The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish the tidings are a great host.—Ps. 68:11, R. V.

REPORT OF VILACHERIE,
EVANGELISTIC AND SCHOOL WORK
C. H. and A. N. Hudson

THE year 1916 still finds us under the shadow of the great war, and we in common with all others are called upon to bear many of the inconveniences consequent to it, but God has so far permitted us to dwell in peace, and has spared us from active participation in horrors the extent of which we can but feebly realize. On account of the many calls made upon those who consider and help interests other than their own, the cause of missions has suffered financially; much work has been closed, and many projected schemes for advancement have been laid aside, and we are very thankful that our own work is being carried on as usual. Missionaries, citizens of “enemy” countries, for military reasons have been removed from their stations; but those remaining, with the help of government, have demonstrated that the Spirit of Christ is something that endures and is above the spirit of hate and anger prevailing, by taking over
and caring for the work until it can be restored to those who have nurtured and nourished it from the beginning.

The enemies of Christ have not been slow to take advantage of the opportunity of discrediting the religion of Christ, by pointing to conditions prevailing in European countries as the result of centuries of Christian teaching, and are reluctant to admit that the opposite is the case, that this trouble has come about through seeking after those things that are the very antithesis of Christian principles instead of an adherence to them. To frame a satisfactory explanation to the poor ignorant villager is more difficult.

He has come in contact with German missionaries and those of other countries. They all preached the same Gospel, went about trying to lighten their darkness and point them to a God of love. They took them to be samples of the bulk of the people living in the countries they represent. Then he hears of the terrible war and that a vessel on its way out here, carrying among its passengers some of the missionaries from these other countries, on their way perhaps to his town, have been hurried to their death by a submarine (a horrible thing that he has a very vague conception of), and he wonders.

We Adventists have the very best explanation for all of this that can be offered and it behoves us to tell it out with no uncertain sound. May God help us so to do!

We are thankful to God for the opportunity of telling the message, for His many mercies, for the noble support of His people, the hearty co-operation of our fellow workers, and above all the privilege of being permitted to serve Him. That our service may be acceptable in His sight, is our prayer. We shall report the different branches of the work under their several heads, as follows:

**Orphanage**

Its strength has increased during the past year by the addition of some partial orphans, for whom small fees are being paid and also some destitute children who are taken in free. Our total strength at Vilacheri is now forty-six. During the year some of our big boys have passed out of the school and have become self-supporting. R. John has married and is now working as a teacher. F. James is working under government as an engine driver. J. Isaac is taking teacher's training and receiving a stipend from the government sufficient to support him. C. Thomas, I. David, and William have passed through school and have been taken on as mission workers in the industrial on small salaries. These boys could go elsewhere and receive more than we are able to pay them, but they prefer to stay with us and we are glad to have them. By way of fees we have collected the sum of $121 which is an increase over last year. This money all comes to us in small sums and represents the effort of those in very poor circumstances to pay a little towards the education of their boy or girl as the case may be.

A word of explanation to the foster parents of these children may be allowed here. Some of those who are supporting children have felt a measure of disappointment because they do not receive frequent letters from them. There is a reason for this. While we have, without fail, sent a letter annually to the supporter of each child, giving a report of his progress, we do not encourage the children themselves to write. On account of this some have felt like giving up the boy and putting their money into something from which they will receive more credit. I hope such will see the point of what I am about to write.

As I sit at my table I can look out and see a number of little boys loading bricks on a cart from a kiln of bricks, superior to anything ever made around here which they themselves have made and burnt. They are taking them out to a village where other boys are building a school-house. These lads have a comfortable feeling within them, all the time they are mixing the clay, moulding the bricks, stacking them in the kiln and then seeing them go out on the cart. They realize that by so doing they are earning their salt and so they are. The little scamps show their interest by stopping to mark their own sign on a wet brick and looking for it when it comes out. This feeling is helpful to the development of these little fellows. It tends to make them manly and independent; and they develop strong and healthy bodies in doing it.

At the same time all of our children are not orphans. Some have a parent or a relative who is able to bear a share in their support and we insist on their doing it. The amount paid, while requiring quite an effort on their part, goes but a little way towards the expense of feeding, clothing and educating the children. Some one has got to pay it. The work that the little fellow does is not always remunerative, and while it enables us to do that which we could not otherwise do, it does not, in many cases, bring in any return. The financial burden of all this is being borne by those at home. So there are three parties engaged in carrying a share of it, and the little brickmaker thinks his share is the largest. There has been no change of policy here, but simply a shifting of the emphasis from the supporter to the boy, and I have sufficient faith in the big and noble hearts of the people at home to believe that they will be willing to continue to carry the biggest share of this burden, and let the boy think he is doing it, especially if it is going to help him. There may be another side to this argument, but this is ours.

The health of the boys throughout the year has been good. Ordinary sickness that comes to all children has come and gone again after treatment. The great purpose of our work in leading the boys to Christ has been realized in the case of at least two who were baptized. A third boy from a Roman Catholic family was taken from us after expressing his desire to
serve and follow Christ. We trust that he may
in the place where he is. We hope during the
coming year, if time continues, to build in
Vilacheri both a chapel and a hostel. The
bricks for both of these buildings we shall make
and the building work we shall do ourselves.
We shall need some help in the purchase of
material, but just as soon as we are ready to
build we are confident that it will be forthcoming.
We could manage to conduct services in our
school building for a long time as we do now, but
there are many advantages in owning a place
of worship, which do not need to be presented
to Christians. The hostel is needed more es-
specially for the larger boys, to the trustworthy
and reliable ones whom I would like to assign
a small room where they could keep their little
treasures, have a chair and table for study pur-
poses, and have privacy for their devotions.
That some do long for the latter I have been glad
to discover.

