REPORT OF ANNUAL CONVENTION

The twenty-first annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society convened at Alton Bay, N. H., August 13th at 9.30, with singing, "More Like the Master," and a most fervent prayer in our behalf by our dear Sister Bemis; and a very earnest appeal for us to be much in prayer and humble devotion to our Heavenly Father by Sister Mabel Burch, who had charge of the devotional service, and using Luke 11 for the Scripture lesson, she prepared us all for the day's work before us.

At ten o'clock our president, Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, took the chair for business. The committees on credentials, new business, and resolutions, were appointed by the president and began their task at once.

Minutes of the Executive Board meetings, also the business transacted by correspondence through the year were read and accepted and ratified by the convention. The Roll Call showed many absent, but this was expected with the increased cost of travel and the many other things that face us in these days.

Nevertheless when the Credential Committee reported that the convention was entitled to two hundred and two votes, we were assured that many locals were represented and that there was no lack of interest.

The treasurer's report showed that this past year was the most lucrative since our Society was organized. This also showed that, although we are called to give in every direction on account of the war, God's children have not forgotten that the "Gospel of the kingdom must be preached for a witness to all nations," so the interest is increasing as it should in these last days. As usual the business manager read her Survey of the Field which proved to be very interesting and encouraging. As this will be printed in All Nations in full we will not make further comments on it.

Reports of our vice-presidents were accepted. Mrs. O. O. Williams of Live Oak, Fla., our Southern vice-president, felt obliged to resign on account of ill health, and recommended Mrs. Burr A. L. Bixler for the place. The report of our superintendent of Y. W. A. and Junior Societies, Miss Mary E. Rowe, showed much practical work accomplished among the young people and children.

At this time Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Hudson were presented to the convention. All were pleased to see and hear the loving and cheery words of our returned missionaries. Bro. Hudson gave a report of his and Mrs. Hudson's work in the homeland since their return. Much appreciation is felt for their most efficient service in raising the money needed for the new Velacheri Hostel and the Saidapet Reading Room.

Reports were read from nine of the twelve State organizations, and all showed that good work was being done.

Miss Lizzie Sweetser of Maine was in charge of the two o'clock devotional service. "This day is salvation come to this house," being the subject. A quartette of young ladies brought to us a beautiful message of song, "The Care of the Shepherd."

Then followed the election of officers, which resulted in the following being chosen: Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, president; Mrs. Bertha S. Bemis, first vice-president; Mrs. Helen W. Keeney, second vice-president; Mrs. Nellie E. Fellows, clerk of the Maine corporation; Mrs. Anna L. Piper, clerk of the Massachusetts corporation; Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, treasurer; Miss Louise H. Kinsman, director for three years.

The choice of the Pacific Coast, and of the Middle West sisters for their vice-presidents was ratified; and the recommendation of the retiring Southern vice-president was acted upon and Mrs. B. A. L. Bixler elected as Southern vice-president.

At the time of the convention the Pacific Coast and Middle West had not reported whom they had chosen; since then the Helpers' Union have held their annual meeting and elected Mrs. Edith Adams as president, and she by virtue of her position becomes our Central vice-president; and word has been received that Mrs. Nina M. Collins is the choice of the Pacific Coast.

A letter of resignation from the Board from our beloved Sister Annie P. Smith, our efficient and long-time faithful first vice-president and field worker, caused much regret among our members. On account of inability to meet with the Society because of the many home cares and duties, was the reason for this withdrawal.

Letters of love and sympathy, also regrets, were sent to Mrs. Smith, also Miss Bertha...
Keeney, Mrs. O. O. Williams, and Miss Louise Kinsman. We believe very soon, in the kingdom of God, our dear sisters with all who have done His bidding will be free from ill-health and everything else that tends to mar our peace and happiness.

It was necessary to raise the price of the All Nations to thirty-five cents a year or three years for one dollar. Considering the increased cost of paper, ink, and labor, this is a very small raise and our constituenets will be glad to pay the extra and still keep in touch with our work in India through this most helpful paper.

The Resolution Committee brought in the following resolutions, which seemed a fitting closing to our afternoon business session:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: The good hand of our Lord has been upon us, in that we have had the best year, financially, since our organization in 1897, and,

Whereas: We have received special gifts of land from a friend in Oregon, and of $300 for a new press, from California and

Whereas: The day of experiment for obtaining regular gifts for the A. C. Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park is safely passed, be it

Resolved, That we enter upon the work of another year with fervent zeal for the meeting of present obligations; for the completion of the necessary amount for the purchase of the Saidapet Reading Room; for the extension of press work made possible by the special gift for the new "Wellcome Press;" for the erection of the boys' dormitory, and above all for the establishment of the Bible Training dormitory; also, be it

Resolved, That we have in mind our dependence upon God for all our work and especially for our orphan children of Dowling Park, Guindy and Velacheri, and

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father has specially blessed the efforts of our returned missionaries, as well as that of the home workers, be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt appreciation for their labor of love, and especially for the years of faithful and efficient service of our retiring first vice-president, Mrs. Annie P. Smith of Massachusetts.

In the evening as usual our meeting began by singing a number of selections: with F. A. Blackmer the leader of a fine chorus of men and women who "sang with the Spirit and the understanding also."

