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The Christian and Missionary Alliance is closing the fifteenth year since the organization of the Society, and the sixth year since the union of its two branches, the Christian Alliance and the Missionary Alliance.

Our first tribute is humble and grateful praise to our gracious Lord, who has guarded the workers and has established the work of our hands upon us and given to us, if not the best, one of the best years of our history.

A summary of the reports of our Field, District and Local Superintendents will show that in the home field, which includes the United States and Canada, we have at the present time 125 organized branches, and 125 stations not yet fully organized, but visited and worked by our officers.

About 50 conventions have been held during the year; 200 All-Day meetings and 3,000 single services, by our District Superintendents. Among the results apparent from these meetings our brethren report hundreds of conversions; many cases of professed consecration to God; and numerous testimonies of Divine Healing. The amount expended in carrying on these various agencies in the home field, quite apart from funds received from the Treasurer of the Alliance, has not been less than \$50,000.

The periodical literature of the Alliance is read every week by about 50,000 persons. The publishing department has greatly extended its scope, adding a new monthly magazine, and a large number of cheap popular tracts on the Fourfold Gospel. The printed page is an auxiliary not less valuable than the voice of the evangelist.

The Alliance has continued to maintain the kindest spirit to-

wards all evangelical branches of the Church of Christ, and there have been many signs of increased mutual confidence and fellowship during the past year; our official workers being frequently invited to speak in the leading churches of various denominations. In a few instances, independent churches have grown out of the mission work and carried on in certain places, but these are not Alliance churches in any ecclesiastical sense, and our work has been guarded from becoming at any time an ecclesiastical organization and held steadily to its avowed place as a fraternal union of Christians of all evangelical denominations.

The work of Berachah Home at Nyack, New York; the Christian Alliance Home, Philadelphia, Pa., and other centers of teaching and spiritual blessing, in connection with divine healing, has been honored of God, and the testimony of our work to the unchanging power of Christ is maintained with loyalty and steadfastness.

The Missionary Institute at Nyack has continued its important work with increasing evidences of the divine favor. A number of valued workers have been added to the staff. The number of students has been 182 against 188 last year, and the receipts of the Institute, \$18,961.17 against \$11,499.16 the previous year. A large number of the students have offered themselves for the foreign field and several have been accepted as missionary candidates.

A number of Rescue Missions are carried on by Alliance branches with a continual harvest of souls, and a still larger number of our Alliance people are engaged in other Rescue Missions, not directly under our auspices, so that it can be said truly that a large proportion of our members are constantly engaged in the work of soul winning. The Eighth Avenue Mission, New York City under the efficient management of Miss Sarah Wray, has accomplished a most successful work in this field, and has been wholly sustained by voluntary contributions.

During the year a number of our missionaries home on furlough have been engaged in the oversight of Alliance branches, and all the others have been occupied more or less fully in visit-

ing our stations throughout the country and speaking at our conventions. Their presence and help have been most valuable.

A number of changes have occurred in the District organizations. Mr. Ballard, of Elmira, has been appointed district superintendent of South California; Mr. Walton, of Kansas; Mr. Chandler, of Illinois; Mr. Crawford, of Iowa; Mr. Smith, of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia; Mr. McCandless, of Minnesota; Mr. Forest, of Florida; and Mr. MacArthur, who has removed to Chicago, has had charge of the Alliance work in the Northwestern States.

The children's work has been steadily prosecuted by the Junior Missionary Alliance and other agencies. Five thousand children at home are working for five thousand little ones in heathen lands.

### **Our Foreign Work**

In the foreign field, the year has been marked by many special blessings and steady advance. The receipts of the Society from all sources, including those directly sent to the Treasurer and money otherwise contributed on the field, amounted to \$212,643.43, an increase of \$27,592.33 over the preceding year. Our native churches contributed about \$1,710.00.

One of the signal mercies of the year was the settlement of the indemnity claimed by the Alliance from the Chinese Government, on account of losses of mission property during the Boxer troubles. Our Commissioner, Mr. John Woodberry, of Shanghai, and his wife, visited the Chinese authorities of Shansi and, under their escort, traveled over all the scenes of the labors and sufferings of our Swedish missionaries. They were treated with the greatest courtesy and a fair and liberal settlement, amounting to 50,000 taels, was voluntarily paid by the Chinese authorities. Owing to a sudden fall in the value of silver, the net value of this large sum was only \$32,533.50, but this was a welcome addition to the Mission Treasury and has been expended most wisely and carefully.

During the year the blessing of God has continued to rest upon our missionaries and mission stations. The total number of baptisms reported is 772, an increase of 160 over the past year, and the total membership upon the foreign field as nearly as it can be estimated is about 2,800.

We have 208 American missionaries and about 156 native workers connected with our various missions. There are about 70 stations and many out-stations. The number of children under instruction is about 5,000. A large part of our work in India especially is connected with the support of four Orphanages, where there are now over twelve hundred children being trained for Christian life and, not a few of them, for mission work. During the past year 30 missionaries returned on furlough, and 58 were sent to the field, including 36 new missionaries. Besides the baptized converts reported already, there were 554 conversions and 650 inquirers and candidates for baptism under careful training before being allowed to make a public profession.

### **Palestine**

Our Palestine Mission has been strongly reinforced by the sending to Jerusalem of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Thompson, who will fill a need long felt, and be able to take charge of the important work in Jerusalem, besides the oversight of the mission. Our Palestine Mission numbers 7 American missionaries and 7 native helpers. There were 8 conversions during the year. The natives contributed during the year \$18. Besides Jerusalem, the headquarters of the mission, there is a successful school at Jaffa under the care of Miss Parsons, and a station at Hebron under Mr. and Mrs. Murray. Miss Parsons reports 10 scholars, and Mr. Murray 23 children.

Among the Jews of New York, the Alliance maintains a most excellent mission, which is in the hands of three earnest and estimable ladies, Miss Meinder, Miss Cole and Miss McInnes, and through their visitations, distribution of literature and especially in the work among the children, they are slowly gaining access into the hearts of the parents.

### India

Our India Mission embraces 19 stations located in the city of Bombay, and in the three provinces of Berar, Khandesh and Gujerat. In connection with these stations, there are 70 foreign missionaries and about 40 native helpers. Twenty missionaries were sent to this field during the year; nine of these were old missionaries returning, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Miss Scoville, now Mrs. Duckworth, Mr. Back and Miss Seasholtz. Ten were new missionaries sent from this country, namely: Mr. Aurenheimer, Mr. and Mrs. McKee and the Misses Downs, Knight, Crater, Decker, McCauley, Wiest and Compton. Three were accepted, namely: Mrs. Chapman and Messrs. Bennett and Dinham. A number are still at home on furlough, including Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Hamill, and Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn. Dr. and Mrs. Smalley and Mr. and Mrs. Borup have ceased to be missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The threatened return of another famine was happily averted by the coming of the summer rains, and the energies of the missionaries have been devoted to a season of earnest and successful labor. Hundreds of villages have been visited, and much touring done. A plenteous and promising harvest of precious souls has already begun. In Mehemedabad, where there is now a church of 330 members, no less than 166 were baptized during the year. In Dholka there was another deep revival and 116 were added by baptism to that church of 168 members. In Khamgaon there were 48 baptisms, and in Kaira 90 candidates for baptism have been ready for some time, but owing to the pressure of work on the part of the missionaries, there was no one to baptize them. The entire number of baptisms reported for the year in the India Mission is 394, which with a total number of members of 989 makes the additions more than two-fifths of the entire number. Besides these actual additions there are 480 candidates for bap-

tism, who, it is hoped, will be added to the churches during the ensuing year.

Over against these encouraging spiritual harvests in many places, there is still much indifference in other fields. Ten stations, notwithstanding much work accomplished, failed to report a single baptism, so that there is still much need for earnest prayer. Most of the additions to the native church have come from our large orphanages, which already are bearing this precious and abundant fruit. The training and receiving of these candidates has been most careful and thorough, and Mr. Fuller reports "The work of the Spirit was very deep, and the revival was marked by profound conviction of sin, and clear and straightforward confession and restitution wherever it was possible." In one of these orphanages, he reports that "most of the 180 girls and women are converted, but we cannot, because of the laws, baptize boys or girls under 16 without the consent of the parents, if either is still living, so that we had to wait in all our orphanages before baptizing large numbers."

In the four Orphanages, there are now 1,211 children and 28 widows, besides a large number of children in attendance upon the 25 Sunday schools of the Mission.

Among the many incidents of the year were the resuming of the publishing of the *India Alliance*, a monthly journal published in the interests of the Mission both in India and in America; the opening of a new industrial work in Gujerat under Mr. and Mrs. McKee, similar to the important industrial school maintained so long in Akola under the direction of Mr. Rogers; and the purchase by our Mission of Berachah Home, Bombay, which has so long been leased and occupied by the Mission. There is still due on this building a mortgage of \$23,000 which, according to the terms of the mortgage, must be paid this year, half in August and the other half by the end of the year. This grave step was taken by the Mission on its own responsibility, and the Board, which always hesitates before assuming heavy indebtedness of any kind, can only hope and pray that the faith of our friends in India will

be rewarded by the providing of this large sum in some way when the obligation shall become due.

The death roll of our India Mission has been smaller than for many years, but the two that have fallen, Mrs. Hattie Mallory Fuller and Mrs. Lida Allen Phelps, were among the best beloved and most promising of our young missionaries, and their loss is indeed a sad bereavement and a heavy blow. The spirit of our India missionaries, as shown in the report of the superintendent, is full of faith, hope and courage and the results of the year may well inspire our gratitude to God, and our loving appreciation of these honored fellow laborers.

### **China**

The Central China Mission has been reorganized, and a force of 18 missionaries and 25 native helpers is distributed throughout three great provinces. The City of Wuhu is the headquarters of the Mission, where there are two local churches, a training school for evangelists and the receiving home of the Mission. About thirty miles distant, are two stations of Uan-chi and Nan-ling; at the latter, there is another training school for Bible women. Sixty miles further up the river is Ta-tong, and near by Sing-Yang. These five stations are in the Province of Annhui. Three hundred miles further up the river is the great city of Wuchang, the capital of another province, Hupeh. There is a fine station with about 50 members in this city.

About 200 miles from Wuchang we enter the great Province of Hunan, which God honored the missionaries of the Alliance to open. Here we have three stations in the principal cities, Chang-sha, the capital, Siang-tan and Chang-the. In these three stations, there are about 30 baptized Christians. Altogether in these 9 stations our missionaries report 130 native communicants, and 11 baptisms during the past year, with 70 inquirers preparing for baptism.

Our Western and Tibetan Missions are located in Western Kansuh. There are two stations at Tao-cheo and Min-cheo. Four of our missionaries have returned to this field during the past

year, namely: Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Simpson, and Messrs. Snyder and Ruhl. Mr. Simpson reports two interesting conversions already in Tao-cheo. The immediate need of this station is a new home for which funds are already being pledged. At Min-cheo the little flock was scattered by the late persecution, but has begun to gather and some have proved faithful through the tests. In a short time six other missionaries expect to join this force.

The North China Mission, which was blotted out by the Boxer Rebellion, has not yet been reopened. Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry visited the scenes of those fearful massacres during the early part of last year, and in a volume of thrilling interest, which is now in press, she has told the story of the martyrdom of our Swedish missionaries and the escape of the few who were rescued. At all the points a faithful remnant was found and there is in almost every place a nucleus around which the work is already beginning to crystallize, but the way has not yet been found open to resume operations in this distant field by our Society. A few of the surviving missionaries have returned to their former fields in connection with other missions.

The excellent mission among women in Peking, so long maintained by Miss Douw, and broken up also by the Boxer troubles, has not been resumed, Miss Douw being still in this country, and some of the missionaries having gone to other fields.

The South China Mission has prosecuted its work during the past year with the unity, energy and success which have always attended that admirable mission. The principal cities of this long neglected Province are now occupied by our Society. There are 26 missionaries and 20 native helpers engaged in this field. There are 7 stations and 100 baptized Christians. The principal station is Wuchow, the headquarters of the work. There is an excellent receiving home, which has just been finished, and there are also an evangelists' reading room and training schools for native helpers, both men and women. Sixteen students were in attendance at these schools. Along the West River, there are four more stations stretching along 350 miles of territory. These are

Tang-uen, Kwai-Ping, Tsung-sun and Nan-Ning. This latter city is almost on the border of Tonkin, the French Province. North of Wuchow is the capital of the Province, Kwei-Lin, which is also one of our stations, and the last is Lo-Ting, South of Wuchow, and on the borders of Kwong-tung Province. Among the marked blessings of this mission has been the completion, during the year, of the fine Receiving Home at Wuchow.

Our latest advices from South China indicate the prevalence of grave political troubles through a new rebellion which has devastated a large section of the province. The result is a fearful famine, so severe that parents are selling their little girls into shameful slavery to obtain the necessities of life. Our missionaries are endeavoring to meet the urgent need, and the call for help is loud and urgent, and we are sure will be responded to by liberal donations from this country.

The only loss which our China Mission has sustained by death during the past year, was Mrs. Isaac Hess, the wife of our superintendent. No severer loss could have overtaken the Mission. Her work in this country before she went to the field, and her beautiful life and multiplied labors in China, made her very dear to all who knew her. During the past year, 13 missionaries have been sent to China, including 6 returning missionaries, namely: Mr. and Mrs. D. Ekvall, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown; and 7 new ones, namely: Messrs. Laraway and Kuykendall, and the Misses Landis, Swenson, Gregg, Dayton and Agar.

Our work in Shanghai is represented by Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry and their Mission at Beulah Chapel, Shanghai, with a chain of native evangelists throughout the Provinces of China and elsewhere. Their work in Shanghai is partly among the multitude of foreign sailors who throng that port, and also includes work among Chinese and Japanese. They also support about a score of native evangelists in Foochow, Tai-yuen, Hunan, and one in Jerusalem.

The first portion of the year was spent by them in a long and laborious journey taken at the call of the Board, as special Com-

missioners for the purpose of settling our claim for indemnity from the Chinese authorities in Shansi. They took this difficult journey in the dead of winter, and accomplished their delicate trust with much wisdom, fidelity and success. They were everywhere treated with the greatest courtesy by the Chinese officials, and all the expenses of their journey were met on a liberal scale, including an ample escort and generous entertainment. They revisited the scenes of suffering and death throughout the whole Swedish Mission field, and were met by the little remnant of native converts in every place with welcome and rejoicing. Cemeteries were enclosed, and monuments erected by the Chinese authorities in memory of the martyred missionaries, and funeral services celebrated in every instance, with such public distinction as to leave a lasting impression on the minds of the people of the respect which the authorities demanded for all future missionary work and workers. They received from the Administrator a settlement of the indemnity as already stated. They brought back with them the children of the Swedish Orphanage, as the nucleus of a new Orphanage work in Central China.

The Chinese Taotai, His Excellency, Shen-tun-Ho, who had charge of these important negotiations for the Chinese Government, manifested in this entire transaction the utmost courtesy, ability and fairness, and the Board esteemed it a privilege to send to him a beautiful medal in appreciation of his spirit and conduct, which he was pleased to accept in a characteristic letter, expressing the most liberal sentiments in relation to Christian mission and the progress of his country. The happy settlement of this delicate question was not the least of the blessings of the year.

Since their return from this undertaking Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry have devoted themselves to their work in Shanghai and other places. During the summer they visited the naval station of Wei-hai-Wei, where a large British fleet, known as the "Coronation Fleet," was held for several months in waiting. A continual revival service was held among the sailors and many were led to Christ. Later they visited the Mission stations in the Province of

Hunan, and at the close of a most interesting tour, they handed over the work of their native evangelists there, in a fine spirit, to our Central China Mission.

Their interesting report records 75 conversions and 75 baptisms during the year, and the receipt of \$2,650 from various sources for the mission work. They have just removed to new headquarters in Shanghai, and are looking forward to a further advance movement in that city.

We are glad to be able to report that Dr. Robert Glover, at present in this country on furlough, has been called by the unanimous voice of our Central China Mission, to undertake the oversight of the work in Central China, and the call has been heartily approved by the Board, with the hope that from that important center he may be able to render valuable service to the entire work of the Alliance throughout China.

Our entire missionary force in China now consists of 46 American missionaries, and 65 native assistants. There are, including Shanghai, 17 stations, about 300 communicants, and 150 inquirers, and during the year there have been about 100 baptisms. Much of the work up to the present time has been foundation work, and the harvest has only just begun, but the outlook is full of hope and the opportunity a most pressing one.

To quote from one of our missionaries in China, "With central stations opened, the various departments of work organized and a band of about 60 missionaries, mature, loyal, united and reinforced by an equal number of promising native helpers, there are the best of reasons to expect visible results from this time forward many times greater than those of the past. God has made the immediate present to be a time of unprecedented opportunity for missions in China. If ever a dark storm cloud had a silver lining that of the Boxer uprising had. It has brought mission work into greater prominence and larger favor than ever before, by revealing the corruption of Chinese Government, and the hollowness of her superstitions. It has produced widespread discontent with the old order of things, and openness of mind toward

Western thought and religion. The happy results are being felt by the missionaries everywhere, in the changed attitude of officials and people, in the increasing numbers of inquiries and the multiplied open doors for the Gospel on every hand. Items of thrilling interest and encouragement along these lines come from our workers by every mail, coupled with touching appeals for reinforcements in men and means so urgently needed to take full advantage of the present golden opportunities." He adds: "We ought to have ten new missionaries for each of our Chinese fields, and means to send them out at once."

### **Japan**

Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom have returned to their work in Japan. They were accompanied by two new missionaries, the Misses Heath and Ague. Their headquarters are in Hiroshima, a large commercial city on the inland sea, with stations on the mainland at Joge, Myoshi and Shobara. Since their arrival they report an excellent condition in the native church, but the removal by death of one of the leading members, a prominent judge, and the removal of another to a distant place. There have been a number of accessions, and the last year in Japan has been one of revival. Mr. Lindstrom is preparing with augmented forces and increased resources, to push out in an aggressive campaign, into a number of large cities yet unoccupied in Western Japan. Miss Barns writes from her new station in Atsuta, reporting already a native Christian community of about 15 and 4 baptisms during the present year. She is hopeful and expectant of deeper interest.

### **Anam**

The work in Anam, or rather Tonquin, is beginning. Mr. and Mrs. Dyan are as yet with our missionaries in South China, but are learning the language of their new field. Mr. Dyan has already made one visit to Tonquin and is obtaining a native teacher from that province, involving somewhat increased expense, but the only available way of securing a reliable knowledge of the language.

### **Africa**

The finger of divine Providence continues to point to Africa as the object of most profound interest to the heart of God and supreme importance, in connection with the missionary work of His people. The important events which have been transpiring during the past five years in South, Central and West Africa are preparations for the Gospel on a gigantic scale. The Alliance missions are located in two of the most important and neglected districts of Africa.