School
We are glad to be able to report progress here.
The strength of the school is one hundred and
twenty-five, as against ninety-four last year.
We have introduced an organ, and some of the
boys are being taught by the headmaster to
play it. It is used in their daily devotional
services, and also gives us great pleasure to hear
the strains of Christian hymns being played
during the off hours even if they do strike a
wrong key occasionally. There have been
some changes in the staff and the usual visits
to village training students to observe the
working of the school.

Industrial
The work in this department is growing.
Brick and tile making by machinery (borrowed)
has been introduced during the year. The
brick making has turned out to be a success, but
the machine has been returned to the owner as
we found that we could under the conditions
prevailing here do as well by hand labor as ma-
chine. Tile making is still in the experimental
stage. Every batch we have made so far has
had something wrong with it. The first were
too porous, the second and third cracked in
drying, but still we have not given up and hope
to succeed with those we are now making.

For work done during the year in the carpentry
shop we have received the sum of $236 as against
$26 last year. An Indian Rajah and Ranee
wishing to establish a fitting memorial to the
name of Wellcome in India may be willing to help
out in this.

Press
In spite of the war and the difficulties in get-
supplies the work in the press shows a great
increase over that of the previous year. We
have done our best to keep up our stock of
literature and push the distribution of the same.
One million, eight hundred and ten thousand,
nine hundred pages of matter have been printed,
and $247 has been received for job work. The
old Gordon Press, sent out here thirty-seven
years ago, has been sold for printing soda water
labels. It was of no further use to us. The
money received for it will form a nucleus from
which a fund might be created for purchasing a
similar kind of machine, which we might call
the "Wellcome Press" and dedicate it to the
work of printing Gospel literature for circulation
in India. Our single treadle press is working
constantly and if anything were to happen to it
we would be put into difficulties, therefore, to
insure a continual supply of literature going
from our press this step is necessary. Any
wishing to establish a fitting memorial to the
name of Wellcome in India may be willing to help
out in this.

Evangelistic
We have endeavored during the past year to
put more emphasis on this side of our work.
Zachariah and Rajamanikam have faithfully
striven to preach Christ, heal, and distribute
tracts. Recently a Mr. William, son of a
Wesleyan minister joined us and is putting much
zeal and energy into the work, going from village
to village with the lantern, telling the Gospel
story in that way. Mr. P. K. Paul is devoting
his time to teaching the Bible in the day and
night schools. The work in the Reading Room
has been maintained. A separate report of
which will be sent to those especially interested;
also of the schools. The Annual Summer School
was held and well attended. Some have been
baptized and taken into the church. There are
several more waiting for baptism. Three have
been laid away in the cemetery to await the
baptism of our press this step is necessary. Any
wishing to establish a fitting memorial to the
name of Wellcome in India may be willing to help
out in this.

ZENANA REPORT
Ella L. Jones

"It may not be our lot to wield
The sickle in the ripened field,
Nor ours to hear on summer eves,
The reaper's song among the sheaves;
Yet where our duty's task is wrought
In union with God's great thought,
The near and future blend in one
And whatsoever is willed is done."

Here we must rest the past year. The call
of the heart was to the villages; God's first
thought for me, I believe; but circumstances
made it necessary for me to spend the year at
Guindy. This makes the Zena report small
indeed. I have not taken one preaching tour
this year, but have been out for some evening
FROM R. L. PETERSON

Greeting:

The first few weeks of our work were spent in getting acquainted and accustomed to our new surroundings. A trip with Bro. Hudson visiting the village schools, and attending village evangelistic meetings gave me somewhat of an understanding of the work to be done here.

While my main effort at present is to get the language, I am seeking to make myself generally useful. At Saidapet I have conducted services each Sunday evening, also several lectures on Saturday evenings, these being in English. I have also spoken on Sunday mornings at Guindy and Vilacheri at some of our services.

As we are now on the hills, and as the college at Saidapet is closed for summer vacation, the religious services are suspended for the present to be resumed again when we return to our station. In a few months now we will have a working knowledge of the language and be able to take a more active part in the village evangelistic work. We have not seen much result of our efforts thus far, but are praying and hoping that God will pour out blessings. In the northern parts of this country we hear of abundant blessings. A great revival wherein whole villages are accepting Christianity. We are working and longing for such a time here in Southern India. Slowly but surely Christ is winning the hearts of many. Pray on! In due season we shall reap if we faint not.

FROM ZELLA A. PETERSON

In looking back over the past few months, we feel we have enjoyed many blessings. For this we give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father and also for His great keeping power.

There is not a large report to be made for the five and a half months, that we have been in India. The greatest effort has been put upon the language. For two, or perhaps three weeks after our arrival, we were unable to find a language teacher; but since obtaining one, we have been at work, trying to fit ourselves for more efficient work in propagating the Gospel of our Lord and Master. It has been hard sometimes, to overcome climatic effects, but with His divine help, we have been able to keep on, except for a few little physical indispositions.

During Miss Jones' illness, our second month in India, I took charge of the Guindy Orphanage caring for the children to the best of my ability. The girls were very helpful, by way of good behavior, and also in anticipating what I wished to say, and supplying Tamil words for me. What could not be supplied in this way, was acted out in pantomime, and they were quick to understand what was wanted.

During the month of April, while Miss Jones was taking her much-needed rest in the hills, I again had charge of the Orphanage. Two weeks of this time the sewing teacher was ill, and I took charge of the sewing classes. The girls were grouped about on the front verandah of the bungalow, and sang and talked happily as they sewed on clothing for the Indian soldiers. They also made some clothes for themselves, sewed on handkerchiefs, and the little tots made bags for marbles which are given away, when we have school treats.

