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TWENTIETH SESSION

OF THE

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and Adopted by the Conference as the Official Record
of its Proceedings.
OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT:
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COMMITTEE TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES:
THE SECRETARIES AND PRESS AGENT.
ARTICLE 1. After the customary religious exercises, the Secretaries in turn shall read the minutes of the previous session for corrections and approval.

ART. 2. No motion shall be admitted for discussion unless it has first been seconded.

ART. 3. All resolutions shall be presented in writing, as well as all other motions when the President or Secretaries shall ask it.

ART. 4. Every member of the Conference desiring to speak on any subject shall rise and addressing the President shall be entitled to the floor.

ART. 5. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken, nor more than ten minutes at a time without leave of the Conference.

ART. 6. The vote on every question shall be taken by eyes and noes, or ballot.

ART. 7. All questions of order shall be decided by the President subject to appeal to the Conference, without debate.

ART. 8. When any question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, to amend, or to substitute; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and this well as a motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

ART. 9. If the question before the Conference be capable of division, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

ART. 10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

ART. 11. Any question may be reconsidered on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

ART. 12. If any member call for the previous question, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

ART. 13. Every member shall be allowed the question of privilege, provided he manifest the nature of it, and it be approved by a majority of the Conference.

ART. 14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference room punctually at the hour to which Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without leave of absence.

Amendment I. All speeches shall be limited to ten minutes.
STANDING COMMITTEES.
NOMINATED FOR 1905.

1.—PUBLIC WORSHIP: The Presiding Elders and the Pastors in the City of Mexico.
2.—EDUCATION: P. F. Valderrama, F. P. Lawyer, José Rumbia.
5.—TEMPERANCE: H. A. Bassett, P. V. Espinosa, David Verduzco.
6.—CIRCULATION OF BIBLES AND TRACTS: T. del Valle, T. García, José Chávez.
11.—FINANCES: The Presiding Elders and Treasurer.
12.—AUDITORS: F. S. Borton, H. A. Bassett, Miss H. L. Ayres.
15.—VISITORS TO QUERETARO INSTITUTE: S. I. López, T. García Miss H. L. Ayres.
   To preach the Missionary Sermon: E. W Adam.
   Alternate, E. W. Gould.
   To preach the Conference Sermon: I. D. Chagoyan.
   Alternate, P V Espinosa.
   To preach the Sermon on Education: J. M. Euroza.
   Alternate, J. P. Hauser.

16.—EXAMINERS:
   Of Candidates for admission on trial:
   I. C. Cartwright, P. V Espinosa, T. del Valle.
   First year: L. B. Salmans, M. Rosales, José Rumbia.
   Fourth year: V. D. Baez, F. P. Lawyer, P. F. Valderrama.

The examining board met and determined that the same Committee which examines for entrance on trial shall also examine all cases for Local Preacher's Orders.
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

First Day.

Thursday, January 21, 1904.

The twentieth session of the Mexico Annual Conference convened in the Methodist Church, Puebla, Jan. 21, 1904, at 9 a.m. with Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald presiding.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop assisted by the Presiding Elders and Dr. A. B. Leonard.

Secretaries: H. A. Bassett and T. del Valle were elected secretaries.

J. P. Hauser was re-elected Statistical secretary and he named E. W. Adam and F. P. Lawyer as Assistants."

Treasurer: J. W. Butler, the Treasurer of the Mission was elected treasurer of the Conference.

Committees: The Standing Committees recommended by the Presiding Elders were elected with the following changes: L. B. Salmans was substituted for P. F. Valderrama on the Committee on self-support.

L. G. Alonso was named on the Committee on Sunday Schools, in place of W. S. Spencer, absent.

The roll of the Conference was called and 28 members responded.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first five rows of seats in the center of the church.

The Ladies of the W. F. M. S., and the wives of the Conference members were invited to sit within the bar.
Dr. A. B. Leonard was also invited to sit within the bar and partake of the Conference discussions.

Tomas Garcia was elected reporter for "El Abo- gado Cristiano," and F. S. Borton for "The Mexican Herald."

The hours of the sessions were to be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

P. F. Valderrama, Presiding Elder of the Mountain District, being unable to attend the Conference on account of illness, a message of sincerest sympathy was ordered sent to him.

A committee on resolutions was ordered.

The Conference elected a Committee to send greetings to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church South, and to the Presbyterian Synod, both assemblies being convened in Mexico City. B. N. Velasco and L. B. Salmans, Committee.

The Conference voted Friday morning, 11 o'clock, as the time for the election of a delegate to the General Conference.

H. A. Bassett moved that all English reports be presented in typewriting; L. B. Salmans moved as amendment that the reports be presented to some one named by the Conference, for typewriting: As amended, carried.

was taken up.

John W. Butler, P. E. of Central District was called, character passed and he read his report.

The following were called and characters passed and, where in charge, collections were reported.


Hidalgo District: The character of the P. E. V D. Baez was passed and his report was presented.

A. G. Alonzo and Eduardo Zapata were called, characters passed and their reports were rendered.
Mountain District

The character of P. F. Valderrama P. E. was passed and his report was read by V. D. Baez.

I. D. Chagoyan, P. V. Espinosa and S. I. Lopez were called, characters passed and collections reported.

The Bishop announced a draft on the Cincinnati Book Concern for $141.00 gold. The Conference ordered the draft signed and turned over to the Conference Stewards.

F. S. Borton moved that Friday night's session be dedicated to the cause of missions and that Dr. Leonard be invited to make the address.

The announcements were made, the Doxology sung and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Thursday Evening:

F. P. Lawyer preached a very helpful sermon at 7:15 to a large audience.

Second Day:

Friday, Jan. 22, 1904.

The morning devotional service at 9 a. m. was conducted by Jose Chavez, and immediately following, the Bishop called for the reading of the Journal which was read in both languages, corrected and approved.

Late Arrivals: P. V. Espinosa and I. D. Chagoyan were reported present.

Transfers: Emmett W. Gould in studies of the 2nd. year was announced as transferred into this Conference from the Troy Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould were introduced to the Conference.
Question 13  

was resumed:

J. M. Euroza P. E. of Oaxaca District was called, character passed and his report was read.

H. A. Bassett, P. E. of Orizaba District was called, character passed and he read his report.

A. M. Avila, José Rumbia and Plutarco Bernal were called, characters passed and their reports were rendered.

Norberto Mercado and I. D. Chagoyan were passed and they reported their collections.

Question 10  

Was taken up: "What members have completed the Conference course of studies? Miguel Rosales and Miguel Rojas were called, characters passed and they reported their collections.

MIGUEL ROSALES having passed satisfactory examinations, he was elected to Elders Orders.

MIGUEL ROJAS was continued in studies of the 4th year with credits for the studies passed with satisfaction.

J. M. Euroza requested that the Registrar be instructed to give to the P. E. of the Oaxaca District a certificate of the two grades which Mr. Rojas had successfully obtained. Granted.

Question 9  

Who are in the studies of the 4th year?

Petronilo Constantino and Gabriel Rumbia called, characters passed but as they had not been before the examining committee they were left in the studies of the 3rd. year.

Question 7  

Who have been admitted into full membership?