Mrs. Emma G. Hall read the Scripture and Mrs. Eva I. McKenna offered prayer. Miss Charlotte Whitman and Miss Lillian Welch rendered a beautiful duet. Then we took a most interesting trip through the part of India where our work is located, conducted by Rev. C. H. Hudson with lantern slides to aid him. Many pleasing pictures were thrown on the screen, such as the oxomobile; the paddy fields, the pleasant Orphanage at Guindy, the Industrial buildings at Velacheri, the dear little Indian girl getting her younger sister to sleep, the grounds filled with green shrubs and palm trees, the screened in sleeping porch on the roof of the Velacheri home of Bro. and Sister Hudson. This was a most refreshing picture on a hot August evening and we think had its cooling effect on all. We noticed the vigorous working of many fans ceased for a moment.

We cannot take further space to tell you more. Watch out for our business manager's Survey and the reports from the field which will appear in the All Nations.

With increased love for the work and the workers let us go forward and make this year the best ever.

N. E. Fellows, Clerk.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE FIELD

Maude M. Chadsey, Business Manager

In these days of Hooverizing, when many a sister is wearing her last year's hat, and skimping the sugar she puts in her cake, it is a delight to be able to report a banner year for our Mission Society; and the very fact that the supporters of the work are sacrificing their own comforts, but at the same time increasing their gifts to missions speaks volumes.

The year has not been without its problems and dark spots; but the God whom we serve has been with us and delivered us, and we have nothing but victory to record.

As has been our custom in former years, this survey will cover the different departments of the work beginning with the home field.

THE HOME FIELD

Organizations

The greatest advance step in our organization is the splendid work done by the sisters of the South Georgia and Florida Conference; who led by our Southern vice-president, Mrs. Tinnie Dowling Williams, have formed the locals in that section into a State organization. And their State president, Mrs. B. A. L. Bixler, has secured space in the Southern paper, Present Truth, for a mission column, and has it filled each week with items of interest regarding the work.

Four new locals have been organized during the year and two reorganized, while three new Y. W. A.'s have been added to our list, making nine societies in all, but as two locals and one Junior report as disbanding, we have at the close of the year a net gain of six societies.

The new organizations are in various sections, there being one each in Northern Vermont and Quebec, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Florida, and Connecticut.

Reports have been received from the twelve State secretaries, although three of these did not reach us in time for the convention, and from all but five of the scattered locals.

Finances

Financially this is the banner year in the Society's history, for we have in the phrase of the day, "gone over the top" with a leap. Our receipts for the year were $15,596.27 in cash, and real estate valued by the donor at $2,000 making $17,596.27 in all. The largest amount the Society has ever received in any one year
previous to this was in 1909-10 when our income amounted to $15,001.88, and this included a legacy of $5,696.62.

Naturally there is a reason for this increase in gifts and it is due in a large measure to the splendid work of Bro. Hudson in raising funds for the Velacheri Hostel; and to the gifts for the Saidapet Reading Room Building fund; as well as to the gift of real estate.

The gifts for our home work total less this year than last, as last year we raised $1,410.40 and finished paying the mortgage on the Boston Bible School Home, as it was then called; but aside from this we have raised $591.40 more for our special home work this year than last. We have also received for the New England School of Theology Home $450.19 this year.

The gifts for our special work total this year $16,000.31 while the receipts for the same last year aside from the mortgage fund were $136,79. In connection with this we are pleased to note that our locals are realizing that the Home, not the School, is what our Society is responsible for and sending their gifts for the same, though we would not have them overlook the School needs.

A careful study of the chart showing the rise and fall of the income of the Society since its organization reveals this fact: that although each special effort which has advanced the receipts for any particular year has been followed by an inevitable reaction in the same the following year; the receipts have in no case fallen to the level at which they were before the advance. This shows a steady, healthy growth which is of itself a matter of encouragement. Let us plan to keep the income for the coming year not only up to the high water mark we have reached; but endeavor to advance it to a round $20,000. We can do it if each one will do her bit.

The other chart—on page four—represents the growth in the Society's property from 1910 to the present year, the black representing the property in India, and the white that in America, while the white with the black lines represents Conditional Gifts invested. These Conditional Gifts invested naturally vary, as when the donor dies the gift goes into the general work and is no longer held as an investment.

We cannot close this portion of our survey without stating that we are confident that definite prayer for definite needs, has had much to do with the supplying of those needs; and we thank our Heavenly Father for answered prayer along financial lines.

Field Work

Our missionaries, on furlough, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Hudson have visited many of our churches and most of our campmeetings during the year, for Bro. Hudson attended those on the Pacific Coast last fall and has been at every one that has been held in the East this summer.

The extreme cold of the winter and the shortage of fuel prevented some of the gatherings planned for the winter months; but our State and District presidents have all been active in their different sections. A trip through Eastern and Northern Maine and the Maritime Provinces was planned by the general president for July, but circumstances caused her to postpone it. On the whole our work has been kept well to the front during the year.

All Nations

This is one of the branches of our work which we need carefully to consider at this convention. As seen by the treasurer's report the receipts for All Nations are $256.36 below the expenses. Last year the deficit was $171.31. The increased deficit is due to the fact that while the cost of stock and printing have both greatly advanced during the year, the subscription price has remained the same; namely, twenty-five
cents a year, although in justice to our subscribers we must add that some four hundred of them are voluntarily paying thirty-five cents a year. Whether the price shall be raised to thirty-five cents is for this convention to decide. Our subscription list has been slightly increased during the year, but not nearly so much as we believe it could be if all our locals would take up the matter in a systematic way. Some are and are doing splendid work. The value of the paper to the Society has been emphasized so many times that it does not need dwelling on at this time.