The management of the Guindy School has also been given over to me, but very little has been done so far. Next year we hope to be better equipped and to make a better report of actual work done.

MISS SAUNDERS' REPORT

As we are taught to be subject to those who have the rule over us, I herewith obediently submit the following report:

I arrived home from India Dec. 24, 1914, and for four months from that time was on the sick list. In April, 1915, I began work and since then have visited seventy-five churches, attended six camp-meetings and as many conventions in the following States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, New York, Ontario, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and
Northern California. Have still Washington, Oregon, and Southern California campmeetings to attend this month.

At every place there was a warm welcome for the missionary and her message was well received. The result has been a generous response as the needs of the work have been presented. I wish here to express my appreciation and gratitude for the help and encouragement I have received in all my travels.

During my furlough I have had the privilege of visiting many old friends and renewing old friendships, and also of adding to the list many new ones, until I am rich in friends, and this to me counts for more than all things else. My furlough has been a happy and profitable one to me in every way.

Now as I turn my face again to the Orient and the work that awaits me there, I trust that I may have your prayers. I promise you as I have promised God that my time and strength will be spent in trying to win subjects for the soon coming kingdom. "Glad day! Glad day! that is the crowning day."

FROM MISS KEENEY

LAST year I wrote that God had been very good to us, in keeping sickness and death from our midst. But this year it seems as though He has permitted Satan much liberty to afflict us. This year, as never before, we have seen comfort in the words of Hebrews: "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered."

Never before could I have appreciated, even a little, the thought of these words. No. I probably would not have read them through.

"If, impatient, thou let slip thy cross, Thou wilt not find it in this world again, Nor in another—Here, and here alone, Is given thee to suffer for God's sake."

In other worlds we shall more perfectly serve Him and love Him, praise Him, work for Him. Grow near and nearer Him with all delight. But then we shall not any more be called to suffer, which is our appointment here. Canst thou not suffer then one hour—or, two? If He should call thee from thy cross to-day, Saying, 'It is finished!' that hard cross of thine, From which thou prayest for deliverance, Thinkest thou not some passion of regret Would overcome thee? Thou wouldst say, 'So soon? Let me go back, suffer yet awhile. More patiently; I have not yet praised God.' And He might answer thee—'Never more.' All pain is done with. When soe'er it comes, That summons that we look for, it will seem soon, yea, too soon. Let us take heed in time, That God may now be glorified in us; And while we suffer, let us set our souls To suffer perfectly; since this alone, The suffering, which is this world's special grace, May here be perfected and left behind."

REPORT OF GUINYD HOME

Ella L. Jones

THE only change of importance during the year was the transfer of the weaving industry to Vilacheri. There were many reasons why we thought best to make the change, the main one being that our big girls were nearly all married; this left such a small number to weave that we were only able to keep one or two looms going part of the day. This made a big loss, as the teacher had to be employed. Trying to keep the weaving up gave the girls so very little time to sew that a sewing teacher had not enough to do. Sewing is really the girls best forte, and we hope to have each one so well trained in it, that she will be ready to pass at least the first examination as sewing mistress, by the time she has finished school. There are many girls who cannot teach, who can sew, and we hope thus to give every girl a living industry in her hand. For one month we had a splendid sewing class coming from the Mount near us, but the sickness of the girl who brought the others caused every parent to refuse to send their little girls across the plains. Our numbers have not increased as we had hoped they would, but still we have a number of very nice girls among the new attendants, all of whom, save one, pay a small fee.

We have received fees to the amount of $48 during the year, have taken in $20 for sewing and $10 for other sales, making a total of $78. Christmas and New Year found us heavy of heart and weary of body because of a terrible attack of typhoid fever that claimed two of our little ones in death and brought many more near the silent door. At the beginning of the year all on the compound were inoculated for typhoid fever, and a month later everybody was vaccinated, so sore arms were the order of the day for some weeks.

Four of our girls were baptized during the year and four more have given their names. One girl, Seromoni by name, has such a sweet Christian spirit. We hesitated to baptize her without her father's consent, but she begged so constantly and sweetly arguing that she should obey God and take whatever followed, that we consented to her heart's desire; when her father appeared and gave his approval. So very soon we will have a happy day at Guindy.

Our wee tots are the sunshine of the home. Tumbi (little brother, aged five) races across the compound with a great rooster under his arm and as big a grin on his face. The strutting gobbler feels a tug at his tail and starts off on the run with cross-eyed Seromoni fast holding his pride as she squeals and laughs in the scramble. Sunthoshum jumps, dances and laughs herself thin, and will tackle any job twice her size. Baby Dorcal is such a wee, pretty tot, the joy of all hearts.

Two girls in the seventh grade passed with credit and are in teacher training. Both girls have bright prospects. The girls have been active in God's work, going out for a number of preaching evenings, and by prayer and effort have a nice class of five girls from the out-caste village in Sunday-school and a larger class of some fifteen boys.
the support of the Vilacherie school, $144 per year, as a special State work; another to furnish a room in the Boston Bible School Home; is not that fine? Be on the watch for the report next month.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE FIELD

Maude M. Chadsey, Business Manager

OUR first thought in presenting this survey of the work of our society for the past year is one of profound gratitude to God, who has permitted such continued progress despite the fact that a world situation obtains which for difficulty and danger has no parallel in the history of missionary enterprise.

In reviewing what has been accomplished during the year, and what we had hoped to see accomplished as we entered on the work of 1915-16, we find that in some instances the achievement has been greater than the expectation, while in other cases it has fallen below. We are encouraged, however, by the successes; and hope to learn a lesson from the failures and make them stepping stones to better work for the coming year.

