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Our present Council is assembling under conditions of new and peculiar solemnity. Eleven nations, representing more than half the population of the world, are still engaged in the agony of a life and death struggle. More than \$40,000,000.00 a day are spent to destroy men's lives, and more than 25,000,000 are pouring out the life blood of the nations for mutual destruction. The world is sacrificing one thousand times as many lives and five thousand times as much money to destroy men as the church is spending on the mission fields to save them. A visitor from some distant world to this tragic scene might well ask, "Can this be the world which the Father made and the Redeemer died to save?"

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

It is a matter for profound gratitude that the missionary operations of the various societies, including our own, have not been greatly hindered even by this unparalleled war and that the principal theatres of our foreign missionary work have been exempt from its horrors and hindrances.

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

A Year of Revival

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

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

The Official Departments

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

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

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

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

The Educational Work is under a Committee of the board, of which Mr. Ballard for a time was the efficient Chairman. He was called during the year to an important pastoral charge in Hornell, and Mr. Turnbull has been acting as the Superintendent of the Educational Department as well as Dean of the Missionary Institute and Principal of the Wilson Memorial Academy. The Schools at Nyack have had a successful year as will be shown by the detailed reports. A number of our graduates are completing their col-

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

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

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

Our colored brethren have been prosecuting the work of the Alliance with loyalty and energy in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Bowling Green, Boydton, and other important centers.

Our German brethren maintain a number of strong

branches and are giving liberal support to our foreign missionary work.

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

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

The Home field

There have been a number of changes in the home field. Mr. Williams accepted the call of our brethren in the Northwest to take charge of the Lake District, including Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Mr. Long has located in the Queen Street Tabernacle, Toronto, and is only able to give occasional attention to the great Canadian field, while Dr. Zimmerman has been added to the staff of our Field Evangelists. Mr. Chandler has continued to act as Field Evangelist, Mr. MacArthur has also been able to give considerable time to the field work. The Central District is still without a regular Superintendent, Mr. Patterson giving in addition to his pastoral work in Toledo a large portion of his time to the oversight of the District as acting Superintendent, and Mr. Richards supplementing his services as far as his time will permit. Mr. Franklin is giving his careful oversight to both

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

The Financial Situation

The total receipts through the Treasurer for 1915 were \$177,676.35 for the ordinary fund. Additional receipts for Sustentation and Forward Movement Funds increased it to \$178,838.65. The gross receipts of the year exceed any previous record by a few thousand dollars. They are \$34,540.87 in excess of last year, the report of which, however, did not cover the early

weeks of the year. The largest previous record was 1913, \$171,000.00. In addition to these Treasury funds the sum of \$106,785.22 has been received and disbursed through other departments including the Schools, specials for conventions, the Missionary Home, money sent directly to the field, missionary offerings and school fees received on the fields, and a few other miscellaneous items. While we are grateful and encouraged especially in these trying times for even a moderate increase in our financial resources, yet we cannot forget that the necessary expenses of the work naturally increase much faster than the funds available. We are, therefore, encouraged to believe that a new measure of liberality and sacrifice is already stirring the hearts of our people as indicated by the conventions of the past few months. Our Board and Finance Committee have taken vigorous measures during the year to improve the financial methods of this department and insure a more systematic and regular disbursement of the funds to our home and foreign workers.

Our Foreign Work

The past year has marked an increasing interest in our missionary work. The experience of many years has added greatly to the efficiency of our foreign workers, and we constantly recognize with gratitude and deep appreciation what God Himself hath wrought in the training and equipment of these men and women who have gone out from our midst during the past quarter of a century. While their numbers have not greatly increased, their efficiency has

been much enhanced. The providential care of God has been singularly marked, but one of our missionaries having been called away by death during the year, our honored brother, Rev. H.L. Weiss, of Chile. During the year 27 missionaries returned on furlough, 16 were sent back to the field from furlough, 2 were added on the field, and 7 were sent as new missionaries from the home land, and 7 resigned or were retired.