### **The Congo.**

The Congo Mission occupies a considerable portion of that great territory which God isolated many years ago from the control of barbarism, and placed under a civilized government. In this great region with perhaps forty millions of people, there are eight missionary societies employing 190 foreign missionaries and 275 native evangelists, with about 327 teachers, making a total of 750 workers. Altogether in the Congo Free State there are now 7,000 communicants in the various mission churches, being about 1 to every 6,000 persons. The Alliance has twenty-three missionaries at present in this field, of whom four are now home on furlough, and about as many native assistants. There are five central stations, namely: Boma, Vungu, Kinkonzi, Maduda and Lolo. The last named is a new station which has been opened during the year. There are good buildings at each of the stations, excepting Lolo, where a new missionary home is being erected now. There are five outstations, namely: N'gangila, Yema, H'gombe, Kikianda and Kimbenza.

Fifty-seven baptisms are reported. Four missionaries have been sent to the field this year, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Hall, and Mr. Allen. At least half a dozen more are still needed. One of the greatest necessities is a missionary training school for native workers, but the force of laborers at present available is not sufficient for this extra work.

A peculiar cause for thanksgiving is the fact that there has been only one death among the missionaries on the Congo during the past four years, and this one was not strictly due to the climate, but would have occurred in all probability in any other place.

Among the many encouraging incidents of the work on the Congo, the following extract from a recent letter speaks for itself: "The little flock at Dyema is a missionary band visiting the nearby villages regularly, and believers are being added to them continually, so that the meeting house is now too small. They are to build a larger chapel during the dry season and lately made an offering for that purpose of 221 francs, of hard-earned money. This is more than one-third of the whole amount needed, and they have faith to believe that God will supply the balance in some way. One young man gave 53 francs out of his entire wages of 60 francs a year. That is \$10.60 out of an annual income of \$12.00. No wonder God is adding to this little flock!

### **The Soudan**

The Soudan Mission occupies a strategic point of great importance. During the past five years God has been rolling back the tides of Mohammedan aggression from North Africa; the victories of the British arms over the Mahdi and his successor in the Eastern Soudan have been lately followed by equally important successes over the powerful chiefs of the vast country north of Lake Tchad and east of the Niger. The two principal cities of the Haussa country, Kano and Sokoto, are not in possession of the British forces, and the whole country adjacent to the Niger Valley, with a population of perhaps ten millions, will be opened up in due time. Our Soudan Mission, while not in this territory, is near its borders and has always been regarded simply as a line of communication for a larger future advance movement. The difficulty of the severity of the climate has been the greatest obstacle to this work, but God has been pleased, during the past year, to guard the lives of the missionaries from the severe losses,

which we were obliged to report a year ago. The work has been steadily maintained at the four stations of Magbele, Ro-Bethel, Makomp and Tibabadugu. During the year Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Seiple returned home, but Mr. Smith has gone back to the field with Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. Schroeder, as a small reinforcement. There have been 9 baptisms during the year, and the native church numbers seventeen.

### **The Philippines**

Mr. McKee has succeeded in reaching his new field on the Island of Mindanao. Mr. Marshall, who accompanied him, was obliged to return soon after landing, but Mr. McKee has persevered in his difficult task, and having been recently joined by a volunteer worker on the field, he is now hopefully establishing his work among the Moro people, and his latest letter speaks encouragingly of the prospects, and urgently calls for one additional missionary. The Board is hopeful of being able to meet his request soon. Miss Mullen, formerly of the Soudan, has under consideration a special call to the Philippines field, and will probably go during the year, at least with a view to exploring the field, and should the way clearly open, to remain.

### **Porto Rico**

During the year the work has been firmly established in the Island of Porto Rico. Six new missionaries have been added to the little force on that island at the commencement of the year, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Droste, Messrs. Hester and Parker, and Miss Alice Wood, formerly of Venezuela. Three flourishing stations are now well established at Barcelonita, Manati and Palmas Altas. There is a deep spiritual movement in both stations, and 89 have been added to the little flock by baptism, while over 184 conversions are reported, and 68 candidates are waiting for baptism.

### **Jamaica**

Mr. and Mrs. McKillop, of Devon, have been home on fur-

lough during the year and recently returned. They report continued progress and considerable additions to the native church under their care. There are 202 communicants, 12 baptisms, and 6 native helpers. Mr. McKillop's work, which was formerly supported entirely by friends in Canada, is now in part supported by the Board and is brought into still closer touch with the Society. A spirit of revival has been manifest on the island during the past winter, especially in connection with the visitation of Messrs. Myer and McCartney, of England, who have just closed a Mission there. The moral condition of the people is very bad, and the uplifting of the native Christian to the Bible standard of purity and righteousness is slow.

### **San Domingo**

Mr. Goodin, of San Domingo, reports fair progress in his work with some additions to the church and the contribution of \$135 by the native Christians, which is always an indication of interest and spiritual progress.

### **Venezuela**

Our work in Caracas has been naturally affected by the late blockade of Caracas and the Venezuelan ports, but the mission was protected by God's providence during the strain and Mr. Bailey reports considerable interest and progress. There is a native community in Caracas of about 20 persons and a hopeful station about thirty miles south. The mission has recently lost by death Mr. J. Deming, and the highest testimony is borne by the missionaries to his Christian character and the blessed influence exercised by him, even during his last illness, so that a new mission station will probably be the result of his dying testimony.

### **Argentine**

Mr. Smart reports the completion of an excellent chapel at La Plata at a cost of \$4,500 advanced by private friends for this purpose. The work of the year shows an addition of 2 by baptism and 6 conversions, with 10 candidates for baptism, and 40

children. Mr. Buchanan has about a score of native Christians under his care in Azul. Mr. Logan has removed from Olivaria to a new station at Gualeguaychi, where he reports 10 inquirers, 23 children in Sunday school, and a hopeful outlook. Miss Hamilton has been absent from the field in Great Britain on furlough and is now returning.

Mr. Smart adds: I consider the past year the best in the history of the Mission. Although the number of converts is small, the erection of the church building and dwelling has brought the work prominently before the public, and, with God's blessing, will enable us to do much more effective work. The opening of the new station in Gualeguaychi is also an important step forward. Our monthly paper, "*El Testigo*," has been considerably enlarged during the year; and for some time past open air meetings have been held in La Plata, at which many hear the Gospel who would not otherwise be reached. A spirit of unity, hopefulness and thankfulness reigns among the workers; and we are looking forward to a better year and *greater things* for God's glory.

### Chili

Mr. Dawson has returned during the year and is at present in this country. Mr. Weiss reports from Valdivia the following statistics of the year's work: Nine missionaries, of whom one (Mr. Dawson), is at present home on furlough; two, Messrs. Berg and Diener, have been accepted on the field; and two, Misses Aeby and Klahr, have gone out from America during the year. Last year, 325 communicants were reported. During the year 49 have been added by baptism. Much itinerant and evangelistic work has been done. Mr. Weiss has erected, from private means, an excellent home, which he is kindly using at the service of the Mission. The Chili work is on a solid foundation and has a bright outlook.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox and Mr. and Mrs. Polk, of Ecuador, have been retired from the work of the Alliance, and this field has been left to another American Society which at present is

carrying on some work within the Republic. Mr. W.A. Cook, of Brazil, has also ceased his official relations with the Society.

### **Conclusion**

First let us sum up the special blessings of the year for which we give thanks:

(1) For the receipts of our treasury during the past year, aggregating \$212,643.43, besides much more unreported and spent in the Home Field.

(2) For the blessing which has rested upon the Alliance work in the Home Field, in the spirit of unity, faith, zealous aggressive work, belief in prayer and marked liberality and self-sacrifice in contributions to our missionary work. In almost every instance our workers report a marked increase in the missionary pledges of the various conventions, that have been held during the past winter. The possibilities of our home work seem only to be limited by the number of true workers available.

(3) For the blessing which has rested upon the Missionary Institute in the large number of students and candidates for the missionary field, and in the greatly increased financial receipts, placing the work at length substantially on a self-sustaining basis.

(4) For the hundreds and even thousands of converts reported in connection with our branches, and conventions, and the many Rescue Missions, directly or indirectly connected with the Alliance. More and more the prime aim of all our workers and meetings, is becoming the immediate salvation of souls.

(5) For definite results in the entire consecration and marked healing of great numbers of people, in connection with the various conventions and in the Homes devoted to special work for these objects. Every worker and every meeting is becoming more and more definite in its true object, in leading inquirers to immediate decision and personal blessing.

(6) For the increasing spirit of kindness between our workers and the various religious denominations. While there is still in many cases, lack of sympathy and even direct opposition to

the testimony of our Alliance, there is a real movement toward a better understanding, as shown in the fact that in so many instances, churches have been opened for our conventions and our official workers invited to hold services in connection with the most conservative religious bodies.

(7) The beautiful work carried on among the children and young people in the Home Field, and the result of that work in the contribution of about \$5,000 for the less favored children of heathen lands.

(8) For the exemption of so many of our missionaries on the foreign field, from death, only four having been called from our ranks during the past year, the smallest number in the history of the work.

(9) The addition to our mission churches of nearly 800 baptized converts during the past year, an increase of nearly 40 per cent., and the very large numbers of inquirers and candidates for baptism reported in addition.

(10) For the fifty-eight missionaries that we have been able to send to the various fields during the past year; thirty-six of them being new missionaries, and for the twenty-nine missionaries that we have been able to bring home from the fields on furlough.

(11) For the settlement of the indemnity claim by the Chinese Government, and the courteous and fair spirit in which the negotiations were carried out, and for the blessed influence that the whole matter is fitted to exert upon our future relations with China.

(12) For the increasing number of our native workers in foreign fields, now numbering 156, and so essential to the pushing of our aggressive work in every foreign field.

(13) For the increase of Training Schools in the foreign field, and the prospect of the establishment in all our fields of such Institutes for the preparation of these much needed workers.

(14) For the new homes that have been added on the foreign fields, including the large Receiving Home in South China; the purchase of a new building in Wuchang, Central China; the leas-

ing of a new Mission for Mr. Woodberry's Mission in Shanghai; the building of a chapel for Mr. Smart's work in Argentine; the completion of Mr. Weiss' home in Chili; the prospect of our missionaries in Bombay securing a commodious and most valuable home for our work in India; the building of a new mission home at Lolo on the Congo; the finishing of a mission home at Tibabadugu at Soudan, and the erection of other mission buildings in India.

(15) For the return to our work of a number of most valued former missionaries who had left us for a time, including Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Birrell and others.

(16) For the blessed work among the children of India in connection with the 1,218 orphans in our four orphanages, and the increase of our missionary children to about 5,000 during the past year.

(17) For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon many of the stations and marked revivals and ingatherings, especially in Porto Rico, in Japan, and in several of the orphanages and stations of India.

(18) For the reopening of our work in Western China, and on the borders of Tibet, and the beginning of our new mission in Anam and the Philippine Islands.

(19) For the open door in Africa, India, South America, Japan, Porto Rico and especially in China, where God has overruled the recent troubles for the removing of ancient barriers and the opening of wider opportunities than ever before.

(20) For the aid which has been rendered to our home work, and the cause of missions by the presence among us and the manifold labors and effective messages of the beloved missionaries from the foreign fields, who have been with us during the past year.

(21) For the Blessed Hope and the increasing signs of the near Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose promised return and glorious reign constitute the supreme incentive of our missionary work.

Next let us look at some of the causes that call for deep humiliation and much prayer:

(1) The growth of selfishness, luxury and indifference to the claims of a perishing world on the part of so many Christians, and the proportionately small offerings of the children of God for this, the greatest work of the Church, even at a time when God is richly prospering our missions and multiplying our pecuniary resources.

(2) The open doors on the foreign fields, which are calling so loudly for workers, while the missionary army is unable to meet their cry.

(3) The great need of more men and women on all our missionary fields, not only to equip the present stations and release the worn workers for a season of rest, but especially to make an advance movement into the new territory that God has opened up. How sad the incident reported from India of 90 converts in one of our stations under the charge of a Christian lady, and the workers so busy that there was no man that could find time to go and baptize them!

(4) The number of stations on the foreign field, where notwithstanding the large ingathering of the year, there have been no baptisms and no conversions. There were at least 20 stations where none were added to the church, and 12 where there are no candidates for baptism, and yet many of these stations have been opened for several years. Is this not a call for prayer to the home constituency?

(5) The vast territory in the home field that is not yet occupied and cultivated by our Alliance workers. More than 25 States and more than 100 great cities are reported as still without any Alliance officials or workers, and each of these might be a center of spiritual power and missionary support.

(6) The great need of special funds available for the sending forth and supporting of workers in the home field as a basis for our greater work in the regions beyond.

Finally some urgent and immediate recommendations.

(1) A concert of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the stations where there have been no recent conversions, and the conversion of souls in all our hitherto fruitless fields.

(2) A concerted effort for the sending out of at least 50 new missionaries during the ensuing year, to supply existing stations and carry forward the banner of Christ to new openings.

(3) The providing of increased means to send forth and sustain home workers in all the unoccupied fields of the United States, Canada, Great Britain and other countries, where little bands of our Alliance people have been gathered already as a nucleus for larger work, and the setting before us, as a definite purpose, the planting of the Alliance work in all the great centers of population, and repeating in hundreds of places now unoccupied, the great blessing which God has already given.

(4) The establishment of a home school on a permanent basis and with a definite purpose for the training of workers for the Home Field.

(5) The employment of our missionary candidates for a time as workers in the home fields, for their own training and for the needs of the home work.

(6) Special provision and preparation for an evangelistic campaign in St. Louis during the coming Exposition, and for a large Convention there for Deeper Truth and Life.

(7) For larger faith, and more earnest endeavor, as we enter upon another year, to rise above all past ideals and achievements, and meet, as never before, God's highest thought and our own solemn responsibilities and glorious opportunities.

**Report of the Treasurer  
of the Christian and  
Missionary Alliance**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1903***  
**Section I. Money Received and Disbursed  
Directly by the Treasurer**

Bal. reported	India Missions	
last Annual	Allowances	\$ 15,324.03
Meeting	Rents	2,400.00
\$ 1,404.87	General	
Receipts for the	expenses	634.44
Year by the	Transportation	5,601.51
Treasurer	Orphans	<u>9,813.18</u>
<u>135,104.51</u>		\$33,833.16
\$136,509.38	Central China Mission	
	Allowance	\$ 2,601.95
	Rent	1,725.00
	General Expenses	387.62
	Transportation	<u>4,545.85</u>
		\$9,260.42
	Western China And Thibetan Missions	
	Allowance	\$1,778.95
	Rent	180.00
	General Expenses	332.00
	Transportation	<u>4,545.85</u>
		9,260.42
	Shanghai Mission	
	Allowance	\$ 896.63
	Rent	320.90
	General Expenses	<u>80.00</u>
		\$1,297.53
	South China Mission	
	Allowance	\$6,203.57
	Rent	2,025.00
	General Expenses	1,223.00
	Transportation	<u>400.00</u>
		\$9,941.57
	Japan Missions	
	Allowance	\$1,755.47
	Rent	700.00
	Transportation	<u>171.10</u>
		\$2,686.57
	Philippine Islands	
	Mission Allowance	<u>\$262.50</u>
		\$262.50

Africa, Congo	
Mission Allowance	\$4,639.20
Stations	870.84
General Expenses	3,464.16
Transportation	<u>1,358.00</u>
	\$9,332.20

Africa, Soudan Mission	
Allowance	\$3,365.51
General Expense	927.00
Transportation	<u>2,004.70</u>
	\$6,297.21

Palestine Missions	
Allowance	\$2,365.30
Rent	348.00
General Expense	320.75
Transportation	220.00
Outfit	<u>75.00</u>
	\$3,329.05

South America, Argentine Republic Missions	
Allowances	\$2,808.20
Rent	794.00
General Expense	<u>85.00</u>
	\$3,687.20

South America, Chili Missions	
Allowances	\$1,288.00
Rent	300.00
Transportation	<u>260.70</u>
	\$1,848.70

South America, Venezuela and Puerto Rico Mission	
Allowance	\$2,820.59
Rent	580.00
General Expense	916.22
Transportation	342.00
Outfit	<u>235.00</u>
	\$4,893.81

West Indies, Jamaica and San Domingo Missions	
Allowances	<u>\$448.53</u>
	\$448.53
Missionaries at Home	
Allowance	\$9,138.35
General Expenses	635.63
Transportation	<u>445.15</u>
	\$10,219.13

Home Missionaries	
Allowance	\$5,487.15
General Expenses	256.00
Transportation	
	<u>217.50</u>
	\$5,960.65
Institute	
Lecture Fund	\$1,162.00
General Expense	<u>1,134.40</u>
	\$2,296.40
Taxes, Interest And Insurance C.and M.A.	
Property	\$1,134.89
Orphanage Property	1,265.39
Institute Property	<u>600.00</u>
	\$3,000.28
Organization Department	<u>\$383.83</u>
	\$383.83
Convention	
Expenses -	
Transportation and general expenses of	
Missionaries and workers to and from	
Conventions, etc.	<u>\$1,953.63</u>
	\$1,953.63
Periodical Account -	
Periodicals sent to	
Missionaries on Field	<u>\$484.00</u>
	\$484.00
Annuities on moneys given for missions	
	<u>\$6,878.46</u>
	\$6,878.46
General Expenses -	
Including rents, Annual Reports, cards,	
booklets, etc.	<u>\$3,136.23</u>
	\$3,136.23
Refund Act -	
Payments of loans, etc.	<u>\$8,961.17</u>
	\$8,961.17
Relatives of Missionaries -	
Allowances, etc.	<u>\$1,152.05</u>
	\$1,152.05

Orphanage -		
General Expenses		<u>\$564.83</u>
		\$564.83
	Office Expenses	<u>\$937.33</u>
		\$937.33
	Balance in bank	<u>\$722.54</u>
		\$722.54
\$136,509.38		\$136,509.38

David Crear, *Treasurer*.  
Henry D. Winant, *Auditor*.

**Section II. Money Received and  
Disbursed by Special Departments  
and Workers on the Field**

Received from students and others at Missionary Institute \$18,961.17	Disbursements by Manager Missionary Institute, Nyack \$18,961.17
Contributions by native Christians on foreign field \$ 1,710.00	Expended on the field \$ 1,710.00
Special contributions sent to field for famine, orphan work, building, etc. \$34,178.00	Disbursed by various missionaries on the Field \$34,178.00
For missionaries specially supported \$ 2,400.00	Amount expended by missionaries self-supported or specially supported \$ 2,400.00
Received from independent sources for outfits, transportation, etc. of missionaries \$ 2,050.00	Disbursed by missionaries for transportation, outfits, etc. \$ 2,050.00
Monies collected at missionary and summer conventions, specially for expenses \$ 5,000.00	Paid for board and traveling expenses of convention speakers \$ 5,000.00
Contributions to Eighth Avenue Mission \$ 2,157.27	Accounts paid by Rescue Mission \$ 2,157.27
Receipts of Alliance Missionary Home, 690 Eighth Avenue, New York \$ 3,536.99	Disbursed by Manager of Missionary Home \$ 3,536.99
Portion of indemnity fund left in China \$ 7,560.00	Portion of indemnity fund disbursed in China \$ 7,560.00
\$77,553.43	\$77,553.43
\$214,062.81	\$214,062.81

### **Section III. Report of the Auditor**

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and of the Business Manager of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1903, and find them correct and agreeing with the Annual Statement published above.