Suffice it to say it is one of our most valuable assets, as it is the channel through which the constituency is kept in touch with the work.

Mission Boxes

In December the sisters of Southern California sent to India a box valued at $174 which reached the mission in good condition April 16. There are garments and other things at headquarters sufficient to fill a fair-sized box which we expect will go with Bro. and Sister Hudson. There is also $20 in the treasury which Sister Hudson will use for the mission and missionaries.

Conditional Gifts

During the year $1150 has been received in Conditional Gifts. The giver of one gift of $500 fell asleep last spring and this amount passed into the general work, which leaves us with a net gain of $650 for the year. Of the gifts received this year one was for $500, two for $200, two for $100, and one for $50; to this, however, the donor expects to add at least another $50. We mention the amounts in order that should there be anyone who feels that she could make a gift of one or two hundred she may know we are glad to receive such amounts; and we again urge our State and local officers to keep the Conditional Gift plan before their members. No legacies have been received this year.

In place of the September box which before the war we sent each fall from the East and which reached India in time for Christmas, $40 was sent the past year with which to purchase a Christmas treat.

Two large boxes and several packages filled with clothes, bedding, books, and many other good things have been sent from headquarters to the A. C. Home and Orphanage during the year. These were the gifts of locals and friends.
Besides these several of our locals have sent boxes direct. Another shipment will go from headquarters in September and anyone desiring to send at that time should see that her contributions reach headquarters by Sept. 28. Sheets for both double and single beds, and table cloths are what there are a shortage of at the present time.

India Field

We are sorry to be obliged to state that only part of the reports from India have reached us, and we fear the others have been lost in coming. We have written to the field regarding the matter, and asked them to send duplicates so far as possible, and when these come they will be printed in All Nations. However, we have two of our missionaries with us, who although they cannot tell of what has been done in India for the past twelve months will doubtless have many interesting things to tell of the work.

From the reports that we have received we learn that the work at Velacheri and Guindy has been carried on much as usual; that 290,727 pages of literature have been issued from the press of which 241,290 pages were religious tracts; that the earnings of the press amounted to $225 and the work done for the mission to $119; that the monthly magazine Wayside Helps, has changed its name and is now known as Good Cheer; that a carved table which sold for $15 was donated by the carpentry department at Velacheri to the war fund, and that the earnings of this department amounted to $250; that because of the high price of material the work done in the weaving department has been limited to supplying the needs of the two orphanages, and that the difficulty of obtaining colored cotton caused the mission to try dyeing with which new venture they had fair success. The outside earnings of this department amounted to $30.

The reports from the village schools, evangelists and Bible women’s work that have been received, mention that one new school has been opened and at least two new buildings have been erected. These also refer to several baptisms and speak of the deepening of the prayer life of the Christians in the villages, but as no statistics are given we are unable to give definite information regarding the advance made. The church building at Velacheri has been started, and nearly enough funds for a native church building at Ponmar have been raised by the people of that village.

Needs

As ever, we need first of all the continued prayers and co-operation of all our Advent Christian women. This need cannot be overestimated for without the guidance of God and the co-operation of His people the work would utterly fail.

Last year we stated the fact that the plan for providing for the salaries of Bro. and Sister Peterson by having individuals and societies take shares at $2 each, was not proving a success and that we needed to find some one to assume their support. The support of Bro. Peterson has been assumed by a brother in Washington, and now we need some one to assume that of Sister Peterson.

We shall need an average income of $1,200 per month to meet our regular expenses the coming year because of the growth of the work, the raising of the missionaries’ salaries to $400 per year, the higher rate of postage, and the increase in price of all supplies.

We also need, besides the funds for our general expenses, an extra amount for the next two months in order that we may pay the transit of Bro. and Sister Hudson to India.

Added to these needs is the ever-desired endeavor to secure members for our society and subscribers for All Nations.

Let us claim again—as we claimed it last year—the promise, “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Report of New England School of Theology

Home Department—1917-1918

TWO-THIRTY students were enrolled during the school year, twenty of whom boarded and roomed at the home; but as the full number were not in attendance at one time, our family including the Matron and cook, averaged about twenty for the first four months. Then because of sickness, the draft and other causes the family grew smaller until when school closed we had a family of eleven not including the teachers who have their dinners at the Home.

Board and room were furnished the students at $4 per week. This would have been impossible, but for the good work done by Bro. Campbell, and the generosity of the friends in the Northern Maine Conference; for at Bro. Campbell’s solicitation the friends of that conference furnished nearly all of the potatoes for the Home, some sixty bushels.

The receipts for the year including money for board, rent of rooms and cash gifts, amounted to $2,435.64. Of this amount $374.53 was given by the locals, Y. W. A.’s and friends of the work through the treasury of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society.

The expenses of the Home, including food, labor, gas, water, coal and repairs amounted to $2,485.32.

At the beginning of the year the Regents loaned the Directors of the Home $280 to pay for the coal when it was delivered; the Directors paid back $230 of this before the school year closed, and on July 31 were able to pay the remaining $50, thus for the first time in some years we come to our annual convention with this department of our Home work free from debt, and the Directors feel very grateful to the locals and friends whose gifts have enabled us to do so.