The spiritual results of our missions have been far in advance of any previous year. The vine of God's planting has at length begun to bear abundantly. The additions by baptism during the year were 1,042. The number of inquirers has reached 1,584. The total membership of our missions is approximately 7,000, and the total number of baptized persons since the organization of the work on the foreign field, 10,804. The property held by our foreign missions is valued at \$317,750.00. There are about 508 native workers and 260 foreign missionaries in actual service. The central stations occupied number 120, and the out-stations 209. We thank God for this consecrated army of nearly 800 witnesses for Christ in heathen lands, and the larger body who are standing behind them in sacrifice, faith, and prayer in the home land.

A comparison of the two last years shows an increase since 1914 of 21 stations and 37 out-stations, 58 in all, in our foreign fields; a decrease of 10 American missionaries in actual service, and an increase of 59 native workers; an increase of 9 organized native churches, and 728 communicants; and increase of 74 baptisms as compared with last year in a total of 1,048 for the present year; 11 new Sunday Schools opened

with 962 more children in attendance; 12 new primary schools reporting an addition of 1,211 scholars; an increase of \$3,070 in the combined offerings of our native churches' and school fees; a decrease of \$12,216.00 as compared with last year in sums directly sent to the field, and an increase of \$34,540.87 over last year in funds received directly by the Treasurer here; and, finally, an increase of \$7,229.50 over the highest record of any previous year in our Treasury receipts.

PARTICULAR FIELDS

Argentine

The reports from Argentine call attention to the remarkable growth of the Mission in the past two or three years. There are now 9 stations, with 8 organized churches, 12 foreign missionaries, one of whom is at present on furlough, and 5 native workers. Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. Dezell returned and have retired from the work. The native church numbers 162 communicants, to which 24 were added by baptism, and 71 inquirers are under instruction. Since the opening of the work 217 have been baptized. The schools contain 19 pupils, and the Sunday Schools 397. The offerings of the native Christians reached a high average, amounting to \$1,578.00, nearly ten dollars for each member. The Zooks, Millers, and Mr. Jennings are at Olivarria; Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Miss Brun at Azul; the Russels at Lobos; Mr. Strapp at La Prida. The other stations are manned by native workers, and Miss Hamilton is at present in Ireland.

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

Chile

The sudden death of Rev. H.L. Weiss, the leader and founder of the mission, which occurred during our last Council at Nyack, threw a heavy cloud over this mission, and the Foreign Department with the assistance of Mrs. Weiss and the cooperation of our Executive Committee on the field has been earnestly laboring to readjust the administration of the Mission. General support is given to the Mission by the Mennonite churches in this country. Mr. Weiss was so intensely active and prominent in all the work of the Mission, that it has not been easy to readjust the work without him, but the foreign missionaries and native workers are cooperating in a good spirit, and it is probable that Mr. Zook, a former Chilean missionary, may be able to return to Chile from the Argentine to give his valuable assistance and the benefit of his long experience to help out.

The annual Conference was held about the New

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

Ecuador

During the past year Mr. Polk and wife have continued to occupy the city of Quito. Mrs. Polk has suffered greatly from illness. The work is chilled by the atmosphere created by Romanism. The missionaries report, however, a family of three adults who were distinctly called out during the year into spiritual life and earnestness, an encouraging movement toward the lower classes of the population, and upon the whole a better spirit among the few native Christians. Mr. Johnston has been engaged in evangelistic work at the old station, Montecristi and vicinity. Mr. Chrisman returned to the field leaving his wife and family for the present in California, and Mr. and Mrs. Simmons accompanied him, and have been added to the

missionary staff. The foreign force numbers 7, including Mrs. Chrisman at home, with one native worker, a young woman supported by the Los Angeles Sunday School, 20 communicants, 6 children in day school and 15 in Sunday School. There was one baptism during the year. The light that shines on Ecuador at present is chiefly that of faith, hope, promise, and opportunity.

Jamaica

During much of the past year Mr. and Mrs. McClare were absent from the field on furlough, returning shortly after the New Year. Their visit to this country was much blessed, and their fellowship with their old friends in New York and the Gospel Tabernacle mutually refreshing. During the year a new church was dedicated at Richies, with a membership of 90 and a Sunday School of 125. The work at Devon and Coley Mountain is still prospering. The chief hindrance is the poverty of the people. Notwithstanding this their offerings during the year amounted to \$277.00, about 80 cents per head. The total membership of the Mission is 370 with 633 children in the Sunday Schools. While this is not strictly a mission to the heathen, yet it is an old legacy left our work among a most deserving and needy people and is still one of our sacred trusts.

