned to Shanghai and has joined the mission force. The Shanghai Home has been a hospitable and open door for our missionary parties going and coming. The local church and schools have also had an encouraging year. Nine graduated from the Grammar School, and 60 children have been in attendance at the kindergarten. Eleven were added by baptism to the native church, which now numbers 232 members. There are 15 native workers in fellowship with the Mission and laboring in various fields. Since the beginning of the work 532 have been baptized. The Mission reports school fees and offerings during the year amounting to about \$2,000.00 and property valued at \$14,000.00.

Central China

Our Central China Mission occupies 10 central stations with 13 out-stations. There are 10 organized churches with a membership of 532. To this were added last year by baptism 121, an increase of 40 per cent. Since the beginning of the work 858 have been baptized. Two hundred and thirty inquirers are reported as the fruit of the year's evangelistic work. Fifty-six students are reported in the Bible training schools; 480 in primary and middle schools, and 846 in Sunday Schools. The native offerings exceeded one dollar per member. The changes on the field during the past year included the return on furlough of Mrs. Minter, Miss Henshaw, and Mr. Carter, and the addition to the force of Mr. Harvey from the Philippines, with the return of Miss Quinn, Miss Funk, Mrs. Alexander, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ekvall and family. Since the close of last year Mr. and Mrs. Deutsch have also gone to Wucdhang to take charge of the Business Department.

There were two Chinese conferences during the year followed by much spiritual blessing, and the annual gathering of the foreign missionaries in July at Chi k'ang shan. Much interest was added to this conference by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Hinkey and Miss Stella Rudy from South China. Five native workers were graduated from the Blackstone Bible School, one woman from the school at Nanling was appointed as Biblewoman and three as day school teachers. Several new day schools were opened on a self-supporting basis. Several additions were made to the build-

ings, including a Missionary Home at Chang Sha, two other missionary homes in process of erection, a chapel and school in Nanling, a new chapel at Chang the, and a new home at Wuchang. The Chairman of the Central China Committee in summing up the year's results emphasized these notes of encouragement, 3 more foreign workers, 3 more out-stations, an increase of 40 per cent. in baptisms on the previous year, and an increase of 50 per cent. in native offerings.

West China and Tibet

The field survey of the Chairman, Mr. Christie, furnishes an illuminating and inspiring picture of the progress of this live Mission: It now appears that the indemnity received from the Chinese government was heavily discounted and did not fully cover all the heavy losses of the Mission, but was thankfully received as closing the matter. New buildings have been in process of construction, and the work has been vigorously reorganized and prosecuted. The field extends 400 miles along the border of China and Tibet, and includes 12 county towns, 60 market towns, innumerable villages, and a large population of Chinese and Moslems, with a great province of Ando extending far to the west and peopled with Tibetan tribes. The Mission occupies five county towns and five other towns, with one station within the Tibetan border. Four stations are occupied by foreign missionaries; the others by native evangelists. Most of the unoccupied towns have been visited more or less regularly. Much

time has been given to aggressive evangelism. Mr. Christie held a series of meetings extending over nearly a month in which 49 professed conversion, and 13 were baptized. At Mincheo station an extended series of meetings was held which were crowded throughout and attended by a number of the Chinese officials. Several of the literati are interested. Two Buddhists have been baptized and three others are among the seekers. The Bible School has graduated 11 evangelists. The girls' boarding school at Tao cheo has 33 pupils. The day school at Tih Tao has 20 in attendance, mostly the children of Christians, and many of them converted. A two years' course for Bible women has been arranged, and this will be an important addition to the resources and forces of the Mission. Three missionaries were added to the force, including Miss Galbraith, returned, and Mr. Moseley and Miss Palmquist, new missionaries.

The numerical showing of the Mission is encouraging. There are 8 organized churches, 4 central, and 7 out-stations, 18 foreign missionaries, 22 native workers, 321 communicants, 71 additions by baptism, (an increase of nearly 30 per cent.), 82 inquirers, 12 students in the Bible Training School, 34 in the day schools, and 340 in Sunday Schools. Since the beginning of the work, 400 have been baptized.

South China

The condition of the South China Mission during 1915 has been one of progress and promise. Thirty for-

eign missionaries and 87 native workers are occupying the strategic points in the southeastern half of the province of Quang Si and beginning to reach out to the northwestern or Mandarin section, in faith, prayer, and aggressive evangelism. There are still 60 walled cities in the province unreached. Their immediate goal is the opening of three new stations in the northern section of Quangsi. During the year 170 have been baptized and added to the churches, making a total at the present time of 1,200 communicants in this field. The church in Wuchow has been greatly blessed. A protracted revival from March 14 to 28 brought more than 50 Christians and 200 inquirers to the altar as earnest seekers for salvation and power. The Bible school has been crowded beyond its capacity and is now about to receive new, larger, and greatly needed accommodations. The Bible Magazine has continued to increase in circulation and influence and has now over 1,600 regular subscribers. The annual Conference was held at Wuchow July 9th and was a season of great spiritual blessing. One of the most interesting occasions of the year was the native conference at Pinglo, October 10th. This was the first time such a conference was held in the Mandarin or northern section of the province. The station is located 150 miles north of Wuchow and is a strategic center of a vast unoccupied district. The services have been fully described in several communications to our *Alliance Weekly* and were intensely stirring, closing with the baptism of 9 new converts and the funeral of an aged and beloved sister, so that one of the mission-

aries has happily described one of the last incidents of the conference as "escorting a sister to heaven."

During the year the city of Wuchow was desolated by a disastrous flood which rose 79 feet above low water mark, causing great loss of property and much danger and suffering. Personnel changes on the missionary staff during the year included the transfer of Mr. Cadman to Annam, succeeded by Mr. Cowles, the addition of Miss Holmes and Miss Marsh, and the return of Mr. and Mrs. Worsnip and Miss E.N. Rudy, and the retiring of Mr. Hamill from the field and the work. The brief furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jaffray during the summer added much to the interest of our conventions and the closer touch of our contributors and workers with the work in South China.

Annam

During the early part of the year the prospects of our new Mission in Annam appeared unusually encouraging. Besides our first station in Tourane, steps had been taken for the opening of the work in Haiphong and Hanoi, much larger and more important centers. But during the summer suspicion unhappily fell upon our missionaries, owing to sensitive conditions due to the war, as possible German spies. The kind and effectual intervention of the American Consul saved them from serious consequences. Their work was suspended and they were obliged to leave their stations with the exception of Tourane where the missionaries were permitted to remain but not to engage in

active work for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Hosler have, therefore, returned on furlough, and Mr. Birkel has retired for the present from the Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, Miss Russell, Miss Morgenthaler, and Mr. Irwin continue at Tourane pursuing their studies and preparing for future work when the opportunity returns. The firstfruits of the Mission have already in six native Christians and three baptisms, and Mrs. Cadman has written in a recent paper a graphic picture of "Our Ba," one of the new converts who is already a witness and a worker. With the close of the war it is hoped and believed that these promising openings can be immediately occupied with an outlook of hopeful opportunity. Our latest advices are to the effect that a recent visit by Mr. Jaffray to Annam has been successful in removing most of the difficulties and suspicion, and that the work may be resumed at an early date. Let us not forget to pray for this great land of more than 20,000,000 people, whose only missionary agencies at present are the humble beginnings of our Alliance Mission.

Soudan

After long continued depression, the year 1915 stands out as the banner year on the Soudan. The reports of the missionaries are full of encouragement and hope. A native conference was held at Mayosa in June accompanied and followed by special evangelistic services, at the close of which seven persons were

baptized. The annual conference of the missionaries occupied the first week of September at Makomp, and was also a time of great refreshing and blessing, and three were baptized. In October Masumbiri was visited with a remarkable revival. A bold scoffer was struck by lightning, and a spirit of conviction fell upon the natives, and many were deeply convicted. A conference was subsequently held here shortly after the New Year. Perhaps the most encouraging gathering of the year was the native conference for the Kuranko work at Tobabudugu, December 8th, and following days. This was attended by Mrs. Graham, Miss Merriweather, Mr. and Mrs. Custer, Mr. Roseberry, Mr. Ryan, also Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, formerly connected with our mission and still in hearty sympathy. It was a time of great blessing. The testimonies of the natives showed the deep working of the Holy Spirit. The altars were crowded with inquirers; confessions were made of every kind of sin and crime, including the most desperate murders. It was estimated that no less than 43 persons appeared to be genuinely converted. Two were baptized, and 17 united in the closing communion service. Altogether our missionaries believe that at least 100 souls have been saved on the Soudan Mission during the past year. The statistics are still modest; 5 central stations, one out-station, 15 foreign missionaries, 8 native workers, 12 baptized, 30 inquirers, 42 baptized since the beginning of the work, 53 in the day schools, and 111 in the Sunday schools. During the year Mr. Evans and wife re-

turned to Freetown in charge of the business department of another Society. Mrs. Rosehart went out as an independent missionary, Mr. Ryan, a new missionary under appointment of the Board, and Miss L. Clark returned. On furlough Mr. and Mrs. Rupp returned, and Miss Botham, and during the current year, Mrs. Graham and Miss Dost.

Miss Driscoll sends this graphic note about the work at Mayosa:

“When we came to Mayosa six and one-half years ago, we were alone. We had a mud house with mud floors. People gathered on our front porch for service. The missionary had to do all the preaching, praying, singing, and be organist as well. Our one large room had to be used for school during the day, and for sleeping quarters at night for the boys, while the missionary had a little konko at one side. But how different now! We have a comfortable mission house, a cement chapel, a school house, and a substantial home for the boys. We have a fine class of boys in training, already much used in evangelistic work in other towns as well as here. They love to sing, and when Mr. Ryan heard them lately on his first visit to the station, he said, ‘Nyack will have to go some to beat that.’ The church is organized; the chief has proclaimed the Lord’s Day to be a day of rest in his kingdom, and there is ‘a going in the tops of the mulberry trees,’ and we expect an hundred fold even in the Soudan.”

Congo

The Congo Mission consists at this time of 7 central and 70 out-stations, with 7 organized churches, 21 foreign missionaries, 71 native workers, and 1,456 communicants. Two of the native workers are women, and one an ordained pastor. There were 289 baptisms last year and more than 300 others hopefully converted and under training for baptism later. The total number baptized since the beginning is 1,811, and the pupils in the schools number 2,265 besides 508 in the training schools and 486 in Sunday Schools. During the past year 32,948 services were held in 2,226 villages. The entire cost of this great work last year was about \$10,000. From the lowest point of view, it is worth noting that the nearly 600 souls reported as the fruit of the year's work cost an average of about sixteen dollars each. A humble gift of less than twenty dollars invested in this fertile soil assures at least one soul as its eternal fruition.

The year was a somewhat trying one for various reasons. The world war has affected the Congo and greatly increased the prices of staples, making living more expensive. This, coupled with the financial pressures which are normal in our mission work, give opportunity for much patience and faith. But the spiritual harvests have so encouraged the workers that there have been no complainings or discontent, but only notes of praise and earnest intercession for larger means because of the alluring opportunities. There was also considerable sickness, from which our beloved

leader, Mr. Campbell, has greatly suffered and is still suffering. Miss Josephine Harris has also been an invalid for part of the year, but through the wonderful goodness of God, there have been no deaths upon the field.

No new missionaries were sent to the Congo the past year, but Mr. and Miss Welles returned from their furloughs. Three have returned home and several more since the New Year.

Two important conventions were held during the year, the annual conventions of the missionaries at Kinkonzi, August 4-8, attended by 13 of the missionaries, and the Conference of native workers soon afterwards at Yema, both seasons of special blessing.

A training school for native workers has been under the charge of Miss Josephine Harris, and altogether, including teachers, a number of new converts and students proper, there have been 508 persons in attendance.

A printing plant has also been added to the mission agencies on this field, and Mr. Wickware has been specially appointed for this department. Besides various tracts and leaflets, it is issuing a quarterly called *The Congo Courier*, copies of which have already been received with much appreciation in this country.

Two new chapels have been completed and two more are under way, and the missionaries as usual are taking an active part in practical carpentry and masonry. The arrangement reported a year ago in connection with the Mayombe District, by which it has been consolidated with headquarters at Kinkonzi,

has continued through the year and was confirmed by the late conference of missionaries. We regret some difference of opinion among the workers, arising in part out of these arrangements, but we trust and pray that these differences may be adjusted harmoniously.

The work in this district is facing another crisis, and it is now planned to divide this great district into sections and distribute a number of native workers in charge of these sections, and have all sections gather at the end of each quarter for communion and revival services.