Whatever success the society has achieved is due to the faithful bands of women and girls united in local, Y. W. A. or Junior societies; as well as to the members at large, scattered throughout different sections of the United States and Canada, with a sprinkling in England and Australia, who have each done her part, small or great, to help advance this work the Master has given into the hands of the Advent Christian women to carry on. Nor would we for a moment forget the faithful, untiring, self-sacrificing work of the missionaries, both on the India field and in the home land, whose labors blessed by God have borne much fruit.

We believe that prayer has played an important part in the work of our society during the past year as well as in former ones. For if we can judge by the letters received, many of our societies as well as individual members, are constantly keeping the work and its needs before our Heavenly Father without whose blessing our frail efforts would be barren and unfruitful.

In this survey we shall follow our usual custom and call attention to our failures, as well as our successes; with the hope that if our weak points are brought to view we may work together to overcome them with the help of God.

THE HOME FIELD

Societies

There have not been as many new societies organized during the past year, as in previous years. The number of new organizations this year, as given by the reports, is only five, viz., one local, which is not a new organization but the strong independent mission society of Rocky Brook, R. I., that has joined our ranks as a local and which we welcome most gladly; three Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and one Junior. The
reason for fewer new organizations, especially locals, is that in many of our active churches we have locals already organized, although there are still some strong churches that have no society; and it should be the aim of each State and District president to establish an organization in every church in her State or district; having ever in her mind the motto: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." It may be of interest to know that there are some sixty-five active churches, those that have pastors or regular supplies, in our territory in which we have no organization either local, Y. W. A. or Junior. Northern and Southern California are the only sections which have organizations in every church in their territory. The greater part of the sixty-five, naturally, are in sections where we have no State organization and this fact proves the wisdom of having a State organization as a connecting link between the local and general societies.

Reports have been received this year from every State organization, and from most of the scattered locals.

**Finances**

The financial condition of the society was never better than at the present time; the receipts for the year, $12,646.80, are the largest we have ever received for any year from regular sources; although the gross receipts for 1910 and 1911 were more. The receipts for 1910 being $15,001.88, and those for 1911, $12,743.36, but in 1910 a legacy of $5,696.60 was received, and in 1911 two amounting to $1,882; leaving the general for the years respectively $9,305.28, and $10,861.36. After deducting the conditional gifts, $1,100, from this year's receipts we have $11,546.80, or $685.44 more than for any previous year. This increase is doubtless due, in a measure at least, to the effort that has been put forth to clear off the mortgage on the property purchased by the society for the Boston Bible School Home, for which purpose, as will be seen by the treasurer's report, $1,073.94 was raised; with unpaid pledges at the end of the year, some of which are conditional on the full amount being raised by Oct. 1, for all but $800 of the balance. Since our fiscal year closed about $50 more has been pledged.

Beside this amount raised for the mortgage fund, $482.21 was received for other branches of the home work; making $1,556.15 in all, an increase of $1,019.06 over last year. One hundred and four dollars and fifty cents of this amount was for the Advent Christian Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, Fla. We asked last year for $500 for this object, but fell far short; we hope, however, to receive at least $500 for the coming year and believe we will, as the interest steadily increases. Nor does this mean that our societies are no longer doing Home work as in former years through the regular channels of their locals and home churches, but rather that the interest in general Home work is increasing and consequently the gifts for the same. The gifts for the China work sent through the general treasury also show slight increase, and we trust that the time will come when all the gifts from our societies and members for this work will be sent in this way, in order that we may have a more accurate account of how much we as a general society are doing.

We do not desire to close this section of our report without stating that we believe that definite prayer for our financial needs, as they arise, has been one of the principal reasons of our needs having been so fully met. When God impresses a person to do a thing it is much more effectual, than when the mission treasurer asks them. To Him be all the praise.

**All Nations**

We cannot report as enthusiastically regarding the finances of this, our society's official organ, as we would desire, for the plain facts are that it does not pay for itself by a wide margin. The reason for this is easily discovered however. For several years it has been the policy of the office to send to every one from whom a gift or pledge of one dollar or more for the work is received, the paper freely, providing that it is not already being sent to some one in the family of the donor. As a result of this policy there are some one thousand receiving the paper in this way.

Now we believe the policy to be a good one, for no one retains their interest long in a cause which they are not informed about, and unless *All Nations* is read the work of the W. H. and F. M. Society is apt to be forgotten; hence the wisdom of sending the paper. But how are we to make up the deficit thus incurred? We trust that this question will come up for discussion during this convention and if possible a remedy found.

That the paper is kindly received and appreciated we have ample testimony in the many letters we receive commending it. We have thirty-five hundred papers printed each month, all of which, with the exception of some twenty copies that are reserved for future needs, are circulated. It has been the desire of the business manger to bring this number up to four thousand and she still hopes to see the subscription list reach that number although the progress is slow.

**Field Work**

Our missionary on furlough, Miss Jess M. Saunders, has visited many of our churches during the past sixteen months. Her report shows that she has visited seventy-five churches, attended six campmeeting and six conferences, from Nova Scotia to California. That her work has been very beneficial to the interests of the society is very evident to those who have observed the results. The State and District workers have as usual done splendid and effectual work in the different sections; while the general president has been obliged to decline several invitations to speak because of having more...
appointments than she could possibly fill with her other duties. A cordial invitation from the Florida friends to visit that section being among them.

One great source of satisfaction in our field work is that the number of our ladies in the different sections who are willing and able to give a missionary address when desired is steadily increasing, and we now have many who can be relied upon to do so as occasion requires. This we believe is a direct result of mission study classes. Knowledge gives interest and interest finds expression in telling others.