Porto Rico

Our brethren in Porto Rico are standing fast in their purpose to lead the native churches gradually into financial independence and self-support. They

ask a little extension of time for the completing of this plan. They have had a year of spiritual quickening and encouraging growth. There are now 10 organized churches with 24 central and 17 out-stations, 41 centers in all; 3 foreign missionaries, 42 native workers, and 313 communicants. The additions by baptism were 22, but the roll of inquirers and hopeful converts is 333. The total number of baptisms since the beginning is 543. The Sunday Schools have 710 members, and there are 30 in the day schools. As showing the remarkable liberality of the native church, the offerings of the year amounted to \$1,800.00, being an average of about \$5.75 per head, only exceeded among our foreign fields by the Christians of Argentine, whose gifts averaged about \$10.00 per head.

Palestine

In the beginning of 1915 it became necessary to reduce the Palestine staff to four. Mr. and Mrs. Van Guysling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family, Miss Beecroft, and Mr. A.W. Payne left the field, and a month later the girls of the boarding school were sent home under military escort, and Miss Parsons returned also to America. Miss Hannie, the senior teacher and a graduate of the school, remained to take charge of a few of the girls who have no homes or friends to go to. Miss Best took charge of the boys' boarding school; Miss Gummoe of the training school, and Miss Butterfield of the Business Department. There was at times much difficulty in getting money to our little party at Jerusalem, and they have sometimes been much in arrears, but they have continued

bravely at their posts, and the hand of God has guarded them from grave peril. The native staff has stood loyally with these ladies, and our graduates have shown a fine missionary spirit. Two of our young men were taken for army service.

The school work reopened in the autumn with the exception of the girls' boarding school, their building having been used as a home for the girls' day school, the day school building being required for the boys, whose classes have largely increased. Miss Best reports about 175 in these day schools and she has been obliged to refuse many applications. The Turkish language has been made compulsory in all the schools of the country. Fortunately three of our teachers knew the language. There has been comparatively little interference with religious teaching, and an earnest spirit has been prevalent among the boys, some of them turning to the Lord, and others making real progress in their Christian life. Miss Gummoie reopened the training school also in the autumn, but, because of limited workers, she has confined it to men. There are 12 students, 6 of whom are residents. The ladies have formed a pastoral committee, and have charge of the services in the church. There are large and fruitful Bible classes, and their Sunday School is supporting an evangelist in the Congo, and has already sent this year \$25.00, while the church has sent \$72.00 out of their penury for a native preacher in China. The downtown Jewish mission room was closed, the classes for Jews being now held in the day school.

Conditions in Jerusalem are extremely trying and have practically reached famine conditions. A locust

plague swept over the country the last harvest time, and only a special providence prevented their destroying the entire vegetation. The wheat and barley were saved, but the trees and vines were stripped, and the vegetables, upon which the city depends so largely, were utterly destroyed.

Military conditions also are most oppressive, foodstuffs being requisitioned wholesale by the army and much license allowed the soldiers. Mr. Thompson adds that the mission, notwithstanding, has much cause for thanksgiving. None of the atrocities which have occurred in other parts of the empire have visited Palestine, and we have been permitted to continue on a considerable scale our important mission work in that hallowed center of the Lord's purposes for Israel and the world.

India

For the first time in many years there comes from India a note of revival, glorious revival. One of the oldest stations, where the gospel has been preached for a generation apparently without fruit, Murtizapur, has had a year of almost continuous outpouring of the Spirit under the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Cutler, assisted part of the time by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and other missionaries. Already 136 have been baptized as the fruit of this awakening, and more than 70 children dedicated to God. The total number of baptisms in India during the past year has been 182, equal to the entire additions for half a dozen years, while a list of inquirers reaches nearly 200. The total membership of all the stations is 1,289, of which a large majority consists of

men. Altogether 2,830 have been baptized in India in the history of the Mission. There are 40 in attendance in the Bible Training Schools, 662 in the day schools, and 1,252 in the Sunday Schools. The property owned by the Mission is valued at \$95,000.00.