David Verduzco, Tomás Garcia, Samuel Quickmire and J. P. Hauser were called and characters passed.

Question 5  

Who are continued on trial?

Carlos M. Amador and Pablo Aguilar were called and characters passed. C. M. Amador not having passed the required examinations he was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Pablo Aguilar was passed to the studies of the 2nd year and continued on trial.
The election of delegates to the General Conference was postponed until Saturday morning immediately after the election of members to full membership.

T. del Valle presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Dear Brothers:

The British and Foreign Bible Society has decided to inaugurate a "Universal Bible Sunday" as a part of its Centenary Program and has set apart March 6th. as that day. It is requested that all churches of all denominations join in making this a memorable Sabbath: that the Bible shall be the subject of all sermons preached that day, and the theme for study in the Sunday School as well as the central thought in the program for any special service held.

We, the undersigned, respectfully bring this subject before the Conference and earnestly beg that our Mexico churches observe that day, carrying out, so far as is convenient the following program:

**Morning Service:** A sermon embracing the following points:
1. What the Bible has done for nations.
2. Why it should be used in our schools.
3. The blessings it brings to our homes.

**Sunday School:** Some special program which, while not setting aside the regular lesson for that day, will yet give prominence to the Bible.

**Evening Service:** Short testimonies to be given by those present, as to blessings they have received from Bible reading, Bible study and Bible knowledge,—interspersing the testimonies with singing and closing with a short season of prayer for the spreading of God's Holy Word.

Respectfully submitted,

T. DEL VALLE
SARA A. DE BUTLER
HARRIET L. AYRES

The report of the Conference Stewards was presented by J. M. Euroza.—The report was adopted and the balance of cash on hand amounting to $52.72 was voted to Gabriel Rumbia who has been ill for the past two years.

Mexico City was selected as the place for holding the next session.
Lay Conference: I. C. Cartwright and Eduardo Zapata were elected to bear the greetings of the Conference to the Lay Conference in session and at the same time to invite them to give us the honor of their presence.

After a brief period, the Delegates of the Lay Conference entered and were received with cordiality.

The President, Dr. Margaret Cartwright was called upon for an address, to which she complied in brief and suitable words.—Brief addresses were also made by J. S. Turner and by Miss Palacios, the lay delegate to the General Conference.

Appropriate responses were made by F. S. Burton and B. N. Velasco.

The following memorial was ordered sent to the General Conference.

Memorial to General Conference:

In view of the rapid growth of Church Properties in Mexico, as well as all our foreign fields, we, the undersigned, members of the Mexico Annual Conference, respectfully petition the General Conference to convene in Los Angeles during the month of May next, to so alter the constitution of the Church Mutual Insurance Company as to permit of its extending its operations to our foreign Mission fields.

Signed: J. W. BUTLER,
       T. DEL VALLE,
       H. A. BASSETT.

Missionary Society:

The Conference resolved itself into a Missionary Society auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church. J. M. Euroza was elected President and H. A. Bassett, Secretary.

The President and Secretary were elected a Committee to nominate the remaining officers. The following were elected: Vice president, F. P. Lawyer; Treasurer, J. W. Butler.

Directors: L. B. Salmans, E. W. Gould, F. S. Burton, P. F. Valderrama, V. D. Baez, Norberto Mercado, Vicente Mendoza were elected directors.
Adjournment: The announcements were made, the Doxology sung and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Leonard.

Evening Session: At 7:30 P. M. Bishop Fitzgerald and Dr. Leonard delivered addresses on the subject of Missions. F. S. Borton interpreted the address of the Bishop and J. W. Butler interpreted for Dr. Leonard.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Jan. 23.

The morning session was opened at 9 o'clock by a devotional meeting conducted by Jose Rumbia. At the conclusion of this meeting the business of the Conference was taken up.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Question 12: What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

E. W. Gould and J. P. Hauser were called, characters passed and the examinations being satisfactory they were elected to Elders Orders.

Question 7 was resumed: Samuel Quickmire called. The Registrar reported that no grades for Mr. Quickmire had been presented to him. The Conference voted to continue Samuel Quickmire in the studies of the 2nd. year.

Deacons Orders and Full Membership: Tomas Garcia and David Verduzco were elected to Deacons Orders and to full membership in the Conference.

J. P. Hauser and Emmett W Gould were admitted to full membership, as deacons, previously ordained.

Resolutions: The Bishop appointed Norberto Mercado, F. P. Lawyer and S. I. Lopez as the Committee on resolutions.

Reply Telegram: A telegram from P. F. Valderrama was read to the Conference, Colossians 2:5.

Disciplinary Questions: The candidates for admission to full connection were called to the Chancel rail and the disciplinary questions were asked with satisfactory answers.
The answers required in writing were deposited with the Secretary.

The time having arrived for the election of delegates to the General Conference the Bishop ordered the ballots prepared.

The Conference voted that a majority should be required to elect.

E. W. Adam and F. P. Lawyer were named tellers.

While the tellers were out, Dr. Leonard delivered a stirring address on the subject of the organization and work of the Missionary Society.

The result of the first ballot was as follows:

John W. Butler, 17; J. M. Euroza, 7; P. F. Valderrama, 2; F. S. Borton, 2; I. C. Cartwright, 1; H. A. Bassett, 1.

John W. Butler was declared elected.


J. S. Turner the Press Agent presented his report:

Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet Monday morning at 8:30.

The Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by H. A. Bassett.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT**

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**At 7:30:**

Saturday evening Mrs. A. N. Fields, International Secretary of the W. C. T. U. addressed a large audience upon the subject of Temperance.

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**SUNDAY.**

**At 10 a.m.**

Bishop Fitzgerald preached a very spiritual sermon to the English-speaking congregation.
At 11 a.m. The Bishop ordained two young men as Deacons. Immediately following this service, Vicente Mendoza preached an inspiring sermon to a large Mexican audience.

At 3 p.m. Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, International Sunday School Secretary, spoke to a large congregation on the Sunday School lesson of the day.

Her methods were very suggestive.

At 7 p.m. The Bishop assisted by several Elders, ordained three young men as Elders.

At 7:30 p.m. Dr. A. B. Leonard, missionary Secretary delivered a stirring and helpful sermon on the office and work of the Holy Ghost. F. S. Borton very successfully interpreted the sermon into Spanish.

MONDAY MORNING.

Jan. 25.

The morning session was opened by a devotional meeting at 8:30 conducted by Tomas Garcia.

The minutes were then read, corrected and approved.

Reports: F. P. Lawyer presented the report of the committee on Self-Support.

J. P. Hauser read the Statistical report.

J. W. Butler presented the treasurer's report.

F. P. Lawyer read the report of the Committee appointed to visit Queretaro Institute.

Telegram: The Presbyterian Synod convened in Mexico City sent the following telegram: 2 Timothy 1:7

Reports: Eduardo Zapata presented the report on Education.

W. F. M. S. Miss Effa M. Dunmore read her report of the Guanajuato Girls School. Miss Ida Bohannon presented the report of the “Hijas de Allende” of Pachuca. The report of the Puebla Normal School was read by Miss Carrie M. Purdy. At the request of Miss Laura Temple, Director of the Mexico City Girls School, her report was read by T. del Valle.
The report of Miss Harriet L. Ayres, City missionary in Mexico was read by the Mexican Secretary.