The Chairman in his report speaks hopefully of the high character of some of the native Christians and workers, and asks prayers "That God will raise up men and women from the ranks of the native church to take commanding positions. One or two of their number, old and tried Christians, are now of inestimable value to the Congo. These are samples of what God can do, but we require more than samples now; we need dozens like them." Mr. Campbell adds, "Pray for more money, and keep on until it comes. We simply must have better support for the work and the workers than has been sent out during the past year."

Finally, the last word of our Chairman's report is a renewed appeal for men. "Last year," he says, "we endeavored to emphasize the urgent need for men; today the demand is so great that it is beyond our command of words to set forth. Experienced men are required now; even though we should get men from home immediately, they cannot bring with them what

comes to them only at a price in this land; namely, experience.”

Conclusion

In conclusion, the President would give expression to our united thanksgivings for god’s abundant goodness to us during the past year: - especially for the preservation of the lives of our leaders and with a single exception of our missionaries; for the exemption of our missions to so great an extent from the hindrances and horrors of this unprecedented war; for the far-reaching revivals that have visited so many places and so many souls in the home land; for the ingathering of more than a thousand additions by baptism to our churches on the mission field and the still larger list of over 1,580 inquirers and hopeful conversions awaiting baptism; for the encouraging increase in the financial receipts of the year notwithstanding conditions at home and abroad, making it a record year; for the marked blessing that has been poured out upon our recent conventions and the hopeful outlook this gives for the immediate future; for the abundant blessing that has rested upon our training schools and missionary candidates, and for many tokens for good in the year already begun which inspire us to thank God and take courage.

Second, he would commend to the careful and prayerful consideration of the Council the reports from the Home Secretary and the various departments covering the progress of the Alliance work in our various

districts and branches; the important recommendations submitted by our Foreign Secretary bearing upon question of missionary polity; and the references from the Board of such matters as are passed on to the Council for their consideration and decision.

Third, he would take this opportunity to remind the Council of the ideals, traditions, and precedents of the Alliance, and to impress upon all our hearts the importance of our being true to our vision, our mission, and our calling. The late George Muller once stated that the secret of God's blessing upon his work he believed was that he had been true to the plan showed him in the mount. Whenever he deviated from this even in what might seem unimportant details, such for example as receiving half orphans instead of full orphans, he found that troubles arose and supplies were hindered. The Alliance was not called to testify to the truths that others are witnessing to or duplicate the work that others are doing as well or better, but for a special mission and testimony, and our largest success will be found along the lines of testimony to present truth and work in neglected fields.

The exaltation of Christ as our Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, and coming Lord; emphatic testimony to the supernatural in our life and work; simplicity and economy instead of elaborate organization and machinery; interdenominational and fraternal fellowship with the whole body of Christ rather than sectarian or separatist tendencies; aggressive evangelism, especially for the salvation of the neglected classes; and, above

all, worldwide missions - all under the inspiration and with the constant expectation of the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, these are the ideals and precedents amid which the work was born and in harmony with which we may surely expect its largest success.

Therefore, in our educational work, we need to guard against modern and liberal tendencies and to follow only the things that make for faith, godliness, and higher Christian service; in our publication work, we need to be true to our own special testimony; in our home work, we need to guard our local organizations and independent assemblies from the danger of suggesting sectarianism and prejudicing and limiting our larger missionary constituency; and in our glorious foreign missionary work, we need to press forward along the lines already marked by our faithful pioneers in worldwide and aggressive evangelism and unselfish sacrifice and service.

Fourth, the supreme impression which this survey produces is the responsibility of our great missionary trust. This is the great objective of all our Alliance work.

God has given to us a missionary plant whose value it would be difficult to exaggerate. It comprises 300 strategic centers in the most important mission fields of the world and responsible for the evangelization of 40,000,000 of heathen; a body of trained missionaries unique in consecration, ability, self-sacrifice, and mature experience; an army of more than 500 native workers, trained in our own work and imbued with

its spirit, and already marvelously used in reaching their own people with the gospel, and a native church of over 7,000 members, from which half as many more have already passed to their eternal rest. It has slowly won the confidence of the people, their dialects and languages, and the experience which only time can give. It has cost more than \$6,000,000 and more than 150 missionary graves. This precious vine of God's own planting has at length reached maturity and is beginning to bear much fruit. To be the trustees of such a movement is the high honor which God has given to the Christian and Missionary Alliance. How to represent this glorious enterprise on the one hand to God in availing faith and prevailing prayer, and on the other hand to bring its pleading call to the people of God and the stewards of the gospel is worthy of our wisest endeavors.

But the very success of our missionary work has only increased its needs and opportunities. The ordinary increase in the cost of its maintenance far exceeds the natural growth of our missionary revenues. The open doors in the foreign field and the supply of men to fill them are increasing much faster than our ability to respond. This is not due to any lack of interest or sacrifice on the part of our own devoted people, for their average missionary offerings are exceptionally large, but there is an imperative need for an expansion of our resources which only a larger faith and a larger constituency can supply.

The prime necessity of first caring for our missionaries already in the field has compelled our Board dur-

ing the past year to continue a conservative course in adding to our missionary force. The minimum list recently adopted for the outgoing parties of the current year includes only a total of fifteen; namely, two to the Tibetan border, one to Central China, two to South China, four to India, two to the Congo, two to the Soudan, and two to the Argentine. But in addition to these, there are a score of other candidates worthy of appointment, and the needs and opportunities would fully justify our sending them if the means were available. The calls from China, Annam, Argentine, Chile, Congo, and the Soudan would only be partially met by this secondary line, but even this we dare not venture upon without the assurance of increased resources. The leader of our Missionary Training Institute has repeatedly uttered the stirring challenge that he will guarantee the men and women for every advance for which the means are assured. Is it too much to pray, to hope, to believe that even in these days of hallowed conference and communion God may now be preparing to meet that challenge? Again we are reminded of the former days when a little band with scarcely any constituency and an income for the previous year of but a few thousand dollars dared to ask the Lord in faith for 100 missionaries and the means of their support, and before the echoes of their prayer had ceased, a modest Christian woman who had not even been in their counsels was led to come forward and pledge \$50,000 for this forward movement. Perhaps we have been looking too much to visible resources, human organization, or natural prob-

abilities. Perhaps the Master is calling us back to Bethel and reminding us that His remedy for our missionary problem is “PRAY YE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WOULD THRUST FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.”

Fifth, the conditions of the world around us solemnly remind us that the time is short and the crisis of the age is on. Not very much longer will it be our privilege to witness His gospel and herald His coming. The days are evil. Let us redeem the time. Let us meet, and pray, and plan under the powers of the world to come. Let us go forth from these hallowed conferences with a new vision, with a new passion, with a new anointing, and with a new Commission to send forth “this Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world as a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.” And let us ask the Lord so to unite us at this time under the power of His Holy Spirit, in one mind, one heart, one holy purpose and one prevailing prayer, that the ensuing year shall crown the twenty-six we commemorate today and bring nearer the glorious coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Church historians tell us that when the first great Christian Council met at Nice in the third century to celebrate the passing of paganism and the dawn of a new age of peace and victory, delegates and presbyters that came from all parts of the Roman empire had brought innumerable petitions, memorials, and grievances to submit to the emperor and the Council. But at the suggestion of Constantine they were all thrown into a funeral pyre, and as the smoke of their burning

ascended to heaven, the power of the Holy Ghost came down, and the Council went forth with a new anointing to win the world for Christ, and pass on its blessing to the sixteen centuries that have followed since. God give us in this sacred hour, such a burning, such a baptism, and such a blessing, to the glory of the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and coming Lord!

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

I. THE FOREIGN END

Assuming that the President's Survey will as usual pass in review each of our foreign fields and give the main facts and features of the past year's work, it becomes the province of the Foreign Secretary's report to take a somewhat closer look at a few of the inner aspects of our foreign work, and particularly from the standpoints of administration and support.

Such a consideration of the work in question seems the more opportune inasmuch as the time of the Foreign Secretary for the year 1915 was divided about equally between the foreign and home ends, and thus he constituted in even a fuller sense than ordinarily a link between these two sections of the one great task which engages us.

The tour of our East Asia fields, taken by commission from the Home Board, occupied the whole of 1914 and the first half of 1915, and embraced in its scope our Missions in Japan, Central and Southern China, the China-Tibetan border, French Indo-China, and the Philippine Islands. During this absence of the writer, the affairs of the Foreign Department at the home end were conducted by our esteemed colleague, Rev. J.D. Williams, to whose spiritual wisdom, faithful devotion, and untiring zeal we desire to pay our tribute of heartfelt appreciation.

This extended visit to six of our fields abroad afforded rare opportunity of seeing missionary work in its large outlines, as well as of studying the particular features and problems of our own work. We cannot perhaps do better than to devote a part of this report to a few observations and impressions growing out of the trip and bearing directly upon our missionary interests.

1. Importance of Deputational Visits Abroad.

We cannot too strongly urge the value and need of such visits to our mission fields by representatives of the Home Board. They serve the highest interests of the entire work by encouraging the workers abroad, unifying the policies and methods of the different fields, and giving to the Board an understanding of field conditions and needs which no amount of mere correspondence can supply. More than all this, they stimulate the native workers and churches, calling forth their stronger loyalty and binding them to us in a spirit of fuller love and unity in the Lord which is of untold value in increasing our missionaries' spiritual influence with them. Some of the warm-hearted expressions of gratitude to which we listened on this recent trip and the tender messages of greeting from native conferences and individual native workers in China, Japan, and the Philippines to the official Board and "mother" church at home were most touching, and linger with us as among the sweetest memories of the year abroad. And finally, such visits provide a fresh and invaluable fund of material and inspiration for missionary appeal at home.

Our missionaries in every field visited by this and

previous deputations have expressed their heartiest appreciation of such visits and testified to the help and inspiration received through them. India and Palestine petitioned to be included in the recent itinerary, and urgent appeals have since come from our South American and African fields for similar visitations.

2. The High Character of Our Missionary Workers.

We trust it may not appear immodest for this report to refer in terms of commendations to our own missionaries. While flattery is always distasteful, there is a place for true appreciation. What we saw of our missionaries in the countries visited and have learned of those in the other fields has given us a higher regard for them and their work than ever before. They have gone to the darkest and most hostile of fields, faced the most trying conditions and the hardest of tasks. But they have won out and have established records and accomplished results which are an honor to the Lord and a credit to the Society. Individual mention is not in place here, but one could refer to not a few testimonies from other missionaries and observers, speaking in the highest terms of the splendid achievements and fine influence of one and another of our field Chairmen and others of our older missionaries in various lands. We have good reason to thank God for the band of courageous, consecrated, and efficient men and women who represent us at the battlefield. One significant remark by an outsider concerning our workers on a certain important field ran like this: "The Alliance missionaries

at least know two things, - they know the language, and they know their Bibles.” Whatever other limitations these words may have been meant to imply, we consider them a high compliment indeed. What can be more essential for a witness than to have a clear and certain message and to be able to express it!

The ever-increasing number and quality of our native workers are also a cause for much satisfaction. In almost every field God has given us at least a few native men of rare spiritual character and gift. Our missionaries in Argentine and Chile bear testimony to their native colleagues as being in every practical respect their equals in the work. Out of a present total of 508 native workers 19 are listed as fully ordained and 201 others as regular evangelists. Such men as Kanwadi of India, Mabengi of Congo, Horie-san of Japan, Guerero of the Philippines, the late Dr. Li and Mr. Chang of China, and our Spanish pastors in Latin America belong without doubt in the true apostolic succession.

3. Special Features.

Among the outstanding features of our foreign work the following call particularly for mention: -

1. *Its Worthy Pioneer Record.* It is no small thing, from the kingdom's standpoint, to have been among the foremost agencies in opening up the last two provinces of China to missionary work; to have penetrated into the forbidden land of Tibet; to have gained access to a totally neglected Pagan tribe of aborigines in the Southern Philippines; to have opened the first evangelical chapels in Ecuador and Venezuela; to be laboring in sev-

eral exclusive fields in dark Africa and other heathen lands, and to be even yet the lone pioneers of benighted Annam with its 22,000,000 souls. Such operations may figure insignificantly in the world's annals, but in the records of the skies they play a vital part because they are set to the highest purpose and plan of God. The fact that in the regions beyond we have a parish of 41,000,000 gospel-destitute souls dependent on us as the only human agency for the evangelization is an overwhelming fact and carries in itself a tremendous appeal.