Our orphanages have steadily decreased in numbers; there are now 90 girls at Kaira and 71 at Khamgaon. A number of the girls have been married and left the orphanage during the year. Besides the great work at Murtizapur, there have also been revivals at other stations through the ministry of Mr. MacPherson, an evangelist from the Society of Friends, and the earnest cooperation of the missionaries. Ten were baptized at Matar, Gujerat, and 10 at Khamgaon, besides a number at other stations.

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

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

Upon the whole, however, the India report is the most encouraging that has come to us for half a score of years, and it is added as not the least of the bright spots in the review that there have been no deaths during the year, and that notwithstanding the limited forces and resources and resources, there have been no retrenchments.

The Philippines

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

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

Japan

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

ness corner and draws large congregations. There are 9 missionaries on the field and 13 native workers. Twenty-one were baptized during the year, and 75 more are reported as inquirers, with a total membership in the whole mission of about 80, and 750 children attending the various Sunday Schools. The population is fluctuating, and many who have been converted in the Mission have floated away to other places and joined other churches. Out of more than 2,500 that have attended the various after-meetings during the past few years, a total of 260 have been baptized, and yet of these only 80 are at present in the membership of the Mission.

Shanghai

Mr. Woodberry made a brief visit to the United States during the year, and Mr. Earl Woodberry returned to Shanghai and has joined the mission force. The Shanghai Home has been a hospitable and open door for our missionary parties going and coming. The local church and schools have also had an encouraging year. Nine graduated from the Grammar School, and 60 children have been in attendance at the kindergarten. Eleven were added by baptism to the native church, which now numbers 241 members. There are 15 native workers in fellowship with the Mission and laboring in various fields. Since the beginning of the work 532 have been baptized. The Mission reports school fees and offerings during the year amounting to about \$2,000.00 and property valued at \$14,000.00.

Central China

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

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

Nanling, a new chapel at Chang the, and a new home at Wuchang. The Chairman of the Central China Committee in summing up the year's results emphasized these notes of encouragement, 3 more foreign workers, 3 more out-stations, an increase of 40 per cent. in baptisms on the previous year, and an increase of 50 per cent. in native offerings.

West China and Tibet

The field survey of the Chairman, Mr. Christie, furnishes an illuminating and inspiring picture of the progress of this live Mission: It now appears that the indemnity received from the Chinese government was heavily discounted and did not fully cover all the heavy losses of the Mission, but was thankfully received as closing the matter. New buildings have been in process of construction, and the work has been vigorously reorganized and prosecuted. The field extends 400 miles along the border of China and Tibet, and includes 12 county towns, 60 market towns, innumerable villages, and large population of Chinese and Moslems, with the great province of Ando extending far to the west and peopled with Tibetan tribes. The Mission occupies five county towns and five other towns, with one station within the Tibetan border. Four stations are occupied by foreign missionaries; the others by native evangelists. Most of the unoccupied towns have been visited more or less regularly. Much time has been given to aggressive evangelism. Mr. Christie held a series of meetings extending over nearly a month in which 49 professed conversion, and 13 were baptized. At Mincheo station an extended series of

meetings was held which were crowded throughout and attended by a number of the Chinese officials. Several of the literati are interested. Two Buddhists have been baptized and three others are among the seekers. The Bible School has graduated 11 evangelists. The girls' boarding school at Tao cho has 33 pupils. The day school at Tih Tao has 20 in attendance, mostly the children of Christians, and many of them converted. A two years' course for Bible women has been arranged, and this will be an important addition to the resources and forces of the Mission. Three missionaries were added to the force, including Miss Galbraith, returned, and Mr. Mosely and Miss Palmquist, new missionaries.

The numerical showing of the Mission is encouraging. There are 8 organized churches, 4 central, and 7 out-stations, 18 foreign missionaries, 23 native workers, 321 communicants, 71 additions by baptism, an increase of nearly 30 per cent., 82 inquirers, 12 students in the Bible Training School, 34 in the day schools, and 340 in Sunday Schools. Since the beginning of the work, 400 have been baptized.