Conditional Gifts
As stated under finances, $1,100 have been received this year. And we desire to urge upon our workers the wisdom of keeping this plan of helping the work to the front, for it is much better for all concerned if those who are planning to leave something in their will to the society will make a conditional gift instead. Thus insuring for themselves a higher rate of interest than they would otherwise receive and making sure that the society will have the money when they no longer need it. These gifts are not used in the work of the society during the donor's life; but are invested where they are interest-bearing thus securing the donor. We will be glad to give information, as to conditions, rate of interest paid, etc., to any who are interested.

India Boxes
The sisters on the Pacific Coast have sent two boxes during the year and are so keen to send another. A good-sized shipment of garments and other gifts that had been prepared in the East, since the last shipment was last from here, has been sent to San Francisco and will go with the September box from there. Miss Saunders also took a fine lot of things with her as baggage. Among those things were twelve Hymnals and six Golden Sheafs purchased from the "Extras Fund."

Last year a plea was made for $25 or $30 to send for a Christmas treat, in place of the box usually sent. As a result of this plea $86.58 was received or nearly three times the amount asked for. And this extra money was needed, for at Christmas time typhoid fever was raging in our section and many of our children were seriously ill, which meant an extra expense, that was met from the Christmas fund, as well as a treat being provided for the workers and children. We hope that it will be the desire of the friends to send something again this year, at least the $25 or $30, which will provide nicely for the Christmas, in addition to what goes in the boxes from the Pacific Coast.

India Field
The reports from the missionaries give us the details of the work done there during the year, and we will simply emphasize a few points in this survey.

We now have several of our own girls and boys who have finished their training, working as Bible women, evangelists, and teachers in the mission. Several have been baptized and taken into the church during the year, and several more, especially from the villages, have joined the inquirers' classes.

Tile, and kiln dried brick-making have been added to the industrial work taught. The press has been kept busy and nearly two million pages of religious literature printed and distributed during the year. While an order for five thousand copies of Mr. Blackstone's book Jesus is Coming is now being filled.

The annual Vilacheri campmeeting, or summer school as they call it, was held with good results and a similar session is planned for this fall. These meetings are well attended and have tended to greatly increase the spiritual life of those who attend them. The work at Saidapet has been advanced and that work as well as the other evangelistic work has a bright outlook for still further advancement now that Bro. Peterson has a working knowledge of Tamil. Three new schools have been opened during the year, while the school at Pazhanji on the west coast has been closed as it was in the territory of another mission society, and too far away, seven hundred miles, from our section to be properly looked after. Mr. Paul who was the teacher there, is now teaching Scripture in the day and night schools in our section. The government grants for the year were $1,090 which is $433 less than was received last year. The reason for this is that last year large special grants were given to the industrial work because of the introduction of new machinery, and this year none but the regular grants were received.

The money raised on the field, including the work sent home and sold amounted to a little more than $2,000. The girls, however, have done but little needle work for sale this year, as they have been busy as well as the lady missionaries and workers, in sewing and knitting for the Indian soldiers, which, of course, brings no financial return, but practically illustrates the principles of Christianity which mean more than dollars and cents.

Needs
First of all we need the prayers of God's people everywhere, for all the departments of our work, and for each individual worker both at home and on the field. Let us not underestimate our need along this line.

We need an energetic campaign all through our territory to secure members and organize locals in the sixty-five sections still unoccupied; also to introduce All Nations into every Adventist home.

We need more individuals or societies who will assume one or more shares at $2 each in Mr. and Mrs. Peterson's support, for we still lack some $300 of having their full salary pledged. Or better still some one to pledge the full support of one of these noble workers, $325 per year,
and thus have some one representing them on
the India field all the time. We need thirty-
five persons, to take a day's share in Miss
Keeney's salary, at one dollar per share; as
this number of shares has been dropped because
of death, inability, or lack of interest on the
part of those who took them.

There are six schools whose support has to
be taken from the general fund, and three more
the support of which is not fully-pledged. We
are much pleased that the support of every
school which has been assumed as a State work
was fully raised during the year with the except-
tion of one and that nearly so. The cost of a
school is $144 a year.

We have a few children, girls, whose support,
$15 a year, is not pledged, and need supporters
for them.

We also need as stated elsewhere, $750 for
the Boston Bible School mortgage, and some
$20 for repairs, painting, etc., that has been
done in the Home since the school closed in May.
Or to sum the matter up an average income
of $1,000 a month, with an occasional extra
hundred for unexpected expenses.

We believe the Master will soon return, let
us be faithful with the work He has given us and
be found with our "Lamps trimmed and burn­
ing" when He comes.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF TREASURER OF THE W. H. AND F. M.
SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JULY 31, 1916

Balance on hand July 31, 1915 $478.63

RECEIPTS
Membership dues $ 877.30
General fund 2,282.36
India fund 6,077.50
China fund 188.98
Boston Bible School Mortgage fund $1,073.94
Home fund 121.19
Furniture fund 28.52
School fund 110.00
Advent Christian Home and Orphanage 1,333.65
Special Home Work 118.45
Campground cottages 106.48
Conditional Gifts 1,100.00
All Nations Subscriptions 334.20
Net income on Conditional Gifts invested 123.83

Total receipts for year $12,646.80
Available funds for year $13,125.43

DISBURSEMENTS
India fund $7,597.71
China fund 188.98
Boston Bible School Mortgage fund $1,050.00
Home fund 121.00
Furniture fund .46.01
School fund 115.00 1,332.01
Advent Christian Home and Orphanage 104.05
Special Home Work 113.45
CAMPGROUND COTTAGES 42.50
ANNUAL CONVENTION AND BOARD MEETINGS 75.91
TRAVELING AND CAMPMEETING EXPENSES (INCLUDING MISS SAUNDERS' TRIP TO COAST) 386.56
GENERAL EXPENSES INCLUDING OFFICE AND GENERAL SUPPLIES, REPAIRS AND TAXES ON PROPERTY, PRINTING, ETC. 1,012.93
SALARY BUSINESS MANAGER, EDITOR, AND TREASURER 650.00
CLERICAL HELP 407.20
ALL NATIONS 563.45
INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL GIFTS 95.00