The Directors.
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BOSTON, MASS., SEPTEMBER, 1918

THIS issue is our annual convention number,
and contains the reports of the year’s work
both at home and in India. Several reports
from State annual meetings, mission cottages,
etc., as well as the treasurer’s report for August
are omitted for lack of space. They will all
appear in the October paper.

Bro. and Sister Hudson expect to
leave the East for San Francisco Sept. 9,
from which port they hope to sail for India
in October. Their address while on the Pacific
Coast will be 757 Brooklyn Ave., East Oakland,
Cal.

All must realize that in the eighteen months
which Bro. and Sister Hudson have spent in
America, they have done much to increase the
interest in our work, and now that they are
turning their faces to India again, write them
and let them know their work has been appreci­
ated; and do not forget to send the treasurer
a gift to help on their transit expenses if the
Lord so impresses you.

REPORT OF THE Y. W. A. AND JUNIOR
SUPERINTENDENT

To the Members of the W. H. and F. M. Society
of the A. C. Denomination, Greetings:

Your superintendent of the Y. W. A. and
Junior Mission Societies presents the following
report:

Number of Y. W. A. Societies reporting,
fourteen. These have a total membership of
256. They have given to the work of their
home churches $69.40, to the N. E. School of
Theology, $5; to the Home Department, $2;
to the Dowling Park Orphanage, $25.97 and to
other home work, $53.92; making a total of
$156.29 for the home work.

For the foreign work they report giving $40
for Miss Keeney’s salary, $30 for the support
and $9 for the education of children in
India. Also for other work in India $48.30
and for the China work $27.45, making a total
for the foreign work of $154.75 and the total
for both home and foreign work including dues
$474.84.

Some report having mission study classes,
the societies visit homes for the aged and cheer
them by their singing and reading. One soci­
ety has sent six boxes overseas and many if
not all have done knitting for the soldiers.

Three new societies have been reported, one
in Crouseville, Me., one in Live Oak, Fla., and
one in East Norwalk, Conn.

Junior Societies

The number of Junior Societies reporting last
year was six with a total membership of forty­
three.

The number reporting this year is seven.
One of these reports did not give the membership.
The total membership of the remaining six is
sixty, making a gain in membership for six
societies of seventeen. One society reported
that it had disbanded, and others did not re­
turn their report blanks.

Included in these six societies is the Boys’
Mission Club of Toronto, Ontario. The report
of this club shows that boys under the right
leader may become enthusiastic mission workers.

These six societies have given $12 to their
home churches, $1 to the Dowling Park Orphan­
age, and $16.44 to other home work, making a
total of $29.44 for the home work.

They have given $15 to support a child and
$3 to educate a child in India, and $9 towards
the support of a school in India. The total
for foreign work being $27 and the total for both
branches of the work including dues $124.99
and an average of $2.08 1-3 per member.

Forty-seven members have been received from
the Cradle Roll. Certificates of membership
with mite boxes have been sent to each of these.

King’s Jewels

For the past two years there has been a loss
in membership because the promotions to the
Junior list exceeded the enrollment; but this
year the gain equals the loss. At the beginning
of the year, August, 1917, we had a membership
of 211. Two deaths have been reported this
year, and forty-five new names have been promoted to the Junior list,
making a loss of forty-seven. Forty-seven
new names have been added making the present
membership 211. Birthday cards with tracts
have been sent on all the birthdays. A few
have been returned unclaimed.

A cradle roll reception was held for its mem­
bers by the Y. W. A. in Boston. These occa­
sions can be made very helpful for the mothers and are worthy of being tried by locals or Y. W. A.'s. The S. S. cradle roll can be invited to meet with the mission cradle roll thereby increasing interest in both.

A pleasing feature for such occasions is that of having pictures taken of the members. Cameras are so plentiful these days that surely some one could be found to take snap shots of the little ones, and the mothers and friends could be furnished with them at a small price.

The value of this work is too great for all of our time and strength to be spent in theorizing about it. The practical side should be emphasized, and the names added to our list the coming year should be more than the number promoted and the reports of cradle roll receptions should not be limited to one.

That superintendent of a Junior Society of one member who held her meetings throughout the year and sent in her report on time, is to be commended for faithful service as an officer in "His Majesty's Service." The saying of David that the "King's business requires haste" is just as true to-day as when spoken. The Master's business does require haste. It also requires steadfastness and efficiency. Let us not slack our hand in the work of apparently small things for the Master said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

Mary E. Rowe.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE W. H. AND. F. M. SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1918

Balance on hand July 31, 1917 $349.98

Receipts

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Total cash receipts $822.08

Available funds for year $15,946.25

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Total Expenditures $15,314.93

Cash balance | 581.32

Land in Oregon | $17,946.25

In America:

- House and lot in Melrose, covered by Conditional Gifts | $2,500.00
- Conditional Gifts invested in 7 Whiting St., Boston | 700.00
- Headquarters, 5 Whiting St., Boston | 4,000.00
- Cottages on Campgrounds | 2,300.00
- Lot in California | 400.00
- Land in Oregon valued by donor | 2,000.00
- Office supplies and furniture | 400.00
- Liberty Bond | 50.00
- Cash balance given above | 581.32

Total assets of the society at the close of the fiscal year with no liabilities | $12,931.32

Respectfully submitted, Maude M. Chadsey, Treas.