Henry D. Winant, *Auditor*.

## FRATERNAL LETTER

The following letter has been issued by the late Council of the Board of Managers to our Alliance people throughout the world: -

From the President, Board of Managers and the members of the Advisory Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, in conference at Nyack, N.Y., April 28 to May 1, 1903.

To the officers, missionaries, members and friends of the Alliance throughout the world:

Grace be with you, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. Having, as your representatives, held sweet council and communion together for these days, our affection now goes out to you all in peculiar longing, as we report to you the substance of proceedings of this sixth Annual Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

We have never had a happier gathering or under happier auspices. The Institute is an ideal place of meeting, and the Commencement season is the ideal time. It has brought the blessed life and work if the Institute more directly to the view of many officers and workers, and it has given many students the best possible bird's-eye view of our entire work. The sessions have been open to all, and the attendance of students has been a marked and inspiring feature of our convocation. About the usual attendance of members of the Board, official workers in the homeland, and missionaries from heathen lands, seventy-five in all, constituted the executive portion of the Council.

The tone of the meetings has been one of profound prayerfulness and most delicate harmony. The first day led up to a closing expression of united abandonment to God and to a half-night of prayer on the part of many.

The keynote of the Council this year was the deepening, strengthening and extending of the home work. Not as a change of front with reference to world-wide missions, but as the true and permanent basis and spring thereof. The going to the ends of the earth must be but the result of tarrying at our Jerusalem for the endowment with the very heart and fullness of Christ. The sustaining and multiplying of true missions abroad find their base of supply at home. That base, we have deeply felt, needs to be strengthened and widened. Hence, the chief characteristic of this Council was that of prayerful, exhaustive consideration of how to accomplish this duty and this end.

In looking out on the homeland we see that our testimony has been given and established in but limited areas, and wide extension is needful. But this means great increase of laborers, and that of a true kind. The creation of the home field of laborers was our main problem. This brought the Institute into great prominence as the chief agency for the preparation of large numbers of home workers as well as foreign missionaries. You will find in the Annual Report most important matter pertaining to the Institute, how to feed it, how to conduct it, how to utilize it to the ends desired. Great gratification is felt for the past most successful year in the Institute, the attendance having been very large, the training greatly increased in efficiency, and the financial status having reached the point of almost entire self-support.

Logically connected with the foregoing was a greatly awakened interest in work for the children and young people, and advanced plans were adopted for efficient effort and great width in these departments.

Deep interest was felt in the matter of Alliance literature, and it was specially gratifying to hear that the Alliance paper is to be enlarged right away. Its wide circulation is an invaluable agency of sustaining and strengthening and extending the work everywhere.

Very strong ground was held on the matter of divine heal-

ing, which seems to be one of our peculiar trusts as well as tests. Much praise to God was called forth by many recitals of signal victories of deliverance. We feel that our motto of extension should be: "They went through the towns, preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere."

We were blessed with the presence of a goodly number of returned missionaries. They brought to us most cheering reports and stirring appeals, besides lending a most important and efficient help in business counsel.

The President's Annual Report will show you that the foreign work in our hands is in an exceedingly encouraging condition in many respects, and especially so in certain fields. Especially gratifying is the state of harmony in the missions and in their relations with the Board. Death has robbed us of few missionary lives the last year, only four, and yet we would not have felt that Mrs. Hattie Mallory Fuller, Mrs. Lida Allen Phelps, Mrs. Isaac Hess and Mr. Charles Deming could be spared.

The past year has been signalized by the return of many missionaries from furlough, twenty-two in all, and by the outgoing of the unusually large number of thirty-six new missionaries. Let us all remember that this means increased demand upon our faith and prayers, and upon the material resources of the home constituency.

There is a marked development of the foreign work in the aspects, not only of conversions, but of the increase of native helpers and the founding of Bible schools and the training of a native ministry, as well as of homes for the central mission uses. The time seemed ripe for sending out a council-letter of a pastoral nature, expressly to our brethren that have been gathered into fellowship with us in promoting the Gospel in all the world.

The financial statement exhibits a large actual increase in the total receipts. While rejoicing over the happy settlement of our indemnity claims against the Chinese Government, so ably effected by Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry, through which our treasury receipts were augmented largely, yet we feel admonished in the matter

of giving, in that without this sum the receipts would have shown no advance. There is need, because of the increasing of our missionary forces and otherwise, for prayer and wise effort, that under God a distinct, signal and permanent rise in the tide of funds for this great work may be witnessed.

Indeed, while this last session of the Council has been so characterized by prayer, the call to prayer, prayer, prayer, has been loudly heard in connection with every aspect of our manifold work as it has been represented. We must be a praying people, a believing people, a people of intimate fellowship with God. This is our privilege and calling, this is our only strength and success. So let the coming year be one of frequenting the closet and of going forth to open reward in the works of our hands, remembering that the time is short, our trust is holy, and soon the Master will gather our fruit and give us His reward at His glorious appearing.

Signed in behalf of the Council,  
William C. Stevens,  
Chairman of Committee on  
Fraternal Letter.

## REPORT OF ANNUAL COUNCIL AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance met at the Missionary Institute, Nyack, New York, on Tuesday, April 28, at 9 a.m., and was duly constituted after an hour of opening prayer. Rev. A.B. Simpson presided. Rev. A.B. Simpson was appointed chairman; Rev. Henry Wilson, D.D., vice chairman, and Dr. Glover and Rev. J.E. Williams, secretaries. Standing committees were appointed to report on all departments of the work, and their reports are published in this volume. Tuesday was devoted to the consideration of the Home Work, Wednesday to Foreign Missions, and Thursday to reports from special departments, including the Institute, Divine Healing, Literature, Children's and Young People's Work, and various other departments.

Delegates present:

Rev. A.B. Simpson	Rev. J.H. Boone
Mrs. A.B. Simpson	Rev. C.W. DeVol
Rev. Henry Wilson, D.D.	Rev. L. McClain
Rev. F.H. Senft	Mr. A.D. Jackson
Rev. G.N. Eldridge	Mr. C. Chrisman
Rev. E.D. Whiteside	Rev. Jas. Leishman
Rev. W.C. Stevens	Rev. Wm. Mount
Rev. Chas. Young	Mrs. Mitchel
Rev. J.D. Williams	Miss Minnie Draper
Miss Elizabeth Williams	Rev. A Howden
Mr. H.D. Winant	Rev. C.D. Sawtelle
Rev. J.E. Jaderquist	Rev. Ira David
Mrs. J.E. Jaderquist	Mr. Prentice
Rev. Richard Forrest	Mrs. Prentice
Mrs. R. Forrest	Rev. G.P. Pardington
Rev. O.E. Burgess	Mrs. G.P. Pardington
Rev. B.A. Coleman	Mr. E.H. Flint

Mr. J.D. Tracy	Mr. Ira Johnson
Mr. W.L. King	Rev. W.H. Daniles
Rev. C.N. Kinney	Mr. H. Engelman
Miss Hattie LeNeve	Rev. Milton Bales
Rev. C. Eicher	Mr. David Crear
Rev. J.C. Crawford	Miss E.M. Brickenstein
Rev. G.B.M. Clouser	Rev. H. Nichols
Mrs. E.J. McDonald	Mrs. H. Nichols
Miss Margaret Simpson	Dr. R.H. Glover
Miss S. Lindenberger	Mrs. R.H. Glover
Mrs. A.A. Kirk	Rev. M.B. Birrel
Mr. L.K. Brubaker	Mr. Ramsey
Mrs. A.E. Funk	Mrs. Ramsey
Miss Fannie L. Hess	Mrs. C. Erickson
Mr. Stumpf	Rev. C. Erickson
Rev. G.V. Brown	Mrs. I. Woodward
Rev. Jno. Salman	Miss M. Meinder
Miss Coles	Miss Marian Coles
Miss Ella Everett	Rev. Martin Landis
Mr. Neil	Mrs. Martin Landis

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Firday afternoon in the Gospel Tabernacle, New York. After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, the treasurer read the Annual Report, followed by Mr. H.D. Winant, auditor, who read the report of other funds received for the work through various channels apart from the treasurer. Both were unanimously accepted and adopted. The President's Annual Report was read by Dr. Wilson, and will be found on preceding pages. Various other reports, including the Fraternal Letter, the Pastoral address to our native brethren in the foreign field, the Memorials of departed missionaries, etc., were also presented. Five trustees were re-elected, and all the officers also re-elected. The meeting closed with the adoption of the following resolutions of thanks.

*Resolved*, That we here place on record our devout thankfulness to God for His manifested presence in our midst during the sessions of the Sixth Annual Council now closing;

For the sweet fellowship enjoyed as members of the Body of Christ.  
For the marked spirit of unity pervading all the

deliberations of such vital importance to the work; for the very cordial consideration and hospitality received at the hands of our kind friends composing the Missionary Institute staff; for the benefits accruing to both the students of the Institute and also the workers by reason of the present arrangement of holding the Council in connection with the closing of the Institute term; and, above all, for the evident presence and power of the Holy Spirit, giving wisdom and direction, we believe, in every important decision reached, thus rendering the Council most helpful and far reaching in its influence for good to the entire work of the Alliance both at home and abroad.

## PASTORAL LETTER

Our well beloved fellow Christians of the native churches in connection with the various foreign fields throughout the world - preachers, evangelists, teachers, Bible women and other workers of every kind: Grace, mercy and peace be with you, and love be multiplied from the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Ghost.

Dearly Beloved - At this, the Annual Meeting of our Missionary Council and Society, we desire with full hearts to praise our God that we can send this greeting of love to you as our precious brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, one with us in the faith and hope of His blessed Gospel, and living members with us of His Body, His Flesh and of His Bones (Eph. v. 30). We lift up our hearts in praise to God for your steadfastness in the truth of His Gospel, for which some of your number have laid down their lives, and for which all of you have "endured hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ" (II Tim. ii. 3). We most thankfully recognize your zeal and self-sacrifice in supporting and spreading the Gospel of Christ in the face of difficulties, trials and dangers of which we here in the Home Land do not always fully appreciate the magnitude. But knowing as we do the power of our great enemies, the devil, the world and the flesh, to beguile the children of God and lead them away from the simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus, we wish you to feel that you are *on* our hearts and *in* our hearts for continual prayer that you may walk worthy of your high calling in Christ Jesus; that you may be "the sons and daughters of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world," committing your souls and bodies unto Him

who is able to keep you from stumbling and present you faultless before the Presence of His Glory with exceeding joy.

Finally, we would comfort your hearts with the blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and though unknown to you personally, we have a sure and certain hope of seeing you face to face, of joining hands and hearts with you in greeting our Coming King, and with you and thousands more gathered out of every land, kindred and tongue, meet the Lord in the air and be forever with Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen (Rev. i, 5,6).

### OUR HONOR ROLL FOR 1902-3

The list is not long, but the lives it represents are very precious. One from China, two from India and one from South America have been taken from our regular missionary force on the field, with a native worker whose life story is full of pathetic interest. The lands from which these beloved workers went home to be with God represent more than seven hundred and seventy millions of souls, or about one half the human race, and if in the courts of heaven the faithful messenger from earth is honored according to the multitude of souls among whom he or she has labored, then surely our little band of five will have had a royal welcome home from Him who sent them out, watched over every step of the way, knew all the difficulties, and will reward accordingly.

First in our hearts who knew her best, and first on this honor list of holy souls, is Mrs. Isaac Hess of South China. Naturally fragile in body, delicate and refined in spirit, shrinking from publicity, aiming to be only the faithful wife of her large-hearted husband, it was surely not human will but the call of God that brought such a gentlewoman, in the true sense of the word, to forsake the home land, its comforts and her kindred, to stand for Jesus in heathen China, going out to return no more. How faithfully during those seven years she stood in her place, ministering Christ by work and life to all who came within the circle of her sweet influence. Brave and patient in sickness, sorrow, and up to the very gates of death, when those about her passed away; all this and much more is written in His Book who keeps the perfect record of each life, but can only be faintly suggested in a brief statement like this.

A missionary brave and faithful for years, a bride of a few months, stricken with the deadly fever and passing over in victory, dear Mrs. Hattie Mallory Fuller, wife of our beloved superintendent for India, and one of the best types of a true Alliance missionary, has left us during the past year to be with Christ. The aged father in the home land, the husband on the field, the whole body of our Indian mission, with hundreds more both here and there who knew and loved her, are asking God through tears for grace to wait for the day of revelation, when the mystery of such deaths as hers will be made plain and all dark things will grow white in the light of His countenance.

Mrs. Lida Allen Phelps, of India, passed up to God on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 1903. A beautiful example in death as well as in life of "saving others, herself she cannot save." Deadly smallpox, contracted through a kindly act of giving food to the sister of a little child who had the disease, was the gate through which God called her home.

"In what way or by what pain,  
All this is one to me.  
I only ask for such a death  
As most shall honor Thee."

The story of her life as girl, student, missionary and young wife is told in a recent number of our Alliance paper. From it we take just two brief facts as illustrative of the spirit of her life:

"When Mr. and Mrs. Lenth passed, she with her husband took charge of the two little orphan children, and when at last the little ones were taken home to relatives in America, Mrs. Phelps wrote home to her mother, 'How can I give up my two sweet babes?'" Again we are told: "She worked with untiring zeal among the natives, and was looking forward at the time of her illness to a season of helpful and encouraging effort among them, and her only regret seemed to be that she would have to rest a while after her recovery before taking up the work on which her heart was set."

From Venezuela one brave soul has gone to his reward from our little band of South American workers, Mr. Charles Deming. "A consistent Christian, a dear brother, a model mission-

ary," are Mr. Baily's words of him. And this, "Not merely for what he did, but for what he did *not* do, and above all for what he *was*. We wish that the number and kind might be multiplied and the standard sought among those who believe themselves called to fill the ranks."

Imanibai, never known to us in the home land by face, but how dear to God and to those who, like Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, knew the story of her life on the field. One of the six little girls rescued by Mrs. Fuller from the famine of 1878, Imanibai was converted in answer to earnest prayer from loving hearts in America to whom Mrs. Fuller had told the story of her little class of brown-faced girls. Mrs. Fuller, in giving a sketch of her life in the *Indian Alliance*, says in closing: "Her death brings a sense of real personal loss, for she endeared herself to all. For twenty years she was known and loved in our Indian work as one of the brightest and best of all the hundreds of Indian girls whom God has given us, and of her Miss Yoder, in a touching tribute, says: "I have never worked with a more conscientious and faithful child of God. The Hindu teachers in the school testify of her that they never saw any of their women live a life like Imanibai's, so pure, honest, modest and humble, though she occupied a very important position."

We shall surely thank God for these five transplanted flowers of faith, purity, loving work and faithful waiting for Christ, and often hear their voices from the other side calling us to go quickly and take the places they have left, and carry on the work they have laid down.

## HOME WORK

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF FIELD SUPERINTENDENT HENRY WILSON FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 10, 1903**

In presenting a brief report of the work done and the ground covered in my district during the past twelve months, Praise to God! Should be the first words, and the keynote of all both said and done.

Over twenty-two conventions attended; about forty-five all-day meetings, and single meetings too many to mention. Places on the map extending from Georgia on the south to Nova Scotia on the north, and as far west as Grand Rapids, Michigan, and all the most important parts of Canada visited. About 13,400 miles traveled, a great number of sick and troubled people dealt with, speaking on an average while on these journeys and visitations more than twice each day on all the great themes of the Fourfold Gospel, and yet, after all, returning home in perfect health and in fact stronger and fresher for the very doing of the work and fitter than ever for further service. One's heart can only sing a Hallelujah beyond any power of the lips to express, and ask God for further opportunities to use one's powers of mind, soul and body more than ever in this glorious work.

Looking calmly over the past year and the places and people visited, one or two thoughts suggest themselves.

1. This full, rich Fourfold Gospel of the King and the kingdom is surely the Gospel needed by this present age.

Whether the churches and people are "hungry for it" or not, it surely is the deepest need of their being. It covers the whole man, the whole world and the whole time till the Lord returns, and we can only pray God that more and more the souls of men and women, within and without, may see and receive this living Christ whom we preach.

2. The work of the past twelve months deepens a long-settled conviction that it is not the great multitude who are going to accept and be changed by these vital truths; but the "little flocks" - "The Ecciesialae in Ecclesia" - as they have been happily called, who hear the voice of the Shepherd and come into the true fold.

"A people for His name." "Called out" - chosen and sanctified.

3. Our work is to WIN not argue these into the truth of the Fourfold Gospel. Hence, as our daily experience shows, presenting the positive side of the truth, the fulness of Jesus, is our wisdom. Let us leave denunciation both of the world and its sad ways and the churches and their sad condition as much as possible to others, and occupy the precious time given us in getting individuals into direct touch with God and the body of the Lord Jesus by the Holy Spirit. As was said the other day at a conference of clergy in the city of New York: "The *remedy* for the failure of all present Church methods and organizations is, *Restore the personal relationship of the individual soul with God*, and let all secondary matters take their secondary place."

Surely this is the supreme work of the Alliance with its sure consequences: Active, aggressive soul-saving work at home and evangelization of the heathen fields in preparation for our Lord's return.

4. Deeper and fuller consecration to God of every power we have; more intense longing for the fulness of Jesus in soul and body; more waiting on God in prayer as the best preparation for more working for Him; avoiding as a snare the spirit of criticism, and keeping ever close to the first, simple purpose of our organization, consecrating all our spiritual forces on the one great object - the whole Gospel for the whole world quickly before Jesus comes. We shall not fail or be discouraged.

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him (lxvii. 71).

Henry Wilson,  
*Field Supt. C. and M.A.*

## REV. WILBUR F. MEMINGER

President, Officers and Members National Board, Field Workers of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Home and Abroad - Greeting:

Text - Phil. iv. 8: "Whatsoever things are of good report."

As usual in honest retrospect, we have much to regret; much shortsightedness, much of failure - but much more to be profoundly thankful for. We have had much of clouded sky, much of showers of rain, much of real floods of iniquity from the opposing evil powers to darken our vision, dampen our zeal, destroy our harvest. But all this more in the seeming than in the real, for we have had much more of unclouded sky, direct rays of the Son (of Righteousness) and billows of

### LIQUID FLAME

The Holy Spirit breathing in our prayers, burning in our souls, shining in our faces, thrilling in our songs, and bursting in our shouts of rejoicing, leaping high and still higher in doxology -

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
And above the rest this note shall swell,  
*My Jesus hath done* all things well."

"Whatsoever things are of good report." A widespread and deepening interest

### EVANGELISTIC WORK

in nearly every part of the work, from rural branch to the crowded city heart. *Tents*, tents everywhere, and number increasing.

The fear that this sort of effort will detract from work abroad

is without foundation in fact. Those who give largest and pray most for foreign work are most interested in work for neglected at home.

Blessed quietness is good and very good; we cannot succeed without it. But there is danger in an overdose.