South China

The condition of the South China Mission during 1915 has been one of progress and promise. Twenty-five foreign missionaries and 77 native workers are occupying the strategic points in the southern half of the province of Quang Si and beginning to reach out to the northern or Mandarin section, in faith, prayer, and aggressive pioneer evangelism. There are still 60 walled cities in the province unreached. Their im-

mediate goal is the opening of three new stations in the northern section of Quangsi. During the year 170 have been baptized and added to the churches, making a total at the present time of 1,046 communicants in this field. The church in Wuchow has been greatly blessed. A protracted revival from March 14 to 28 brought more than 50 Christians and 200 inquirers to the altar as earnest seekers for salvation and power. The Bible school has been crowded beyond its capacity and is now about to receive new, larger, and greatly needed accommodations. The Bible Magazine has continued to increase in circulation and influence and has now over 1,600 regular subscribers. The annual Conference was held at Wuchow July 9th and was a season of great spiritual blessing. One of the most interesting occasions of the year was the native conference at Pinglo, October 10th. This was the first time such a conference was held in the Mandarin or northern section of the province. The station is located 150 miles north of Wuchow and is a strategic center of a vast unoccupied district. The services have been fully described in several communications in our Alliance Weekly and were intensely stirring, closing with the baptism of 9 new converts and the funeral of an aged and beloved sister, so that one of the missionaries has humorously described one the last incidents of the conference as “escorting a sister to heaven.”

During the year the city of Wuchow was desolated by a disastrous flood which rose 79 feet above low water mark, causing great loss of property and much danger and suffering. Personal changes on the mis-

sionary staff during the year included the transfer of Mr. Cadman to Annam, succeeded by Mr. Cowles, the addition of Miss Holmes and Miss Marsh, and the return of Mr. and Mrs. Worsnip and Miss Worsnip, and the retiring of Mr. Hamill from the field and the work. The brief furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jaffray during the summer added much to the interest of our conventions and the closer touch of our contributors and workers with the work in South China.

Annam

During the early part of the year the prospects of our new Mission in Annam appeared unusually encouraging. Besides our first station in Touraine, steps had been taken for the opening of the work in Haiphong and Hanoi, much larger and more important centers. But during the summer suspicion unhappily fell upon our missionaries owing to the sensitive conditions due to the war as possible German spies. The kind and effectual intervention of the American Consul saved them from serious consequences, but their work was suspended and they were obliged to leave with the exception of Touraine where the missionaries were permitted to remain but not to engage in active work for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Hosler have, therefore, returned on furlough, and Mr. Birkel has retired for the present from the mission. Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, Miss Russel and Miss Morgenthaler, and Mr. Irwin continue at Touraine pursuing their studies and preparing for future work when the opportunity returns. The firstfruits of the mission have already appeared in six native Christians, and three baptisms,

and Mrs. Cadman has written in a recent paper a graphic picture of "Our Ba," one of the new converts who is already a witness and a worker. With the close of the war it is hoped and believed that these promising openings can be immediately occupied with an outlook of hopeful opportunity. Our latest advices are to the effect that a recent visit by Mr. Jaffray to Annam has been successful in removing most of the difficulties and suspicions, and that the work may be resumed at an early date. Let us not forget to pray for this great land of more than 20,000,000 people. Whose only missionary agencies at present are the humble beginnings of our Alliance Mission.

Soudan

After long continued depression, the year 1915 stands out as the banner year on the Soudan. The reports of the missionaries are full of encouragement and hope. A native conference was held at Myosa in June accompanied and followed by special evangelistic services, at the close of which seven persons were baptized. The annual conference of the missionaries occupied the first week of September at Makomp, and was also a time of great refreshing and blessing, and three were baptized. In October Masumbiri was visited with a remarkable revival. A bold scoffer was struck by lightning, and a spirit of conviction fell upon the natives, and many were deeply convicted. A conference was subsequently held here shortly after the New Year. Perhaps the most encouraging gathering of the year was the native conference for the Kuranko work at Tibabudugu, December 8th, and following