2. *Its direct Results in Conversions.* It is obvious that work of this pioneer sort is the slowest in yielding a harvest of souls. Much hard preparatory work had to be done in every field before any preaching could be begun, and this had to be followed up with a vast amount of patient, plodding, persevering work of seed sowing, watered with many tears. But the harvest has been promised, and, thank God, it has begun to come, though in varying measure, in every field. It is surely a cause for rejoicing and praise that already nearly or quite 11,000 converts of every color, race, and condition have been baptized. The results of the work, moreover, and cumulative, so that it will be noticed that the accessions by baptism are increasing with each succeeding year. For 1915 we have the cheering number of 1,042 to record, with the brightest prospect of still greater results in the present year. The Berar field in India, which has been one of the most unyielding in the whole work, is being shaken by God, and recent letters tell of a mighty stirring of the hearts of those proud Marathi people. In the one district of Murtizapur 222 have been baptized during

the touring season of five months just completed. Many more are seeking the Lord, and there are indications of a sweeping Christward movement in that and several adjacent districts. The Soudan Mission reports more baptisms than in any previous year and a growing spirit of concern and inquiry among the people. In all the China fields evangelistic work is in full swing, large classes of inquirers are under instruction, and series of special services are being blessed with many converts.

3. *Its High Spiritual Standards.* It is to the credit of our work abroad that it has insistently maintained high standards as to church membership, and has not yielded to the seductive temptation to swell its ranks by easing up in the conditions of Christian profession. Our workers have held firmly to strict church discipline, and not a few instances could be cited, to the writer's certain knowledge, of converts won through our Mission's efforts joining churches of some other connection where they could indulge habits and practices which would not be tolerated in our Mission. The bearing of these facts upon the number of church members needs to be borne in mind. Faithful measures are taken, too, to lead converts forward in Scriptural knowledge and spiritual experience. Many know the Lord in His satisfying fulness for both spirit and body and rejoice in the blessed hope of His personal appearing. An impressive tribute was paid to the high standards of the work in one field when, at a great gathering of missionaries from the whole of Central China, a committee for the promotion of Bible study reported among the results of its careful investigations that the Alliance Mission stood at the head of

the long list as to thorough methods and results of Bible study for its entire membership.

4. *Its Development of Self-support.* An ultimately self-supporting and self-propagating native church is our aim in every field. Progress in this direction in the past has perhaps not been so great as it should have been, but there have been many difficulties incident upon the pioneer nature of the work. The past two or three years mark a strong advance along this line. New conviction as to giving and a new purpose to share with the home constituency the burden of evangelization have taken hold of many of the native workers and churches.

In spite of financial stringency in the Argentine, one congregation, only recently organized, actually gave last year an average of almost \$13.00 per member; another church of 58 members gave \$10.50 per member, and the average contribution per member for the entire field was \$9.74. Porto Rico, with 313 members, gave \$1,800.91, an average of \$5.75 per member, and that field has itself proposed to the Board the diminishing of all remittances from home on a sliding scale which aims at complete self-support within five or six years at most. All three conferences of our native workers in China in 1914 adopted definite measures looking toward the assuming by the churches of a larger share of the support of the work. In one of those conferences, practically all of the workers voluntarily pledged one-tenth of their own incomes as an example and incentive to their flocks.

Quite a number of churches in different fields now support their own preachers and have done much toward paying the rental or purchase price of their

church buildings. The Wuchow church in South China is unique in having for several years met all of its running expenses and supported its own native pastor and three other workers, as well as an outstation or two. The native church offerings in Central China increased in 1915 by nearly fifty per cent. over those of 1914, which were the highest on record. It is true that some fields have not measured up as well in this particular, but we trust they will catch the inspiration and follow on. The total offerings of the native churches in all the fields for 1915 were \$1,000.00 in advance of 1914, while the school fees collected from native sources increased more than \$2,000.00. Putting the two amounts together we have the fine sum of \$13,688.68 contributed on the fields toward the past year's work.

5. *Its Distinctive Testimony.* While our Society has felt itself called to be a pioneer agency in reaching the most destitute mission fields, it also recognizes abroad no less than at home a call to bear testimony to the deeper truths of the "fourfold gospel." Its mission is thus both extensive and intensive, combining initial evangelism for neglected Pagans with the deepest spiritual teaching for mature Christians. This latter aspect of its ministry extends far beyond our own particular Mission constituency to Christian missionaries and workers of other Missions. In some of the larger fields inter-mission gatherings are becoming more and more frequent, and these afford excellent opportunities for testimony and influence along deeper spiritual lines. Fellow missionaries and native workers of other missions have been led to accept the truths of sanctifi-

cation, divine healing, and the Lord's coming, and thus their lives and ministries have been enriched. In China, Japan, and India our leading brethren have been invited to take prominent part in midsummer conventions for the deepening of the spiritual life of the missionary body, as well as to give special lines of Bible teaching at provincial conferences of native workers. Of much the same nature is the wide-spread ministry of *The Bible Magazine*, sent forth from our South China Alliance Press. This is a quarterly in the Chinese character, packed with full gospel teaching, which already has subscribers in every province of China and among practically all the evangelical missions. The same press is also issuing a large number of books and tracts on the deepest spiritual themes. Alliance presses in the Argentine, Chile, and Congo are likewise printing gospel literature. Thus the branches of our Mission's fruitfulness are, like Joseph's, running over the wall and carrying spiritual refreshing to an unknown number. Who can estimate the extent of all these blessed influences radiating out along so many lines?

THE HOME END

Passing now to the home end we will touch briefly upon a few matters which call for notice.

1. Missionary Allowances.

While deeply grateful to God and His people for the supply of financial needs during the year, we feel it only right to call attention to the fact that the receipts have not been fully adequate to the support of our growing foreign work at highest efficiency. Moreover, since our

financial system requires that general field expenses, native workers' salaries, and other necessary fixed charges take precedence to missionaries' personal allowance in the monthly appropriations, it will be readily seen that any shortage falls upon the missionaries personally. In this way they were, during 1915, subjected to some severe tests, the more so because of the almost universal and serious increase in cost of living occasioned by the European war. We cannot speak too highly of their spirit of sacrifice, patience, and loyalty under these conditions. We mention the matter in no sense of criticism or complaint. We do not feel that our system of missionary finance can consistently be altered, nor do the missionaries themselves at all desire any alteration. But we do feel, and that deeply, that fuller personal allowances for our missionaries are imperatively needed in order to set them free from the cares and handicaps which shortage imposes, and to enable them to do their best work. We have not a vestige of doubt as to the Lord's ability and willingness to supply all these needs more abundantly. We rejoice to believe that any hindrance which has existed in the affairs of the Society has been removed, and we would therefore lay this matter upon the hearts of all Alliance workers and people for believing and united prayer.

2. Gifts for Special Objects.

The tendency on the part of contributors to designate their gifts to special objects or individuals has become so prominent as to call for a word of mention. The fact that the year's receipts have been among the largest in the history of the society and yet the missionaries'

allowances smaller than usual speaks for itself, making it obvious that a considerable amount has gone along special lines.

The figures show that these specials, sent through the board or reported from the fields, amount to about 18% of the total missionary income. This is equivalent to full missionary allowances for about four and a half months. It will readily be seen that could this sum have been added to missionary allowances, the deficit in these for the whole year would practically have been made up. We freely admit that to impose rigid restrictions upon special gifts would be arbitrary and out of keeping with the spirit of liberty in the Holy Ghost. We heartily recognize the need and worthiness of many of the special objects appealed for and contributed to. But in the light of short allowances, it becomes a question of *comparative* importance of need. And further, it involves the factor of fairness of appeal. For every special object brought forward by one missionary there usually exists in some other station or field a number of objects no less needy and worthy, for which those concerned do not feel conscientiously free to make special appeal or have not the opportunity to do so. While assuring our friends, therefore, of the Board's practice of promptly transmitting as specials all sums thus clearly designated, we would earnestly urge the need, as far as possible, of letting monies go into the general funds, from which the support of the missionaries and the main regular lines of work, which constitute our great and primary responsibility, must always be met. We believe that the cherishing of the precious family principle of support upon which this

movement has always rested, and the cooperation of all our missionaries, home leaders, and friends in loyal support of the general missionary funds, with confidence in the Board to apportion the funds with the greatest fairness and effectiveness, will be well pleasing to God and in line with the fuller supply of every need and the greatest advancement of the work.

3. Changes in the Missionary Ranks.

The Board adhered closely to the conservative policy laid down at the Council of 1914 regarding reinforcements under existing financial and war conditions, and sent out only eight new missionaries during the year 1915. These scarcely sufficed to fill the gaps made by nine resignations and one death for the same period. A very few others have since been sent out. During 1915 thirty-five missionaries came home on furlough while twenty-one returned from furlough to the fields. The entire missionary staff at the close of 1915 numbered 259.

III. RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

Looking back over the year that is past, we have abundant cause for devout thanksgiving to our faithful and loving Father, whose hand has been so manifestly upon us for good. Looking forward to the new year, we have equal cause for abounding hope and confidence. He has wonderfully sustained our missionaries; has spared our ranks in an unusual degree from loss by death; has preserved from uprising or serious disturbances on all the fields; has given us the largest harvest of souls in any year, and has strengthened and pros-

pered the whole work at both its ends. Nothing could be more impressive than the fact that while the whole civilized world has been convulsed by the awful war which has raged madly on in Europe, our foreign fields have remained almost entirely unaffected save for some transportation difficulties and increased cost of living. With the single exception of a part of the Palestine field, our entire work has gone forward uninterruptedly, and even in Palestine three of our missionary ladies have heroically held the fort in Jerusalem and vigorously pressed the battle amid unprecedented opportunities. Latest advices from Indo-China bring the reassuring news that the threatened interference with our work and closure of that youngest and peculiarly needy field have been thwarted. In the Soudan, where all has hitherto been so hard and discouraging, the tide seems to have turned, and the missionaries report the best year in the history of that field. Prospects in Ecuador, another of the hardest and most unyielding fields, are distinctly more hopeful. In all the China fields, in Japan, the Philippines, the Argentine, Chile, and Congo. Opportunities and operations continue at the highest maximum, while in India the recent break in the wall of stubborn resistance gives thrilling hope of new and wonderful results. The signal providences of God attending our efforts in these dark and difficult lands, the high and ever-growing efficiency of missionary staff, both foreign and native, the cumulative effect of the vast amount of seed sowing - these and other factors combine to produce a situation brighter with hope and bigger with possibility than we have ever faced before. We offer it as our firm conviction that conditions in our foreign

field are fully ripe for an immediate harvest greater than anything in our past history. And we plead with all earnestness we can summon that this Council, and through it the whole Alliance constituency at home, will rise as one man to such new standards of prayer, of faith, of sacrifice, of absolute devotion, as will cooperate in the highest measure with God, back up the consecrated efforts of our brave and faithful missionaries, and turn the present opportunity into glorious achievement for Christ and His Kingdom.

The fields call loudly for reinforcement. There are some serious gaps in the ranks and some strategic points that must be manned if the efficiency and continuity of the work are not to suffer badly. The conservative policy of the Board during the past year or two respecting reinforcements has been wise and necessary. We advocate no radical change, no wholesale sending forth of new missionaries to the embarrassing of funds already overstrained. But we feel that we should disappoint God and fail to measure up in faith to the sacred trust and high responsibility He has put upon us if we should shrink from responding to the obvious and urgent need for a limited reinforcement of carefully selected new recruits. While needs and opportunities abroad would amply justify a much larger reinforcement, did conditions at the home end make such consistent, we would place the minimum of immediately needed recruits at about fifteen, distributed as follows: - India, four; Argentine, two; Congo, two; Soudan, two; South China, two; Central China, one; China-Tibetan border, two. The men and women, prayerfully chosen and well qualified, are ready, with possibly as yet an exception or

two. Only the funds are needed to bring together these available candidates and these posts of need. But such funds must clearly come from sources which will not in any degree diminish or embarrass the support of present work and workers.

And, finally but preeminently, may we plead for a new and mighty volume of united and unceasing intercession for every aspect and interest of this precious work, with its worldwide sweep and its far-reaching results for the evangelization of the regions beyond and the hastening of the return of our Saviour.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN STATISTICS
of the
CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
1914 and 1915

	1914	1915
Population dependent upon the C. & M.A.	40,875,731	41,279,000
Mission Stations	99	120
Out-Stations	172	209
Foreign Missionaries	269	259
Native Workers	459	508
Organized Churches	89	98
Membership of Churches	6,212	6,940
Baptisms	968	1,042
Baptisms from beginning of work		10,804
Inquirers or Catechumens	1,760	1,584
Sunday Schools	127	138
Pupils enrolled in Sunday Schools	6,215	7,163
Primary Schools	138	150
Pupils enrolled in Primary Schools	3,056	4,266
Middle or Intermediate Boarding Schools	10	13
Pupils enrolled in Middle or Int. Schools	335	282
Pupils in four India Orphanages	250	220
Bible Training Schools	14	12
Students enrolled in B.T. Schools	*691	*198
Native Church Offerings	\$8,351.29	\$9,335.93
School Funds Collected	2,277.05	4,352.75
Money Received on Fields Apart from Board	30,430.94	18,214.24
Monthly Rentals of Property for Mission Use	675.90	543.28
Present Value of Mission Property	317,750.00	317,790.00

*The decrease under this heading is accounted for by the inclusion in 1914 of a large number who attended short sessions for Bible study on the Congo field, but who were not strictly students of Bible Schools in the same sense as the others here listed. The number of such in 1915 was 508, but these have not been included.