I find that one slice of *Blessed Quietness* and two slices of *Holy Activity* are about the right proportion, for "this life that I now live in the flesh" - *perspiration cures doubt as to inspiration*. None of our hard workers have any trouble about inspiration.

#### MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

I am pleased to report that with two or three exceptions, each place I have visited has made a healthy advance, giving an average increase of more than 25 per cent. I had hoped to visit every part of the work this year, and have traveled more than 27,000 miles, but have not been able.

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has been opened up in each district, and more is ready and waiting to be opened up in each district. The district superintendents will doubtless report on this subject in detail.

#### THE WORK GENERALLY

Notwithstanding the usual and unusual pressure of our adversary it is moving with a steadier tread than ever.

The Alliance or Alliance truth is immortal; sometimes cut off level with the ground it almost disappears, but a shower of Holy Ghost rain and we see plainly that the root was still there, and in a few months of powerful cultivation we have bloom, blossom and fruitage to the glory of Him who wore the crown of thorns - our Saviour, our Sanctifier, our coming King.

WILBUR F. MEMINGER

340 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, Ill.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE HOME FIELD**

We render humble and grateful praise to our gracious Father for the signal blessing that has attended the Home work during the past year. It has been one of steady and healthy growth, spreading around new centers that have been planted as well as strengthening the old branches. The missionary spirit has been unabated, and the offerings in many of the branches have been greatly in excess of last year. It is also worthy of note that the work of soul-saving along with the teaching of the deeper truths has had an important place in our work, and much fruit has been gathered through the various agencies. Among these might be noted tent meetings and special evangelistic services, held in connection with the regular meetings. Many other encouraging words might be said concerning the work of the past year, but these will be included in the reports of the President and our Field and District Superintendents.

1. We recognize, as always, the Fourfold Gospel as the essential need of this age. It is the whole Gospel - for the whole man, for the whole, world, the whole time, till Jesus comes.

2. Our presentation of this Gospel should not be negative, but positive. The ideal Alliance worker is one thoroughly imbued with the truth that the positive doctrine of Christ in its fulness is all-sufficient for effectual ministry. All of our teaching and testimony ought to be in sweetness and simplicity and free from the denunciation of the churches.

3. Not only should the flock of God be fed and nourished, but an earnest, prayerful and aggressive effort should also be made for the salvation of souls.

4. Recognizing now, more fully than ever, that the home field is the seed bed for the foreign, and that some among our best foreign missionaries have been first efficient home workers, we are convinced that in many cases a thorough training in our Institute and a period of practical service at home is the best preparation for work on the foreign field.

5. We earnestly appeal to our people to look to God to raise up and equip a body of workers, in addition to the present force, for the home field.

When it is remembered what a vast territory is not yet occupied and cultivated by our Alliance workers, this need of home workers is seen to be indeed a great one. There are more than twenty-five States and

over 100 large cities without any Alliance workers, and each of these might be a center of spiritual life and missionary support.

6. We recommend that a home worker's course of three terms of six weeks each begin at the Institute at the opening of the October term, and that the matter be brought prominently before our Branches and Conventions everywhere.

7. In order that this extension of the home work be properly carried out, a special fund, which would not draw from the money given for the foreign work, is urgently needed, so that our young workers may be started in new fields and needy places. To emphasize the need of prayer for this object, we quote the following editorial from a recent number of the *Christian and Missionary Alliance* weekly.

"The greatest present need of our Alliance work is a body of home workers, and a fund to send them forth and sustain them for a short time until they are able to establish self-supporting branches. Two illustrations will show the value of these home enterprises.

"About three years ago a young man from our Home School began work in a manufacturing town of about 20,000 inhabitants. There was a mere handful of Alliance people. Pressing on with faith and love, today he and his family are supported by the Branch, five local missions are maintained attended by several hundred people and with constant conversions, and last year more than \$2,000 was pledged for foreign missions.

"In a western city a few years ago a minister and his wife at the leading of the Lord gave up their position of honor and ample support in a large denomination and commenced a local Alliance work, where for years a few scattered friends had vainly struggled to keep the work alive. Today that city is the center of a wide and deep spiritual movement under the leadership of this servant of Christ, and last year more than \$6,000 was pledged for missions, and a number of our best students and missionaries have already come from that work."

We therefore recommend that a pledge card for this special Home Fund be presented at the summer conventions, remembering that every dollar thus used at the home end will prove to be a splendid investment for the foreign field.

8. Because of the inspiration given both student and worker we recommend that no change be made in the place of meeting of the Annual Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and that it continue to be held in connection with the Commencement each year at the Institute, Nyack, N.Y.

9. We deem it advisable to have District meetings for prayer and conference of the workers in such places as will not conflict with the Annual Council and Conventions.

10. To supply this large and increasing need for the home work let us give constant heed to our Lord's words, "The harvest is truly great but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

F.H. Senft,  
Henry Wilson,  
G.N. Eldridge,  
J.C. Crawford,  
Richard Forest,  
A.D. Jackson,  
Ira David,  
John Salmon,  
Geo. A. Neale.

## **REPORT FROM THE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE**

It is with increased gratitude and praise to God that the faculty and workers of the Institute offer you their report this year.

The year of school-work opened on Tuesday, October 14, 1902, and has been in continuous session, excepting one week's recess over Christmas. Mr. Simpson happily characterized this last Commencement, the twenty-first in the Institute's history, as the graduation of the Institute, its arrival at its majority and entrance upon its career of mature usefulness.

### **Members**

The entire enrollment has been thus far 182 - ladies, 107; gentlemen, 75. This is but six less than last year, while the attendance of gentlemen is slightly larger than last year. The average attendance through the year has been larger than last year. The number leaving at this period of the year is greater, so that we have not the prospect of as full attendance next term as last year. Still, it will be probably about seventy-five, fully justifying the change from a remote midsummer term to a spring term in immediate succession to the two earlier terms. A six weeks' course was arranged for home workers from January 12 to February 20. While but few came in, some others being deterred because of our situation during the coal famine, yet we feel it well to continue the experiment of short training for home workers along the same line.

### **The Institute Life**

The home life of the Institute has been too often portrayed to demand much preference at this time. It has been sweet, bright, heavenly as ever. While there have been no marked spiritual outbursts, yet we feel that the spiritual and missionary tone has been, if anything, intenser than ever. This has been specially manifest in the noon-day missionary prayer meeting, which has been sustained with fuller attendance and greater fervency of spirit than usual. Frequent visits from missionaries and frequent farewellings of outgoing students have kindled all hearts over and over to special fervor. There has been a large degree of careful study of missions on the part of the students in the Friday night meeting, and the receipts of the Students' Society have been \$2,224, leaving a moderate legacy of faith for the students of the coming term in making up the enlarged pledge of \$2,500 for this year.

### **Morale of the Institute**

The Institute is always so largely of one heart and mind, one aim and effort in the Lord and in the purposes of the Institution, that any exceptions to the rule are the more marked and painful. We are learning, therefore, to be more than ever careful in guarding the gateway of entrance and carefully scrutinizing those who are admitted. We are learning some things which are not according to our own first thoughts and which are not readily apprehended by all of our friends. One lesson is that we must gently but firmly resist the tendency of solicitous parents and friends to send us young persons who are yet in their teens and far back in them. We appreciate the motive of seeking for these youths a schooling under spiritual influences which are not to be found in common schools or even in many schools under religious auspices. But we discover that, on the one hand, it is robbing these youths of most important years for acquiring necessary common education, which we cannot give here; and, on the other hand, it places them under training for which they have not the maturity. Besides being a disadvantage to them, it is a hindrance to the classes in general. We feel it right to take older persons, who no longer have it in their power to attend common schools, without any educational discrimination; but the younger ones, who have the years yet before them and the opportunity for common school education, should not be deprived of it, save in rare exceptions. We therefore intend, as we have published in the new Manual just out, that persons below twenty years of age shall be admitted only after careful correspondence, and then on probation for a reasonable time, to see if it is best for them to continue indefinitely. We find it necessary to resist also a natural tendency to send young persons here to get their real fixed purpose in the Lord. We sympathize profoundly with the motive. But we find the Lord distinctly forbidding us to make this a place for training persons into the whole-hearted purpose to serve the Lord. It is appointed by Him with the object of training for His service those who already have this purpose implanted and rooted in them. One student remarked during this year in a confidential way: "I am surprised to find two classes of students here, those with high and holy purpose and those who have not such purpose." Thank God, there have never been many of the latter, but we are learning to pray and watch that we may never have any more of them. It seldom works out successfully for the student himself; it is always a serious encumbrance upon the hands of those in charge, and hindrance to the other students. Again, we are learning to discourage the tendency to look to the Institute as a place for those to come who are not physically competent for full student life and work, but who really come for rest and healing instead of vigorous training. Here, again, our sympathies are fully enlisted.

But we find our Lord's imperative command upon us. He does not vouchsafe the healing of such persons. While He does meet us so gloriously in the physical care of those who come fitted for and bent upon the true and full work of the place, He does not give us the time and strength needed for the invalid, and such are apt to feel hurt and disappointed. We mention these three points for the sake of giving all our friends and co-laborers needful intelligence. It all resolves itself into the maxim of Scripture, "This one thing I do." God has one thing for the Institute to do, and He is able to provide other institutions for other things. The more clearly we all discern and follow out just what God wants of the Institute the greater success will we have.

### **Curriculum**

The studies of the past year have been essentially the same as in previous years, only we have been arranging them more definitely after the order of a two-years' course. This is working no disadvantage whatever to short-time students, while it is encouraging students to take more thorough preparation for their life-work. While the various measures we are employing of guarding admission and of making the training more rigorous may have the result temporarily of abating numbers somewhat, yet we can see a marked tendency to a larger attendance and to higher aims on the part of many students.

### **Teachers**

We have had as resident and regular teachers Messrs. A.B. Simpson, A.E. Funk, Geo. P. Pardington, G.B.M. Clouser and W.C. Stevens. We have had lectures, two a week, for periods of weeks covering all of the past term, from Messrs. Jas. M. Gray and F.W. Farr. Captain C.T. Potter was with us last week lecturing on the Tabernacle. Messrs. S.H. Hadley, J.D. Williams, M.M. Bales, Mrs. Abbie C. Morrow and Mrs. C. DeP. Field have given us each a monthly lecture for the whole or some large part of the year. Occasional lectures have been given by others. Besides, we have had on Saturdays the regular and valuable services of Misses Coles and Schluzen, of New York, in kindergarten, normal and blackboard methods.

### **Credentials**

We have adopted a new system of the credentials to be given to our students. In the first place, a thorough system of term-examinations on all studies is established, and the grade of each student's deportment, class attendance and examinations is booked. A term card with these particulars is given to each student. Whenever a student leaves he is given a cer-

tificate stating the time he has spent with us, his grade of deportment and the percentages on all examinations taken by him, and the general average of the same. Finally a diploma of graduation is given to those who continue so as to complete the studies and examinations of the two years' course. Those whose examinations for the two years reach an average percentage above ninety receive the diploma with the designation of "Class A." Those whose average falls between seventy-five and ninety have their diplomas marked "Class B," while "Class C" indicates an average below seventy-five. These credentials are our own testimonials put in the hands of all our students as affidavits to the public, so that no one hereafter ought to be misled by any who claim confidence by the magic name of the Nyack Institute. While we recognize that these markings are not always a sure index of relative merit, yet we can say that the system has had a very wholesome stimulating effect upon the school this year, and it bids fair to increase the efficiency of the training to a marked degree.

### **Relations of the Institute**

The important relations of the Institute to the home and foreign work are impressing us more and more. There is some divine touch to be received here, without which few workers seem to be reliably fitted for either the foreign or home work. From both the home and the foreign fields, eyes are turning with increasing interest and prayer to the Institute as the source of reliable recruits. At the same time the Institute is in continual, living and effective intercession for our work and workers at home and abroad. Not in a narrow and exclusive, although in a very real way. The bonds of acquaintance which become established here between all the students and many of our laborers at home and abroad, constitute a helpful factor. This is furthered by the convocation of the Annual Council at the Institute at Commencement time. These various relations should be carefully furthered and promoted. We would recommend, therefore, that all of our official workers take a special, prayerful interest in the workings of the Institute, co-operate intelligently and actively with us and keep themselves supplied with our manual and prospectuses for the information of young people and their friends. We would ask the workers to pray for and carefully discriminate in favor of such candidates for the Institute as are chosen of God.

### **Student Help**

We would add, that it is not enough to use such means as avail to produce the candidates and still neglect to help them so far as necessary to meet the financial requirements in getting their training. The student in training as well as the missionary on the field should be remembered

by those whom he directly represents. While we set highest value upon the training of our students in the exercise of faith in God for the means to carry them through here, yet there is large opportunity and demand for divinely directed assistance to be furnished directly to them or indirectly through the hands of those who are in charge here. A few hundred dollars have gone a long way in helping students during this last year. We also ask this Council to give direction for some suitable way of having the interests of the Institute well represented at the summer conventions.

### **Prayer**

Prayer, as well as faith, is dead without works, while all works, which are not born in prayer and which do not lead back to prayer, are ineffectual. Do all our Alliances pray habitually, intelligently and earnestly for the Institute? Are all of our superintendents seeking to bring about the habit of prayer for the Institute in their Alliances? Certainly in some sections most gratifying efforts are made by Alliance leaders along all of these lines and the abundant success of their efforts is attested in the students who come. Affectionately submitted for the Faculty and Workers,

Wm. C. Stevens, *Chairman.*

A.E. Funk, *Secretary.*

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
MISSIONARY INSTITUTE**

Cash Receipts      Disbursements

Miscellaneous \$2,843.24	General expenses		
		\$7,393.23	
Students' board	Furnishing and		
<u>15,846.42</u>	repairs	1,717.96	
Total \$18,689.66	Groceries	3,531.77	
Last year's balance	Meat	1,815.64	
<u>271.70</u>	Vegetables	660.49	
Total receipts	Bread	243.94	
\$18,961.17	Fish	102.62	
Total disbursements	Milk	1,015.25	
<u>18,741.70</u>	Ice	161.62	
Balance in bank	Gas	717.67	
219.47	Coal	<u>1,381.51</u>	
Bills receivable <u>601.50</u>			
Total balance \$820.97	Total	\$18,741.70	

L.K. Brubaker, *Treasurer.*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL ON THE INSTITUTE WORK**

The Institute Committee beg to present the following report:

1. We are thankful to have noted the marked prosperity of the Institute through twenty-one years of precious history. The Institute has now attained its majority and we believe is ready for the work of a sturdy young man. We praise God for the deep spiritual life that has been so often manifested through the past year, and are greatly pleased to learn from an examination of the financial exhibit that the work is practically self-sustaining.

2. We approve of the efforts of the Faculty to deter from coming here as students three classes of people - the immature, the unruly and invalids; and commend their efforts to secure men and women who are ready to come for earnest study and vigorous preparation for life's duties.

3. We commend most heartily the system of gradation, examination and certificates now in vogue in the Institute, and we believe it must increase the efficiency of the student.

4. We recommend that our superintendents use all legitimate means to turn the attention of worthy young people to the Institute.

5. We would suggest that friends of the Institute can do a most gracious work for God by directly helping worthy young people who have not means to come here; or by placing funds at the disposal of the Faculty for those who need help. We are pleased to note that both of these plans have been followed by some to whom God has given willing hearts. By prayer and sacrifice to help make Christian workers for the whole field it quite as important as sending them out.

6. We believe the present Institute course a most excellent one for prospective home workers who can stay two years. But for those who can not spend so much time we recommend special home workers' courses in connection with the Institute for six or eight weeks - such courses to be arranged for as often as the needs require. We further suggest that such a plan has the advantage of the presence of the entire staff of teachers and lecturers now working in the Institute. It will bring more students to the Institute, and thus render it easier to make the Institute self-sustaining. It will avoid the expense necessary to carry on a similar work separate from the Institute. Last but not least it will bring home workers

into the blessed atmosphere already existing in the Institute, and into daily heart contact with those who are in charge.

7. We recommend to the Board the advisability from the Institute standpoint of holding the Council here every year in connection with the Commencement exercises. It is of great importance that the superintendents come here into contact with the Institute to properly appreciate its value to the entire field. It gives the superintendents opportunity to come into personal touch with prospective workers, while the candidates for the home and mission fields have opportunity to get insight into the practical workings of the Alliance, and to learn of the difficulties and triumphs of the work.

8. We appreciate the added interest in the library, and are thankful for the large increase in the number of books made by recent donations. We trust that this matter will still be kept upon the hearts of the friends of the work.

9. We commend the plan of the Board for representation of the Institute at our summer conventions; and shall expect to hear from some authorized representative upon the work of the Institute at each convention.

10. We wish to record our grateful appreciation of the ability, prayer and self-sacrifice the officers and the Faculty are putting into this work that means so much to the heart of our God.

Ira David, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

Following the Annual Council last year, 10,000 copies of the Annual Report were printed and all have been prayerfully and largely circulated except about 1,000 left over to use until the new Report is ready. A leaflet, covering the salient points of the Annual Report, was printed and widely circulated. Also thousands of copies of the Fraternal Letter and of the Financial Report.

The leaflets, "What is the C. & M.A." and "The Calling and Work of the Alliance," have been distributed widely, giving intelligent information regarding the teachings and work of the Alliance. Also, "Relation of the Alliance to the Churches," "Suggestions for Organizing Branches and Bands," certificates for the various officers, application and membership cards have been in use.

There have been a growing demand, deeper interest and gratifying results in the Alliance periodicals, *The Christian and Missionary Alliance* weekly, the *Living Truths*, and the books and tracts.

F.H. Senft, *Chairman.*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON LITERATURE**

The Committee on Literature beg to make their report and recommendations.

The following-named leaflets and printed matter are now in print and ready for distribution:

1<sup>st</sup>. "What is the Christian and Missionary Alliance?"

2d. "The Work and Calling of the Alliance."

While these tracts or leaflets are somewhat similar, yet they present different features of the teachings and work.

These have been very helpful in explaining the work and teaching, and have been the means of overcoming prejudices in the minds and hearts of persons, because of their lack of knowledge of the work and aims of the Alliance.

Also a leaflet on how to form Alliance branches, and another on the relation of the Alliance to the churches are now in press.

A full annual report of the Christian and Missionary Alliance is printed yearly. The present edition will be ready for distribution at an early day. The committee would here suggest that it be put in as condensed a form as possible and that 8,000 copies be printed. Many thousand convention cards are annually printed, announcing the series of summer conventions in the various states. District, State and Local Superintendents' and Evangelists' certificates, as well as application and membership cards, are always in stock for use by the various workers needing such cards and certificates.

We would recommend that the Council ask for the immediate publication of important information upon the following mission fields: China, India, Congo, Porto Rico, and Venezuela, manuscripts of which have recently been furnished by representative missionaries from these fields, and that these facts be put in leaflet form, convenient for enclosing in letters, and that 7,000 copies of each be ready for general distribution at our summer conventions and for use among the Local Superintendents in all-day meetings and private use.