Total Disbursements $12,569.75
Cash balance 555.68

ASSETS
In America:
House and lot, Florence St., Melrose, Mass., in which is invested $2,100 of Conditional Gifts $2,500.00
Headquarters in Boston 4,000.00
Cottages on campgrounds 2,000.00
Lot in California 400.00
Office supplies and furniture 400.00
Cash balance given above 555.68

Total assets of the Society at the close of the fiscal year with no liabilities $9,855.68

Respectfully submitted,
Maude M. Chadsey, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME
For 1915-16

THERE were fifteen students who entered
the school during the year; thirteen of
whom remained until school closed. Two of
these lived at home, and one boarded outside,
thus leaving ten who boarded, and eleven who
roomed at the Home. One of the instructors
also lived at the Home thus making a regular
family of thirteen including the matron and
her assistant.

The amount received from the boarding
department for the year amounted to $1,242.39
while the expense of the food, labor, gas and
heat amounted to $1,573.34, not including the
gifts of vegetables, fruits, groceries and house­
hold furnishings which were donated; and of
which a generous amount was received this
year.

As there were extra rooms, which were not
in use by the students, they have been rented
to friends of the school as occasion offered, and
in this way $134.25 added to the income
for the year.

Cash gifts sent directly to the Home amounted
to $27.85, and those sent through the W. H.
and F. M. Society amounted to $259.71; $1,050
has already been paid on the mortgage and a
little more than $300 more pledged to be paid
before Oct. 1st, providing the full amount of mortgage can be raised. The total amount expended by the directors of the Home this year was $2,710.77 including the $1,050 for the mortgage; $75 of this was given by the Regents toward the deficit on last year’s coal. Last year when the school closed there was a portion of the coal bill unpaid. This year all the running expenses were paid and 35 cents left in the treasury. There is now a bill for repairs of $14.50, which is unpaid and we need some $20 in order to pay for the necessary varnishing of floors, etc., which has been done during the summer.

Our supply of bed and table linen, towels and comforters is quite ample for the present and we shall not need to call for any this summer.

The Loyal Workers of Rutland, Vt., the Y. W. A. Societies; and the State organizations of Maine and New Hampshire have each given $44 towards the furnishings of the new dormitories; Massachusetts has given $24 for this purpose.

The prospect is that there will be a larger school another year, as there were no graduates this year because of the added year to the course, the old students will all be returning and new ones will swell our numbers.

The welfare of the Home was ably looked after last year by our faithful and interested matron Mrs. Amelia Boyd and her assistant Mrs. Emma Robinson; and the domestic and spiritual influences were of the best. We are much pleased that Mrs. Boyd is returning as matron for the coming year.

FROM OUR WESTERN VICE-PRESIDENT

Nina MacFadyen Collins

Our Northern California campmeeting and annual W. H. and F. M. Day is in the past. In many ways it was the smallest meeting we ever had; but in one way it was the greatest and that was in appreciation of Miss Saunders’ influence among us and her daily talks to us. Several who have hitherto been silent respecting our work expressed themselves this year as being deeply impressed by her addresses—so free from undue enthusiasm, so convincing as to the need of educational and industrial work, and so clear as to the abiding results of Christian teaching and training.

Our locals reported good work. The “talent plan” was very satisfactory in results. About $84 was raised as the increase of $15 which was distributed last year among our five societies. This money is to go towards the support of the Saidapet work. We are also much interested in the India boxes and are planning to send another this coming September.

The Santa Cruz society has adopted a program for the coming five months which we think will be both educational and interesting. Our different missionaries are impersonated at our meetings by one of our members. For instance Mrs. Bonnett is always Miss Saunders and Mrs. Day is Miss Keeney whenever we are in session and at times, according to the program, to give an account of their travels and work. Our pastor, Bro. McDonald, represents Bro. Hudson and we expect to have a very interesting report from him before long. All of our missionaries are thus represented.

One of the attractions of our Day were the beautiful mottoes which adorned the walls of the tabernacle, such as:

“If you would be truly useful
Go Where no one else will go and
Do What no one else will do.”

We had four or five of these made by the Southern societies each of them at least three by five feet in size. The letters were blue or red or yellow felt on unbleached sheeting with a wide border of the felt.

The spiritual atmosphere of our day was deep and wholesome. Our business sessions were earnest and harmonious and presided over with grace and dignity by our president Mrs. Shield.

In closing I want to relate a little incident which has to do with Miss Saunders’ presentation of the India work.

Some years ago, two friends who were very fond of certain flowers promised (perhaps lightly at the time) that, the one who survived would lay a floral offering of the same on the casket of the other.

Very recently, one of them a dear sister in our church fell asleep and soon after her death a note came to her daughter from the old-time friend something like this:

“Over forty years ago I promised to place on your mother’s casket a floral piece of the flowers we both loved so well. Inability and sickness prevents me from doing so now, but I am sending you in its stead $5 to be used in some mission work she was especially interested in.”

Last Sunday the daughter told me the story and laid the money in my hand with the request to “give it to Miss Saunders to buy portions of the Scriptures to give away or sell to the poor people of India.”