The P. E. of Orizaba District was instructed to secure the report of Miss Alice Foster, teacher of the English School in Orizaba, and have the same printed in the minutes.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by T. del Valle.

The apportionments indicated by the Conference Stewards were approved.

The reports on Sabbath observance and school statistics were presented by E. W. Adam and Vincente Mendoza. F. S. Benton, in behalf of the Faculty of the Mexico Methodist Institute presented the annual report.

The report of the Visiting Committee was read by S. S. Lopez.

The Conference ordered a special Committee to study the general rules of the Mexico Methodist Institute and report next year. V. D. Baez, José Rumbia and P. V. Espinosa were appointed as the Committee.

B. N. Velasco, President of the Queretaro Institute presented his report.

The Committees on Circulation of Bibles and Tracts, Temperance, and State of the Church presented reports.

The Secretaries and Press Agent were constituted a Committee to publish the minutes, and as printed they are to be recognized as the official records.

The request of W. S. Spencer for location was granted. On account of ill health Mr. Spencer had returned to the United States.

At his own request Eduardo Carrero was granted a location.

The Conference voted to recognize as local Elder, the ordination of Manuel Zavaleta.

The time of the session was extended.
L. B. Salmans moved that the Conference be divided into two Conferences. Motion lost.

Moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 4.30 P. M.

Rev. F. Uriegas the Pastor of the Baptist Church in Puebla was introduced.

B. N. Velasco was appointed to lead the devotions at the opening of the afternoon session.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by L. B. Salmans.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Jan 25.

At 4.30 the Conference assembled and the devotional service was led by B. N. Velasco.

The minutes of the morning session were then read and approved

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was reconsidered and after being amended the report was readopted.

The Standing Committees recommended by the Presiding Elders were elected.

The Bishop named the ministers to preach at the next Conference.

The Presiding Elders were elected a Committee to assign the Conference Collections. The same order for the payment of these collections was adopted as in previous years.

H. A. Bassett was elected Sunday School corresponding Secretary for the Conference.

was re-elected School Statistical Secretary.

F. S. Barton was re-elected Editor of the S. S. Quarterly.

José Chavez was re-elected editor of the temperance column of the "Abogado Cristiano."

Norberto Mercado presented the report of the Committee on resolutions.

Señor Pérez of Oaxaca, Prince of Zachila was introduced.
P. S. Paz: The Committee on the case of P S. Paz recommended that he be continued as a located local preacher.

Address: Dr. Leonard again addressed the Conference in words which were instructive and helpful.

Adjournment: The minutes were read and approved. The Conference voted that after prayer and the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned sine die.

The appointments were read the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

J. N. Fitzgerald,
President.

Harry A. Bassett,
Secretary.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?—Emmett W. Gould, Troy Conference, 2nd year.

2. Who have been Readmitted?—None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?—None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?
   (a) In Studies of First Year—None.
   (b) In Studies of Third Year—None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
   (a) In Studies of First Year.—Carlos M. Amador.
   (b) In Studies of Second Year—Samuel Quickmire.
   (c) In Studies of Third Year.—None.
   (d) In Studies of Fourth Year—None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?—None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.—Tomás García. David Verduzco.
   (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.—Emmett W Gould. J. P. Hauser.

8. What members are in Studies of Third Year?
   (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year — Tomás García. David Verduzco, Emmett W. Gould, J. P. Hauser
   (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.— Petronilo Constantino.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year.—Miguel Rojas.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.—Miguel Rosales.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.—None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
   (a) As Local Preachers.—None.
   (b) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
   (a) As Local Deacons.—J. P. Hauser, E. W. Gould.
   (b) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?—This was strictly attended to in open Conference each name being called.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?—None.

15. Who have Died?—None.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?—W. S. Spencer, Eduardo Carrero.

17. Who have been Located?—None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?—None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?—None.

20. Who have been Expelled?—None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made?—None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—Gabriel Rumbia.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?—None.

24. Who are the Tritters of Appeals?—None.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?—See Tabulated Statement.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?—$1671.19.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?—$949.92

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?—$1,002.64, applied under order of Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?—See appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?—Mexico City.
MEXICO CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT: BISHOP FITZGERALD.

1904.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

S. I. LOPEZ, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico.

Huauchinango ................. To be Supplied.
Huejutla ........................ Miguel Rosales.
San Agustin ........................ To be Supplied.
Tehuetlan ........................ To be Supplied by Leopoldo Diaz.
Tezontepec ..................... To be Supplied.
Tlacuilotepec ................... . To be Supplied.
Tulancingo ..................... S. I. Lopez.
Villa Juarez ........................ To be Supplied.
Zacualtipan .................. Norberto Mercado.

MEXICO DISTRICT.

J. W. BUTLER, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Mexico City, Mex. Apartado 2291.

El Chico ...................... To be Supplied.
El Oro ........................ To be Supplied.
El Oro English .............. Samuel Quickmire.
Ixtalcalco ........................ To be Supplied.
Mexico City ..................... T. del Valle.
Mexico City English ............. H. A. Bassett.
Nextlalpam ........................ A. G. Alonzo.
Orizaba English ................ To be Supplied.
Pachuca .................................. Eduardo Zapata.
Pachuca English ............................................. E. W. Gould.
Puebla ........................................ Vicente Mendoza.
Puebla English .................................. F. S. Borton.
Real del Monte .................................... To be Supplied Jorge Osorio.
Santa Julian ................................... To be Supplied by Antonio Carrero.
J. W. Butler, V. D. Baez and P. F. Valderrama Editors of "El Abo-
gado-Cristiano" and Books.
P. F. Valderrama President Mexico Methodist Institute. Member of
Puebla Quarterly Conference.

F. S. Borton, Dean of School of Theology. Member
of Puebla. English Quarterly Conference.

J. P. Hauser, Professor and Treasurer, Member
of Puebla Quarterly Conference.

George Manning, Professor.


MORELOS DISTRICT.

H. A. Bassett, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Mexico City, Mex. Apartado 2291.

Atlautla ............................................ Supplied by Manuel Monjarás.
Ayapango ......................................... Supplied by Agustin Rivera.
Chicholoapam ........................................... Petronilo Constantino.
Miraflores .................................. Supplied by Francisco Manriquez.
Tepaltzingo .................................. Supplied by Jorge Corona.
Tlaltizapan ........................................... José T. Ruiz.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

V. D. Baez, Presiding Elder,
P. O. Mexico City, Mexico. Apartado 2291.

Apizaco ............................................ I. D. Chagoyán.
Atlixco .............................................. To be Supplied.
Chietla and Atzala ..................................... To be Supplied by Lorenzo Martinez.
Cholula ............................................ To be Supplied.
San Bernabe ............................................ To be Supplied.
San Martin ........................................... Pablo Aguilar.
San Pablo ............................................ To be Supplied.
Tetela ............................................. P. V. Espinosa.
Teziutlan ............................................ Supplied by Raymundo Baez.
Tlaxcala................. ............... .............. David M. Verduzco.
Zacaola......................... .............. Supplied by Miguel García.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

F. P. Lawyer, Presiding Elder,
P. O. Silao, Guanajuato, México.

Celaya......................... .............. .............. E. W. Adam.
Ciprés......................... .............. .............. To be Supplied.
Guanajuato................. .............. Levi B. Salmons and Tomás García.
Leon......................... .............. .............. I. C. Cartwright.
Queramero......................... .............. .............. To be Supplied.
Queretaro......................... .............. José Chavez.
Salamanca......................... .............. To be Supplied by Manuel Zavaleta.
Silao......................... .............. .............. F. P. Lawyer.