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**Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Year ending December 31, 1915**

**Section I. Monies Received and Disbursed by the
Treasurer Direct.**

Balance from last year, General Fund	\$ 512.23	Field Disbursements (Section VII)	\$118,666.40
Receipts for the year, General Fund	177,676.35	MISSIONARIES AT HOME	
Received from Sustentation Fund	200.00	Allowances	15,618.91
Received from Forward Movement	2,800.00	HOME WORKERS	
		Allowances	12,260.91
		GENERAL EXPENSE	
		Interest on Annuities	9,146.88
		Relatives	1,717.68
		Office Expense	1,607.42
		Interest and Taxes	2,212.55
		Convention Expense	753.20
		Bank Exchange	253.63
		Forward Movement	1,510.00
		Accumulated Arrearages	9,253.63
		Free Literature	
		C.A. Pub. Co.	4,086.77
		Page in Alliance Weekly	1,560.00
		Rents	1,001.00
		Janitor	183.00
		Traveling Expenses	

	214.73
Nyack Schools	106.00
Santa Barbara	50.00
Telephone	112.66
Cables	94.02
Auditing	75.00
Teacher Fund	100.00
Sundries	<u>328.91</u>
Total Expenditures	\$180,913.20
Balance on hand	
December 31, 1915	<u>275.38</u>
	\$181,188.58

Section II. Monies Received and Disbursed by Forward Movement Fund

Balance from last year	\$3,231.62	Disbursements for the year	1,140.26
Receipts for the year	<u>966.15</u>	Loan to General Fund	2,800.00
		Balance on hand	
		December 31, 1915	<u>257.51</u>
	\$4,197.77		\$ 4,197.77

Section III. Monies Received and Disbursed by the Sustentation Fund

Balance from last year	\$217.95	Loan to General Fund	200.00
Receipts for the year	<u>196.15</u>	Balance on hand	
		December 31, 1915	<u>214.10</u>
	\$414.10		\$414.10

Section IV. The Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND:	GENERAL FUND:
Balance, January 1,	Expenditures for

1915	\$ 512.23	Year	\$180,913.20
Receipts for the		Balance, December	
year	177,676.35	31, 1915	
Loans	<u>3,000.00</u>		<u>758.38</u>
	\$181,188.58		\$181,188.58

SUSTENTATION FUND:		SUSTENTATION FUND:	
Balance, January 1,		Loan to General	
1915	\$ 217.95	Fund	\$ 200.00
Receipts for the		Balance, December	
year	<u>196.15</u>	31, 1915	<u>214.10</u>
	\$414.10		\$ 414.10

FORWARD		FORWARD	
MOVEMENT:		MOVEMENT:	
Balance, January		Expenditures for	
1, 1915	\$ 3,231.62	the year	\$1,140.26
Receipts for the		Loan to General	
year	<u>966.15</u>	Fund	2,800.00
	\$4,197.77	Balance, December	
		31, 1915	<u>257.51</u>
			\$4,197.77
	<u>\$185,800.45</u>		\$185,800.45

Section V. Real Estate and Securities

Securities, stocks and bonds, held by Treasurer	6,491.66
Real Estate in this country	281,500.00
Missionary property, foreign field	<u>317,790.00</u>
	\$ 605,781.66

Section VI. Monies Received and Disbursed by Special Departments of the Work

Nyack Schools	\$ 46,170.75	Nyack Schools	\$ 46,170.75
Missionary Home	3,686.55	Missionary Home	3,686.55
Boydton Institute	2,025.00	Boydton Institute	2,025.00
Special Contributions		Special contribu-	
sent directly to		tions sent	

the field	18,214.24	directly to the field	18,214.24
Contributions by native Christians and school fees	13,688.68	Contributions by native Christians and school fees	13,688.68
Missionaries, self supporting or specially supported	2,000.00	Missionaries, self supporting or specially supported	2,000.00
Contributions for missionary outfits, supplies, transportation, etc., Special	3,000.00	Contributions for missionary outfits, supplies, transportation, etc, Special	3,000.00
Collected at Conventions for expenses, etc.	6,000.00	Collected at Conventions for expenses, etc.	6,000.00
Toccoa (estimated)	8,000.00	Toccoa (estimated)	8,000.00
Uree (estimated)	<u>2,000.00</u>	Uree (estimated)	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$104,785.22		\$104,785.22

Section VII. Itemized Field Disbursements

	Allowances	Rents	General Expenses	Transportation	Specials	Orphans	Total Expenses
India	13552.40	3,600.00	1,738.05	4,414.50	3,118.72	2,100.00	28,523.67
Central China	6123.57	1950.00	1391.00	2588.96	1287.37		13340.90
West China	3926.59	550.00	165.00	442.85	856.61		5941.05
South China	5343.70	2365.00	1200.00	1339.51	532.93		10781.14
Annam	1892.70	180.00	590.04		833.10		3495.84
Shanghai	754.10	75.00	90.00	30.00	5.00		954.10
Japan	4079.77	715.00	585.00		202.50		5582.27
Palestine	1561.74	615.00	852.68	1082.25	4698.52		8810.19
Soudan	2758.00	187.50	1449.51	2757.80	491.47		7644.28
Congo	4474.65	366.52	2115.25	1678.47	1207.31		9842.80
Porto Rico	2211.90	669.50	242.00		280.00		3403.40

Argentine Republic	5165.06	1230.00	825.00	700.00	1405.44		9325.50
Chile	2954.16	720.00	1000.00	347.10	685.80		5707.06
Venezuela			1000.00		30.00		1030.00
Philippines	1423.17		300.00		495.91		2219.08
Jamaica	508.98		120.00	200.00			828.98
Ecuador	974.74	213.00		25.00	24.00		1236.74
Total	57705.23	13436.52	13663.53	15606.44	16154.68	2100.00	118666.40

Section VIII. Report of the Auditor

I have examined the books, accounts, vouchers and securities of stocks and bonds of the Treasurer and of the Business Manager of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1915, and find them correct and agreeing with the Annual Statement published above.

Robert Baxter, Auditor.

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REPORT OF HOME SECRETARY

Greetings

In greeting members of the Annual Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for the year 1916, we confess to feelings of deep disappointment and yet praise and thanksgiving. One year ago events of tremendous import were occurring all around us. The world powers were groaning in the throes of mighty travail. There was such a wondrous upward tug at our heart-strings that we fully thought this gathering would take place in the skies. At any moment we expected the heavens to echo with the thunder of God's command for us to come up and crown Jesus Lord of all.

But it has not come. Our listening ears are still filled with the groans of travailing nations, our longings to "see His face" are still unsatisfied. This brings disappointment, but the song bird of praise rings out its note above the sighs of longing hearts.

We have had another year of blessed opportunity of winning souls, of witnessing for the fulness of Jesus, of sending the gospel message to the devil-shadowed lands across the seas, and another year of loosening our hold on earthly things and hugging the reproach of the old rugged cross a little closer to our hearts. For this we praise the Lord.

Our District Superintendents will give full detailed reports, so I am necessarily limited to a general survey of conditions in the home field.

(Next page is a photograph of Part of the Unchurched Congregation at Ahmedabad, India.)

Outlook and Calling

The outlook for the work in the United States and Canada is very encouraging. The past year has been one of real blessing along all lines.

There is greater need for the testimony of the Christian and Missionary Alliance than ever before. The adversary's chief weapon in scattering the "power of the holy people" is to get them absorbed in doctrines and experiences, and thus lose sight of *the personal Christ*.

The history of the past few years has furnished abundant proof that unity of Spirit and purpose cannot be obtained when a word, experience, of doctrine is made the rallying point. The oneness of heart that Jesus meant when He prayed, "That they might be one even as we are one," can only exist when the rallying center is a person, and that person is Jesus Christ.

In the midst of the babel of views and opinions that are confusing the religious world today, God has given us a testimony of a wonderful Christ, a Christ sufficient for body, soul, and circumstances. This is our calling, He wants us to be true to it.

We would mention with thanksgiving the fact that a great many friends, who a few years ago were alienated through a divergence of views as to the work of the Holy Spirit, are returning to our fellowship, not only as individuals, but whole branches and assemblies have asked to be recognized, and letters of confession and regret have been received from both leaders and laymen.

New Outstations

Last year we urged the members of the Council to direct much prayer and effort toward the opening of new outstations from our central points. A great deal of work has been done on this line during the past year, and the reports show that we have over 135 unorganized points. At some of these places only monthly meetings are held, but at the majority of them the services are weekly. With proper care and wisely directed evangelistic effort, many of them can be developed until they are ready to support a pastor of their own, and thus become in turn a center from which workers can radiate and new people be reached.

In the opening of new outstations the truth of Divine Healing plays an important part. Many of them have been opened to the Full Gospel through the healing of some invalid, and the resultant invitation to the Superintendent of the nearest branch to hold services in their home.

Missionary Offering

There has been much reason to praise God for the way in which the missionary offerings have more than held their own during the past year. There are some sections of the country where the financial conditions are pitiable, where the crops of two years' harvesting are lying in the storehouses, and the producers have not realized a dollar on them. Some of these sections have subscribed largely to the missionary cause and the people are wholly unable to redeem their pledges.

The spirit of sacrifice on the part of some of the pastors in their efforts to increase the offering of their branches is touching.

Evangelism

A year ago we felt that the spirit of Evangelism was at flood tide, but we are glad to note that practically all the reports from the various Districts tell of increased zeal in this ministry. During the period between October and April, and again in the summer tent season, we can scarcely supply evangelists to meet the call. At many points during the past year, the four-day missionary convention was sufficient to start a real revival, and it was necessary to send for other workers to come and carry on the protracted meetings.

At one point with a central work and two out-stations there were over one hundred souls saved at each of the three places.

Young People

The work among the Young People has been pressed locally and through quarterly gatherings, but it has not measured up to the aggressiveness of previous years. This has been largely due to the absence of Miss Rudy from her appointed field for the greater part of the year, her temporarily assumed duties at Nyack having held her longer than was anticipated.

District Superintendents

During the past year the Rev. J.D. Williams has

accepted the call from the Western Lake District, and since September last has been busy adjusting and organizing the work. Already much has been accomplished and conditions are promising.

Field Evangelist

Dr. R.J. Zimmerman has been set free from the pastorate of the Parkdale Tabernacle, Toronto, and has been appointed Field Evangelist. He has been a very valuable addition to our staff of convention workers.

Convention Tours

The convention tours have been pressed with real enthusiasm; many new points have been reached, thus opening new sources of missionary supply, and bringing the precious truths of the Fourfold Gospel to hungry hearts.

Open Doors for Preaching the Return of Jesus

One thing to be especially noticed in the past year has been the number of open doors for teaching the truth of the return of Christ. The bullet of the Serbian fanatic did more than kill the Austrian official and start the awful war that has raged for almost two years. It also brought crashing down the Castle of Glory of modern civilization, which Postmillennialism has been erecting for generations past, and set thousands to studying the Word of God for light on present conditions.

Invitations from pastors and people for addresses and Bible studies on prophetic truth have poured in on some of our workers who in the past have been blind to the truth of the second coming of Jesus Christ are now rejoicing in the “blessed hope.”

Prayer

Among the questions we asked the District Superintendents in gathering material for this report, was the following: - “Is the spirit of prayer upon the people as much as in past years?” With but one exception the replies show that it is increasing. This is as it should be. As the work grows and the needs increase, the enlarging of our resources should come, not from planning in worldly wisdom, but from a spirit of persistent prayer and deepening faith. We have had abundant illustration of this in our convention campaigns. The places where the missionary offerings have shown the largest increase have been the places where the most prayer was made, not merely mentioning the missionary needs in the regular services, but the definite setting aside of special seasons for this purpose alone.

Where the people really PRAY, the unity of the Spirit is kept, the blessing of God abides, and the work of God prospers.

Recommendations

For the coming year we have no radical recommendations to offer. There are changes that might

be made in the boundary lines of some Districts that would make for efficiency and economy of management.