days. This was attended by Mrs. Graham, Miss Merriweather, Mr. and Mrs. Custer, Mr. Roseberry, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, formerly connected with our mission and still in hearty sympathy. It was a time of great blessing. The testimonies of the natives showed the deep working of the Holy Spirit. The altars were crowded with inquirers; confessions were made of every kind of sin and crime, including the most desperate murders. It was estimated that no less than 43 persons appeared to be genuinely converted. Two were baptized, and 17 united in the closing communion service. Altogether our missionaries believe that at least 100 souls have been saved on the Soudan mission during the past year. The statistics are still modest; 5 central stations, one out-station, 16 foreign missionaries, 4 native workers, 12 baptized, 30 inquirers, 42 baptized since the beginning of the work, 53 in the day schools, and 111 in the Sunday Schools. During the year Mr. Evans and wife returned to Freetown in charge of the business department of another society. Mrs. Rosehart went out as an independent missionary, Mr. Ryan, a new missionary under appointment of the Board, and Miss L. Clark, returned. On furlough Mr. and Mrs. Rupp returned, and Miss Botham, and during the current year, Mrs. Graham and Miss Doste.

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

“When we came to Mayosa six and one-half years ago, we were alone. We had a mud house with mud floors. People gathered on our front porch for service. The missionary had to do all the preaching, pray-

ing, singing, and be organist as well. Our one large room had to be used for school during the day, and for sleeping quarters at night for the boys, while the missionary had a little konko at one side. But how different now! We have a comfortable mission house, a cement chapel, a school house, and a substantial home for the boys. We have a fine class of boys in training, already much used in evangelistic work in other towns as well as here. They love to sing, and when Mr. Ryan heard them lately on his first visit to the station, he said, "Nyack will have to go some to beat that." The church is organized; the chief has proclaimed the Lord's Day to be a day of rest in his kingdom, and there is "a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and we expect an hundredfold even in the Soudan."

Congo

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

the fruit of the year's work cost an average of about sixteen dollars each. A humble gift of less than twenty dollars invested in this fertile soil assures at least one soul as its eternal fruition.

The year was a somewhat trying one for various reasons. The world war has affected the Congo and greatly increased the price of staples, making living more expensive. This, coupled with the financial pressures which are normal in our mission work, give opportunity for much patience and faith. But the spiritual harvests have so encouraged the workers that there have been no complainings of discontent, but only notes of praise and earnest intercession for larger means because of the alluring opportunities. There was also considerable sickness, from which our beloved leader, Mr. Campbell, has greatly suffered and is still suffering. Miss Josephine Harris has also been an invalid for part of the year, but through the wonderful goodness of God, there have been no deaths upon the field.

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

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

A training school for native workers has been under the charge of Miss Josephine Harris, and altogether, including teachers, a number of new converts,

and students proper, there have been 508 persons in attendance.

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

Two new chapels have been completed and two more are under way, and the missionaries as usual are taking an active part in practical carpentry and masonry. The arrangement reported a year ago in connection with the Mayombe District, by which it has been consolidated with headquarters at Kinkonzi, has continued through the year and was confirmed by the late conference of missionaries. We regret some difference of opinion among the workers, arising in part out of these arrangements, but we trust and pray that these differences may be adjusted harmoniously.

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

The Chairman in his report speaks hopefully of the high character of some of the native Christians and workers, and asks prayers "that God will raise up men and women from the ranks of the native church to take commanding positions. One or two of their number, old and tried Christians, are now of inestimable value to the Congo. These are samples of what

God can do, but we require more than samples now; we need dozens like them.” Mr. Campbell adds, “Pray for more money, and keep on until it comes. We simply must have better support for the work and the workers than has been sent out during the past year.”

Finally, the last word of our Chairman’s report is a renewed appeal for men. “Last year,” he says, “We endeavored to emphasize the urgent need for men; today the demand is so great that it is beyond our command of words to set forth. Experienced men are required now; even though we should get men from home immediately, they cannot bring with them what comes to them only at a price in this land; namely, experience.”

Conclusion

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

recent conventions and the hopeful outlook this gives for the immediate future; for the abundant blessing that has rested upon our training schools and missionary candidates, and for many tokens for good in the year already begun which inspire us to thank God and take courage.

Second, he would commend to the careful and prayerful consideration of the Council the reports from the Home Secretary and the various departments covering the progress of the Alliance work in our various districts and branches; the important recommendations submitted by our Foreign Secretary bearing upon questions of missionary polity; and the references from the Board of such matters as are passed on to the Council for their consideration and decision.