B. N. Velasco, President of Queretaro Institute and Member of Queretaro Quarterly Conference.

Gorgonio Cora, Professor.

George Byron Hyde, Medical Missionary, Silao.

OAXACA DISTRICT.

J. M. Euroza, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Oaxaca, E. de Oaxaca, México. Apartado 95.

Cuicatlan......................... .............. .............. Miguel Rojas.
Huitzo......................... .............. Supplied by Mariano Fermosa.
Nazareno......................... .............. Supplied by Angel Zambrano.
Oaxaca......................... .............. Supplied by M. Constantino.
Zachila......................... .............. Supplied by Juan C. Martínez.

ORIZABA DISTRICT.

Jose Rumbia, Presiding Elder.
P. O. Orizaba, Veraeuz. Mexico.

Santa Ana Atzacan................. .............. .............. A. M. Avila.
Huatusco................................. .............. Plutarco Bernal.
Orizaba................................. .............. José Rumbia.
Tierra Blanca......................... .............. Supplied by R. F. Salazar.
Tuxtepec......................... .............. Supplied by Vicente Osorio.
WOMAN’S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Guanajuato . . . . . . . . . . . Miss Effa M. Dunmore.
Mexico City . . . . . . . . . . Miss Laura Temple.
Mexico City Missionary . . . . Miss Harriet Ayres.
Orizaba . . . . . . . . . . . Miss Alice Foster.
Pachuca . . . . . . . . . . . Miss Ida Bohannon.
  Miss Helen Hewitt.
Puebla . . . . . . Miss Anna R. Limberger. Miss Blanche Betz.
  Miss Carrie M. Purdy. Miss Ethel Strawn.
  Miss Jennie Pennington.
# ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY OF THE CONFERENCE.

Names in italics are on trial.

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REPORT OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT FOR 1903.

JOHN W BUTLER, P. E.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BROTHERS:

The conference year was ushered in with sorrow. Our last session had been only closed a few hours when Bishop Cranston was summoned by telegraph, to Cuernavaca on account of the serious illness of his wife, who with their two daughters had gone to that famous health resort to rest while our beloved Bishop held the conference and visited the more important points of the mission. One of our medical missionaries was in consultation, a trained nurse was secured and every thing done for the gentle sufferer. After a few days it was decided to remove Mrs. Cranston to Silao, in the hope that the climatic influence might be beneficial. The journey was performed with but slight inconvenience to the patient and, at first, improvement seemed to set in. However, a week had not passed before alarming symptoms declared themselves: other physicians were called in, faithful nursing and loving attention bestowed, while earnest prayer was unceasingly offered in our sisters behalf. But God’s ways are not our ways. Nor are His times always our times.

February seven Mrs. Cranston “passed on,” asking the Father in beautiful and child-like simplicity, “to show her the way.” Those of us who were privileged to know and commune, for a brief period, with this rare spirit will always thank God for the privilege. Where ever our beloved Bishop may be or however far he may go, our sincere sympathy will follow him and his estimable daughters in their sorrow. It is the first time in our history of thirty years that any official visitor to our Mission has had such a sad experience.

For several years past many of us had noted growing up in one of our Missionary families a beautiful young girl. In company with her devoted parents she had been seen at not a few of our Conference sessions, while at our National Young People’s Convention held in the City of Mexico last July, she was a duly appointed delegate from the English Sabbath School of Puebla. Her faithful at-
tendance upon those meetings, her intelligent discussion of all re-
lated to the Convention, as well as the interesting report given to
her Sunday School on returning to Puebla surprised everybody es-
pecially in view of her tender years. To her the day and Sabbath
School were delights. Books were her constant companions. Do-
mestic cares with younger children in the home were often sponta-
aneously and cheerfully performed that she might lighten the bur-
den of her mother. Her parents and her friends very justly
entertained great hopes as to her future. But Margarite Borton was
too fair a flower to bloom longer in this earthly paradise, so on the
7th. of November last the good Father transplanted her to the pa-
radise above. May the same Father who always knows what is best
for ourselves as well as for our children give resignation and com-
fort to the hearts which, for the time being, are made sad.

In July 1897 there came into our midst two new Missionaries. For
some six years they had labored together most faithfully in the Ci-
ty of Mexico. Last spring the wife was obliged to tell of failing
health and strength. In March it was necessary that she submit to
a delicate surgical operation. Temporary relief was soon followed
by a more serious aspect of her malady. The best surgical skill
available recommended her going without delay to the Methodist
Hospital in Brooklyn. Almost immediately upon arrival there a
second operation was performed but only to prove that no human
science could prolong life beyond a few weeks. When this fact was at
last made known to Mrs. Bassett she received the information with
the same christian calmness and courage with which she had hither-
to borne all her sufferings. The only request made by our heroic sis-
ter was that she might be brought back to our midst so as to spend
her last days with her family and the Mexican friends she had
learned to love so well. God gave the needed strength for the long-
and tedious journey and Mexico City was reached at noon Nov.
15th. Her satisfaction on seeing the children and being again in
her own home we can never forget. The end came the following
Friday morning but before this she called for different members of
the circle in Gante to bid them an affectionate good-bye with all the
serenity and perfect assurance of one who was going on a journey
and who expected to meet us all again. To one she said, "I would
like to have lived and labored long for Mexico but God knows best.
For I do love these people." To another, "I cannot live for Mex-
ico but I can die for Mexico." And to several of us she said, "Je-
sus is my atonement, yes, my exceeding great atonement."
Our prayer is that God in His infinite mercy, will teach us all our lesson from this triumphant end and grant to Bro. Bassett and his little ones that comfort which the departed invoked upon them.

Brothers! while many may remind us that distance from the home-land makes the loss of loved ones a greater trial, let us also remember that such events knit the Missionary’s heart more closely to the land and people of his adoption.

Miss M. Alice Moore of the W. F. M. S. Gto. has resigned her position there and has returned to the United States. Miss Alice W. Kurtz of Mexico City resigned about the same time and is now in California.

Last spring Dr. Geo. B. Hyde, medical missionary, was obliged to take his wife to the home-land for medical treatment, where she still remains in a precarious condition. The Doctor is again at his post and toils on alone.

Rev. W. S. Spencer, President of the Methodist Institute of Puebla, after a second attempt to live at this altitude found himself unable to do so. Hence in the early part of the year we had the regret of seeing him and his estimable family return to the United States.

The wife of Bro. F. P. Lawyer after a protracted illness is now, we are grateful to say, on the road to recovery.

Miss Manriquez, sister of our supply pastor at Miraflores suffered a serious illness which resulted from a fall. But she has fully recovered and is doing good work again in the school.

Bro. Agustin Rivera, supply at Ayapango, is in very poor health and has not been able to do full work for the past two months.