We would like to see an annual meeting arranged, where the District Superintendents could meet for prayer and counsel, and to mutually plan the convention campaigns. We believe this would result in a lengthening of the convention season, less overlapping, and we would be able to man the tours with stronger workers.

Closing Words

We have no new vision to hold before you, but we do plead for an intense loyalty to the vision already given us - "A whole Christ for a whole world."

We plead for a charity that refuses to allow the different operations of the Spirit to cause a break in unity and fellowship; for a surrender to God that shall give Him a monopoly of us as individuals and as an organization; and for a breadth of ministry that will not narrow the horizon of our work, but with perfect loyalty to the truth will "become all things to all men" that we might win them to Jesus Christ.

Brethren, we beseech you - "by the coming of the Lord and by our gathering together unto Him" - let us be as humble, as holy, as zealous as we will wish we had been when we shall see Him face to face.

E.J. Richards.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

The following is a brief survey and summary of the educational work carried on by the Christian and Missionary Alliance in America. There are five schools that have presented written reports, and these are presented in somewhat condensed form.

The Mary B. Mullen School was destroyed by fire during the winter, hence the report from that institution covers only a few months.

BOYDTON INSTITUTE, BOYDTON, VA.

Rev. J.H. Hartman took charge of this school at the beginning of the year and his courage, tact, and faith deserve warm appreciation. The Institute has been placed on a sound basis by the clearing of the title, and under Brother Hartman's able leadership the promise for the future of the work is very encouraging. The enrollment of the school steadily grew during the year until 65 were registered. The receipts from student fees, donations, and the second-hand store amounted to \$2,025.00 and has more than met the running expenses of the school proper. There are over 425 acres of land in connection with the Institute, about 100 acres of which are under cultivation. The stock on the place includes 4 cows, 6 heifers, 10 calves, 3 pigs, 3 horses, and a mule. Additions were made to the buildings and improvements effected. The outlook for the future is very bright. The old friends of the Institute are being rallied to help. A student association has been organized which gives much promise of cooperation. The alumni are

awakening to their opportunity of responsibility. The colored brethren in the North are also becoming deeply interested and are taking the work upon their hearts. Many of the churches in the South are also opening their doors to representatives of the school and are promising to send students and support. A friend has secured a small printing plant and is supplying a competent printer to take charge and teach printing to the students. Our immediate needs are many - at least \$2,000.00 is required to place the farm where it will be a real source of income to the Institute. There is a great need of repairs through all the buildings. The woodland should be fenced for its protection, but God will supply all our needs.

MARY B. MULLEN SCHOOL

The school has been a center of much blessing. The entire community has been changed from a Sabbath-breaking, riotous place to a sober-minded, God-fearing settlement. There is much interest in foreign missions, \$50.00 being given to the Soudan for the year.

At the beginning of the term everything seemed bright and hopeful. Seventy students were enrolled and new workers were expected, but on February sixth our building and most of the contents were reduced to ashes. This perhaps looks like defeat, but we know our work has not been in vain for there is a band of faithful ones gathered together who will go on with the Lord at any cost. There is a great desire among the people to have the building replaced, and they have promised to assume the financial responsibility if the Board will fur-

nish workers. One source of contention in our work has been that it was carried on by women. If a man could be found willing to take charge, I believe a strong school might yet be built up in that place.

TOCCOA FALLS INSTITUTE

We are glad to report that this has been the best year in the brief history of the Toccoa Falls Institute in every way.

In the first place, the spiritual atmosphere has been all that could be desired. Our students have seemed to be of one mind to obey the Lord in everything, and therefore there has been little trouble along any lines of discipline. Our students have come from eight different states, and the average was twenty. There were thirty enrolled.

Our teaching force was specially chosen of God, and there has been perfect unity throughout the entire year. Rev. and Mrs. Overman are peculiarly fitted for their respective positions as Principal and Matron. Mr. Overman not only manages the class work, but also looks after the farm work and general details of the Institute. Mrs. Overman plans the meals in a most economical way, at the same time providing excellent food, and her spiritual influence among the students has been most marked and fruitful. Miss S.A. Staley, whose life and testimony have always been a sweet benediction to the school family, has been hindered in her teaching this year by serious illness, but is now rapidly improving. Mr. M.L. Braun, of Asheville, N.C., and Miss Mary

A. Young, of Pittsburgh, have rendered valuable services as teachers of the English branches.

There have been some severe financial tests during the year occasioned by providential circumstances over which the school has had no control, but they have only been an occasion for prayer and some lessons of faith which the students could not have learned from books. Over four thousand dollars were received and expended during the year.

The present outlook is a challenge to our faith in God. There were twenty-eight students refused admittance the past year for lack of room, and still more are making application for next year. This means that something must be done toward additional dormitory room during the summer, and we would bespeak the prayers of our friends and those who are interested in helping prepare young men and women for the Lord's service, that several thousand dollars be provided at once for this purpose.

About half our students will be engaged in some kind of active Christian work this summer, most of them in tent meetings. During the school year they are also busy in nearby Sunday Schools, and in holding special series of meetings in neglected places.

There is more to encourage us than we have ever had, and we confidently look forward to increased blessing and fruitfulness in this work of faith and love.

THE NYACK SCHOOLS OF THE CHRISTIAN AND
MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

The past year has brought so many blessings and

bounties from the hand of our Heavenly Father that we present this report with the most profound feelings of praise and thankfulness.

We are deeply grateful to God, first of all, for the strong current of spiritual power and victory that swept through all departments of the school and kept the life of the students and scholars fresh, wholesome, and vigorous. There were some special seasons of unusual manifestations of God's power, but in the main, victories were won in private prayer, in the daily gatherings for intercession and fellowship, or in the regular Sabbath services. The loyalty of the students to the Faculty and their unity among themselves were most pronounced features of the year. The earnest spirit of cooperation prevailed, and the supervision of the school routine became a pleasure rather than an irksome duty.

Through the death of Dr. Pardington and the removal of several other prominent members of our teaching staff, our faculties had to reorganize almost completely at the opening of the year. The new situations that developed for solution, together with the concentration of administration and supervision, gave abundant opportunity to test the faithfulness of God, and He did not fail.

In answer to prayer He sent along the right men and women to fit into the various offices of duty, and welded all members of the staff into a solid unity that meant much for the success of the school year. Genuine progress was made in raising the standard of thoroughness and efficiency in all departments.

The Primary Department

Miss Bertha Beebe continued in charge of the Primary Department but required the services of an assistant because of the growth of her school. The total registration was 36, and all grades from first to the sixth were taught. The children of this department are not received into the schools as boarding scholars, but they come from the homes on the hillside, being attracted by the excellence of the teaching and care that they receive.

Wilson Memorial Academy

The total attendance at the Academy this year was 78, eleven of the Institute students being enrolled for some work in the Academy also. Miss Bertha L. Ketchum acted as Vice-Principal for the year and relieved the Principal of much of the routine duties of supervision of class rooms and exercise of school discipline. Rev. John H. Cable came as a new teacher and has been a valuable addition to the Faculty. The position taken by the Board last year, that extreme care should be exercised in receiving students to the Academy and that only those pupils should be accepted who are either Christians in life and conduct or content to live happily and harmoniously in a decidedly Christian atmosphere, seems to have met God's approval, for the past year has been marked by the absence of necessity for severe discipline. A wholesome attitude of respect and understanding has been maintained in the school and home life as last year; so also this year every unconverted member of the school has been brought to the Lord, and

recently seventeen of the Academy students publicly confessed the Master in baptism.

It is our strong desire to make known the advantages of the Academy more widely among earnest young people everywhere. We believe that it can serve the Alliance movement more directly and completely than is generally known. Not only are young people of usual High School age eligible for admission, but even more particularly, students who have awakened a little later to the needs of a thorough Academic training as a foundation for Christian life and service are sought and welcomed. We should like to see the Academy filled with young men and women who are planning to lead lives of useful service, and who want to prepare themselves by a good general education before beginning direct Bible Study. The Academy in its relations to the Institute is peculiarly adapted to give such training, and we commend this enlarged conception of its ministry to the prayers and interest of the Council.

The Missionary Training Institute

The enrollment on registration day was the largest in the history of the school, and this was partly due to the effort put forth to have all incoming students arrive in good time. The total enrollment for the year was 207, or 19 less than last year which was unusually large. When we recall the very big graduating classes that were sent out last year totaling over 100, we feel that the filling of such a gap should be the occasion for much thanksgiving.

We cannot sufficiently praise God for the way in which He rounded out our Faculty by giving us men

and women imbued with the spirit of the fourfold gospel and thoroughly devoted to the ministry of teaching.

Several of the former teachers remained from the previous year, including Mr. Jaderquist, Mr. Mershon, Mrs. Pardington, and Miss Cartwright. Dr. Simpson not only continued his valuable services but generously doubled the amount of time he gave to us, besides coming for special lectures and addresses. His added touch upon the school was the strongest feature of the year and we are most happy for the assurance of its continuance through next session. The Turks were kind to us when they turned Mr. Thompson out of Palestine, for he has added greatly to the effectiveness of our force. Dr. De Vries has been another good gift of God and was greatly appreciated. Dr. Martin has won the affection of all, and Dr. Glover came to us as much as his other duties would allow, with great acceptance. Brother Newberry returned to the Faculty after several years' absence. Miss Rudy not only supervised the ladies' home life but was also much appreciated as a teacher by her classes. Miss QuaiFFE was welcomed to the Music Department, and Miss Pollard took up the teaching of Public Speaking again to our great satisfaction.

No important changes have been made in the curriculum, but we are adhering very closely to the plan outlined by Dr. Pardington to provide a Christian Worker's Course of one year for those emergency workers and persons of mature years who cannot remain longer, the Regular Institute Course of two years as the minimum for all missionary candidates and regular workers, and the Postgraduate Year for those who are ready and able

for more thorough training. The Board of Trustees at a recent meeting passed a resolution encouraging all students of the school to take this extra year whenever possible. Many of the students come to school at an earlier age than was formerly common and have time to take the longer course; also the increasing demand for well-trained leaders seems to warrant more thorough preparation on the part of many of our young people.

The practical training of our students was given particular attention during the year with gratifying results. Each week-end parties of half a dozen were sent down to New York for service. They visited in connection with the Gospel Tabernacle, conducted open air and mission services, took part in jail work, and became acquainted with the best and most aggressive religious work of the metropolis. Parties also visited the county jail, the alms-house, and the saloons about Nyack. Individuals cared for little churches, helped the pastors of Nyack, and went out for special meetings into the surrounding country. The reports handed in show that -

489 Services were held by students.

1,297 People were personally dealt with about their souls.

269 Souls were saved under the students' ministry.

1,403 Homes were visited.

13,556 Tracts were distributed.

46 Students have been placed in active Christian work this spring.

This is a very incomplete showing, inasmuch as the reports were not always handed in.

I should like to call attention to those particulars in which the economy of the school's management might readily be increased.

First. It now costs over \$1,800.00 per year to light our buildings. Figures have been carefully prepared which show that an investment of \$3,000.00 in an electric plant of our own would give us more than the present illumination at an annual cost for interest, depreciation, and upkeep of less than \$1,000.00. Effecting a saving of \$800.00 per annum at least.

Again, the installation of a modern laundry equipment at a cost of about \$1,000.00 would mean an increase of revenue more than enough to pay all expenses and leave a considerable saving, besides providing work for more students.

Thirdly, the renovating and improving of our kitchen equipment would mean saving in food and labor at a cost of a few hundred dollars, and would make the food prepared more palatable.

Although we have made progress in the reduction of the indebtedness on the schools, it has been at a very slow rate. It would take fifteen years or so to get clear at the present pace. Since the schools belong to the Alliance and are for the service of all, I hope that this council will take some decided action looking toward the complete emancipation of our work from the hampering incubus of debt so that our institutions can be used to the full height of their opportunity to prepare efficient workers for the whitened harvest fields.

W.M. Turnbull.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION SECRETARY

As we present this report we are reminded of the unfailing faithfulness of God who has kept us through four years of our history as a Publishing Company. You know our humble beginnings and our humble continuings, for that matter. Some of you have known a little of the problems and pressures that have constantly been before us. God has known our mistakes and failures, but in it all He has proved to us that He loves and He cares. We wish we could in this report forget about business facts and figures and tell you instead of the scores and hundreds of direct answers to prayer. Your cry to God as you view the mission fields is that He will provide men and money. Do you realize that this has been our constant appeal also? How often we have marveled at the mercy of God that brought us money in the nick of time and also most providentially sent the right kind of workmen at the right time. We have believed in the highest business principles and the best business methods, but we have gone farther - we have considered ourselves an integral part of the great missionary propaganda of the last days which is under the direct control of the Holy Ghost. No missionary of the Alliance could be more dependent upon the Spirit's guidance and teaching than we have always felt ourselves to be.