NOTES ON TREASURER’S REPORT

The difference between the amount received and expended for the New England School of Theology Home fund, is explained by the fact that there was $3 to the credit of that fund at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The reason why the full amount raised by Mrs. Gibb for the A. C. Home and Orphanage has not been expended at the close of the year, was that the treasurer was waiting instructions from the donors as to what it was to be used for. It has since been sent.
FROM BRO. HUDSON

Dear Fellow-Workers:—

Before leaving for our India field we desire to thank the friends of the work for the interest that has been manifested, for the kindness shown, and for the generous response to our call for funds to build the boys’ dormitory and Bible school. Within three months the amount asked for has been over-subscribed. The Adventist people have gone “over the top” which is as it should be. The logical outcome of Adventist philosophy and teaching is action. Active occupation till He comes. It is very gratifying to us that this is becoming more fully realized by our people which is evident by the increased interest shown in missions, education, and other forward movements receiving the support of the people at the present time. These things give us courage and we go forward trusting that our efforts may receive God’s blessing and favor.

We thank all that have had any part in helping to raise the needed funds for the Velacheri dormitory and Bible school. To those that have taken shares in it, endorsed, or prayed it through, we are equally grateful. The amount over-subscribed will go for the object for which it was given and enable us to build better than we had planned.

Instead of four hundred $5 shares we shall be called upon to issue five hundred. This we can do without watering our stock. The project is well able to carry the extra number. After the building is far enough advanced illustrated share certificates will be prepared and forwarded to the share holders on payment of pledge. Look for these. Watch for returns from your investment. Pray for dividends. Do not forget those who will have the burden of the work. Remember the young men of the denomination whose eyes are turned toward that field, who are preparing themselves for service there. May they be led by God in their work of preparation and receive the equipment of heart and mind that the service of Christ demands.

It has been very gratifying to the writer to see the interest that the young people of our denomination have shown in this forward movement. We think of the little girl with only fifty cents who was too “shy” to pledge in open campmeeting so brought her gift after the congregation had retired. Of another who without urging insisted on giving the whole of her bank account of $10 to the furnishing of a room. We thank God for these as well as for the donors of larger gifts.

To those who still wish to have a part in this work we offer an opportunity to do so. Nobody thinks that the provision of a building is the end of this matter. We shall need some equipment, furniture, teachers, equipment, and a library. While much of this we can ourselves provide from the industrial it will cost money for material. Therefore we ask for twenty pledges of $10 each to furnish twenty rooms with tables, chairs, bookcases, and bedroom furniture. These pledges may be taken by individuals, societies, or classes, and raised as they wish. Here is a good opportunity to honor your pastor or a pioneer who is sleeping. It will inspire and encourage the occupants of these rooms to see the name of the donor inscribed upon the door and know that some one in America was sufficiently interested to make the sacrifice called for.

We ask also for twenty scholarships, ten of $12, and ten of $24, to help students through school. This amount along with what a student will be able to earn in the Industrial will be sufficient to pay expenses. These may be annual pledges renewed if desired, or in the form of a permanent endowment, the income of an investment made for that purpose which would continue to be paid till the Lord comes, until which time the school, we trust, will continue to exist. These scholarships should be named by the donor which will add largely to their value if called after one of our famous preachers and be also a means of inspiration to the recipient of it.

The last need which should perhaps come first, is for two pledges of $100 to furnish and equip two class rooms with desks, table and bookcases. It may be thought that we could get along with less, and so we could. We might hold our classes under a tree and when opportunity offers we oftentimes will, for much of the practical training will be received in breaking the bread of life to hungry souls in the center of some village, but we believe God will honor us if we build well, lay foundations that are sure, and give our students the best that is obtainable.

The times and the conditions demand this.

Again we seek your prayers. “Pray us over” as one good woman said she was going to do; but, don’t drop us when you hear that we have safely arrived. Continue to remember all that are striving to do His will in the foreign field and hasten the coming of the King.

Yours in Christ,

C. H. Hudson.

VELACHERI REPORTS
1917–18

From Miss Saunders

JUST how to compress into a few words the work of a whole year and have them give to you a correct idea of the work done is a task that I feel that I am not competent to perform.

Acting on the advice of one wiser than I who said, “It is better to put ten men to work than do the work of ten men,” I am this year letting the head of each department report for himself. This leaves me the work of a short summary only.

Confident that God has placed us in this part of His great field for the purpose of heralding
the "Gospel of the Kingdom" we have endeavored to make this the most prominent feature of our work the past year. The visible results in numbers added to the church at Velacheri are very small, but there is encouragement in the knowledge of hearts being stirred by the Spirit of God, and a greater desire on the part of His children to do more and better work in soul-winning.

The health and happiness of our home has been evident throughout the year, only one boy was what we would consider really ill. Subbiah, our monitor, had fever for two weeks. The most of our medical work was for those outside of our own compound. The past year was a very unhealthy one all about us. Smallpox and bubonic plague have been and still are claiming a heavy toll of life. The itch seems to have attacked the people in an unusual way, old and young have called upon us for treatment; needless to say that cleanliness is the first thing prescribed, when this is complied with the other remedies given quickly do their part. This medical work is done as a help to reach people with the Gospel and often proves a splendid opening for the message we have to give.