We will pass under brief reviews the several charges of the District commencing with Leon, our most distant appointment on the Northwest.

We have here a City of over one hundred thousand people of the most fanatical type. We have been laboring here now for four years. Our missionaries have met with much opposition and some persecution. The priests have done all in their power to checkmate their influence.

Bro. Cartwright visited the States year before last. Then and since, by personal solicitation he has secured sufficient funds to purchase an excellent medical equipment, which enables his wife, the Doctor, to do more efficient work among the many poor who attend on her ministry. Dispensary days occur twice a week and from 25 to 30 attend each time.
Some of these have already been drawn into the church. Public services have an average attendance of from 25 to 30. There is a Junior League with 17 members. The day school has enrolled 23 pupils during the year. A temperance society has been started and a quarterly conference organized in October with 7 members. Self-support raised $50. Conference collections $24. Medical work $1440. Other purposes $127.

In Silao, Bro. Lawyer, who came to us fifteen months ago, has labored faithfully and efficiently in his new field. The services will average about 50. The day school has enrolled 35. The Epworth League has a membership of 42. Conversions reported 12. English services with an average attendance of 25 have been held nearly every two weeks during the year.

The Pastor preaches and conducts Sunday School every week in Romita and has visited Cueramaro and Irapuato a few times with some encouragement. Self-support collected $250. Conference collections $32. Other purposes $73. The Medical work $5510, which includes sale of medicines, $682, and fees, $4828. Notwithstanding Dr. Hyde’s enforced absence during five months, he reports 4298 patients treated in the dispensary and 2046 in his private practice. The magnificent new electric apparatus places in the Doctor’s hands increased opportunities of usefulness. This consists of a full X Ray outfit, a high frequency outfit, also the ultra violate Ray and Fingen Lamp. Dispensary days, are as here-to-fore improved for preaching the Gospel to many who otherwise never hear the Word of God. Guanajuato. Dr. L. B. Salmons and Bro. Tomas Garcia have been true yokefellows in this large City during the past year. The congregation has so prospered that our church building is too small for the Sabbath services. We now have here 362 members and probationers in the church register, whereas we have seating capacity for only about 150.

Forty-five conversions are reported. 178 children were matriculated in our two schools. 290 in the two Sunday Schools and 65 in the two Junior Leagues. The congregation now meets all its legitimate expenses and promises to pay the salary of another assistant Pastor if the man is available so that a second congregation may be formed in the vicinity of Pardo. Something of the kind should be done at once and a new church constructed on our own property between the hospital and the girls’ school or on some other available site, near by. For Pastoral support $520 has been paid which, with the salary of the Bible Woman and other expenses
makes a total of $1914 for self support. Missionary collection $50. Local Benevolence, medical work and school receipts make the magnificent sum of $12,304 which includes $2,500. received on account of the bequest referred to by Dr. Salmans last year.

We are truly grateful to report the fact that the new building of the W. F. M. S. is approaching completion. Indeed it is so nearly finished that it has been occupied by the school since mid-summer. The entire cost of the building, above the ground, is nearly $25,000. It will henceforth be known as the MARY ANN COX MEMORIAL in memory of a devoted Methodist Woman of New England from whose estate we have received over $5,000 gold towards its construction.

The Celaya and Salamanca Circuit is a most difficult field due to the extreme fanaticism of most of the towns where we have work. There are six small congregations with a total membership of 106. Fourteen conversions were recorded, in part due to revival services in Celaya. Self support collected $50. Other collections $24. We have two small Sabbath schools but no day school. Such a school is much needed in Celaya and might give good results. A mob of fanatics composed of three or four hundred people, made a violent attack on our mission premises in Celaya on September 16th. All windows and doors were much damaged and the Pastors family considerably alarmed. The local authorities were at a disadvantage in quelling the mob because of the absence of the troops but the Jefe Politico and Governor of the State manifested the best disposition for the safety of our people.

Our congregation at Salvatierra is collecting funds for a new organ and Bro. Adam has also secured the donation of a building site in Guaje as well as some little financial help. This later proposition is a clear case for generous consideration on the part of our Church Extension Society.

The Queretaro Circuit has three congregations with a total membership of 156; conversions 6; pastoral support $147.00; other collections $37.00. Self support in the Methodist Institute $3,400.00 making decidedly the record of its history. This splendid result enables Bro. Velasco to close the year without any debt on current expenses, a thing he has not been able to do before for several years. The generous donation of $500.00 gold from Dr. and Mrs. Wm. I. Haven of New York has enabled us to enlarge our accommodations and somewhat reduce the debt on the new wing of the building.
There are three Sabbath Scholars with 156 Scholars enrolled and 45 members in the Epworth League and 27 in the Junior League. Bro. Chavez has labored faithfully.

The Chicoloapan Circuit has two small congregations and Bro. Constantino has labored well in a field where indifference abounds. He has 23 members; 40 children in the day school in which he is assisted by his devoted wife; 30 in the Sabbath School and 10 in the Junior League; self support $40.00 and $54.00 for all other purposes.

In Miraflores Bro. Manriquez has continued as supply Pastor and director of the large mixed school, which has enrolled 284 children, nearly all of whom are associate members of the Juvenile League. Pastoral support $200.00; school support $1,000.00; all other collections $115.00. We have 181 members and probationers.

The Atlautla Circuit has 42 members in two towns. They report 15 conversions. The people are extremely poor and collections were very small. We have also to lament the damaging work of the Mormons in our midst. Their astute leaders take advantage of the simplicity of our people as well as their love of novelty and have unfortunately led away some of our members. Bro. Monjarás has been watchful and had some success especially during the past quarter.

In the Ayapango Circuit Bro. Riverá has continued his faithful work in six towns. I regret to report that his health is seriously impaired and he may not be able for full work next year. In these six congregations we have 251 members and 151 children in our four schools. Nearly all the children belong to the Juvenile League. Seven conversions are reported; pastoral support $204.00 and $54.00 for other purposes.

The Tepaltizingo Circuit has three congregations with a membership of 48 and 38 children in the school. Three conversions are reported by Bro. Corona and $18. was collected for all purposes.

Tlaltizapan Circuit has likewise three congregations with a membership of 86 and Bro. Ruiz reports successful revival services and 15 conversions. Self-support $50, other purposes $32. In both of these Circuits our work has been much hindered during the year by an epidemic of smallpox which visited many towns where we labor.

El Oro. About a year and a half ago we started a little Sabbath School here. Later we began monthly preaching services, both for the English colony. Last January the Bishop appointed Bro. Quickmire as Pastor in charge, with the understanding that he should
not leave Pachuca until the arrival of the new Missionary from the United States. Hence it was the first of March before he could reach El Oro. Since then, wonders have been wrought along certain lines. The very best site available was secured, the new church is nearly ready for dedication and the commodious parsonage has been occupied since November. All this involved an outlay of some $14,-000, nearly half of which has been secured without calling on the Missionary Society. We hope to dedicate the church within two months and free of debt. Part of the money needed to build the home of the Missionary has been loaned without interest. Our large site leaves ample room for a church, parsonage and school for native work which we desired to commence at an early date. Soon after her arrival in El Oro, Mrs. Quickmire began teaching in English. Due to her untiring efforts she has built up a school in less than a year, which is self-supporting and for which we now seek a teacher that the Missionary's wife may give her attention to other matters.