We would acknowledge with deep appreciation the blessings, help and inspiration the work is constantly receiving through the Alliance paper and the various publications of the Alliance Press Company, and urge the importance of pressing the sales of the books and tracts and securing subscriptions for the Alliance paper.

A.D. Jackson

F.H. Senft

Mr. Stumpf

Mrs. Simpson

Mr. Funk

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE HEALING**

A deepening and ever-growing conviction seems to prevail in our Annual Workers' Councils that healing and life for the body is a very vital part of the sacred trust committed to the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Therefore we return thanks to God for the marked cases of healing and casting out of demons reported from the Gospel Tabernacle, New York, from the various homes for healing scattered throughout the country, and from branches where there are no such homes. Also, we gratefully note a revival of interest in and ministry of divine healing on some of the foreign fields where it had to a certain degree languished, in the deliverance from Heimaturic fever, plague and smallpox in answer to the prayer of faith.

### **Recommendation**

In view of the alarming tendency in the Church at large to "take from the words of this Book," and also the increasing demand in the Alliance for leaders and helpers who are true on all the lines of the Gospel, we recommend that all prospective workers for both home and foreign fields shall be, as far as possible, through previous instruction and practical experience, qualified to present this Scriptural truth with unwavering confidence expecting the divine approbation - "the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following."

E.D. Whiteside, *Chairman*

Miss Minnie Draper, *Secretary*

## WORK AMONG THE CHILDREN

“When He cometh to make up His jewels” we trust the Master will find some of His brightest gems among the little ones of His Alliance flock.

Since our last report many of them have passed over the river and are safe in His arms where no torment can touch nor any plague can come nigh their dwelling. But an increasingly large army of this Children’s Crusade of the twentieth century are working and waiting for Him and preparing the way for a still greater host, a part of the multitude whom no man can number, who will either greet Him from earth when He comes to reign or be part of His bodyguard from heaven, for those who sleep in Jesus, especially the children, will God bring with Him.

Our Alliance work with and for the children may be divided into four parts:

1. Strictly Alliance work, where only the Fourfold Gospel is taught and the children imbued with the very spirit of our work and led to give themselves wholly to God, in body and soul, for His service whether at home or abroad.

Examples of this class of our work are found in the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday school, New York city; in Butler and Warren, Pa.; Oviedo and Hilliard’s Island, Fla., and many other places of which we hope to have a fairly complete list before this report goes to the public, as perhaps the best illustration of this form of our Children’s Work. We subjoin the report of the Junior Missionary Alliance, by Miss E.M. Brickensteen, one of our honored and most successful teachers in the Alliance.

2. The second form of our work is that done at our conventions, large and small, averaging an opportunity of once a month in which to present to the children these to us all-important truths. Of this, perhaps, one of the best illustrations is Old Orchard, Maine, where once a year hundreds of little ones are gathered in a commodious tent every day during the great Convention and taught by object lesson, black-board illustration, etc., the truths of the Fourfold Gospel and the needs of the missionary fields. At such meetings we reach not merely our little bands of Alliance children from many parts of the country but many members of the Sunday school of the place in which the conventions may be held, with their little companions of perhaps no particular school or creed, attracted by the crowd or drawn by the pleasures of the beach or the park, as the case

may be. Here, of course, the teaching is the same, with the addition of stirring addresses and appeals from our returned missionaries, but we reach in these places hundreds of children who would never, if at home, know anything of our Alliance work or teaching, and with whom we only come in contact in this way and into whose little hearts are thus sown once a year at least the seeds of the everlasting Gospel as we hold and teach it.

3. A third open door to the hearts of the juniors and seniors through them is through the Sunday school, children's rallies and Christian Endeavor meetings in various parts of the country to which we are invited from time to time by the pastors and officers of the various churches and societies. It is safe to say that thousands of children of all the evangelical bodies in our land are reached in this way every year, and we cannot doubt that the seed sown in this way will bear its fruit in due time. Several examples of this form of our work and the blessing of it during the past year could be given were there time for it now and space in this report.

4. A fourth and we venture to say one of the most important forms of our children's work, is that done by our Alliance paper, which by its sermons, editorials, missionary intelligence and Children's Page reaches at least 10,000 children every week and is read by the little ones in Japan on one side of the world and Peru on the other.

5. A fifth channel to the hearts of the little ones is the tracts and leaflets on the several parts of the Fourfold Gospel, written by Miss Brickensteen and others, specially for children, and sent out from our tract room in considerable quantities, but of which we are unable to give an exact statement here.

6. A sixth form of our work, deserving especial mention from its uniqueness and remarkable success, is that done among the Jewish children by our devoted missionaries, Miss Cole and Miss Meinder, with their associates, on the East side in New York city. This work deserves a page at least of praise and encouragement, but there is only space now to thus briefly refer to it with a note of special praise to God for the wonderful wisdom and tact with which it is conducted.

7. The kindergarten work of such Alliance workers as Miss Coles, Miss Gibson and Miss Schleunzen deserves hearty recognition, though we have no particulars of it to give now.

Of the extent of this glorious work among the children in the home land and on the foreign field there is no space in this brief report to speak fully, but an appendix might easily be filled with accounts from nearly all over the world of its increasing and permanent blessing.

Nor can we speak as we would like of the splendid increase in our

missionary offerings from this source of the children's work, especially this year, for the orphan work in India.

Suggestions in closing:

1. Press on our students and workers the importance of this work.
2. One afternoon at each large convention to be given to the subject of child training, followed by practical talks on this subject by trained workers either from home or foreign field.
3. That an illustrated copy of this report with additions, etc., be printed for circulation at our various convention and generally among the friends of the children.

Henry Wilson, *Chairman*.

## **JUNIOR MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

The children of the Junior Missionary Alliance have remained faithful witnesses for Jesus throughout another year. They are also acquiring a foundation of truth which they will never forget, and the larger ones are developing into the future leaders of the great work of saving a lost world. They realize that the heathen can only be changed through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit; and if they pray without ceasing, theirs will be the missionary's reward.

The Junior Alliance, which was organized January 7, 1896, has now a membership of more than 1,200. The greater number of these are divided into bands representing all parts of the country. These bands report increased interest in the cause of missions during the past year.

The garden of King's Lilies is also extending from east to west of this great land, and sending its fragrance around the world. The children of this department are not connected with local branches, but form little bands in their own homes among brothers and sisters. There are already 176 plants in the garden of the King, and each dollar which the children invest towards the spread of the Gospel represents a fresh blossom on their plant. These living, speaking flowers are full of the Saviour's love, and they all have very sweet stories to tell.

A "Pink Rose" bush held back its buds for a long time, then suddenly appeared with ten fresh blossoms last January when "Jack Frost" was around, and fuel was scarce.

On Easter Sunday one of the "Daisy" plants expanded into five new blossoms, their bright eyes looking upward, and their snowy robes serving to remind some little one that only the pure in heart shall see God, and lead other lost lambs into the fold.

A loving "Sweet Pea" sends a blossom every year in memory of a dear sister who was transplanted into heaven.

Other corners of this fragrant garden are also in full bloom for Jesus in the "regions beyond."

Our children in the homeland learn missionary lessons, the ancient Tabernacle picture of salvation, and the truths of the Fourfold Gospel. What the teacher says may be forgotten, but what they learn of these Bible texts will remain. They love Jesus and often prove that they are His faithful followers. Their special object is to pray, and also to give towards the support of children in the mission schools connected with

the Christian and Missionary Alliance, sending the message of life to them as quickly as possible, that they in turn may become heralds of the glad tidings among their own people. Some of them become efficient workers, teachers, and preachers under the eye of the missionary.

Encouraging reports have been received from the field where there are about 5,000 children distributed into four orphanages in India, schools on all the stations on the Congo, one in the Soudan, two in Palestine and South America, and a number of day schools in China.

Many of the children are saved, others will be, and the general outlook seems to be an awakening of all the interests at stake.

Ships and trains are running at lightning speed to carry the missionaries with their heavenly messages for the gathering out from all nations of a company that is to form the body of Christ.

E.M. Brickensteen

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

1. Resolved that a permanent committee be appointed to consist of the following members, viz.:

*President*, Rev. James Leishman.

*Secretary*, Miss Margaret Simpson.

*Vice-Presidents*, Miss Lindenberger, Miss Draper, Mrs. Senft, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Myland.

*Members*,

Rev. and Mrs. Jaderquist, Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. Jas. Leishman, Scranton, Pa.

Rev. J.H. Ballard.

Dr. R.H. Glover, Toronto, Canada

Mr. W.H. Mount, College Point, L.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, Toronto, Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest

Miss S.A. Lindenberger, Nyack, N.Y.

Miss M.T. Draper, Ossining, N.Y.

Mrs. A.B. Simpson, Nyack, N.Y.

Mrs. E.D. Whiteside, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. A.A. Kirk, Nyack, N.Y.

Mrs. Geo. Pardington, Nyack, N.Y.

Mrs. F.H. Senft, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Belle Coles, New York City

Miss La Neve, Asbury Park, N.J.

Miss Simpson, Nyack, N.Y.

Miss Larrabee, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Gillespie, New York City

Miss Everett, Stroudsburg, Pa.

Miss Olive Marvin, Oil City, Pa.

Mr. Eicher, Pa.

Mr. Noah Hess, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. J.D. Williams, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Isaac Patterson, Ohio

Mr. G. Vernon Brown, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Oscar Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. C.H. Christman, Scranton, Pa.

Mr. Harper, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. A.R. Jackson  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis  
Mr. McBride, Orlando, Fla.  
Mrs. J. Buser, Phoenixville, Pa.  
Mr. J. Alderson, Canada

It is desired from time to time to supplement the names of those who would act as suitable members to the list herewith presented.

*II. Purpose of committee and plan of operation.*

1. That members of this committee present at any convention are authorized and advised to consult with officers of the convention in the arrangements for young people's meetings wherever possible.

2. That the secretary of this Committee be instructed to give to each State or District Superintendent the names of members of the Committee in his district.

3. That a report shall be sent to the President of the Central Committee at the close of each convention, giving an account of the Young People's work.

4. Members shall keep in touch with president and secretary by correspondence in regard to openings for meetings in colleges, young people's societies, etc., which the official workers of the Christian and Missionary Alliance may be able to fill.

*III. Publications.* Members are urged to send subject matter to the secretary concerning the young people's work, which shall have space allotted to it regularly in the *Christian and Missionary Alliance* paper.

IV. The Committee recommends that all Local Superintendents urge the attendance of young men and women at the various conventions.

V. This Committee is not intended to interfere with any existing meetings among young people or become a substitute for, but rather to further work among young people.

Rev. Jas. Leishman, *President*

Margaret M. Simpson, *Secretary*

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Your Committee, after careful examination of the President's Annual Report and the Finance Report, and after full conference together and with officers of the Board, respectfully report, recommending:

1. That grateful thanks are due to God for His many and signal favors during the past year in all departments of the work at home and abroad.

2. That we praise God for preserving in full strength and activity and with increased wisdom and grace, the life and official services of the President, our beloved brother A.B. Simpson.

3. That we highly appreciate the fidelity, integrity, self-denying labors and wise management of the Board.

4. That we rejoice over the harmony and mutual confidence which characterize the relations and joint labors of our large and varied working force.

5. That we are led by the reports to add emphasis to the keynote of this present session of the Council, namely, the call to believing prayer, to a greater degree than ever, for the thrusting forth of laborers not only abroad but likewise at home, and for the signal increase of means not only to sustain, but also to enlarge the work entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Stevens, *Chairman.*

## **FOREIGN WORK**

### **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SUPERINTENDENT**

Letting the mind run over the occupied mission fields of the Alliance in the various heathen countries, the Spirit suggests that first, praises be offered to our God for His great goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. "Let them sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing."

The past year speaks of great general blessings, of direct providences of God, of answered prayer, victories of faith, overcomings in trials, deliverances from sicknesses, fruits of humble service and increase of souls in all countries.

It was a great privilege to stand in personal correspondence during the year with all the fields, in all the countries, and almost with all individual missionaries, in charge of stations, besides many others. Through this close relationship has come a fairly intelligent knowledge of the work, the needs, the trials, the joys and the outlook.

In no other year were our hearts more refreshed through constant evidences of loyalty to the work and truth (harmony and fellowship of the missionaries on the fields) and happy relations with the Society at home, and theirs with the missionaries.

The homeland and foreign fields have been blessed with constant and intimate relations to each other through the home-coming visitations of tried, proved, settled but often wearied workers, and the outgoing of young, bright, strong, Spirit-filled recruits to almost every field, the outgoing number largely exceeding the number of returning missionaries on furlough.

## INDIVIDUAL FIELDS

### India

In India we have the largest number of missionaries, about 70, with a goodly number of native preachers and evangelists. The effects of work, pressure of the famine years, and fever and climate have weakened a number of workers, and in a few cases reduced them to severe sickness. Two beloved workers, Mrs. Hattie Fuller and Mrs. Lyda Phelps, have fallen in their best years through the pressure of disease, and gone to their Lord.

The much dreaded and very fatal India plague reached more of our mission fields than in any previous year, carrying away a number of native Christians, a few orphans, and obliged many native families and a large number of our orphans to move from their homes into the jungles, so as not to spread the disease among their number. The plague is a fearful scourge on India, especially this year.

Tens of thousands have been dying each week in India with the plague for a few months in succession.

Since the famine stricken years, the people are more open for the Gospel, and our missionaries have been much blessed in Gospel work. The work has been fruitful, especially in the Gujerati District, and among the 1,200 orphans, a large number of whom have been converted to God and baptized.

The needed industrial work for the orphanage has been extended and many are being trained to earn a livelihood when grown to manhood and womanhood.

Bible training schools are in progress and not a few of the grown young men and women, especially from the orphanages, are being taught the Word of God and trained for Gospel work. A much needed missionary house has been purchased in Bombay and is in operation.

The needs of India are as great as the country itself with its hundreds of millions of inhabitants. The calls from all parts for at least ten thousand workers have reached all lands of the Church

of Christ. The prospects for large ingathering of souls have never been brighter. A sincere burden of souls has come upon the workers.

Much prayer is ascending to God for souls and for Spirit-filled missionaries now on the field and to go. Let us keep on praying, believing and receiving for India.

### **China**

The conditions of China, both on religious and political lines, have in the last year commanded the attention and interests of the Church and the world, creating intensified action and expectation from within and without.

Rumors of wars and rumors of peace have been heard simultaneously almost every month during the year. The missionaries of all societies have resumed and prosecuted the Gospel work in all parts of China with renewed vigor, and the outlook on missionary lines is most hopeful and encouraging. Our mission has shared in resuming activity and extension of the work. Twenty-five of our missionaries have entered China since the beginning of 1902, and have resumed the work even to the border of Thibet.

Since the martyr days of our missionaries in North China, through which the mission was practically destroyed, the work has not yet been resumed and our number of missionaries in China is somewhat reduced.

The work in Peking under Miss D.W. Douw, which was also destroyed, has not been resumed.

Notwithstanding the reduction of forces, we have still over fifty workers in active service in China, with a goodly company of native preachers, evangelists and teachers.

Our work in Shanghai among British speaking Chinese and sailors of all nationalities has been steadily on the increase, and many souls have been brought to Christ during the year. This work, under Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodberry's direction, has a band of native Chinese missionaries in other parts of China, especially in

Hunan Province, whom they support, and helpers in other countries of our mission fields whom they also support.

The Central China mission, which was quite weakened during the past years, has now a full corps of workers, and all the stations are fairly well manned. The Receiving Home at Wuhu has been improved with a permanent wall around it, and is at present well occupied with new missionaries studying the language. All the five stations in and around Wuhu had marked increase in growth and blessing. Other parts of the Annual Report will give the statistics of church membership, converts, inquirers, etc.

A Bible training school has been opened for native workers (men) at Wuhu, and there is also one at Nan-Ling for women.

The station at Wuchang, opposite Hankow, belongs to the Central China field, as does also the work in Chang Cha, Cheng-The in Hunan Province, where we have an established mission, three missionaries, excellent native preachers and evangelists, a church of at least some 20 members.

Rev. W. Christie is at the head of the executive work of our Central China Mission. We praise God for the increase of missionaries in Central China and the re-establishing of the work.

The Lord sent means to purchase mission property at Wuhu City, Wan-Chi, Nanling and Wuchang. He also sent a goodly sum for distribution among the famine stricken natives in the Central China district.

A number of the missionaries in Central China expected to proceed to the Western China mission near the borders of Thibet, during the past winter, but were hindered through pending rebel trouble in Kansuh Province.

The latest report from our missionaries at Tao-Chao, West China, just received, April 15, states there is much exaggeration of uprising news, and declares perfect safety of their party, hoping for reinforcements for their work during this year.

Only since last June has the work been resumed at Tao-Choe and Nin-Choe in Western China, but the outlook is better than it ever has been for increase of believers and extension of the work.

Here also mission property has been purchased and new buildings appropriate for the work are being erected. As with Nehemiah, there is here no fear of the enemy in their hearts, and so, in prayer and faith, the walls go up and the work goes on.

The South China field, with headquarters at Wuchow, in Province Quangsi, has now a commodious and well built Receiving Home, with eight well established stations, over a hundred baptized believers, 26 missionaries, 20 native helpers, and a training school for native Bible workers, men and women.

The stations extend through the Province 300 miles west to Nan Ning City, and 200 miles north into the Capital City, Kawi-Lin. In this province also has the mission been able to purchase mission property during the year. To this field belongs the opening of Anam as a mission field. Two missionaries are about ready with the language of Anam and expect to enter that field within a few months. A sister has paid the money to open up this work immediately. New and large important cities are soon to be entered with the Gospel. Dear Mrs. Macy Hess, wife of Rev. Isaac Hess, our leader in the work of this province, has been taken away within the year, - a great loss to the work, which is keenly and deeply felt, but the work goes on and the workers are true and faithful. The outlook is bright and the great need cries for "more workers."

There has been more or less rebellion in this province during the year, causing great destruction of life and property and famine. When the last reports from our missionaries were written they were in the midst of the greatest distress among the natives. Children (girls) are sold for one to two dollars each, which means either slavery or a life of shame. They call loudly for immediate help from Christians at home.

### **Palestine**

The Lord, we believe, has given us the long prayed and looked for married couple of workers for this mission, in our beloved Mr.

and Mrs. A.E. Thompson, who have just reached Palestine and are taking up their work in Jerusalem.

The faithful company of six who have been standing faithfully and under great pressure for years in this field, are greatly encouraged and blessed in receiving these new workers.

The work at Jaffa has had its seasons of greatest joy in a number of conversions among the girls in the school, and Hebron had its fruits of increase and blessing.

### **Africa**

The Soudan Mission, which has, during its years, passed through deepest trials, severe climatic sicknesses and more deaths than any of our other mission fields, sends encouraging reports of what seems to indicate a real inclination of the natives toward the Gospel, and hope of a Spirit's revival among the natives.

There have been no deaths in the last year, and four missionaries have gone there to continue the work.

The Congo Mission is located in a most interesting part of Africa, in the great Congo Free State. Eight missionary societies have taken up Gospel work in this great region, with 150 missionaries, nearly 600 native evangelists, preachers and teachers.