But we have also some interesting facts and figures. The volume of our mail order business has increased about 75 per cent. in four years. The growth has been

gradual and is not due to any temporary conditions likely to change. There has not been so marked an improvement in our subscription department but we are making progress. *The Alliance Weekly* has about 1,500 more subscribers than four years ago. The Sunday School periodicals have been making a like gain and would have been on a profitable basis had not war conditions suddenly and enormously increased the cost of printing. The latest publication, *The Student Evangel*, the organ of the Nyack Schools, is still an experiment, but we hope for your cooperation to make it a success. We have felt justified in publishing it at a little loss because we were sure it was bringing returns financially and otherwise to our schools, and after all, their interests are our interests, for the work is one. Our printing plant has proved its value and we are satisfied that the investment was a wise one. Fourteen people are now employed in this department.

Our business has been financed largely by loans. The most pressing obligations have been met, but there are constant emergencies that bring us to our wits' end and compel us to look to God for a way out of our dilemmas. There has always been a way out but we are not sure that we have found the best way. We are persuaded that we must face this question of financing our business more seriously than we have yet done. It is not a question of expediency but of honor. I am not afraid of trials of faith, but I abhor debt.

You have remembered us each year in your resolutions in the council which have promised to keep our work and our needs before God and before the people with a

view to obtaining larger output. During 1915 we received in donations \$294.00. We thank you for this. We are grateful also for the knowledge that we have a place in your sympathies and your prayers. We realize how difficult it is for our people to see the publishing work as anything but a purely business matter, with all their obligations toward us fully met when they have paid their bills. We are therefore neither sarcastic nor critical when we remind you of what may seem to be your failure.

With these brief and general statements concerning the past, we pass to some matters that are before us, some of them looming up as immense mountains of difficulty.

First, we regret to announce that because of war prices we shall in a few weeks be compelled to print our periodicals on a cheap grade of paper. The cost of the paper now used in the *Alliance Weekly* has nearly doubled, and would mean an added expense of about \$40.00 per week or \$2,000.00 per year. We do not believe you would have us suffer this loss even if we could afford it. In this connection we might add that we cannot expect the price of paper even after the close of the war to come back to the old level. We therefore see the need of increasing our subscription list. As an experiment we are offering during the month of June to extend the usual club rates to new subscribers, that is, we will receive ten new subscriptions for \$10.00. We urge your united cooperation to see if we cannot in this way extend our circulation not only because of the financial advantage to us but for the sake of the spread of our testimony.

Similar problems fact us in our book business. We have been gradually reducing retail prices, but the increased cost of production now brings us to a sudden halt and will compel a careful readjustment of prices. In this also it is a question of increasing the volume of our business. If there were time we would be glad to have a discussion in this Council on this subject. I would like to ask if the Alliance literature is on sale in your branches and churches, especially when you have conventions. I would also be inquisitive enough to inquire, in case you do not have our literature, whether you have any other literature on sale. Is there any fault with us that makes it impossible or difficult for you to do business for us and with us on this line? We want your advice and help.

We have told you about our poverty and its problems. Strangely enough, our prosperity brings almost bigger problems than our poverty. Our printing plant and mail order department are in such cramped quarters that their business cannot be conveniently or economically handled. Larger quarters and new equipment are urgently demanded and immediately needed. But for this new capital is necessary. I do not weary you with all the details but I could sincerely wish that every member of this Council could fully understand this situation.

You have long pleaded with us to add to our list of Sunday School periodicals. We are now prepared to announce that, if we obtain the desired new equipment for our printing plant, we think we can begin publishing quarterlies for at least two grades January 1, 1917. If we have your help we think they can be made financially

profitable from the first, but we are willing to risk a little temporary loss.

Another item that calls for consideration is the publication and distribution of tracts and cheap literature. We have almost wearied of explaining to our people why we cannot give away tracts as many others are doing. The fact is that the tract business as a business is financially unprofitable, and if we were considering only the financial side, we should follow the lead of other publishers and discontinue altogether to issue them.

But tracts have a valuable spiritual ministry, and the truth that has meant so much to us should be widely diffused. The foreign department have their free literature, it is true, but their list is wholly inadequate, and by the way, their free literature interferes with the sale of our tracts. Can we not find some way whereby we can at least begin to approach the aggressiveness of the Millennial Dawnists, Seventh Day Adventists, and other propagators of error who leave their leaflets on every doorstep? We are willing to do our part but in our present situation it is financially impossible for us to do anything worthy of our society. We have a vision, or perhaps

only a dream, of our publishing department turning out, not thousands but tens and hundreds of thousands of tracts and leaflets which will go to every nook and corner of the world with our message of life, liberty, and hope. Would it not pay us, in every sense of that commercial word, to definitely plan to invest some money in this direction? We are hearing almost every day of blessing that has come to some tempted or sick one through our literature. We also hear frequently from new friends,

made acquainted with us by our literature, many of whom have never seen or heard of an Alliance worker, but who cheerfully send their donations for our foreign work.

Permit me in closing to give you our declaration of principles and business standards, with a request that if acceptable you will register your approval of them and commit us definitely to stand by them until our Lord shall come.

1. The publications issued by the Christian Alliance Publishing Company must always be in accord with the doctrines and principles of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. We shall by God's grace be able always to say that no public utterance of ours casts doubt on the inerrancy of the Scriptures or the deity of Christ, or the atonement of Christ, or the need of regeneration of the fallen sinner, or the eternal punishment of the unbeliever. But our message is not merely a negative one. We are not to be always on the defensive. It is ours to present to the world a living Christ. We love to think, to speak, and always to agitate concerning our fourfold gospel message. It is a big message. We should give nothing less, nothing else. Shall we put ourselves positively on record and publish to the world our position? We ask this because we with sadness note that some publishers who began well with a purpose to handle only evangelical literature have drifted far from their standards. We ask it also in spite of the fact that many well-informed people have told us that a publishing company which limits itself to strictly orthodox literature cannot succeed financially - and I could

name a number who have failed. We need not fail if we are true to God. We must be true even if we seem to fail.

2. In our publication work we must recognize that there are minor points in which we cannot make rigid rules. The Alliance has for instance always welcomed to its fellowship Calvinists and Arminians. We have futurist and we have historical interpreters of prophecy. With Christian love we work together in spite of little differences of opinion on non-essential details.

3. While we realize that the gospel may sometimes successfully be given in story form, especially to the young, we shall never publish any story that does not have a distinct Christian message. The novel, even if it points a moral, has no place with us. We are impelled to take this stand for we know how easy it would be to drift into the publication of such literature because it is exceedingly profitable financially.

4. We shall never do business for the sake of business. We are preachers of the Word; business is only an incident. For this reason we have never planned or desired to have a printing plant for any other purpose than to turn out Christian literature. We have determined that nothing shall ever be printed on our presses which compromises our Christian testimony.

5. The same principles have controlled us as regards advertising. We have been strongly tempted to seek some legitimate advertising for the *Alliance Weekly* which would enable us to meet the increased expense without changing the quality of the paper used. But we have not dared as yet to change our general policy

of having none but our own advertising. We are not arbitrary or fanatical about this matter, but we are sure that nothing should appear on the pages of our periodicals that is not consistent with the message we give or the standard of Christian life which we ask the Lord's children to maintain.

6. We believe it is necessary to so finance our business that it will be possible always to pay our bills promptly when due. We have already hinted at our financial need and will not repeat. I only want the highest possible standards of business integrity which will commend us to God and to a critical world.

7. Above all, we recognize that we are not simply exponents of Christian doctrine. We are also heralds of the coming King. Brethren, if I may speak familiarly, I am impressed that we shall not have many more years, possibly not many more months or days, to witness. The gathering shadows over the world warn us that "the night cometh when no man can work." If we are to arouse a sleeping church and to see dead sinners quickened into life before the storms break upon the world, we must be about our business. I am of those who have no thought of retrenchment as we look toward the foreign lands. I would have the gospel messengers to forth in increasing numbers and with greatly increased zeal and efficiency, but I beg you also to see the necessity of sending forth the winged messengers of truth from the printing press which shall go to lonely and needy souls where the preacher cannot go. It is a time for emergency work. We have no time to wait many years for the building up of institutions and we

have no heart for anything but that which will work directly toward the evangelization of the world. I should be ashamed, disgraced, if anyone who carefully investigated the work of the Publishing Company were to measure our success merely by the favorable financial showing which our statements give. True success for us is not measured in dollars and cents, but in souls made ready for the coming of the Lord. I am not a business man and do not wish to be a business man. Our Publication Company is not a business concern in the world's use of that term, for its aim is not earthly but heavenly. We beg you therefore to look upon us as a distinct missionary agency. If you recognize this, perhaps you will acknowledge that we have the same right to appeal for prayers of God's saints and for financial support as our missionaries have.

J.E. Jaderquist.

**Report of Committee on the Foreign Secretary's Report
and on Foreign Work.**

We desire to record with deep gratitude to God the great measure of blessing granted to the foreign branch of our work in all the fields. We praise Him for the decided increase in the number of those who have confessed Christ by baptism, for more and increasingly able native workers, for the greater spirit of liberality shown by the native Christians, and for the almost unlimited opportunities of witnessing in nearly all fields, in spite of present war conditions and general unrest.

We recommend that a special call be sent forth to our entire constituency - missionaries, home workers, and members of the Alliance - to unite in earnest prayer and personal support for all our missionaries. And with a view to this end we strongly urge a great loyalty to the general funds, as against the tendency to give to special objects.

We recommend that the Board, as far as it is able, arrange to send deputations periodically to our mission fields, in order to keep in more vital touch with the progress and needs of the work and in order that the missionaries and native workers and churches may receive the helpful counsel and encouragement of such visits. And we recommend that the fields hitherto unvisited be given priority.

We greatly appreciate the efforts made by the Board during the past year to place the financial and business departments of our work upon a more efficient basis, the fruits of which efforts are already apparent. To further increase this efficiency, we recommend that the

Board request each field Committee to prepare and send home annually an estimate of the minimum amount of money required for their work for the ensuing year, so that better and more equitable provision may be made for the work on the different fields.

We recommend that the Board limit, as far as possible, the use of money received on the annuity plan to such departments of the work as are able from their earnings to pay the interest on such annuity funds, and not to the general missionary funds for current expenses.

In view of the present condition of funds, we endorse the conservative policy of the Board as to the sending out of new missionaries, but we earnestly hope that in answer to persistent prayer and united effort funds may soon be available for the sending out of a further number of missionaries from among the candidates now waiting.

J.D. Williams, Chairman;
M.B. Birrel, Secretary.

Regulations Concerning Disabled and Retired Missionaries.

The following regulations were drawn up by a Special Committee appointed by the Annual Council of 1915, were approved by the Board of Managers, and finally adopted by the Annual Council of 1916, to go into effect forthwith:

1. That missionaries who have served the Society for at least one full term, as ordinarily recognized on the various fields, and who have become disabled for service, shall, upon the recommendation of the Executive

Committee on the field ratified by the Home Board, be eligible to the regular allowances for missionaries on furlough so long as they continue disabled, provided they remain in full fellowship with the Society and have no other reasonable means of support.

2. That missionaries who have served on the field for less than a full term, and who have been disabled for service, shall be dealt with by the Home Board, in consultation with the Executive Committee on the field, on the respective merits of each case.

3. That missionaries who have served the Society for twenty-five years or more, may, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee on the field ratified by the Board, retire upon the regular allowances for missionaries on furlough, provided they remain in full fellowship with the Society and have no other reasonable means of support.

4. That missionary widows, unable to continue in the active service of the Society on account of the care of their children, shall be entitled to the same provision as for retired missionaries, subject to the same conditions as aforementioned.

5. That children of retired missionaries shall be eligible to the same provision as children of missionaries in active service.

Report on home Secretary's Report and Home and Evangelistic Report

With humble thanksgiving to God we acknowledge another year of uninterrupted service and manifest blessing in the work of our Home Department. We praise God

for the preaching of the gospel committed to us in many new outstations, and for the disposition of our home workers to launch out in this direction.

The steady increase in missionary giving, the better support of the home base, and the spirit of aggressive evangelism are other occasions for special thanksgiving.

We praise God for the untiring devotion and sacrifice of the Secretary of the Home Department whose wise counsel has been appreciated by all who have called upon him, and through whose faithful labors the work in the home field has been extended.