Mexico City. Our work here is carried on in two languages.

Bro. del Valle has labored most devotedly in the congregations of the circuit. Some 40 conversions are reported. Pastoral support $1,100. Missionary collection $142. All other purposes $3,098.

In Santa Julia we have established a Sabbath School and maintained weekly services with excellent results. Bro. Antonio Carrero, a local preacher, has rendered the Pastor most valuable aid. A building site has been secured and is about half paid for.

The little congregation at Ixtacalco has taken on new life of late due chiefly to the efforts of Miss Ayres, our City Missionary.

This sister who has been for 17 years connected with the school work will henceforth give herself entirely to Evangelistic work, to which our observation during the past few months, leads us to see she is especially adapted. She and Mrs. Butler are now publishing a quarterly Bible calendar, which is in growing demand and promises to stimulate daily reading in the Holy Scriptures.

The property of the W. F. M. S. in Mexico City, was purchased in 1886.

It has served its purposes well for many years. But for some time past it has been too small for a school, which has grown steadily till last year when it reached an enrollment of 366 girls.

So after consultation with the authorities of the Society, what originally cost us $39,000, was sold in October last for $127,500. With this money we have purchased two large plots on Calle Indus-
tria containing about 4500 square meters, and are now constructing a commodious home and school which will be second to no Institute of its kind in all the City. Miss Laura Temple, the worthy successor of the lamented Mary Loyd, is a graduate of one of our Methodist Universities in the North and in every way fitted to develop a first class modern school. In honor of the noble woman who has for nearly thirty years been one of the corresponding Secretaries of the W. F. M. S. in the United States the Institute will henceforth be known as the "Sarah L. Keen College with Normal and Primary annex Daughters of Juarez."

As for several years past, Bro. H. A. Bassett has been in charge of the English work. He is abundant in labors and notwithstanding the interruptions of the year connected with the trying ordeal, which he and his family have passed through, has made decided progress. His people have paid for pastoral support $1,800. For missions $100. and $313 for other purposes. The new church lot was referred to in our last report as costing something over $20,000. At present writing there remains but $6,000. debt on the same and part of this is already in view. We hope to have this all paid in the early part of the year and to be considering well matured plans for the construction of a noble edifice for our church.

Pachuca. Ever since the arrival of Bro. and Sister Gould, we have felt there was no mistake in the appointment of our new Missionaries.

They came to us in March and are present in our conference, now for the first time. The congregation continues along its various lines of usefulness. Notwithstanding many losses by death and removals during the year the Sabbath School and congregation keep up attendance very well. Indeed the Sabbath School seems larger than ever and benevolences in most cases have passed the amount apportioned. Pastoral support raised $996. Missions $56. All other purposes $4,868. The new church as stated last year cost over $32,000. The debt is now down to about $12,000.00. with some subscriptions still outstanding.

Puebla. We now come to speak of the charge where we are being so cordially entertained. The English work has remained in the hands of Dr. Borton, who carries on the work most acceptably in the midst of a floating colony of English speaking people, in addition to his duties as Professor in the Theological Department of the Puebla Institute. The many calls for funerals and other services outside the regular meetings are considerable. Tax on the pastor's
time but are necessary and productive of good. The little congregation has raised for all purposes during the year $225.

Bro. Vicente Mendoza is the pastor of the native work assisted by Bro. Epigmenio Velasco, a recent graduate of Puebla Institute. Our membership reaches 486. The revival services conducted by the pastor, assisted by local workers was one of the very best in the history of the church. We have 65 members in the Epworth League and 85 in the Junior League.

The Sabbath School has shown marked improvement and a second weekly meeting for christian experience has been very helpful. Pastor's support raised $680. For missions $100. All other purposes including school receipts $12,249. Missionary Sunday was one of the happiest days of the whole year for this congregation. Every one seemed moved by the real spirit of a world-wide salvation. One young girl of the school here went to her teacher, after service and said, "I have no money but here is my ring which my god-mother gave me. I will give it to help bring the world to Jesus." No wonder the collection went considerably over the apportionment.

The Normal Institute for Girls, under the direction of the W. F. M. S. has had one of the best years of its history. Its enrollment grows annually. The English department is more than self-supporting and leaves a good balance toward general expenses of the school.

Miss Bumgardner, who did excellent work both here and in Orizaba, in working up the self-supporting department, has graduated into a new sphere of life. As her new principal is a warm friend of our cause we anticipate that her loss to Puebla will be offset by the gain that she and her husband will be to the Mexico City congregation, and therefore we can heartily wish all happiness to Bro. and Sister Morton.

Miss Limberger is just now enjoying a well earned and much needed rest in the North, where she is expected to remain till about June or July.

RESUME AND ANALYSIS OF COLLECTIONS.

The growth in membership and spirituality is clearly seen in increased collections. The District has raised the following amounts:

- For missions ................ $ 568
- For Benevolences .......... 3181
- For Pastor, School and Medical support ....................... 38520
- For Church Building ........ 6873
- Other Local Purposes ........ 8372

Giving the magnificent total of $ 57464 or $12,762 more
than in the previous year. The congregation paying most for pastoral support is the English congregation in Mexico City which paid $1,800. The Mexican congregation paying most for the same purposes is also in Mexico City with its $1,100. It is certainly a noteworthy fact that any native congregation without a single rich man in it could reach this high figure. The school which reports the largest income is the Girl's Normal of Puebla with its grand figure of $7,757.

The Circuit which paid most for all purposes is Guanajuato which if we include the Dispensary, Hospital and School receipts reports $13,525. While Puebla with its Church and School work follows close behind with $13,254 only $371. less.

In conclusion we desire to publicly express our sincere gratitude to all the workers throughout the District for uniform kindness and hearty co-operation during the entire year. All we have unitedly accomplished is humbly laid at the Master's feet with the earnest prayer that all our preaching and teaching, healing and giving, may be so sanctified by the Holy Spirit as to produce such results as may be well pleasing in the sight of Him with whom we have to do.

Respectfully submitted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF HIDALGO.

V D BAEZ, P. E.

MR. PRESIDENT,

BELOVED BRETHREN:

Once more with our heart full of gratitude we come to render our report of the work of the Gospel in the District of Hidalgo. The year has been crowned with blessings, for which we humbly and reverently bow before the wise precepts of God. Neither persecution nor serious illness has visited us during the year, and the most perfect harmony has pervaded all our affairs and among all our workers. The few deaths that have occurred have taught us as they always do that the followers of the Gospel die well and that the doctrines of Christ incite the profound conviction of the pardon of sins. The workers have been faithful in the discharge of their du-
ties and through their efforts aided by Divine guidance we have seen the spirituality of the congregations growing and have converted a number of souls to God. The gains have therefore been satisfactory indeed, concerning which we will treat in the following:

Revival Meetings. During the latter part of the year special revival meetings were held in almost all the District, in which the power and grace of God were clearly manifested. The benign results were easily felt and were of such a nature as to stamp each congregation with an indelible zeal for action.