What a beautiful offering this is of human friendship and divine love. “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of our God shall stand forever.” I wish we were able to watch this money unfold in transforming lives until they become more radiant and fragrant than the most beautiful earthly flowers, but we leave this with the heavenly Husbandman.

The greeting of sisters from Northern California is extended to the sisters of the far East.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL MORTGAGE

At this writing we need just $680 to clear the mortgage off providing we can raise that sum by Oct. 1, for $325 of the amount
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDDLE MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Middle district of the W. H. and F. M. Society of Massachusetts convened at Palmer campground, Aug. 2. There were present, from Worcester four members; from Athol five; Fiskdale one; and fifty visitors.

Mrs. H. P. Lawrence of Worcester was re-elected as president and treasurer; and Mrs. Stanley Reinhardt, Worcester, was elected secretary.

The recommendation of the State society in regard to the Jeldenpet night school was adopted; and the district will devote its funds to that purpose. Adjourned to meet at Palmer camp in 1917, if the Master does not come before.

ANNUAL STATE MEETING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCALS

The annual business meeting of the New Hampshire W. H. & F. M. Society was held in the Lowell Chapel at Alton Bay, August 23. The president being unable to be present the southern vice-president Mrs. Lettie L. Glazier presided.

Nine locals were represented by delegates, and reports from thirteen of the eighteen locals in the State were read by the secretary. There was raised, from all sources, and sent to the general treasurer during the year $842.15; besides this money was raised for repairing the N. H. room in the Alton Bay cottage, for the general State expenses, and by the different locals for their local home interests, making the sum total of money raised under the auspices of the societies approximately $1,100.

The support of the N. H. school in India, Injinbannah, was fully raised, and a fair amount given for the Advent Christian Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, Fla., and for the mortgage on the Boston Bible School Home.

Progress was reported in the work among the young people and children, the acting president strongly emphasizing the necessity of giving more attention to this branch of work.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Lettie L. Glazier, Northwood Narrows; southern vice-president, Mrs. Ida W. Murphy, Pittsfield; northern vice-president, Mrs. Lois R. Ellinwood, Littleton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Nellie J. Jenness, Northwood Narrows; superintendent of Y. W. A. and Junior work, Mrs. Anna Shattuck, Loudon Ridge; auditors, Mrs. Lizzie Drew, Farmington, and Mrs. Mamie Andrews, Dover. Nellie J. Jenness, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from July 30 to Aug. 31, 1916

California—Talent money, Northern California, $96.94; Southern California, $25; Colton local, $7; Los Angeles local, $18; Santa Rosa local, $2; Santa Clara local, $1; Oakland local, $4.50; San Francisco local, $5; Sunday-school Union, No. California, $5; Santa Rosa Church, $1.90; Napa Church, $18.18; Oak Oak local, $5; Mrs. Walker, $15.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Bridgeport Y. W. A., $28; Hartford local, $35; Grace L. Porter, $17; Eleanor H. Mora, $7; East Norwalk local, $19; Bridgeport local, $17; M. Adeline Tiffany, $15; W. H. Bland, $5; Anna Johnson, $2; Springfield local, $37; Palmer local, $3; Elsie Nickerson, $3; Cash, Palmer Campmeeting, $45; loose collection, Palmer, 80 cts.; E. G. Hall, $10; F. D. Johnson, $9; Anna L. Colton, $1; L. F. Colton, $5; and Mrs. Geo. E. Greene, $5; Class 3, Hartford S. S., $2; Mrs. Frank A. Burnham, $15; Mrs. D. G. Byans, $3; East Norwalk Tithing Class, $18.77; Mrs. Abel Calkins, $15; gift, $1; Mrs. G. L. Young, $2; Katherine Thompson, $1; Mrs. and Mrs. L. H. Woods, $10; Harry Twiss Ives, $1; Chester L. Churchill, $4; Ellen M. Greene, $3.

Maine—Biddeford local, $12; Lizzie Sweezier, $2; Presque Isle local, $3; Westbrook local, $14.55; Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Fernald, $5; a friend, $1; Oxford local, $3.50; collection Mechanic Falls, $1.05; H. L. Faulkingham, $2; Vesta Goodwin, $1; O. Florida Ham, $1; O. Florida Ham, $2; M. M. H. Mayberry, $1; Jas. H. Faulkingham, $1; W. Muriel Snow, $2; Bertha York, $1; Elton Timberlake, $1; Mrs. Knightly, $1; L. D. Small, $1.

Massachusetts—Class 3, Boston S. S., $2; Boston S. S., $2; True friend of missions, $1; Harriet A. Finch, $5; Harriet A. Parker, $2; F. A. Waters, $1; C. W. Burlingame, $5; Melrose H’tda S. S., $1.28; Minnie Gage, $2; a friend, $2; Plymouth local, $5.50; Ella M. Burns, $2; a friend, $1; A. E. Perkins, $1.25; M. E. Wadley, $5; Mary M. McLev, $5; Emma Crabtree, $6.75; Pastor’s class, Haverhill S. S., $15; Acushnet S. S., $30; Brockton L’s, $3; Salem local, $5; Haverhill local, $15; A. White, $10; Dorcas Pit Libby, $5; No. Carver local, $5; No. Carver S. S., $3; Worcester local, $7.

Minnesota—Annanal S. S., $6.65; Amanda Johnson, $5; C. F. Ragland, $1.

New Brunswick—St. Mary’s local, $10.50.