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

The exaltation of Christ as our Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, and coming Lord; emphatic testimony to the supernatural in our life and work; simplicity and economy instead of elaborate organization and machinery; interdenominational and fraternal fellowship with the whole body of Christ rather than sectarian or separatist tendencies; aggressive evangelism, especially for the salvation of the neglected classes; and, above all, worldwide missions - all under the inspiration and with the constant expectations of the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, these are the ideals and precedents amid which the work was born and in harmony with which we may surely expect its largest success.

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

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

God has given to us a missionary plant whose value

it would be difficult to exaggerate. It comprises 300 strategic centers in the most important mission fields of the world and responsible for the evangelization of 40,000,000 of heathen; a body of trained missionaries unique in consecration, ability, self-sacrifice, and mature experience; an army of more than 500 native workers, trained in our own work and imbued with its spirit, and already marvelously used in reaching their own people with the gospel, and a native church of over 7,000 members, from which half as many more have already passed to their eternal rest. It has slowly won the confidence of the people, their dialects and languages, and the experience which only time can give. It has cost more than \$6,000,000 and more than 150 missionary graves. This precious vine of God's own planting has at length reached maturity and is beginning to bear much fruit. To be the trustees of such a movement is the high honor which God has given to the Christian and Missionary Alliance. How to represent this glorious enterprise on the one hand to God in availing faith and prevailing prayer, and on the other hand to bring its pleading call to the people of God and the stewards of the Gospel is worthy of our wisest endeavors.

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

large, but there is an imperative need for an expansion of our resources which only a larger faith and a larger constituency can supply.

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

forward and pledge \$50,000 for this forward movement. Perhaps we have been looking too much to visible resources, human organization, or natural probabilities. Perhaps the Master is calling us back to Bethel and reminding us that His remedy for our missionary problem is “PRAY YE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WOULD THRUST FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.”

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

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

at the suggestion of Constantine they were all thrown into a funeral pyre; and as the smoke of their burning ascended to heaven, the power of the Holy Ghost came down, and the Council went forth with a new anointing to win the world for Christ, and pass on its blessing to the sixteen centuries that have followed since. God give us in this sacred hour, such a burning, such a baptism, and such a blessing to the glory of the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and coming Lord!

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

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

Balance from last year, General Fund	\$ 512.23	INDIA Allowances	13,552.40
Receipts for the year, General Fund	177,676.35	Rents	3,000.00
Received from Sustentation Fund	200.00	General Expense	1,738.05
Received from Forward Movement	<u>2,800.00</u>	Transportation	4,414.50
	\$181,188.58	Orphans	2,100.00
		Specials	<u>3,118.72</u>
			\$28,523.67

CENTRAL CHINA Allowances	6,123.57
Rents	1,950.00
General Expense	1,391.00
Transportation	2,588.96
Specials	<u>1,287.37</u>
	\$13,340.90

WEST CHINA Allowances	3,926.59
Rents	550.00
General Expense	165.00
Transportation	442.85
Specials	<u>856.61</u>
	\$ 5,941.65

SOUTH CHINA Allowances	5,343.70
Rents	2,365.00

General Expense	1,200.00
Transportation	1,339.51
Specials	<u>532.93</u>
	\$ 10,781.14

ANNAM

Allowances	1,892.70
Rents	180.00
General Expense	500.04
Specials	<u>833.10</u>
	\$ 3,495.84

SHANGHAI

Allowances	754.10
Rents	75.00
General Expense	90.00
Transportation	30.00
Specials	<u>5.00</u>
	\$ 954.10

JAPAN

Allowances	4,079.77
Rents	715.00
General Expense	585.00
Specials	<u>202.50</u>
	\$ 5,582.27

PALESTINE

Allowances	1,561.74
Rents	615.00
General Expense	852.68
Transportation	1,082.25
Specials	<u>4,698.52</u>
	\$ 8,810.19

SOUDAN

Allowances	2,758.00
Rents	187.50
General expense	1,449.51

Transportation	2,757.80
Specials	<u>491.47</u>
	\$ 7,644.28

CONGO

Allowances	4,474.65
Rents	366.52
General Expense	2,115.25
Transportation	1,678.47
Specials	<u>1,207.31</u>
	\$ 8,842.20

PORTO RICO

Allowances	2,211.90
Rents	669.50
General Expense	242.00
Specials	<u>280.00</u>
	\$ 3,403.40