In Pachuca we celebrated 15 days of special services in which the Gospel was emphatically preached both for the instruction of the veteran members as well as to inculcate in every soul the profound conviction of sin, the urgent need of salvation. The services were directed by brother Zapata, pastor of the church, brother Diaz and the Presiding Elder.

The last meeting of this service was as a memorial to all and on extending the invitation to partake of the Sacrament a considerable number came. The testimonies of a personal salvation which we heard from many were reason for great rejoicing on our part.

As a result of these meetings we received 20 members on trial, admitted 14 in full connection and baptized 12 adults.

In the circuit of Nextlapan the work spreads with little difficulty, the blood of the martyrs and the cruel persecution of former years serve as stimulus to the faith of many. The pastor, Sr. Alonso, received 4 members on trial, counts with the sympathies of many friends and is making arrangements for the beginning of new undertakings.

In Tulancingo, in spite of the fanaticism and estranglement of our members, the pastor, Sr. Mercado, received 3 members on trial and on our last visit we celebrated 2 baptisms and one marriage.

The congregation of Real del Monte is in good condition both in respect to its organization and number as well as its spirituality.

The brethren are very enthusiastic. And during the last revival meeting series they effectively united with the pastor, brother Carlos Amador, in the effort to bring about the good results of the services. The last day of these special meetings God was with his servants blessing them most bountifully; we received 20 members on trial, baptized 14 children and 25 adults, besides, we had the privilege of receiving in full connection 14 persons.

In Acelotla the pastor worked actively, the meetings were well attended and he saw his efforts crowned by the admittance of 14
members on trial. The conversion of a whole family, one of the most prominent of the place was an event of great importance.

In Tezontepec, notwithstanding the emigration of several members of the Church and the war carried on against us by the priest of the place, the services led by brother Fermoso were animated and well attended. The result of the revivals in this place aided by Divine grace was the reception on trial of 5 persons.

These data, though insignificant as they may appear, nevertheless go to prove that the workers have not worked in vain and that the influence of revivals is great wherever they are celebrated in faith and consecration. We are now able to understand more fully the work of the immortal founder of Methodism, and we hope, trusting to Almighty God, that these special services will be more fully understood and appreciated in the Methodist Church throughout the Republic of Mexico as the days go by.

OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES. The Watch Night Service held on the last day of the year by the congregations of the district was very important, according to the reports we received from all parts. The sermon, the Lords Supper and personal testimonies have been new motives for strengthening the faith of the members of the Church. Besides this meeting we held a special patriotic celebration on the Childrens Day and also school concerts, both of which were held in the spacious auditorium of the temple of Pachuca and were attended by some of the most prominent people of the city. There is no doubt that the Gospel counts a great number of friends in this place. One of these meetings was graced by the presence of the Governor of the State who still remains our good friend; indeed the protestants of this place are respected. This is not surprising in as much as this is one of the most liberal cities of the Republic.

In some of the above mentioned celebrations invitations were issued, and in spite of this, we were obliged to repeat them in order to give all that were invited a chance to attend. Every one of these meetings was attended by no less than 700 individuals.

EPWORTH LEAGUES. There are 11 Leagues in all the District counting 500 active and associate members. These societies are fulfilling their duties, for besides doing the work peculiar to themselves, they have been the means of bringing others as attendants at church. In one place the number of members was almost doubled, which was due in a great measure to the efforts of the Epworth league.

We should make special mention of the societies established in the
day schools because they have served to instruct the pupils concerning the Gospel. Many of these observe good conduct, they understand the spirit of our doctrines and entertain hopes of completing their education in our High schools in order to do good to the community in which they live. Almost all the children can pray, read the Bible, and, although most of them belong to Catholic families, do all in their power to attend public services. In Pachuca, a considerable part of the congregation is composed of girls and boys belonging to our Leagues. The same is true with respect to the rest of the places of the District where there are these societies.

NEW OPENINGS. In the Villa de Juarez, a town in the State of Veracruz and belonging to the circuit of Zacualtipán, the first service was inaugurated with the attendance of 150 individuals. The event was clothed with great solemnity and it was surprising to see the attention with which some of the Indians listened to the hymns and the reading of the Scriptures. All were very attentive to the sermon and begged the pastor to visit them frequently. This place is being attended to as best we can under the circumstances, and it is hoped that shortly we will proceed to the organization of a church in this place. In the other circuits the pastors visit the families of neighboring towns to spread the Gospel. Indeed as a general rule, the Gospel is being sown in good ground.

DAY SCHOOLS. There are nine schools sustained in this District by our Church, in which 425 girls and 300 boys are being taught, making a total of 725. Nineteen teachers are employed in this department of work; all have worked actively, and the examinations were satisfactory in the highest sense of the term.

The boys school of Pachuca has continued to be an attractive center of good conduct and morality. The condition of total abstinence from the use of pulque imposed on the pupils before admittance has given good results and we now have temperance pupils almost altogether. Among other things worthy of mention is the fact that the school succeeded in raising $226, $200 of which was devoted to self support and the rest was employed for necessaries of the school itself.

LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The school for girls "Hijas de Allende," under the judicious direction of Miss Ida Bahannon has had one more year of prosperity in its work. There have been 12 teachers employed all of whom have devoted themselves to the discharge of their duties. The examinations were successful indeed for which the parents are duly pleased. Religious teachings are taught
with care; besides the regular services of the school there have been organized three leagues, and systematic Bible classes are given regularly. On account of ill health, Miss Bohannon was forced to leave the Republic for a few months until her health was restored. During this time the school went on as usual without any interruption whatever, due to the enthusiasm and good will of all the lady teachers. There were 330 pupils enrolled and many more would have been, had there been a more spacious house.

Three teachers have resigned in order to marry. One of them is now Mrs. Zapata, a surname which I suppose is quite familiar to you all; another was married to Prof. Paniagua, a graduate of our Puebla Institute, and the third whose presentation before the Civil Court occurred but a few days ago will soon bear the name of Mrs. Prof. Osorio, likewise a graduate of our Puebla Institute. With these three, there have been six lady teachers married to workers of our church. Without a doubt, the school of Pachuca deserves honorable mention.

The school of Tezontepec, under the charge of Srita. Altagracia J. Ortiz has gone through the best year of its history. There were registered 20 girls more than last year. The teacher, in spite of having to teach four courses has effectively attended to her 55 pupils. The inhabitants of the town have highly eulogized both the school and the devotion of its teacher.

Miscellaneous. A considerable part of the circuit of Huejutla and Zacualtipan were invaded by yellow fever and on this account Bro. Diaz and Bro. Verduzco were not able to visit this field more frequently since they could not go beyond certain places fixed by the authorities. It is worthy of mention, however, that our friends and brethren suffered no loss.

In the congregation of Tequisquiaco there is great enthusiasm for the erection of a church; the brethren have collected $200 for this purpose and have already begun to work on it. In a few weeks the walls will be completed and we need a helping hand from the mission to complete the edifice.

In Tepeyahualco, Bro. Melesio Melendez is erecting, at his own expense, a chapel which he intends to dedicate to the services of the church. He has spent in the neighborhood of $500 and likewise asks the aid of the Mission as he can dispose of no more means.