Our Society has its field on the north side of the Congo River, north of Boma, the capital, and headquarters of our mission. Boma and five other regular stations and a number of out-stations constitute our work. There are several missionaries, a number of native helpers on the field, and a training school for native workers, and a few hundred communicants. A new station was opened a little over a year ago. The mission has comfortable homes at all stations, with a few churches or chapel buildings. There has only been one death in four years, and that not from climatic disease.

Annual conventions were held for the native Christians and the missionaries.

The missionaries report a most encouraging outlook but plead most earnestly for new workers. At least four

of their number need furlough within this year and none ought to leave their station without new workers on hand to take their places. Let this be a matter of prayer among our people in the home land. Only one new missionary has entered this field within the year and two are on the way at this date, April, 1903.

### **South America**

CHILI. - The work in Chili, under the direction of Rev. H.L. Weiss, has been most interesting from the beginning. It has been carried on among native Chilians, and in German Roman Catholic settlements. The believers number several hundred, and forty-nine were baptized during the last year. Valdivia is the headquarters of the mission, and the farthest station is 150 miles north of this city. They have at least seven different stations where work is carried on, and the working staff has been increased to seven missionaries on the field, with a number of helpers. A chapel and home have been built during the last year. A small printing press has done excellent work for the distribution of sacred literature, which is so essential in the work. The outlook is encouraging, the Lord giving continued increase of souls.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. - At La Plata are the headquarters of this field. A new chapel has been built in this city and a native church is organized. There are two more stations and an outstation belonging to this work. Rev. W. Smart is the executive member of the work, and besides him there are five regular and one native preacher on the field, and one at home on furlough. They report deep interest in the Gospel among the natives, and we are looking for larger ingatherings in the coming year.

VENEZUELA. - In this country the political waters were much stirred up and troubled all the year. The siege of the foreign Powers has been lifted only a few weeks, and the revolutionary outbreaks can scarcely be considered at an end. Although our missionaries have lived in the capital city, Caracas, they have not

been hindered, and have not feared. The troubles seem to be abating, and they expect to remain in the harness of the work under Rev. Gerard A. Bailly's direction. Three new missionaries have been added to the working staff, and one, Rev. Charles Deming, has passed away to be with the Lord. A beautiful, Christ-like life, a beloved worker has gone, but the work moves on under the growing benediction of such a life.

PORTO RICO. - This little country has commanded strong missionary interests, and God has graciously increased the number of workers and believers. Five men workers entered the field within the last year with Rev. Mr. Ortiz, who was holding the fort alone for a few years. The outlook here is most bright and encouraging. Among men, women and children, interesting Gospel work is in operation with most promising results.

JAMAICA. - In Jamaica is an extensive, established work with two organized churches and two missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. C. McKillop, in charge.

SANTO DOMINGO has a native church and a faithful missionary pastor, Rev. C. Goodin. Internal political trouble in this republic has for several years somewhat hindered the work of the Lord.

JAPAN. - We have all heard of the spirit of revival in Gospel work in Japan during the past few years. Our mission has shared this blessing in increase of believers.

During the absence of our missionary, Rev. H. Lindstrom and family, on furlough, the work did not increase as it would have with them continually on the field. They returned to Japan in the fall of 1902 with two new missionaries, and God has graciously revived the work. News has just been received that new work has been opened by our missionaries in two large cities of 80,000 and 60,000 inhabitants. The city of Hiroshima is the headquarters of the mission, and it has three outstations with a company of believers and a native pastor at each.

Miss E. Barns carried on a work at Nagoya and Atsuta, and writes hopefully of the work in these cities.

### **MISSIONARIES AT HOME**

Our missionaries at home have been faithful in presenting the needs of the various fields, pleading for new missionaries and arousing the people of God to a knowledge of their responsibility of giving the Gospel to the heathen world.

Since January, 1902, up to April, 1903, forty-seven new missionaries and twenty-seven missionaries at home on furlough have gone to the various fields.

A number of young people are accepted as missionaries and are in service at home for training and practical experience in Christian work, waiting upon God to open the way to go to the field of their calling. We realize more than ever the need of thorough practical training of the workers before they enter upon their foreign work, and also the need that they be Spirit-filled and moved with holy zeal and fire of the Spirit for souls and with eyes single for His glory.

May there be much prayer among the people of God and standing in faith with all the missionaries abroad and workers at home until the day of the Lord come.

A.E. Funk.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN WORK**

The Committee on Foreign Work after listening to the reports from our foreign fields and carefully pondering the facts brought before us in this Council, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That we express our feeling of devout and hearty thanksgiving for the good hand of God upon our missionary work in every way throughout the past year.

2. That we note with joy and satisfaction the universally steady growth and healthful condition of the work abroad.

3. That the material advancement reported from our China and India fields in the development of agencies for the training of efficient native helpers, male and female, and in the service now being rendered by such workers as have been already trained, is most gratifying and commendable.

4. That in addition to these general facts of encouragement there have been not a few marked providences and unusual blessings which call for our recognition in a spirit of profound gratitude to God. Among these are to be mentioned: (a) The removal, to a considerable extent, at least, of the awful pressure of famine in India, the noticeably good effect upon many of the people of the judgments of the past few years as evidenced by their much greater willingness to buy and read the Scriptures, and the blessed outpouring of the Spirit upon our orphanages with their 1,200 famine children, resulting in the conversion to Christ of a great number, and the prospect in the near future of not a few most valuable native helpers. (b) The mighty manifestation of God's power in China, where the dark outlook of two years ago has been changed into one of the brightest promise, and the missionaries are enjoying a measure of favor and facing an open door of opportunity such as never before existed in that land. (c) Peace and more favorable conditions and increased resources for the prosecution of missionary work in Africa, as a result of the recent war and political changes there. (d) Encouragements in Jewish work, and especially the acquisition to our work in Palestine of a new and efficient leader in the person of Rev. A.E. Thompson with his wife. (e) The cessation of hostilities in Venezuela, which had seriously retarded our work there, and the remarkable opening and development of the work in Porto Rico.

5. That the fact of an unprecedented crisis of opportunity which we cannot fail to recognize as existing at this moment in so many of our fields, and the earnest and touching appeals of our missionaries for much needed and longed for reinforcements to enable them to enter the multiplied open doors on every hand is not only a cause for devout thanksgiving but also a loud and solemn call of God to us at home for new solicitude, sacrifice and prayer, to the end that these unusually promising conditions may be taken full advantage of and the golden opportunities turned into blessed results in the ingathering of many souls.

6. That we press upon every member of this Council, and through its members upon every Alliance leader and branch, the paramount need at this juncture of a new volume of incessant and prevailing prayer to God for all our missionaries, native workers and Christians, and every part of our foreign work; for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit upon the fields themselves, that a multitude of hearts already brought within reach of the Gospel and under a measure of conviction may be broken down into complete surrender to Christ, and that the Lord of the harvest will so thrust out laborers and provide means to send them, that a strong and aggressive *forward movement* may be pressed in our several fields.

7. That we recognize at the present stage of our work abroad a greater need than ever before for a number of missionary candidates who not only possess the necessary spiritual qualifications, but are further endowed with larger talents and abilities, to use in the various departments and the multiplied problems of our rapidly developing work.

8. That we notice with deep appreciation that a number of our missionaries and converts on the field have been marvelously delivered from most severe fevers and other diseases through trust in God alone; and we would sincerely encourage uncompromising faith in God on the part of all our missionaries at all times of pressure from disease; and would further urge that they make the truth sufficiently prominent in teaching and testimony both at conventions and in the regular work, and emphasize its importance as a vital factor in the spreading of the Gospel among the heathen.

9. That we recommend to the Board the consideration of the importance and profit of having one of its members or other suitable representative make a visit to the foreign fields of our mission from time to time as may be possible.

10. That we recommend that the following be appointed a committee to confer with the Board of Managers in the Revision of the Manual of Rules and Officers, which this Council has already recommended: - Messrs. Eldridge, Myland, Cramer, Salmon, David, Jaderquist, Campbell, Birrel, Glover, Ramsey, Mrs. Woodward and Miss Mullen.

11. That we recommend that the clause relating to the term of missionaries service on the field being seven years between furloughs home, which occurs on page 11 of the old Manual, be eliminated as unsatisfactory to the differing conditions of our many fields, and that some less definite but more appropriate clause be duly substituted by the Committee on Revision.

12. That we recommend that the Board require that all money for the support of its missionaries be uniformly sent through its general treasury, and that such money be distributed in strict adherence to the pro rata system.

13. Recognizing that we are as a society trusting God for the supply of all financial need and not desiring in any way to limit the faith of the individual missionary, we feel nevertheless that there is danger of misunderstanding and difficulty because of the fact that some individual missionaries have greater opportunities than others to present to the Alliance constituency the particular needs of their work, thereby diverting some funds from the general treasury to their special works, that we recommend therefore that the Board have a clearer understanding with the missionaries through their executive committees and especially with the missionaries at home on furlough, that these special needs should not be presented without consent of the Board.

14. That we recommend further that missionaries at home should not ordinarily receive money for the work, but should encourage the sending of all missionary funds to the Treasurer of the Board.

15. That we recommend further that all money received by individual missionaries for the work should be reported to and be under the control of the Executive Committee of the field to which it is sent, and that all such amounts should be carefully reported to the Board each year in the annual financial reports.

R.H. Glover, *Chairman*;  
A.E. Funk,  
M.L. Landis,  
Wm. Ramsay,  
C.N. Kinney,  
E.D. Whiteside,  
G.N. Eldridge,  
F.H. Senft,  
Mrs. A.B. Simpson,  
Mrs. G.H. Prentice,  
Miss M. Draper.

## **PALESTINE MISSION**

Rev. F.H. Senft, *Supt.*

Palestine is not a large, but very important mission field, and it is just as difficult as it is important. But God's eye is upon the Land or Promise. He says: "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment; lest any hurt it I will keep it night and day."

The past year has been one of severe testings, but glorious triumphs. There has been considerable sickness among some of our missionaries, but out of all the Lord delivered and the circle is unbroken. An awful and protracted siege of cholera swept thousands away, while our little band dwelt in the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm. The Annual Conference was a season of special spiritual blessing and encouragement in the work.

In answer to much prayer a great need has been met in the calling out and sending forth of Rev. A.E. Thompson and wife to take charge of our mission in Jerusalem and Palestine. They have recently arrived in safety and good health and begin their work with prospects as bright as the promises of God.

The stations occupied are Jerusalem, Hebron and Jaffa.

### **Jerusalem**

The work in Jerusalem has been under the care of Miss A.E. Brown and Miss Mabel Best. Meetings have been held regularly every week. One is for women, and a beggars' meeting. The average attendance was 87. The Arabic Sunday school has been kept up with a good attendance. Also an English service. Village work has been done with encouraging results. An evangelist and a Bible woman have been employed and have done faithful service. A quiet and solid work is being done in the midst of bigoted Jews and hostile Mohammedans.

### **Hebron**

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Murray have charge at Hebron, and their Berachah Home is a center of blessing to that city and surrounding country.

In answer to prayer the bitter opposition of the Moslems which kept the children from the school was broken down, and the progress and blessing of the children have been more marked, some having professed conversion. A Sunday school is sustained. An English service is held once in two weeks alternating with the Scotch mission. The offerings, \$25.00, support a boy in the Congo, Africa.

The visitation of the villages was hindered part of the year by the cholera epidemic. However, 38 visits were made to 15 villages and a greater interest manifested in the message, some professing to accept Christ as their Saviour. Considerable relief was rendered to the poor subjects resulting from the cholera. From 50 to 100 per week were supplied with rice, flour, etc., besides some clothing. This afforded an opportunity to preach Christ with encouraging results.

### **Jaffa**

The Jaffa work is in charge of Miss F.M. Parsons and Miss Anna Gummoe. The girls' school has not been so large this year on account of the cholera, there being only 6 boarders and 10 others, hindered from coming because of the quarantine. But the six with the day children have made splendid progress in their studies, and most if not all are truly converted and are growing spiritually, and promise to make efficient workers for Christ among their own people. This is the hope of native workers, trained in mind and heart under full Gospel teaching. Miss Parsons mentions among the new girls this year are two "winsome Greek girls from Athens, but as they had been in a Latin school they are in a sad state of superstition and need much careful training." The children are deeply interested in a child in India that they are supporting by making lace. The Sunday school has been hindered somewhat because of the cholera, but has been kept up during the year. The cholera brought extra burdens, but also extra blessings in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the people.

### **Some Needs**

First, a larger baptism of love and prayer for Israel and work among the Moslems, Eastern churches and for an opening into Arabia.

Second, pray for our native helpers that they may be filled with the Spirit and full of courage as well as wisdom to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Third, pray for the health, safety and the highest preparation through the indwelling Spirit for increased usefulness on the part of our missionaries.

Fourth, pray for the completion of the chapel fund which requires several thousand dollars to purchase a site and put up a humble and suitable home and chapel combined.

Fifth, pray for the conversion of many precious souls this coming year and the speedy coming of the King of the Jews.

Sixth, the following are some needs mentioned by our missionaries

in the report of the Annual Conference. The last one mentioned was especially emphasized and also the need of a permanent and enlarged home for the Jaffa school. The need of further reinforcements for Palestine.

### **Work Among the Jews in New York City**

The following is an extract from the report of our missionaries, Miss M. Miender and Miss M.A. Cole: "The children's class held in our home has increased in attendance to 30. Many of the little ones are now willing to receive the teaching of salvation through their Messiah Jesus. Another class was held in a church in a Jewish quarter on Chrystie Street every Saturday morning. It is difficult to get Jewish children into a church. Here we have a class of from 12 to 20 most of whom have attended regularly for two years. We have visited the parents and obtained their consent for the children to come and they sustain a friendly relation to us.

We have two other helpers, Miss H.M. Regan and Miss McInnes. We also have an interesting and fruitful work in the Jewish Bible shop-window mission, 210 Chrystie Street, superintended by Mr. T.W. Brown, Jr., of Philadelphia. This year has been the most fruitful in results of any time since it was opened in 1900. We have given out free to inquirers a total of 1,047 New Testaments and Bibles and 708 Gospels, besides a large number of tracts. Souls have been converted. Two of the converts are now useful helpers in the work in Philadelphia and in New York. During the past few months several have openly confessed Christ and have given evidence of conversion and growth in grace. Two have united with the Gospel Tabernacle and others are attending services there.

The weekly meetings of prayer Wednesday afternoon, three to four, in the Berachah chapel, 250 West 44<sup>th</sup> street, have been a great factor in the work.

We feel the present facilities are inadequate for work among the 600,000 Jews in this city. No other city in the world contains so large a Jewish population. May we be awakened to the necessity and the privilege of ministering the Gospel to God's beloved people."

## INDIA MISSION

We praise God at the end of another year for His mercies which have crowned it. We begin the new year with fifty-three missionaries on the field, seventeen on furlough, and several new ones expected soon, who will be most welcome. During the year ten new missionaries have joined us and ten have returned from furlough, and fifteen have gone on furlough, most of them after long terms of service.

The health of the missionaries has on the whole been good, but there has been a good deal of suffering from fever, and one dear one has fallen asleep, so that we have four more on the field than at the beginning of 1902.

We were glad to welcome back to India Mr. and Mrs. Franklin after their long absence in America; also Mr. and Mrs. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Miss Scoville, who is now Mrs. Duckworth; Mr. Back, and Miss Seascholtz.

In March a party of four new missionaries came with Mr. Fuller, who was returning from furlough. These were Mr. and Mrs. McKee, who came for the industrial work at Dholka, and Misses Downs and Krater. With Mr. and Mrs. Franklin came Miss Mattie Veach, and in the party which came in December were Mr. Auernheimer and Misses Decker and Compton. Messrs. Bennett and Dinhom joined the mission on the field.

At the close of the famine so many were badly worn and in need of furlough and entitled to it by long and faithful terms of service, and it was a serious problem how they could get away so as not to cripple too seriously the work in the field. But the problem has been successfully solved, and we hope before the end of the year to welcome back most of those on furlough and to see others off for home, and in two years we hope to have nearly all who need furlough returned for another term of service. We hope that hereafter there will never be such a large number needing furlough at once, but that a pretty regular system can be established so that there will not again be the severe strain of holding nineteen stations with less than forty-five missionaries.

The reports of the various stations show much to praise God for. There are some places where we have not yet begun the reaping, but even in these the workers are cheered by seeing their brethren reap, and can stand on the promise, "In due time we shall reap if we faint not," and God will keep them from fainting for "He gives power to the faint."

It has been a year of busy work, but a year of precious fruit as well, and hard work becomes a pleasure when we are permitted to see the fruits follow soon. The fruits are not the results of one year's work only, but of the several years of faithful work which has been done and which sometimes seemed fruitless. But the harvest work is as hard as the sowing time, and if we had workers enough to follow up the work in hand and deal with the candidates for baptism in some part of the field, large numbers could be baptized during 1903 and the number of candidates would increase as well. It will be seen from the table of statistics that there have been 394 baptisms during the year. The largest number was at Mehemedabad, where much faithful work has been done and where God has given us our largest church. The next largest number was at Dholka, most of them being boys of our orphanage where Brother and Sister Andrews and Brother and Sister McKee put in a year of hard work. God gave times of great blessing among the boys, and scores were very clearly converted, and after a time were baptized. The work of the Spirit was very deep and the revival was marked by deep conviction of sin and clear and straightforward confessions of sin and restitution where it was possible.

The next largest number was at Khamgaon, where most were from the girls' orphanage, but not all. We hope that most of the 180 girls and women are converted, but we cannot, because of the laws, baptize boys or girls under sixteen, whose parents, or one of whom, is living, without the consent of the parent, so that a good many have had to wait in all our orphanages. If we are sure that both parents are dead then we can baptize them.

At Kaira there were no baptisms, but ninety candidates waiting for some one to come to baptize them. The spiritual work in all the orphanages has been very satisfactory and we praise God for it. The outlook for the new year is as bright as we have ever seen, and makes us hope to see still better things in the coming years if the Lord tarry. We believe that His Word to us is, "Ye shall see greater things than these." The report of each orphanage has its peculiar interest and deserves careful reading by all friends of the orphanage work. The financial part of the orphanage work is a pretty large and important part, and God has provided hitherto and will still provide. But we hope that friends will see that in this line of work we need hundreds who will stand by year after year in the support of one or more orphans till they are grown up and need no more support. Last year the receipts fell off a good deal, and the funds in hand at the beginning of the year have been nearly exhausted so that we need to pray much for this part of the work.

We are much in need of funds for building the needed room for in-

dustrial work at Dholka, and supplying the outfit of tools for it. During the famine and for some time after money came pretty freely for the orphanage work and during the conventions of 1901 the support of hundreds of the orphans was undertaken by our dear people at home for one year, and many are still standing by with "a nickel a day," and prayers for the support of these whom God has given us, but we hope they will not grow weary in well doing. Hundreds of these are little boys and girls; scores are still little tots and must be supported for years to come. We hope soon to get things in shape so that every boy over fifteen and every girl over sixteen shall be able to support himself or herself, but to do this will require an outlay of quite an amount, perhaps three thousand dollars or more, to build shops and furnish tools and some machinery.