The financial statement mentioned in some of the appended reports is as follows: From Orphanage in fees, and from the garden, $101; from weaving department, $19; from carpentry department, $249; from press department, $225; from school department, $136; making a total of $730 earned at Velacheri.

Neither the work done in the press and carpenter shop for the mission, nor the vegetables provided for the Orphanage are included in this statement.

The amount contributed on this side is not what we would like to show, but we are very thankful in these days to be able to do anything in a financial way. It would be a cause for great rejoicing if this work could be made self-supporting; that day, I am afraid is some distance in the future, so we will still have to look to you who have so nobly provided for it in the past to continue your support of this work for some time to come.

Last year my final word was a plea for your prayers. May I repeat it this year as the greatest thing we can ask of you. As workers together with Him, our responsibilities are great, our opportunities grand. God help us to live up to them both.

Jess M. Saunders.

From Mr. Pulicoden

The year under report is a special one when reviewed from several points of view. The two main points are agriculture and Bible study. Two hours in the morning from seven to nine are devoted to agriculture. Modern education and school life make the students crave for clerical work as their profession in life; and agriculture is almost neglected. In these times of war the failure in imports of hardware, crockery, millinery and food stuffs, etc., is teaching the children of the soil a lesson to turn their attention to the resources of the soil. The proverb in Malayalam which says, "The best riches a man could possess is food grain," is an apt one. My father used to say that females who complain the want of vegetables for curry are not worth their salt.

Our first trial in agriculture was in preparing a vegetable garden. The average cost of fifty ounces of vegetables of ordinary variety is four cents in the market. Seeing that in our boarding school a good quantity is consumed every month we made up our minds, if possible, to meet this and also the demand from the workers of the mission. The earnestness of the children and devotion to this industry made them work hard sometimes, also in their lesson hours. The result of the labor was seen very soon to the eye in the shape of a beautiful carpet of green of 1600 square yards and several baskets of fruits such as pinyals, peaking cois, snake gourd, watermelons, pumpkins, radish, etc., were gathered every alternate day for a period of nearly four months. The income will be seen from the financial reports of the manager.

The next work in agriculture was growing paddy. The land we fenced round for vegetables was used for growing paddy (rice). We had no intention of growing paddy when we started work, but the unusual rain at a time when we just finished our vegetable harvest encouraged us to try paddy. The ground was ploughed and green manure added and was made ready for transplanting. Young sucklings were bought for fifty-seven cents and we set to work, planting three seedlings together in a pit at a distance of nine inches each. The Ryots of the neighboring paddy fields condemned our work, but when the harvesting time approached they were much astonished to see our success. One man said that he never expected to see any paddy in this garden. We had a good crop beyond our expectation. The children take good interest in agriculture when they see the produce of their labors. The produce we had except paddy was of a perishable nature and sometimes when we had several baskets of fruit we were put to some difficulty in disposing of them. Cart loads were sent to market, but the boys were unable to sell them according to market rates and consequently they brought a quantity back home. Therefore this time we are trying to have such fruits as can be stored up for use for a long time.

The next item of interest is the opening of a Bible study class. The text-book given was the Life of Christ collected from the four Gospels and chronologically arranged. The students were given a sound teaching in the above history from the birth and childhood of Jesus until the third passover of our Lord. In the higher classes critical, exegetical and doctrinal
As Mr. Nallamuthu, the first assistant died, it is very difficult nowadays to get Christian number of teachers on the staff decreased. As teachers, the work was carried on by three teaching both boys and girls are learning. There were on roll one hundred and forty. In this school one hundred and three and the average number where and pray that they have the assurance materials for the House of God. Our thanks are and joy in knowing that their labor of love is due to all our benefactors in America and else­not spent in vain.

This is the object and aim for which this Or­phanage stands. We are very thankful to our work were turned out in the last year: Pages of other things, 49,437, making a total number of given to them. As the boys were made able to daily and so they are now able to do any work quite new in the last year the work was hindered. There are two workers in connection with the press work.

The Orphanage is a field for study of char­acter. Every new addition is a new object for study. With patience and endurance moulding all their different characters into one Christ­like character is the chief burden of the one who is in charge of these boys. There are children from twenty years down to four or five years of age in the orphanage. In addition to the training in carpentry, weaving, printing, agriculture, a physical training also is given them. These exercises keep their body in a sound condition and thus we are very seldom attacked by any serious diseases except a few cases of cold, colic and fever. The children are healthy and robust looking.

Sunday is the happiest time of the week. Sunday-school is held from 7.30 to 8.30. Our boys go to fetch outside children to attend Sunday-school. All the teachers come to the class with their lessons prepared. After reading the lesson and saying the Golden Text, the school is divided according to the number of teachers present. The teachers take their classes separately and teach them for half an hour, then the whole school is assembled and the superintendent gives a summary idea of what has been given in the topic for the day. In my class the boys often ask for more information. After the Sunday-school, at 8.30 or 9.00 we gather for divine service in our house­hold chapel. At 3.00 p.m., we have a meeting of C. E. members. This done, all the children, with their leaders go to preach in the village, to "shew forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light." This is the object and aim for which this Orphanage stands. We are very thankful to our Heavenly Father Who has led us through the last year and enabled us to fill in our humble place in a great responsible service of preparing materials for the House of God. Our thanks are due to all our benefactors in America and elsewhere and pray that they have the assurance and joy in knowing that their labor of love is not spent in vain.