New Hampshire—Belmont local, $2; Northwood Narrows local, $3.50; Loudon Ridge local, $4; Farmington local, $2.50; Portsmouth local, 50 cts.; Northwood Narrows S. S., $1.50; C. Freeze’s S. S. Class, Pittsfield, $15; Sarah S. Paige, $1; Juliette H. Hart, $5; Sarah S. Paige, $12.50; M. A. Thompson, $1.25; Mrs. J. G. Learned, $1; Olive Johnson, $1.75; cash for Miss Cornelias, $8.60; Isabel Moore, $1.50; Mrs. B. W. Davis, $50 cts.; E. E. Phillips, $1; C. C. Currier, $1; M. W. Piper, 50 cts.; cash, $1; cash, $1; loose collection, $2.84; cash, $1; Mrs. B. H. Richardson, $1; Rev. A. Mead, $1; E. S. Wales, $5; Mrs. N. Phillips, $10; Mary E. Dore, $50 cts.

New York—Libbie Streeter, 75 cts.; and Mrs. E. Van Dyke, $5.


Ohio—Nathan More, $30; Oregon and Eastern Washington—Mary E. Miles, $50 cts.; Portland Church, $5; Trousdale Campmeeting, $22.01.

Quene and Northern Vt.—Morrisville local, 50 cts.; Wm. McCornack, $3; H. W. Demick, $5; Walter L. Brown, $1; O. Cass, $1.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Rocky Brook local, $20; Lafayette Mission Society, $5; Mrs. W., $5; R. Hoyt, $1; Mrs. Wm. Dupee, $3; Mrs. H. K. Johnson, $1; cash collection, Greene, 77 cts.; Putnam Church, $5.80; May Blaisdell, $5.

Virginia—Anna E. Rowe, $1; Emily A. Brundage, $1; Western Washington and British Columbia—Mrs. Keesley, 75 cts.; Mrs. Sowder, $1.

General Helpers’ Union, $9; rent, $27.30; sales, $17.94; All Nations subscriptions, $53.25; total receipts, $1054.30.

Maude M. Chadysey, Treasurer.
REPORT OF Y. W. A. AND JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT
Mary E. Rowe

TO the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, Greeting:

Your superintendent of the Young Women's Auxiliary societies, Junior societies and King's Jewels presents the following reports:

Y. W. A. Societies

The list at the beginning of the year contained 20 names. During the year two societies have disbanded and three have been organized making 21 names on the list now, a net gain of one. The three new societies are in Melrose Highlands and West Wareham, Mass., and Tustin, California.

Thirteen report blanks have been returned. These thirteen societies have a combined membership of 197. During the year they have given to their local churches $80.88, the B. B. School Home $3, and the Dowling Park Orphanage $12, and other home work not specified $44.09, making a total $139.97 for the home work, besides the time that has been given in the holding of meetings, in working to obtain this money, in the visiting of the sick and shut-ins, and in the help given to the needy in various ways not mentioned; and while they gave of their time and money we believe they gave their love and sympathy, and of such the King will say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

For the foreign work they have raised $345.30. Of this $82 was given towards Miss Keeney's salary, $11 towards the educating of children in India, $37 toward the support of orphans in India, and $13 for the China work. The naming of these figures gives us some idea of the work done, and tells us that the members are trying to obey the final command of Jesus to his disciples before his ascension.

Besides money items, the report blanks tell of an evening program in a church when the "Spirit of Motherhood" was presented by the members of the society, monthly entertainments in an Old Ladies' Home, monthly letters written to missionaries, cards and fruit sent to the sick, the care of a Cradle Roll, mission studies, evening programs and socials combined with devotional and business meetings, all of which shows that the members are improving opportunities for work that come in their way. May they have your prayers that they may grow in grace and be faithful to their mission.

Junior Societies

The number of Junior societies on my list is sixteen, an increase of two for the year. The new societies are in Acushnet and North Carver, Mass. Eleven societies have reported. Their combined membership is 119. For the home work they have raised $43.61. This has been given for local work in church and Sunday-school, and for the Dowling Park orphanage and an orphanage in Iowa. These eleven societies are supporting two children and educating five in India.

The making of quilts seems to be a favorite way of raising money with the Juniors, though some sell soap and pop-corn and some have mite boxes and others take penny collections. The report blanks tell of mission concerts held and of mission books studied. One superintendent writes that she tries to keep the children's minds directed to mission interests as much as possible. Of course that thought should be uppermost in the minds of all superintendents. While the money is needed to carry on the work it is more important that the children learn the true spirit of missions, the need of giving their love and sympathy to the afflicted and of giving their pennies as a means of winning others to Christ.

Last year we had eighty members-at-large. This year forty-five have been received from the Cradle Roll, and twenty-three names have been enrolled from places where there are no Junior societies making 148 members-at-large.

Reports from two societies have been printed on our page in the All Nations. These were interesting to the readers and encouraging to the children.

One interesting feature of a society's meetings was the trip taken to Dowling Park by the use of pictures and letters.

In spite of measles, chicken pox, and sundry difficulties, the Juniors have done good work, and the superintendents have my sympathy and share thanks for their efforts in this branch of the work. If we did not have the superintendents we could not have the Junior societies, so my prayer is that we may have more members who can take up this work among the children, and inspire in them the thought of the prayer of the little fellow who said, "Dear Jesus, make me what you were like when you were six years old."

King's Jewels

We began the year with 239 Jewels. As already stated in the report of the Junior societies 45 have been promoted to the Junior list, and have received their certificates and mite boxes. The picture on the certificates shows the girls and boys marching with banners, on which is the motto, "Onward." Or the mite boxes is a stanza from the old hymn, "Only an Armor-Bearer." As things of a military nature usually appeal to the young, I trust these girls and boys may feel that they are soldiers of the King and be loyal in His service. Two deaths have been reported and twenty-nine names added making a total of 221 now on the list, 18 less than we had at the beginning of the year. There will not be so many to promote another year, and so with a little more effort on the part of our members to enroll the little ones, I think our number can be increased another year.