We have eleven fly-shuttle looms already at Kaira and hope to have three or four times that number, as weaving and sewing, making up the cloth into the simple garments required by the people in the villages, are two of the best industries for girls. Dyeing the yarn is another simple and profitable industry.

At Dholka we want a good many looms (which, by the way, we make in our own shop) as weaving is good work for the boys who are too small to handle carpenter's or blacksmith's tools. We can make these looms as soon as we have a place to work them. They cost about \$10 each. We have a class of over thirty boys learning tailoring in a very simple style. They already make the clothing for the orphanage, but a little later on we could weave the cloth and make it up into thousands of the simple garments used by the village people, and make a good profit on them and furnish a means of self-support for all the boys who do the weaving and sewing.

But it requires money to start such work. I suppose that from \$5 to \$8 per head, say six months' support for the boys, well expended, would make it possible for many of them to earn their own living after they acquire a little skill in their work. One year's support in hand for 200 of the larger of the 550 boys now at Dholka, would start the workshops and feed the boys till they could earn their own living, I think. That would be \$3,000 and would be a much better investment than to let them eat it all up in a year. But we would need the cash in hand to build and furnish the shops.

#### **The India Alliance**

In July this organ of the work in India was started again after a silence of some three years, and we are glad to hear that many welcome it again as an old friend. We hope that the friends of the work at home and in the various foreign fields will find it a real boon in keeping them

in touch each month with the work in India. As the work goes on and the missionaries become more and more engrossed and often burdened with the work they find less time and strength to write home to their friends and this little monthly visitor if taken in large numbers by home friends would bring thousands of people into a closer touch with the work and would give them a better acquaintance with the field, the work and the needs, than they can get in any other way. We wish hundreds of our friends would act as agents to increase the circulation to several thousands so that it would be no financial burden, but a great blessing. We thought of giving a copy free to every one who would support an orphan, as that would be the easiest way to keep them informed of the orphanage work, but that would look like a discrimination in favor of money given for orphans as against money given for the support of missionaries or helpers, or for the general expenses of the mission. But we wish that every one who supports an orphan would take the *India Alliance*. It is only fifty cents a year, including postage.

### **The Bombay Home**

After seven years of living in rented houses in Bombay and having moved twice, which implies a good deal of expense and hard work as well as injury to furniture and loss of matting and carpets that will not fit the rooms of a new house, we were again threatened with another move, for the property which we had occupied for the last three and one-half years was to be sold. We looked here and there for a suitable house, but found nothing. We had for a long time wished that we could buy the property, and it grew upon some of us that that was the thing God would have us do, and to make a long story short, we entered into an agreement to purchase the property, or the larger part of it, and it is now in our possession but under a very heavy mortgage. We felt so clearly that it was the thing to do, and after the agreement had been signed there was no way but to go forward with it. The mortgage must be paid this year; one-half, \$11,500, before August 1, and the balance before December 1. We hope our friends will really stand with us in prayer for the needed money. Such a home is needed for the mission at Bombay, and God has made it a blessing to many outside of our own mission, and we believe He wants to make it a greater blessing than ever before.

Mark Fuller.

### **Kaira Girls' Orphanage**

We are glad to be able to say that we have made some advancement the past year. Our buildings are being completed, our new school-room has been occupied for nearly a month, the hospital is now filled with sick girls,

none however are so ill that they cannot be up most of the day. We especially appreciate this as we have been very much crowded and were unable to keep clear of contagion because of lack of segregation room. Our number of girls at present is 401. The well is soon to be completed, and we will have another good water supply. The weaving now employs fifty girls. Four looms are running with good success. We are very anxious to improve and increase this industry, as it will prove an important factor in the support of the orphans, and fit them to earn a livelihood after leaving us. We have a cook house with a big chimney and a large iron plate on which to bake our bread. Our schools too are progressing rapidly. One little Sweeper girl received a year and a half ago now stands among the first in her class in the third reader. Others are advancing as well. Spiritually we are growing. There have been no baptisms the past year simply because there has been no male missionary to baptize the candidates. Just now we have over ninety names of orphans desiring baptism, and (D.V.), will try to have the baptismal service this coming Sunday.

One dear girl was very brightly converted some months ago. She had formerly been in the Salvation Army, but knew very little of the principles of Christianity. After hearing the Word for a time she was convicted of sin. One night after a hard day's work I was passing across the yard to attend to some sick child, when she called to me. I thought I hadn't time to be interrupted just then, but was prompted to listen. There alone in the dark she poured out her heart to me in humble, simple confession of her sin, and asked forgiveness for things done shortly after her coming to us. How I praised God I listened! A soul saved! She had such a happy look in her face the next day. She has asked for baptism, and although she has had hard temptations since, she is proving that she is really born again.

Last year at this time one girl was doing everything she could to make trouble. I had struggled with her for four or five months and had almost despaired of her being anything but a disobedient, quarrelsome, disagreeable girl. We wrote to some of our most intimate friends in the homeland to pray for her, and we too have prayed. She is today staying with me in my room. Her devotion to me is really touching. She does all my room work neatly and quietly and waits upon me hand and foot. Praise the Lord for answered prayer!

Plague has been all around us, but so far this year we have been kept from it.

We need not say we are weary with the building and long to see the last laborer off the place. However we are spurred up by the admonition, "Be *not* weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap *if ye faint* not." How many times I have become so discouraged and said in despair,

“O Lord, I can go no further, I’m so tired,” but grace has always been given to go on as the days came and went. Dear Miss Woodworth has not only helped in the work but has held me up so many times.

The Lord this season has sent us three new devoted missionaries. We now number six, and as soon as the new workers get their language we will not lack for help. Already they are beginning to take up the burden in different departments, and taking hold of things with a will. It makes the tears come sometimes as I see them undertaking tasks that have been so long neglected because I had neither time nor strength to do them.

Just now little Taji has come with the tears rolling down her cheeks to tell me that Dewalli has broken her Christmas dolly. Both feet are broken off and Taji’s heart is *almost* broken. Must I send her away because I am too busy to help her? No, I will not. I will stop long enough to get a bit of white lead and mend it, to say a word of comfort to her and to reprove Dewalli.

We want to thank all the friends who have so faithfully prayed for us the past year and contributed to our need. We have lacked no good thing. Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done and Thy *thoughts* which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee. If I would declare and speak of them, they are *more* than can be numbered.

Yours very truly,

Eunice Wells.

### **Dholka Orphanage**

Service and sickness, toil and triumph, care and comfort, seed sowing and harvest have all been more or less abundant during the past year. The feeding, clothing and educating of 500 boys, together with the more important work of leading them to God, is a task really too heavy for two, but strength, grace and blessing have been given.

Mrs. Andrews and I took charge of the orphanage properly January 2, 1902, when we moved to Dholka. Owing to the famine conditions prevailing during the first seven months the influx of destitute boys was large. This of course made the work heavier. Our number reached its climax. When the boys who were being kept at Veramgam were removed here, making a total of 525.

Along with the influx there has always been more or less of outgoing, boys leaving to go to their own people. These are some of the sorrows.

After some weeks of toil and teaching we felt impressed that some special effort should be made to bring the boys to a definite decision in order to receive a definite blessing. At first I invited those who wanted to know the way more perfectly to meet me at 7:30 p.m. I soon had a large class

of inquirers. The necessity of thorough repentance was emphasized and soon some very interesting cases of conversion and restitution resulted.

However, no one seemed to come into definite blessing until the last Sunday of March, when at the close of the meeting in which the Spirit's presence was much felt, I invited all who were willing to forsake all sin and seek the Lord at once to stand. About 60 stood. During the prayer meeting which followed many sobbed, wept and prayed. We could but mingle our tears with theirs, and rejoice in the confessions and testimonies which followed. Two or three incidents will illustrate the above.

Sundar says: "While I was helping in the housework during Mrs. Back's time I saw a two-anna coin lying, and as it remained untouched for a few days I took it. I will restore the money. God has forgiven me."

Galo: "One night I found a trap with a rat in it. I cut off its tail and got the pice (the price paid for each rat-tail). I do not know whose trap it was so you may take the pice. God has forgiven my sins and made me His child."

The work continued for some weeks and many were clearly converted. On May 3, sixty-three boys and five adults were baptized, and later forty-nine boys and one adult thus followed the Lord.

The work of Bible teaching has been greatly hindered by the pressure of other work, but there has been blessing on this line also. Our Sunday school consists of our own boys and the Christian and non-Christian teachers and helpers. Our older boys are used in teaching in the different classes.

In school very pleasing progress has been made, the testimony of outside masters being that our boys do better than Hindu boys, though in school but four hours a day. Those who go to government school carry the honors in their classes and also have the name of being much better behaved than the town boys.

The industrial work, while considerably developed, has been greatly hindered for want of room, and also by the long illness of Mr. McKee. However we hope to have the new workshops ready before the rains, where all boys old enough can find a place. Our boys now work daily from three to four hours, and are in school four hours. Owing to the vigilance of Miss Peter, who has charge of the health department, sickness has been comparatively little. While fever has prevailed to so great an extent all over we have had but few serious cases.

Since the commencement of the new year Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth have taken charge of the orphanage, and we are now to take up the work of training young men and women for Gospel work as soon as rooms can be built for them.

Yours in His name,  
H.V. Andrews.

**Akola**

The year that has just passed has had its discouragements and its encouragements. In regard to direct work we have been unable on account of building and school work to get out very much except bazaar preaching on Sundays. We have many things to be thankful for. First, so few deaths amongst our boys and native Christians. Second, the Lord has enabled us to almost finish building the school and outhouses out at Santa Barbara (the name of our new school). We have also a nice American windmill to draw water for the boys' vegetable garden. Plague has broken out in that part of town where most of our Christian people dwell, and on that account about twenty-five families are now camping out on the field belonging to the boys' school, as their houses were closed by the government. The child of one of our native Christians has died of plague, but besides that we have had no other cases amongst our people.

Third, the spiritual condition of the church on the whole is good, the regular attendance fair, the lack of attendance strange to say is on the part of the women. The offerings for the year have with one exception (when we built the church) never been so high.

IV. In the latter part of February and the beginning of March, we held our annual Mela, or Convention, and quite a number of visitors were present from other stations; all there were entertained free by our people. We had a very profitable time together and the native brethren gave several good talks; the sermons of Kanwacli Mudra Swami were exceedingly fine.

V. Our Sunday school has been well attended, as has also our outside Sunday schools, but we are sorry to say that on account of plague the outside Sunday schools have been broken up; but we trust that they will soon be opened again.

VI. The Industrial department has gone forward very well indeed, which in the absence of Mr. Rogers has been in charge of Kanwacli Mudra Swami, but it needs a new supply of tools for about twenty apprentices.

The number of church members is 65; amount raised by the native brethren in the church last year, R. 199-4-0; the sale of Bible portions was 962; tracts distributed, 500; number of baptisms, 25; number of villages visited, 20; number of weekly meetings in the station, exclusive of meetings with the boys or bazaar work, 6; members expelled from the church, 4; number of outside Sunday schools, 3; number of Christians and children outside of school, 102; number of boys in the school (orphanage), 124. In the beginnings of the year we had 140, but of these several have died, several have married and gone out to live, four or five are working in the mills, several have run away or been reclaimed by friends since the famine is past.

Wm. Moyser, *Missionary in charge.*

**Khamgaon**

The work in this station has been much hindered by the plague, as the plague has been very bad in Khamgaon, and all around. Near and far villages were affected, so we were shut off as it were from the work. The work before had been very encouraging. Doors opened up as never before.

High caste people have been more open than we have ever known them to be. They not only let us sit and talk to them instead of saying we should go, they had no time to listen, they would follow us up and invite us to come and see them again; and by the loss of so many of their dear ones by plague they began to ask and grope after the real and true God and after real soul rest. There have been many interesting cases. Just the other day a poor woman who had lost all her children except one by plague, came to us and we told her of Jesus the unfailing Friend. She said she had never heard this story before, but wanted to hear it again, "because you say that Christ died for me, too." And another woman who had lost her only child by plague, was in such distress and anguish of soul she wanted to know where the spirit of her child had gone; asking her neighbors, of course all heathen. One man, a carpenter, seeing her condition, said to her: "You go up to the mission house. I worked there during the famine, and those people have the rest and peace you are seeking. I have never seen such before." She really came and we prayed with her and talked to her. She is a very interesting case, and I believe she will step over. So many have.

The work in the orphanage has been very encouraging, although in this last year we have seen some of the darkest days we have yet passed through. One was the death of dear Imamelar, our teacher and matron, who meant so much to the work. Then Miss Fannie Hoffman, breaking down in health and had to leave the work and go to America, has too been a great loss to the work, naturally looking at it. And then the awful strain of the plague all around us the whole last year, and the sad experience in our own orphanage - two taken down with the dreadful disease and one taken to glory - one of the best girls. All this has meant to us that which we cannot put in words. We look forward to the new year of 1903 to be a year of greater blessing than we have ever known. Miss Krater and Downs, who are just ready for the examination, will soon be ready to take up the work amongst the women in town.

The industrial part of the work has added many blessings. In the weaving room six looms are at work, but these we want to improve by using or getting the fly shuttle. Then the dairy God, too, has blessed. We received a donation of five Jersey cows and two goats from the agent of the Rolli Bros. The good, pure milk, ghee and buttermilk have meant

many a meal for the girls, and the cows' milk has meant everything to our six wee babies in the nursery in the widows' home.

We wish you could look into the sewing room and see the busy hands there, where all the clothing is made for small and large, and besides, quilts for sale. The busy hands in pulling the weeds out of the garden too is a very important work, as we get many vegetables from the garden.

The school room too God has blessed, where we have five of our own girls employed as teachers, and others in preparation for the higher classes for which we have two teachers - one for the high and middle school. We have the first two girls in the province of Berar to be in the high school.

The number of Christians on this station is 108; number baptized the last year, 148; number of Sunday schools, 4 outside and the mission school; average attendance in the five 390, but the outside schools have been neglected because of the plague; contributions of the church, R. 170, which money has been used for a fence around the cemetery and a bridge to the same.

A.L. Yoder.

## CENTRAL CHINA

Greeting: - "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to god always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love which ye have showed towards His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister; being enriched in everything to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this service not only supplieth the wants of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgiving unto God."

We, the members of the Central China Mission, assembled in conference at Wuhu, desire to acknowledge with thanksgiving, and yet with great humility, the goodness of God to us since the time of our last conference. As the date of the conference has been changed from September to January we have only four months to take into account in considering God's dealing with us. But even in such a short time we can count many blessings, and we know the Word is true which says that "His mercies are new every morning, and great is His faithfulness." Perhaps the chief cause for thankfulness is in the fact that in the few instances where sickness has attacked any of the workers, God has given deliverance, and that at the present time every one is enjoying a fair measure of health and strength. Another cause for rejoicing is to be found in the encouraging reports that have come from the different stations; reports which show the blessing of God poured out in abundant measure in answer to earnest prayer and equally earnest effort.

Again we desire to thank God for bringing back to us after an absence of about two years, our Brother and Sister Smith, and also for sending us our new missionary, Bro. A.E. Laraway.

We would not forget to mention God's goodness in continuing to so bountifully supply our temporal needs, nor to thank Him for the Home Board that with us looks to God in faith and prayer for the supply of every need both temporal and spiritual.

We are glad to note the arrival of reinforcements for our mission in West China, and are grateful for their presence and assistance in the work, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in Kansuh, they are detained in Central China.

It seems almost needless to add that we have entered upon the work for another year with higher hopes and greater expectations, and with a firmer faith in our God, that He will fulfil all that He has promised.

We desire as individuals, to acknowledge the receipt of the Christmas Greeting, and to express our thanks for and appreciation of the same, with the prayer that God will richly bless our Home Board during the coming year.

“Finally, brethren, continue to pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and run and be glorified.”

Yours on behalf of Conference,

J. Smith,

A.E. Laraway.

#### Chairman's Report

Chairman's report at Conference of Central China Mission of C. and M.A., held in Home, Wuhu, January 14 to 19, 1903.

In the goodness of God we have again been granted the privilege of leaving our own individual work for a brief period to meet around our Lord, and take a more general and comprehensive view of the field. May this meeting be, as it were, a mountain top where the Lord shall speak to us about His work in the plains below.

It seems fitting to state here that the date of our yearly meeting has been changed from the first week of September to sometime in January, at the call of the chairman.

We are glad to have with us at this time our brother and sister Ekvall, and three new ladies belonging to the Western Mission. While, in one sense, feeling sorry that they have been detained here, yet we believe all things work together for good to them that love God, and are thankful to have their fellowship and help.

I am sure we all sincerely thank God for the return of our brother James Smith and family, and for the coming into our midst of Bro. Laraway to strengthen our hands in the work. The coming of new workers brings new life and enthusiasm to those whose hands are heavy with toil.

Again we meet an unbroken band of workers, for which we humbly and devoutly praise God. Not only so, but our number is increased. What shall we render to the Lord for all His benefits unto us? Some of us have been afflicted; all of us have been tried: but God has done this in faithfulness that we might be made more like our Elder Brother in character and obedience.

A conference of native helpers and Christians was held in the beginning of December which God evidently approved by the presence and pow-

er of the Spirit in the meetings. It resulted in blessing to all the workers who attended as they each had need.

During these four months I have visited Wuchang, Nanling and Wanchi, and opportunities were given at these places to preach and testify, and I must say that in this work I have experienced more of the Lord's presence and the Spirit's power than in any other work that falls to me to do.

There have been added to the membership of our churches during the four months eleven new converts, for whom we give thanks unto God. More *might* have been baptized, but it is wisest to refuse baptism when there *is any doubt* as to the fitness of the candidates.

In the condition of the Christians in our various churches there is cause for sorrow, and also for rejoicing. Some have fallen into temptation and a snare through covetousness, and brought the Lord's name into disrepute; others, and thank God they are not a few, are bright and shining lights whom it is a joy and inspiration to meet. It is a cause for thankfulness that in Wuhu our members have ceased to apply to us for help in law suits. I believe this evil among our church members can be stamped out by a firm and unyielding stand on our part.

This report would not be complete without reference to the fact that the Lord has blessed us financially as in no preceding year. We have had more money given to us personally than ever before. And we have been enabled since last conference to purchase a large property for our work at Wuchang, a piece of land at South Wuhu for our work there, and negotiations are at present under way for the purchase of land at Wanchi. For these and all other blessings we render our sincere thanks to our Father who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wm. Christie,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

Report of work at Honan and Hill, Wuhu, for four months,  
September - December, 1902.

#### Honan

The work at Honan has been carried on during the past four months at a disadvantage on account of there being no resident missionary there. The usual number of regular weekly meetings have been held, viz., two on Sunday, one on Monday night, one on Wednesday afternoon and one on Thursday night. Mr. Tong has led most of these meetings, except the Sunday morning preaching service, which we take in turns, and the Wednesday afternoon meeting, which is generally led by Mrs. Christie.