P. V. Pulicoden.

Report of School Work

This last year the average attendance was one hundred and three and the average number on roll one hundred and forty. In this school both boys and girls are learning. There were seven teachers at the beginning of the year. As Mr. Nallamuthu, the first assistant died, and some went to other places for work, the number of teachers on the staff decreased. As it is very difficult nowadays to get Christian teachers, the work was carried on by three teachers and one pupil teacher for some months. Now there are five teachers, two of them being female. We hope that the number of girl pupils will increase. Our school children celebrated "Our Day" the 12th of December with great joy. They had sports and races in that evening.

As it has been remarked by inspectors that the children are very backward in arithmetic, the manager examined the children once a month in this lesson and gave suggestions to the teachers in order to make up this deficiency. In October a change was arranged of head­masters of the girls' school at Guindy this school to examine each other's work. By this the children are now greatly improved and more interested in their lessons. The supervisor also came and examined the school in September and found it satisfactory.

The annual Bible examination was held in December last, and it was found that the small children did not do well, so a new method is introduced this year. Rev. Annet's book, which is written in an interesting and easy way for primary classes, is now taught. A Bible class also has been started for the teachers to improve their Bible knowledge and instruct them how to teach the Bible to children so as to win them for Christ.

Before this, the seventh standard students received their certificates from the headmaster. Last year it was stopped and arrangement has now been made to get government certificates from the inspector. So they work harder now. The hearty co-operation of the manager and teachers has been an incentive to earnest and painstaking work. We look forward to good progress in the school this year.

We are grateful to our benefactors and pray to God to bless them.

J. D. Isaac, Headmaster.

Press Work

Each morning our day begins with a prayer service in order to get God's blessing. This prayer service all workers as well as boys attend. The morning attendance of scholars is five and the evening attendance two; of the orphanage boys, three. They have Scripture class in the last period of morning and evening work. There are two workers in connection with the press work.

As all the boys of the printing press were quite new in the last year the work was hindered. Yet all kinds of press work was taught them daily and so they are now able to do any work given to them. As the boys were made able to work with other workers the following kinds of work were turned out in the last year: Pages of religious tracts printed in English, 38,000; in Tamil, 203,290; pages printed for school and other things, 49,437, making a total number of pages printed, 290,727. Money received for
outside work, $225; work turned out for the mission, $119; making a total of $344.

The monthly magazine called Wayside Helps, which was discontinued for some time, is being published again under the name, Good Cheer. It usually contains interesting reading matter, as indexed under the following heads: current news, religious, educational, story, Bible Reading, Sunday-school notes, and English.

We thank our benefactors for helping us and we pray God to bless them.

Mr. Raju, Foreman.

Carpentry Department

There were eighteen pupils in carpentry classes during the year. There are four grades taught according to Government circular. Namely, A, B, C, D, there are pupils in each grade. Scale and free hand drawings are taught one hour each day, and practical work three hours. On the whole the boys are showing good interest in their work and progressing very well. One period each day is given in Bible study.

Besides the class work, there has considerable work been done by the workmen and boys for the mission and outside parties. Bureaus, meat-safes, tables, chairs, bullock bandy, and dog-cart are among the articles made.

One carved table, selling price $15, was donated for the war fund. The total cash receipts for this department for the year were $249.

This kind of work was closed to all the people of India except the professional class until the missionaries opened industrial and art schools, for which we thank God and our benefactors.

Mr. Ponnuwembi, Teacher.

Weaving Department

Owing to the prevailing high prices of material and other conditions the work of this department has not amounted to very much the past year. We have, however, endeavored to keep things going and have been able to supply the needs of our two Orphanages.

There are eight boys learning this industry. Some of them are advanced enough to weave, others are learning the rudiments. The difficulty of obtaining colored thread made us try dyeing. We have had fairly good success with this new venture. The financial statement will show the income of this department for the year.

Mr. Josiah, Teacher.

REPORT OF ELLA L. JONES
1917-18

"I HAVE set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

The door certainly is wide open, so wide that one stands breathless, but when Satan tries to shut that door, the heart exultant sings, "No man can shut it." Satan has many busy men over our field, but they are being foiled, the Spirit of Almighty God is at work.

There is a note of triumph ringing through the field. The workers are joyful and expectant. Not that our path has been made a bed of roses, but every heart leaps obstacles and claims victory by faith. "I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." On every side we see it and on every side the evidence of the working of the Mighty God—and of Satan also.

On Ponmar hill is a spot made sacred by many prayers. There one evening at sunset a vision of the power of prayer was given. A lone human mortal at prayer causes the Mighty God of Heaven to stretch out His all-powerful arm and work. God Himself at work. The vision seems to have been imparted to the whole band and the song of victory is heard among the toilers.

Perhaps the greatest factor in this new spirit is our monthly praying band formed January 26th at Nukampalium. In each member's hand is a little book with the motto: "Victory by Prayer." Into this book we enter our requests with the date, and pledge ourselves to daily prayer until we can write down the date of answers. Already dates appear in the answer column and true to our name the "One After Another Praying Band," we enter another request or requests. God has revealed His power over disease of body, cleansed the vile mouth of a woman, caused a great hindrance to be removed, struck an opposer in the act of opposition on a bed of great pain, and saved a soul, since our band began to pray. Perhaps the greater rejoicing is over the fact that the workers are growing in grace, they are seeing new light and seeking to gain higher ground.