We note the fact that the Pacific Coast District and the Central District are yet without District Superintendents, and that there are other territories that might be developed if trained leaders were available. We therefore urge upon our people earnest prayer that God will raise up and thrust forth leaders into these needy fields.

Recognizing that we have within our ranks men who are peculiarly fitted by God for evangelistic work, we would recommend that a meeting of the District Superintendents be called by the Secretary of the Home Department twice each year, for prayer and council, having especially in mind a proper disposition of evangelistic effort and perfecting plans for convention deputations.

We further recommend that a list of available evangelists in each District who are endorsed by the Christian and Missionary Alliance be kept on file with the Secretary of the Home Department.

H.M. Shuman, Chairman;
C.M. Rudy, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Educational Secretary's Report and Educational Work

We acknowledge with the deepest gratitude to God the manifold mercies that have attended the work in the educational institutions in the home field during the past year as set forth in the report submitted to the Council.

The spiritual life has been as heretofore the marked feature in all of our schools. There have been no abnormal developments, but a deep and continuous spiritual power in and out of the class rooms has borne the faculties and student bodies on from grace to grace and from revelation to revelation of the living Christ.

1. In the Nyack Schools, the Toccoa Falls Institute, and the Boydton Institute, the staff has undergone a number of changes and has been reinforced, the educational standards have been raised, the financial needs met in answer to prayer, and the enrollment held to a point well above the average mark. Rev. W.M. Turnbull, as Dean and Superintendent of the Missionary Institute and Principal of Wilson Memorial Academy, has consolidated the management, developed the plans of his predecessor, the late Dr. G.P. Pardington, and won the unbounded confidence and affection of the staff and students. Rev. J.H. Hartman has accomplished similar results at Boydton Institute, and Rev. N.E. Overman, the new Principal of Toccoa Falls Institute, is proving his efficiency in this Southern school. The hand of our God is recognized in these appointments.

The actions of the Board of the Nyack Schools, (1) In recommending that graduates be encouraged to take the Postgraduate Course, (2) In adapting the Academy to the preparation of such students as require training preliminary to the Institute Course, and (3) In attempting an experiment with a school farm, are commended.

The titles to the Boydton Institute have been cleared, and its relation to the Alliance has been assured, while the status of the school has been raised to conform to the State educational requirements.

The Mary B. Mullen School suffered a serious loss through a fire which destroyed the main building, resulting in the temporary suspension of the school.

2. It needs to be emphasized that not a dollar of missionary funds is diverted by the Board to any of these institutions. Each of them stands in the almost unique position of maintaining itself by current revenues without a dollar of endowment and with very limited special contributions. The reports show that they would be practically self-sustaining if they were freed from floating debts and mortgage liabilities, and provided with more complete equipment. In view of these facts, it seems fitting and desirable that the following resolutions be adopted:

(1) That this Council heartily commend and approve the effort already begun to free the Nyack Schools from debt and to equip them for the proper discharge of their function as training schools for Alliance workers; and that the educational department be empowered and commissioned to mature and ex-

ecute plans for the accomplishing of this end, provided that such plans in no way or measure divert funds from the missionary department.

(2) That our constituency be urged to further the interest of all our schools by constant intelligent prayer, the circulation of literature, the recommendation of the schools to prospective students, and the enlistment of friends who may become financial supporters of our educational work.

(3) That with the fuller knowledge of and closer bonds of connection with Wheaton College established during the past year, and especially as growing out of the present Council sessions, we heartily commend this College to those of our constituency desiring higher education

R.H. Glover, Chairman;
A.E. Thompson, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Publication Work

We, first of all, ascribe praise to God for His gracious prospering of the Christian Alliance Publishing Company during the past year. We are convinced that this council should more fully recognize the value and claims of the publication work in its relation to the Alliance work as a whole, and also that our whole Alliance constituency need to be enlightened concerning its importance.

We most heartily commend the self-sacrificing labor and efficient management of our Publication Secretary and endorse the declaration of principles laid down by him in his report. We have full confidence that the man-

agement will always adhere to the declared policy of making every publication fully conform to the Alliance message and mission and that they will ever keep the business free from compromising entanglements.

We endorse the plan of the Publishing Company to temporarily use a cheaper quality of paper for the *Alliance Weekly* while the present high price of paper prevails, and recommend that Alliance workers endeavor to disarm all possible criticism on the part of subscribers by cheerfully upholding the Publishing Company and explaining the necessity for this action.

We welcome the new offer of club rates during the month of June and urge our people to do their utmost to secure large lists of new subscriptions at the reduced rate and not to forget that some can well afford and may be willing to pay the regular subscription price of \$1.50 per year.

We welcome the prospect of Alliance Sunday School quarterlies. We endorse the Sunday School periodicals now issued, *Youth's Counsellor* and *Little Overcomers*, and urge their general use in all our Schools.

We recommend that each Alliance branch maintain a tract and book stand where Alliance literature shall be kept on sale.

We have critically examined the financial statement of the Publishing Company and believe the business to be on a safe and hopeful financial basis. However, we feel strongly that the management should not be compelled to bear the heavy burden of interest on loans, made necessary to carry on the business. We recognize that new capital is needed, not only for the normal needs

of the growing business, but to provide larger equipment for the printing plant. Besides this, funds should be generously provided for the wide distribution of free literature. We recommend that the Publishing Company be authorized to prepare and distribute, among our people, a pamphlet setting forth these facts concerning their business and its needs in order that there may be a more intelligent and prayerful support given.

We recommend that a special offering for the publication work be taken in each Alliance branch, on some Sunday in October, if possible. In that connection we suggest that a day of prayer be set apart for the publication interests. We believe most fully that the Publication Company is an essential part of our missionary propaganda and is worthy of as prayerful support as any other branch of our work.

Alfred C. Snead, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Young People's Work

We note with much thanksgiving that of thirty-three branches which reported concerning their work, seventeen were organized this year. Another cause for thanksgiving is the excellent quality of young people God is giving to us.

Recommendations:

1. That Rev. B.A. Coleman, 30 Sturges Street, Binghamton, N.Y., be reelected President; and Mrs. J.E. Jaderquist, Nyack, N.Y., Secretary and Treasurer.
2. That the above-named officers, with Miss Cora Rudy, constitute the Executive Committee.

3. That Mrs. Geo. P. Pardington, Mrs. T.H. Robertson, and Mrs. J.E. Jaderquist be a committee to prepare for the *Student Evangel* the exposition of the topics for Young People's Meetings.

4. That district young people's rallies be encouraged wherever practicable.

5. That the young people's page in the *Alliance Weekly*, which has been a definite blessing to many lives, be continued during the coming year.

6. That the superintendents cooperate heartily for the extension of the subscription list of the *Student Evangel*.

7. That the Secretary be instructed to prepare blanks to be sent to all the leaders of local branches in the United States and Canada, for the purpose of ascertaining the number and location of all the young people's societies, prayer bands, and unorganized gatherings where regular meetings are held.

In view of the near approach of the Lord and of the conditions that exist at the present time in the spiritual world, we earnestly exhort our young people to make this the year of the most definite consecration and aggressive service that our work has ever known.

E.E. Johnson, Chairman;

E.R. Dunbar, Secretary.

Report of Committee on the Junior Alliance

1. We praise God for His goodness in allowing us to see the 22nd year of work of the Junior Missionary Alliance.

2. We rejoice to learn that in almost every state of the Union the work among the children has been established.

3. We are glad to note the increase of Sunday School work in the home field. Our Missionary Bands do not interfere, however, with the Sunday Schools but are quite distinct. In this connection we would recommend that the Superintendents of Branches encourage the organizing of Junior Bands, as this provides a meeting during the week for the children in which they can be instructed about missionary work and our Full Gospel Testimony as it applies to the children.

4. We note with much praise that the children in our foreign fields have had definite experiences in trusting God to meet their needs. The protection from Bubonic Plague in Khamgaon Orphanage has been most marked, not one case being reported in the Orphanage while it was raging in the district surrounding.

Mrs. J.D. Williams, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Prayer

“I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplication, because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.”

Our hearts are deeply moved as we recognize what God has accomplished in the entire world field during the past year through prayer.

We all see the great need of prayer and know its importance, but why do we not spend more time in

prayer? John Wesley said evil speaking was the most common sin among Christians. Andrew Murray seems to think it is prayerlessness. How simple to correct both of these evils by one act. Spend less time talking to each other and more time talking to our Heavenly Father. God requires of His church now, as of His people in former days, a tithe of our income and one-seventh of our time, which in the latter case would amount to three hours and a quarter each day.

How can we get ourselves, generally speaking, to pray as much as we should? This seems to be the problem before us. Is this not the Laodicean period, when Satan seems to be trying to throw a wet blanket on our ardor in such a philosophical way that almost before we realize it we are lukewarm? Let us thank God for the tribulations that keep us stirred and drive us to our knees.

With the increasing tendency to depend upon preaching, men, and organization, which so characterizes these latter days, we feel that it is imperative to again remind our entire constituency that God has in a peculiar sense shut us up to prayer alone as the channel of all our supplies. Let us not be so modest about emphasizing the importance of prayer, and then be sure to practice what we preach. Let us put and keep first things first and be sure to remember we must pray or become extinct.

E.D. Whiteside, Chairman;
John G. McConnel, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Divine Healing.

Your Committee desires to express profound gratitude to God for the truth of divine healing as demonstrated in the preservation of the lives and health of our missionaries and home workers. We notice with much satisfaction that the hand of the Lord is still “Stretched forth to heal and that signs and wonders are being done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus both at home and abroad.” We would urge upon the constituency the importance of this particular phase of our gospel:

First, because it has ever been used by God as a means of arresting the attention and commanding the respect of the unbeliever.

Second, because nothing develops faith and establishes a childlike intimacy with the Heavenly Father so much as a daily trust for material blessings, especially for the healing and health of the body.

Third, because the “reproach of Christ” attaches more strongly to this testimony than to any other part of our gospel: it is therefore most valuable to the Alliance worker.

Fourth, because the deceptions of Satan are daily becoming more subtle and the counterfeits of the genuine (such as Christian Science, New Thought, Mind Cure, etc., as well as the pretensions and spectacular performances of mercenary persons posing as “Healers”) are being multiplied. It is necessary, therefore, that we be faithful to the charge committed to us, who are in a special sense the custodians of this glorious truth of God.

John Coxe, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Work Among Colored People

Reports from the fields indicate that regular meetings among colored people are now held at about twelve points. Occasional meetings are held at many other places which cannot be organized on account of the lack of leaders. Calls for meetings have come from many places which have not yet been visited at all. Two new branches have been organized, one at Oberlin, Ohio, the other at Rankin, Pa.

The following recommendations are submitted:

1. That Rev. E.M. Burgess and Rev. E.M. Collett be a special committee to arrange deputational visits among colored branches, the former for the Northern and Western Section and the latter for the Southern Section.

2. That Boydton Bible and Academic Institute be recognized and advertised as the Training School of the Alliance for colored young people who desire to enter Christian work.

3. That the need of giving the fourfold gospel to the colored people of our land be pressed more urgently upon the hearts of all our Alliance constituency, in order to awaken earnest prayer and practical support.

J.H. Hartman, Chairman'

Minnie F. Lee, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Jewish Work

Realizing the near coming of the Lord as evidenced

by the moving of the hand of God among the nations, we present this report on Jewish work with a feeling of solemnity. Events show plainly that the restoration of Israel to their own land is imminent. This fulfilment of prophecy calls for urgency in giving the gospel to the covenant people of God.

With gratitude we report that something definite has been attempted on the part of our Jewish Band of the Nyack Schools. During the past year this band has visited 12 towns in the interest of Jewish evangelization, holding conversations with Jewish people in these various towns. They also distributed 450 tracts and portions of the New Testament in Yiddish and English and attended the services of 2 or 3 Jewish Missions in New York, besides praying for our Palestine Mission as well as for Jewish Missions of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc.

During the year the *Alliance Weekly* has given a page for Jewish news under the direction of Rev. E.O. Jago.

The war has greatly interrupted the Jewish work in Palestine. The Alliance Schools have remained open with large attendance.

We reiterate the imperative necessity of the Alliance doing some special and permanent work among the Jews not only of Palestine but also in our country, in particular holding up the hands of any Jewish Mission which is true to the truth and testimony for which the Alliance stands.

E.O. Jago, Chairman;

Jos. R. Lewek, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Time and Place of Next Council

We recommend that the next Council be held at Nyack, N.Y., the time being left to the discretion of the Board. However, we beg to suggest that such dates be arranged as would make it possible for the Nyack students to attend for the sake of the inspiration the various reports would afford them.