Mr. Hu, a coming evangelist, preached daily for about two months in the street chapel with good success, but he was sent first to Nanling, then

to T'sing-iang, and there was no one to take his place. Consequently this important part of the work is at a standstill.

Four out of eleven inquirers were baptized last fall, making the number of members in full communion eighteen. There are at present six inquirers who may be baptized early in the summer.

One member has been dismissed and two suspended during the last four months, while one has died. The difficulty often arising about burial ground for those who died, led the Honan church in conjunction with the Hill church and the mission, to buy a piece of ground as a cemetery for our members in Wuhu who may fall asleep. The two churches paid one-half the amount, and the mission the other half - the deed to be held by the mission. It cost \$60 Mex.

The two schools in Honan have gone steadily on through the year. There are 22 members on the roll of the boys' school, and 13 on that of the girls, but the average attendance has been only 15 and 9 respectively. The teacher of the girls' school is not satisfactory in conduct, and we think of closing his school in consequence. School fees during the year amounted to \$15.

We hope before another conference to move into new premises, which we hope shall be ready before June.

Collections for the year, \$29.34, Mex.

In closing I would acknowledge the help of brethren visiting us in preaching at both Honan and the Hill.

#### Hill

The work at the Hill, Wuhu, is in the same condition almost as it was at last conference. All the usual meetings have been held, and conducted by Mr. Tong, myself or some visitor. The Sunday school has been the means of instructing the Christians more thoroughly in the Word.

The number of members is eight, and inquirers five.

The collections for the whole year amounted to \$41.62 (both foreign and native).

Although the membership at the Hill church is small, yet the attendance at the Sunday morning services is often large, and thus many hear the Word at this place who otherwise might never have heard it.

Wm. Christie, *in charge*.

## SOUTH CHINA

By Dr. R. Glover

Beginning from Shanghai and sailing down the coast to the British colony of Hong Kong, we take steamer for 300 miles up the West River, through the Kwong-Tung Province, and reach our remaining field - Kwong-Si. This province, in common with Hu-Nan, was possessed of a peculiarly anti-foreign spirit, and former attempts to plant stations had ended in riots and the expulsion of the missionaries. It was laid strongly upon us as a field for our mission, and in 1893 the first members of our South China band were sent out to face the problem of entering Kwong-Si, which at that time had not a single resident missionary. It was distinctly pioneer work, presenting not a few difficulties and dangers, but upheld by God and by many praying hearts our workers pressed steadily in and gained foothold after foothold. The Kwong-Si band has been added to year after year and the work has gone forward in a spirit of strong unity and faith. Now there are 26 missionaries, about 20 native helpers and over 100 baptized Christians among the seven stations. First of all comes Wuchow, a large, busy city, and the headquarters of the work. It lies just within the eastern border of Kwong-Si and at the junction of the West River with its tributary, the Fu River. Here an excellent receiving Home has just been built, and we have a Chapel, an evangelistic reading room, and training schools for native helpers, both male and female. Following up the West River we visit in order a chain of four stations - T'ang-Uen, Kwai-P'ing, Tung-Tsun and Nan-Ling. The last is some 350 miles from Wuchow and not far from the borders of the French territory known as Tonkin. It is the design of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to extend its work into this latter country, which has as yet almost no Protestant work, and already two of our missionaries in Kwong-Si, who speak French, are studying the Anamese language and preparing to enter. Two more stations complete the list in South China. One is Kwei-Lin, on the Fu River, more than 200 miles north of Wuchow, a large and important city, and the provincial capital; the other is Lo-Teng, 60 miles south of Wuchow and just over the border into Kwong-Tung.

## SOUDAN MISSION

We praise God for His faithfulness and for so bountifully supplying our needs, through you, our Board, to whom also we tender a vote of thanks.

We have been enabled to do quite a good deal of repair and improvement work both at Magbele and Bethel. A new house, with three rooms and an iron roof was built at Magbele, and two board floors put down in the mission house.

At Bethel two new floors were laid, as well as new joists put in. The lower floors were all cemented. A good share of this was paid for by Mrs. Lewis and Miss Heber with funds which were sent them personally. The chapel, of course, was paid for from that fund. All the rest was taken from General Expense.

The Committee voted to mark the graves of our missionaries. Some eight pounds were used in this way, besides taking over some furniture at Makomp, which was also ordered by the Committee. In this way the account was overdrawn; for Mr. Seiple's balance sheets showed sufficient funds, but when he left I found he only had a small balance, and many bills not entered at all. I was thus surprised to find the account greatly in debt.

Much of the money sent for children's work, or "boys," was credited to native helpers, but as it was drawn upon it did not signify.

The expense at Makomp and Tibabudugo has been small - simply running expense.

There has been a day school at Magbele with fifteen pupils enrolled. At Bethel there were also fifteen, I believe. We employed two native helpers the latter part of the year.

There were five baptisms, and in all about fifteen hopeful professed conversions.

There is an increasing interest on the part of our laborers, and a visible deepening of those already saved, which is most gratifying. Spiritually the work has never been so hopeful.

The work by Howard Smith at Tibabudugo deserves special mention. It is principally among the children and young men, though the old are not neglected; he teaches in the open air, and while the children gather in crowds the old people keep in the outskirts. Howard is faithfulness itself. No matter how hard the day's work, the evening finds him before his class,

and they are giving fair promise of a harvest. One little boy, ten years old perhaps, seems to be truly saved, and prays in public in spite of laughs and jeers. Some of the young men have publicly confessed Christ, and they say that there are many who are seriously deciding the matter in their hearts. We are confidently expecting a break soon, and an ingathering of precious souls.

Our mission is slowly but surely making advance, and we have every reason to take fresh courage and go on in God's name, for He is with us and that to bless. Oh, that we may be kept humble, patient, sweet, that He may find us faithful and ready!

J. Hal Smith.

#### Conference Letter

We gladly send you our report for the year 1902. Owing to existing circumstances on the field a special conference was called at Bethel October 15. Matters of importance were discussed and decided upon. It was a very blessed time of fellowship with the Lord and each other.

Looking back over the past year the dark shadows but show more clearly God's tender love and almighty power, as we have seen many times the enemy defeated and good wrought out of seeming ill.

The trials that came caused us to lay hold of God and He has done for us "exceeding abundantly." Although there have not been a large number of conversions, there has been a deepened work in the hearts of some already saved, and a great desire among many to know the salvation of Jesus. We believe the Spirit is striving with hearts, and God's Word will not return void.

Mr. and Mrs. Seiple were in charge of Freetown and Magbele until August, when they had to leave on account of Mrs. Seiple's ill health. The work was taken up by Mr. J. Hal Smith. The Word was given in Freetown when the missionaries were staying there. Regular meetings were established in Magbele, which were well attended. A day school is carried on there by a native helper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Misses Mullen, Heber and Stem were at Bethel until the end of February, when Mr. Lewis went to be with the Lord, and in March Miss Mullen had to return to America through illness. Mrs. Graham came down from Tibabudugo in June, and Miss Stem was married to Mr. McDuffie and went to Makomp in October. Although there have been many changes and testings at this station yet God has blessed through it all by the working of His Spirit. Three natives were baptized, two the fruits of Mr. Benton's labors, and one, we believe, the result of Mr. Lewis' life and prayers.

We especially praise God for these, as one of them was the first Kuran-

to convert to be baptized. He has been personal servant to Mr. Benton and Mr. Howard Smith, and is now working for Mrs. Graham and going on with the Lord.

The most encouraging feature of the work at this station is the deepening interest in spiritual things shown by the laborers and carriers who work in the mission. Two laborers and three school boys have been converted. None of these boys has been baptized yet.

School has been held regularly every day except Saturday. Much medicine has been given to the natives, and the Word preached at the same time. Many visits have been made to the surrounding towns, and the Gospel given. Some of the people have seemed interested. Messrs. J. Hal Smith, Evans and McDuffie were stationed at Makomp till April, when Mr. McDuffie went to Tibabudugo to be with Mr. E. Nash.

Much itinerating work was done during the dry season, making monthly tours which included thirty towns, besides meeting the people at the station and preaching in other towns and places.

The Lord has blessed the work among the laborers. Two have been baptized and others have professed conversion.

Much repairing and building has been done both at Makomp and Bethel.

October 15 Mr. and Mrs. McDuffie went to take charge at Makomp. Besides daily prayer service they preached regularly in the surrounding towns, receiving good attention from the people.

Lessons were given to some of the mission laborers who were desirous of learning to read in order to study the Word.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. Graham and Mr. Nash reached Tibabudugo January 15, 1902, and were received with much joy by the people. Teaching and preaching among the children and people were begun. A goodly number attended the services, which were held in the town every night and on Sunday afternoons.

Arrangements were made to build a much needed chapel. A site was secured and cleared, brick made, the foundation laid and the wall built several feet high, when it became necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Smith to leave on account of Mrs. Smith's ill health. Mr. Nash remained at the station and Mr. McDuffie went to stay with him until the conference, which was held in October, 1902.

In closing we feel to praise God for the love and unity in our midst. To Him be all the glory.

J. Hal Smith,  
Addie L. Graham,  
Anna C. Heber.

## CONGO MISSION

Maduda, March 2, 1903

To the President, Board of Managers and Members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Beloved in the Lord. - "God is faithful, . . . for our glorying is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and sincerity of God not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we did conduct ourselves, . . . ye also working together for us by your supplications." The year 1902 with its opportunities and work for us has passed away, and we submit to a retrospect of it in this the fourteenth annual report of your Congo Mission.

To all interested in the Lord's work in the Congo Free State the year has become prominent through the First United Missionary Conference, which was held at Leopoldville, Stanley Pool, January 19-21. Thirty-four missionaries from six of the societies laboring on the lower and upper River were present. The Christian and Missionary Alliance was represented by the Rev. H.D. Campbell, Rev. A.R. Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Ave.

The Annual Conference of our mission, held on Kinkonzi Station, September 28-30, was a blessed time of refreshing in the presence of our loving Redeemer, and will ever be remembered by all privileged to be present. At the beginning of the year there were 18 missionaries on the field. Mr. Allen and Mrs. Hall, now Mrs. Roth, arrived during the year. It pleased the Lord to remove by death on May 30 Mrs. Stevenson, and in June our number further decreased through Mr. and Mrs. Campbell's leaving on furlough. Thus there were but 17 missionaries on the field when the year closed. As we see and think of the open doors all around us and of the people living and dying without hope and without sufficient workers to go among them with the message of salvation, our hearts are burdened with prayer for more laborers, and the more so as we think of some of our workers who are in need of furlough now, but who are standing at their post praying and looking for reinforcements, who it seems to us should be here now fitting themselves to take up the work which must needs be laid down soon by such as can no longer carry it on. Are there no young men at home called of God to Congo, who are willing to go; or is there no one to send them? What shall the harvest be of a field not sown in seed-time? To the four main stations, Boma, Vungu, Maduda

and Kinkonzi, occupied at the beginning of the year, another was added on February 18, when Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Soderberg began work at Lolo about a mile from the old Mazinga station site.

#### Boma

The representative of your mission, the Rev. H.D. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Miss Villars and Mr. Roth were on this station in January. Early in February Miss Villars was transferred to Vungu. Mr. Allen arrived from America in May and remained to help Mr. Roth, who took charge of the station when Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left on furlough in June. Mrs. Hall arriving from America in October, brought fresh cheer and courage to a lone worker, and an experienced hand to the work. Boma is the base of our up-country stations, where mail and supplies for the mission are received and forwarded, and where our out-coming or home-going missionaries find temporary shelter and entertainment. But though the business of the mission requires considerable time the preaching of the Word is not neglected. Daily services in Kifiote are held with the native employees and with such of the up-country people as may have come for loads. The Sunday services in the chapel are an English service in the morning for the English-speaking coast people, who are nominal Christians, and in the afternoon a Kifiote service for all who will come of the many natives working in Boma who hail from many districts on the lower Congo. Another service is held in the government prison. Day and Sunday school work is done for the house-boys. The people attending the services are mostly transient and it is difficult to estimate results of the work done, but we are persuaded that God's Word turneth not back unto Him empty, but has done that which He desired.

#### Vungu

Mr. and Mrs. Allison have had charge of the work throughout the year. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were with them in January, and then Mr. Stevenson left to locate and open a new station, which he accomplished on February 18. In March Mrs. Stevenson left to join her husband in the new work. Miss Villars came to Vungu February 8, and Mr. Page, transferred from Kinkonzi, came the beginning of March to assist in the work. The oversight of the work at Kikianda and at Mazinga out-schools was given to Lolo, as these places were quite near to the new station. The direction of the Ngangila work reverted from Boma to Vungu, when Mr. Campbell left on furlough. Mr. Allison writes: "With the work as a whole we are encouraged. The Lord has been working among our boys; two of them we believe are thoroughly saved, and others have professed salvation, but

we are so confident in them although we have seen a change in their lives, and we believe the Lord will bring them out with a true testimony. There is also a better spirit among the boys, and a more earnest desire to know the things of God." Daily services were held in Kifiote and two services on Sundays, with an average attendance of 30. Sunday School work was done on the station and in a town. The station school averaged 25 pupils. A petition to open a school in a town on Nseka Lala has been presented, but could not be complied with during the year. The message of salvation has been carried into many towns of the district, but although the people are usually ready to listen, they show as yet no inclination to forsake their sins and to come to Jesus. At Ngangila the work appeared to be very prosperous at the beginning of the year. The Christians there had opened a school at Yelala in the previous year, and in both places were many who seemed to be earnest inquirers. Over 40 were under instruction preparing for baptism. On January 26 Mr. Campbell baptized 35 of these, and we were much encouraged, but to our sorrow we have to report that during the year almost all forsook the Lord and again returned to their idol life and there were few if any of them in the faith when the year closed. Much prayer has been offered for them, and we believe the Lord has heard and is answering even now, as the Yelala people seem to desire a school again. The average attendance in services at Ngangila was 40, and in the day school 30.

### **Maduda**

Mr. And Mrs Ave and Miss Killer have worked there all through the year, and Miss Harris until October 27, when she left to assist in the work at Lolo. Mr. Soderberg also gave assistance in January. The people throughout the district are friendly and ready to listen to the Gospel message, and in many towns we are asked to come again soon. There has been considerable hindrance in the work through those whose perverse conduct necessitated discipline, and disorganization of the church in 1901, and who then began bogus schools in the most populous sections of the district where we had longed to place true light-bearers. It was comparatively easy for them at first to blind the eyes of their own countrymen, and for a season the schools flourished and unlimited success seemed before them. This, however, did not last long, for their freedom from all responsibility and healthy restraint soon laid bare their true condition of heart, and the real object of the schools, and without exception they rapidly and regardless of entreaties and warnings have gone from bad to worse, gathering wealth by oppressing the people and by infamous trading, while by courting the readily given friendship of the neighboring Belgian state officials, their doings have the appearance of legality with the easily terrified natives, whose fear of the state soldiers renders them submissive. The

general aspect of the work is, nevertheless, quite encouraging. Besides the station boys the day school was attended by about a dozen young town lads, and the attendance of the evening school steadily increased until it reached 75 at the close of the year. More interest has also been manifested in the daily services on the station, and much prayer has been offered for the convicting and converting power of the Holy Spirit. That the Word of God is working was made evident in May. In the nearest town a married daughter of a deceased chief, Maduda, died, leaving a few days' old baby boy. Only a few weeks previous, when another woman had died in this very town, a young baby she had left was buried alive with its dead mother as had always been done in the past, and as was considered all right. The first departure from this practice was when the dead mother was buried alone, and when the baby was brought to Mrs. Ave on the station, and with it came the grandmother and girl aunt to help care for it.

The closing of the outstation at M'bamba was necessitated at the beginning of the year through the people requesting the removal of the teacher who, following the example of two of his predecessors, had been untrue to his trust through stealing and adultery.

Yema out-station is the brightest spot of the Maduda work. Paku Nianga, the teacher in charge, having chosen rather to be afflicted with the people of God than to have sin's pleasure for a season, was variously and most severely tested, but by the mercy of God proved true to his trust and thus become better fitted for his work. Much evangelistic work has been done for many miles around Yema, and a spirit of more or less earnest inquiry is manifested in many towns. Many superstitious customs prevailing in the districts have been acknowledged as folly and are no longer adhered to. The services and school are well attended, and the house of native material is overcrowded and too small. The little congregation of 21 members is endeavoring to lay together sufficient money to build a larger and more substantial building in 1903's dry season. In August, seven men and six women were received into church fellowship by baptism, and some others it was considered best to let wait further. These with others since added continue hopeful inquirers under instruction.

### **Kinkonzi**

The work has been under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, assisted by Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Wickware through the year and by Mr. Page in January and February. The people throughout the large and populous district are friendly and attentive when the message of salvation is proclaimed among them. Much evangelistic work has been done, but to quote Mr. William's report, "As yet there are no visible results com-

ing direct from the work among the towns, it being in the sowing stage as yet." During the latter part of the year the Lord led to the opening of an out-station in a populous part of the Ngombi country and the people themselves willingly gave three good native huts and then erected a 33 x 18 foot school building of native material. The attendance of school and services has also been good, and the whole outlook is encouraging. The Lord has also graciously blessed the work on the station. Faithful school work has been done for the station people during the day and for the towns-people in the early evenings. The daily services have been well attended and a number of station people yielded to the Spirit's call and sought salvation in Jesus. These were formed into a Bible class and nine of them gave sufficient evidence of a change of heart to admit them by baptism into the church, while others continue under instruction.

#### Lolo

As has already been said when writing about Vungu. The work at this new station was begun by Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Soderberg on February 18. The school work at Mazinga out-station was transferred to this new place and several of the former Mazinga station boys found employment there. Mrs. Stevenson joined her husband about six weeks later, but unfortunately for him and for the work her labors were short, and on May 30 she passed to her reward.

The oversight of Kikianda out-school was transferred from Vungu to Lolo and was exercised until September 30, when the school was closed owing to the teacher's refusal to endure longer the hardship connected with his position. In April a new out-school was opened at Kimbenza and the teacher formerly at Mazinga school placed in charge, but on December 1 this work also had to be closed, as Mr. Stevenson reports, "partly on account of the worldliness of the head-teacher, and partly because we desired to give the teachers more instruction in the Word."

Previous to this there had seemed to be real spiritual growth in some of the older boys on the station and special instruction in the Word was being given to them, but by the middle of December all of these save one left the station and went to Boma in quest of worldly gain.

The outlook of the new station work may seem dark, but the Lord is able to make all things redound to His glory. Believing prayer and perseverance in well-doing without fainting are sure in due time to give a joyful harvest.

To our blessed Lord be our heartfelt praise for all His mercies and for all He has done for us and through us. By His grace we have gone on into another year, praying and working for the redemption of Congo's needy

people, encouraging our hearts with His never-failing promise in Psalm cxxvi.5,6: “Bakunanga mu mansanga bana yonzika my Kiese. Beti Kwenda didi ye nata mbongo zau zankuna; beti Kwiza vutukila ye Kiese ye nata mita miau.”

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