**ARGENTINE
REPUBLIC**

Allowances	5,165.06
Rents	1,230.00
General expense	825.00
Transportation	700.00
Specials	<u>1,405.44</u>
	\$ 9,325.50

CHILE

Allowances	2,954.16
Rents	720.00
General Expense	1,000.00
Transportation	347.00
Specials	<u>585.80</u>
	\$ 5,707.66

VENEZUELA

General Expense	1,000.00
Specials	<u>30.00</u>

\$ 1,030.00

PHILIPPINES

Allowances	1,423.17
General Expense	300.00
Specials	<u>495.91</u>
	\$ 2,219.08

JAMAICA

Allowances	508.98
General Expense	120.00
Transportation	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 828.98

ECUADOR

Allowances	974.74
Rents	213.00
Transportation	25.00
Specials	<u>24.00</u>
	\$ 1,236.74

**MISSIONARIES AT
HOME**

Allowances	15,618.91
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HOME WORKERS

Allowances	12,260.81
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GENERAL EXPENSE

Annuities	9,146.88
Relatives	1,717.68
Office Expense	1,607.42
Interest and Taxes	
	2,212.55
Convention Expense	
	753.63
Exchange	253.63
Forward Movement	
	1,510.00

Accumulated	
Arrearages	9,253.63
Free Literature	
C.A. Pub. Co.	4,086.77
Alliance Weekly	1,500.00
Rents	1,001.00
Janitor	183.00
Traveling Expenses	
	214.73
Nyack Schools	106.00
Santa Barbara	50.00
Telephone	112.66
Cables	94.02
Auditing	75.00
Teacher Fund	100.00
Sundries	<u>328.91</u>
Total Expenditures	
	\$180,913.20
Balance on hand	
December 31, 1915	
	<u>275.38</u>
	\$181,188.58

**Section II. Monies Received and Disbursed by Forward
Movement Fund**

Balance from last year		Disbursements for	
	\$3,231.62	the year	
Receipts for the year		including Loan to	
	<u>966.15</u>	Mr. Crear for	
	\$4,197.77	General Fund	
			3,940.26
		Balance on hand	
		December 31, 1915	
			<u>214.10</u>
			\$ 4,197.77

**Section III. Monies Received and Disbursed by the
Sustentation Fund**

Balance for last year		Disbursements	
	\$217.95		200.00
Receipts for the year		Balance on hand	
	<u>196.15</u>	Dec. 31, 1915	
	\$414.10		<u>214.10</u>
			\$414.10

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

Nyack Schools		Nyack Schools	
	\$46,170.75		46,170.75
Missionary Home		Missionary Home	
	3,686.55		3,686.55
Boydton Institute		Boydton Institute	
	2,025.00		2,025.00
Special Contributions sent directly to the the field	18,214.24	Special Contribu- tions sent directly to the Field	18,214.24
Contributions by native Christians and school fees	13,688.68	Contributions by native Christians and school fees	13,688.68
Missionaries, self supporting or specially supported	2,000.00	Missionaries, self supporting or specially sup- ported	2,000.00
Contributions for missionary outfits, supplies, trans- portation, etc. Special	3,000.00	Contributions for missionary outfits, supplies transportation, etc. Special	3,000.00
Collected at conven- tions for expenses, etc.	6,000.00	Collected at conventions for expenses, etc.	6,000.00

Toccoa (estimated)	8,000.00	Toccoa (estimated)	8,000.00
Uree (estimated)	<u>2,000.00</u>	Uree (estimated)	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$104,785.22		\$104,785.22

Section V. The Treasurer's Report

Balance from last year	\$ 512.23	Total Expenditures	180,913.20
Receipts, General Fund	177,676.35	Forward Movement	1,140.26
Balance from last year		Balance General	
Sustentation Fund	217.95	Fund	275.38
Balance from last year		Balance,	
Forward Movement Fund	3,231.62	Sustentation Fund	214.10
Receipts, Forward		Balance, Forward	
Movement	<u>966.15</u>	Movement Treasurer	<u>257.51</u>
	\$182,800.45		\$182,800.45

Section VI. Real Estate and Securities

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

Report of the Auditor

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

Robert H. Baxter,
Auditor.

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