While it may not be in the province of this Committee to offer the following as a recommendation, we beg to suggest to the Board, for their prayerful consideration, the advisability of hereafter arranging the business of the Council so that time could be allowed for definite and united prayer for the needs of each department as the reports are given. This might be made possible by combining the work of some of our committees, thereby lessening their number, or by extending the time of the Council one day.

G.V. Brown, Chairman;

R.A. Forrest, Secretary.

Resolution of Thanks

Resolved, That we give our sincere thanks to God and to the President, Faculty, and Students of Wheaton College for the hearty welcome, delightful fellowship, and thoughtful arrangements which have made our stay in this beautiful locality so pleasant; that we include in the records our deep appreciation of the kindness of the friends and neighbors of the College who have opened their homes for our entertainment, and that we also embody the gratitude already publicly expressed to the Pastor and members of the First Baptist Church and of the College Church for their bountiful hospitality.

W.M. Turnbull, Chairman;

Ulysses Lewis, Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

1915-1916

It is with deep gratitude to God for His continual care and protection that we record the passing of another year without the loss through death of a single one of our noble band of foreign missionaries. In spite of trying climates and dangerous conditions, God has preserved them all, and we come to another milestone with unbroken ranks. Surely this is an outstanding instance of God's great goodness and mercy.

In the home field, however, many fruitful fellow workers have fallen asleep in Jesus.

1. It is with profound sorrow that we are called upon to record the death of an old friend of this work. **Mr. D.B. Strouse**, of Salem, Va., was called away by a sudden attack of apoplexy early in December. He was in his seventy-seventh year. Formerly a soldier in the Confederate Army, later a successful business man and lawyer, and for the past twenty years an evangelist of much power and usefulness, he was widely known throughout the South as an earnest advocate of Scriptural holiness and missions. He was a liberal supporter of our missionary work, and to his generosity we owe our schools for the training of workers in India and the support of a number of native workers during the past few years. His loss will be deeply felt, and our warmest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family.

2. We note with deep sympathy and sorrow the passing to her heavenly home of our beloved sister, **Mrs.**

John Salmon, of Los Angeles, California, in February of this year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Salmon were dangerously ill with an acute attack of the Grippe, but he was healed and is again strong and well, through the Lord's answer to prayer; but Mrs. Salmon, being in a delicate condition at the time, succumbed to the attack.

The funeral services were held in the Gospel Tabernacle, Los Angeles, and also in the undertaker's parlors, and Mr. Salmon writes, "The service was more like a love feast than a funeral. Instead of grief, there seemed to be a spirit of praise and devotion seldom met with on such occasions." We are sure that many friends are upholding our venerable brother in this great bereavement.

3. We deeply regret to record the passing from our midst of **Mrs. R.J. Zimmerman**, of Toronto, who died on Sunday, October 10th, after a long illness. She had stood with her husband in faith through a long and fruitful ministry, and had won the hearts of a wide circle of friends by her godly life and deep sympathy for all the needy and sorrowing.

4. On October 15th **Mrs. Geo. H. Prentice**, the beloved mother of Mrs. R.H. Glover, was called home through a sudden attack of pneumonia, while visiting with her daughter at Nyack.

5. **Mrs. Thos. R. Glover**, who gave two missionaries to our work, Dr. R.H. Glover and Mrs. John Fee, was called to her eternal reward on February 27th. Mrs. Glover had the true missionary spirit and rejoiced in the ministry of her children, sharing by prayer in their labors and triumphs. The sadness of

bereavement is lightened by the memory of her noble life and the certainty of a rich reward to follow.

We do not have details of the life and service of many other friends of the work who have died during the year, but record simply their names upon the roll of honor.

Mary E. Vail, April 2, 1915, Asbury Park, N.J.

Mrs. Emily P. Gerow, May 31, 1915, Elmira, N.Y.

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Leonard Iler, Ridgetown, Ont., Oct. 7, 1915.

Mrs. L.E. Ford, Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 30, 1915.

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Mrs. Isabella M. Fisher, Chicago, Jan. 12, 1916.

Mrs. Ellen Ringland, Jan. 5, 1916, South Africa.

Miss Bertha Ringland, Jan. 7, 1916, South Africa, Mt.

Tabor Mission Station.

Anna Bridesche (age 12), Newark, N.J.

Mrs. Van Arsdale, Dec. 23, 1915, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marshall Hess, March 1916, Springtown, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Sterling, Wilmington, Del.

C.L. Ruley, Oct. 8, 1915, Anderson, Ind.

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**MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL COUNCIL
OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE,
AT WHEATON, ILL., 1916.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 24.

The Council opened on Wednesday evening with warm words of greeting by Dr. Charles A. Blanchard. Mr. Ulysses Lewis, Vice-president of the C. & M.A., was then called to the chair, and messages on "The Calling and Testimony of the Alliance" were given by Messrs. Lewis, W.T. MacArthur, J.D. Williams, and E.O. Jago.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 25

The devotional service at 9:30 was led by Rev. E.D. Whiteside. At 10:00 the student body of Wheaton College joined the Council in fellowship and worship with a message from Rev. R.A. Forrest.

At 11:00 A.M. Rev. A.B. Simpson, President, called the Council to order, and after a few appropriate remarks opened the Business Session. After prayer by Mr. Lewis, the Chairman called for the organization of the Council.

Rev. W.M. Turnbull then read report of the Committee on Arrangements which was received and considered seriatim. The Committee recommended the appointment of Rev. H.M. Shuman and Miss Emma F. Berre, Recording Secretaries; Rev. J.E. Jaderquist and Rev. J.H. Stumpf, Editorial Secretaries. Reverends E.J. Richards, G. Verner Brown, A.C. Snead, and Mr. F.C. Carter were recommended a Committee on Credentials; Reverends W.M. Turnbull, J.H. Stumpf, A.E. Thompson and R.H. Glover, and Mr. A.D. Jackson, a Committee on Business. Same were adopted in order.

The Committee on Arrangements presented certain names as a nucleus for the various standing committees, giving each committee power to add other names, thus conserving the time of the Council. This report was received, considered seriatim, and adopted in the order presented.

Mr. Turnbull presented order of business for the day, and

same was adopted. It was further agreed to devote the hour from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. to business, the student body meeting with the council from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. for devotional services, and the next half-hour to be spent in prayer for matters relating to the Council.

The report of the Home Secretary, Mr. Richards, was called for, read, received, and referred to the proper committee.

Reports were then given by Rev. W.H. Chandler and Rev. A.E. Funk, Field Evangelists; Miss Cora Rudy, of the National Young People's Work; Rev. A.B. Eddy, of Seattle, Wash.; Rev. William Franklin, District Superintendent of New England, and Rev. Herbert Dyke, Superintendent of the Central Pacific Coast District. Reports were all received and referred to the proper committees.

On motion of Mr. Richards the devotional hour for the afternoon was changed to two o'clock. Mr. Armstrong was appointed to lead this service, after which the session adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 25

Following the devotional service, the Business Session again opened. Minutes were then read and accepted as read.

Mr. Snead reported for Committee on Credentials, which was adopted and privilege given to add other names.

Home reports were then continued from Rev. G. Verner Brown for the Eastern District, Rev. R.A. Forrest for the Southern District, Rev. J. Charles Crawford for the Western District, Rev. J.D. Williams for the Western Lade District, and Rev. E.M. Burgess for the Colored People's Work in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Mr. Burgess also read report of Mr. Collett for the Colored People's Work in Philadelphia and North Carolina. The reports were all accepted and referred to the standing committees in Council.

Addresses on "The Alliance Educational Work" were next given by Messrs. J.H. Hartman, W.M. Turnbull, A.E. Thompson, and C.A. Blanchard. Meeting then adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 25

Evening session opened at 7:30 with Mr. Lewis in the chair.

After devotional service, Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee was read by the Secretary. Same was received and referred.

The President's Report was next read and unanimously received by a standing vote and song of thanksgiving.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read by Mr. Funk. On motion it was decided to reelect the officers whose terms had expired, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot as follows:

Vice-President: Mr. Ulysses Lewis.

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Report of Foreign Secretary was read by Dr. Glover, received, and referred.

Order of business for following day was read by Dr. Glover and adopted.

Session Adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 26

Business Session opened at 9:00 A.M. Minutes were read and adopted as read.

Rev. W.M. Turnbull presented report of the Nyack Schools. On motion the report was received and referred.

Report of Toccoa Bible School was given by Rev. R.A. Forrest, received, and referred.

Mr. L.K. Brubaker, Business Manager of the Nyack Schools, reported for his department. Same was received.

At 10:00 A.M. a devotional service was held with student body and Council, Mr. Simpson giving a message on "The Radiant Life."

At 11:00 A.M. Business Session was again resumed. Rev. Mr. Overman, Principal of the Toccoa Falls Institute, gave a brief verbal report. Rev. J.H. Hartman, Principal of Boydton Institute, reported for that school.

It was agreed to have Rev. Paul Rader address the Council, and also to give a further address on Saturday at 11:30 A.M.

Report of the Mary B. Mullen School, at Uree, N.C., was read by Miss Minnie Lee, Principal.

Report of Educational Secretary was next read by Mr. Turnbull.

On motion Dr. Blanchard was asked to give a report of Wheaton College.

Rev. J.E. Jaderquist next reported for the Publication Department. Reports were each received and referred. The Council then adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 26

A brief devotional service was held AT 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Glover took the chair while twenty-six missionaries gave short addresses. A number of candidates who had been accepted by the Board followed with brief words regarding their call. Still others indicated a willingness to go to the regions beyond if God should call. The session closed with an earnest season of prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 26

Rev. E.D. Whiteside presided, and addresses were given by Rev. Jesse Silver, Rev. Herbert Dyke, and Rev. B.F. Armstrong on Dispensational Truth.

The order of business for Saturday was read and adopted. Council adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 27

A devotional service was conducted by Rev. W.I. McGarvey from 9:00 to 9:30.

The Business Session opened at 10:00 A.M. With Mr. Simpson in the chair. Minutes were read and adopted.

A report was given on Young People's Work by Rev. B.A. Coleman, received and referred.

Rev. E.J. Richards read reports from the Southern California District, Rev. W. Davis, Supt., and from the Dominion of Canada, Rev. L.J. Long. These reports were received.

Committee on President's Report presented their report, which was received and referred to the Editorial Committee.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report was read, received, and referred to Editorial Committee. It was agreed to send copies of the report to Mr. Crear and Mr. Groff.

Report of Committee on References was read and received. The recommendations of the report were considered seriatim. They were adopted in order and received as a whole and referred to the Board.

On motion it was decided that a recommendation be presented to the Board for the appointment of a committee to arrange for the support of workers in the home field needing such support.

Report of Committee on Home Secretary's Report and the Evangelistic Work was next read, received, adopted as a whole, and referred to the Editorial Committee.

Report of committee on Report of Divine Healing was read, received, and referred to Editorial Committee.

Report of Committee on Junior Alliance Report was read and with the Report of the Secretary of the Junior Alliance, Miss Brickensteen, was received and referred to the Editorial Committee.

Report of Committee on Report of Publication Work was read, received, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Reports of Work among Colored People was read, received, and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Report of Prayer was read and accepted.

Report of Committee on Reports of Young People's Work was read, received, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Time and Place of Next Council was read and adopted as read.

A resolution of thanks was read by Mr. Lewis and unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

By motion it was unanimously agreed to publish the principal surveys and reports in the *Alliance Weekly* as well as in the Annual Report; to publish the President's Survey in smaller size in larger quantity for free distribution.

The Standing Committee on Reports of Work among the Jews was read, and with the amendment that a committee be appointed to serve on this work through the year, received, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Memorials was read, received, and referred to Editorial Committee for publication.

The report of Committee on Report of Educational Work was read and unanimously received and adopted.

The session then adjourned, and an address was given by Rev. Paul Rader by special request.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 27

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. S.H. Stokes.

The Business Session opened with Mr. Simpson in the chair. Minutes of morning session were read and received.

Upon motion it was agreed to tender the thanks of the Council to Brother Rader for his most helpful message, and that he be elected to the official relation of Honorary Vice-President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Mr. Cramer then presented the Fraternal Letter which was unanimously received, and adopted with the suggestion that same be published in the *Alliance Weekly*.

Additions to the list of accredited delegates were next presented, received, and recorded.

The President then expressed gratitude for the courtesy of the hosts of the Council and the fellowship of love in the Council.

The remainder of the session was devoted to informal addresses with reports from home workers and a devotional service conducted by Mr. Richards.

The minutes of the session were then read and received, and the Business Session of the Council then adjourned to meet at Nyack in 1917.

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