Jeldenpet circuit Bible woman and evangelistic report for the year is just this—There are seekers in every school village, and in many other villages as well; "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." Ten have given their names for Christ and been baptized. Numbers have given their names but hold back from baptism. Every teacher is an evangelist and their wives Bible women, and we are bound together in faith and prayer. We each have our weaknesses and our battles to fight, but the strength is from Him.

Our Ponmar church is negotiating to buy a piece of land in order to build a house of worship; and government has been petitioned for a burial ground. The second yearly harvest gathering will take place the last of April and the Ponmar village congregation's first conference or summer school will convene in May.

The general Bible woman's report is not as stirring but has had its place in the general plan. Four women have been at work in the usual lines. The teaching work at Saidapet has grown apace. Mrs. Christian has twenty-eight girls studying with her and has brought in twenty-six dollars in fees. She needs a second woman to help her, we are seeking such a one. Conviction rests mightily upon a home for which prayer and effort have become part of our lives.
In Velacheri four girls study with Hepseba. This little messenger has formed the Christian women of Velacheri into a praying band to hold certain women before God. We must have Velacheri for Christ and prayer is one great dynamo. Mrs. Sawyer is really a general Bible woman as she accompanies me on many of my trips. Mrs. Davasegammi of Adyar teaches girls in both the caste and cheri villages with good results.

We need you vitally working with us every day. May a great wave of intercessory prayer reach Heaven from you who so loyally support us that this year shall be one of great decision for Christ.

Schools

The schools of Jeldenpet circuit number seven day schools with an equal number of attendant night schools. The total on the rolls number three hundred and nineteen boys and thirty-four girls. To the girls may be added a sewing class of twelve who meet with the Perambalam teacher from twelve to two and learn Scripture as they sew. They are wild, shepherd lasses and we praise God for this hold on them.

Striking an average you may think the number twenty-five rather low per school, but we must take into account that two night schools are very small. One numbers four and the other nine.

The introduction of merit tickets was hailed with delight by the teachers. It is very hard to get the little, irresponsible creatures to attend school on time. The merits are helping out here. If a child comes on time with his hair combed, body washed, and clean clothes he receives a merit. Certain numbers of merits entitle him to a prize from the wonder box of slates, books, pencils, etc., the value of the prize determines the number of merits. It certainly has transformed the attendance and appearance of some of the children. They are so proud of their grand looks too.

The monthly excursions are also a delight to the children and as conducted by some of the teachers are very instructive.

The monthly visiting and receiving days are also very pleasing. On these days every school either receives another or "goes a visiting." On one occasion we had a contest in drawing and arithmetic that was most exciting and stimulating.

Parents' day has not yet taken place, but is in the planning. We hope to make this very profitable to the children and parents.

All the schools are very busy preparing for the exhibition and contest to take place the third of May. We hope this new venture will help to create a school spirit and make the teachers work harder to bring their children to a place of excellence. A banner will be given the best school and prizes will also be awarded to children who excel.

We still have the mushroom schools to fight. Even if they only last for a few months they spoil the progress of the children and give no end of trouble. One old man was prayed out of a village. The teacher of our school refused to pray, saying the old man needed rice. When he went the teacher gladly received the children back to school.

Our greatest school victory is the advent of fifteen caste boys into our Ponmar cheri school. This school is near the outcaste village, was built for them and no caste child has entered there these six years. In Palakarni two outcaste boys sit with the caste boys of the upper classes and are so one that it is hard to realize they are cheri.

Another promised victory is the hope that six children will come in from three villages to our boarding schools. This is what should be. Our big schools should be fed from the villages. It is only so, that we will develop a strong native force of workers.

Our first child enrolled bears the prophetic name of Adam, and came in the dress of the first sinless pair. He is the son of one of our Ponmar Christians but has the Adamic nature strongly developed. Two girls and one boy belonging to our Nukampalli Christians will be among those to enroll in May, the others will be heathen.

In Naukampalli is a victory too. The believing boys have banded themselves together to pray for a drunken playfellow, that God's work may be revealed in him. The parents, fearing one of these praying boys will become a Christian has stopped him from school and are expecting to send him to Madras, but God's Spirit will be with him there.

Hundreds of boys who have been in our schools are now fathers and business men in the villages. Many of them state that the teaching they received helps them in all their lives, but they have not become open followers of Christ. Will you not pray that this year may see an army of these men standing on the side of Christ? For the schools I would ask that you plead the cause of the girls with the Father that the number attending the schools may greatly increase, that the teachers may be true and faithful, teaching the girls with the Father that the number attending the schools may greatly increase, that the teachers may be true and faithful, teaching always unto salvation and that mushroom schools may cease to hinder.

I cannot close my report without letting you know that I am most grateful for your prayers, that God has heard and answered and made it possible for me to work this year. But my heart is not at rest and neither will it be until these whom I serve for whom Christ died know as I know.

Absolutely tender!
Absolutely true!
Understanding all things,
Understanding you!
Infinitely loving—
Exquisitely near—
This is God our Father,
What have we to fear?

Daniel, Que.
—Selected by Mrs. B. H. Barnard.