All these brethren are worthy our aid, not only our good wishes but financial help that they may soon see their efforts crowned with success.
Chico has entered upon a new period of activity ever since we established a girls' instead of a boys' school which we had before. The attendance at services has increased and in our school we have girls from some of the principal families of the place. The teacher, Miss Maria Blancas, works faithfully in every part of the work; personally she has secured 12 subscribers to the "El Abogado Cristiano."

We have done all in our power to raise all the amount of collections assigned to each circuit, specially in self support.

In order that the congregations and their pastors may have their just due, we here draw up the following:

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Thanks be to God who has so abundantly blest us during the past year and we humbly pray Him to help us by His Grace and illumine us by the Holy Spirit that we may work with greater love in his cause all for the honor and glory of his name.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, 1903.

P. F. VALDERRAMA.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

It is with pleasure that I come before you to present my report of the Christian labors in the Sierra district during the Conference year that is about to close, and in order to give you a clearer idea of these labors, you will allow me to refer to each one of the Circuits individually, commencing with that of

ATLIXCO. At the commencement of the year, our brother Juan Patiño took charge of this work and remained there till the month of September, when on account of the serious sickness of his wife he asked permission to remove to the city of Mexico, where he has been living up to the present. The work, which had received a good impulse with the arrival of Mr. Patiño, suffered a little from his absence. That congregation is now under the charge of a young man from our Institute in Puebla, and we hope to place a permanent Pastor there next year, in order that he may give it more direct attention and impulse.

APIZACO AND TZOMPANTEPEC. Brother Ignacio D. Chagoyán in is charge of this Circuit, which is unquestionably one of the most flourishing in the District, including the congregations of Apizaco, Santa Anita, Tlaxcala, Tzompantepec and San Bernabé, all places in which we can count on a large number of faithful and earnest brothers, whose enthusiasm, duly seconded by their active Pastor and by all the workers there, make of each service and of each Quartely Conference, brilliant opportunity for bringing new souls to the knowledge of Jesus and to the possession of the eternal and consoling truths of the Gospel.

A very active part is taken in bringing about these brilliant results, by the day schools of the Circuit, as these, as I have already stated on other occasions, are the most active and certain means for exterminating all the prejudices that Catholic fanaticism has raised against the Protestants, and to create new friends even in the bosom of the most Catholic families of each locality.

The school examinations of Apizaco and Tzompantepec were attended by the political and Municipal authorities of each locality,
and the festival with which the year's studies were closed in the school under the management of Miss Guadalupe Rodríguez in Apizaco, was an important event in which we had the earnest support of several of the persons who are most intimately connected with the Catholic priests of the town. This festival was also attended by all the political authorities of the District and by the families of the highest social position in Apizaco.

It appears to us right to state in this report, that this Circuit is also remarkable for the punctuality and interest with which all its workers fill up the collections of the church. In this place we not only cover all the official appropriations, but we also obtain enough to cover the extraordinary expenses that are required in each congregation or in the schools, and every month we obtain another collection amongst the pupils. Further on in this report, we will speak of the churches that we have in construction and will mention those that belong to this Circuit.

CHIETLA AND ATZALA: Brother Lorenzo A. Martínez has continued in charge of this work. A terrible epidemic of black smallpox, caused the loss of almost the half of the pupils that attended this small school. He is now at attempting to recover from this loss, and although he himself has suffered the loss of two of his children during the year in that unhealthy climate, he is in no way discouraged and his religious labors continue in their ordinary course, while services are regularly held in both congregations and the general interests of the work are well looked after.

CHOLULA. There is nothing worthy of note to observe with respect to Cholula, unless is is that we continue to occupy a good position in that fanatical city with its sixty Catholic churches. One of our best students from the Institute of Puebla visits the town every week and holds services in our church on the main square. Whenever the brethren have requested it, or it has been found necessary, services have also been held in the small suburb of San Matías, where we can count on a faithful and numerous family that has greatly assisted us by its influence, in our Christian propaganda. It may well be said that this family is like that light which is set up on a hill and cannot be hidden, as referred to in the Gospel.

SAN MARTIN AND TEPETITLA. Brother Pablo Aguilar has been in charge of this work for about six years and has been able to control the situation entirely in San Felipe, where he has his residence, and in all the villages that he visits. The Circuit is divided into two important stations, called San Felipe and San Rafael. The work in
the latter, which consists of the congregations of Tepetitla and San Rafael, is under the charge of Crescencio Osorio, a young theological student, who has already given proof of a good understanding of the Pastor's work. The greater part of the congregations in this Circuit are in a very flourishing condition, and there are many enthusiastic brethren who support their Pastors in every effort whose object is that of saving lost souls, and of increasing day by day the powerful influence of Christian truth.

The school in San Felipe has also continued to prosper, notwithstanding the labors of some Catholic missionaries who propose to ruin it. The examinations held in the month of November, showed that the number of pupils had hardly diminished through the visit of these missionaries, and that the pupils had not lost their time. All the studies presented in this examination, formed part of the official programme of education in the State, and we can say with satisfaction, that in the whole District of Huejotzingo there is no school so well organized or attended as ours in San Felipe.

We have lately received petitions from other places in the Circuit for the opening of new day schools, but nothing has been decided on this point for want of funds. The brethren of San Rafael especially desire to have their school, and willingly offer a monthly contribution to assist in the expense of maintaining the Professor.

San Bernabe. Properly speaking this congregation belongs to the Apizaco Circuit, but as we have assigned special collections to it and have a worker in its school, and as on the other hand a great enthusiasm has arisen, and from six brethren that we had there two years ago, our circle has increased to its present number of fifty, to which we can add the efforts that they have made to obtain a church and school room in the least time possible, it will be understood why we refer to that congregation by itself, and present it as one of the best models to be imitated as regards activity and religious zeal. Every time we have our Quarterly Conference there, it is a true festival that is attended by many of the brethren from the neighboring villages. At the last Conference that we held in November, we baptized six children and seven adults, and also received six brethren in full communion with the church.

San Pablo. This is under the pastoral care of a zealous young man called Carlos Sanchez, and it is also a new and energetic congregation which promises almost as much as the previous one. Unfortunately the greater part of its members are very poor, and financially cannot do as much as those of San Bernabe. As regards
their Christian zeal, we will hear the report of brother Espinosa, who assisted them during the month of September last: "The congregation of San Pablo delivered me $6.00 for self support and $40.00 to buy them a nice organ, so that I received $58.88 in all. The work of this Circuit is going on well and gives hope of extension and progress. It reminds me of the congregation of Santa Ana Nexualpam, which I organized in 1880, from its fraternal spirit, union and emulation. I congratulate you and your colleagues on this flourishing work."

TETELA. Brother Vilchis Espinosa and the Misses Ernestina Sanchez and Concepcion Galvan have only been working there for a year. We well know the piety of brother Espinosa and his zeal as a preacher of the Gospel wherever he may be, and that he leaves evidences behind him of his work, both in the pulpit and in the school. He has been able to revive that stationary congregation of Tetela and for this reason his services have been better attended than during last year. As regards his work in the school, we will give the exact words of the Chairman of the Examining Board, who says as follows: "At 9:30 A.M. on the 25th, the examinations of our children's school commenced. Mr. Vilchis Espinosa also allowed us the pleasure of hearing his children examined. These pupils appeared in double the number of last year and disputed with each other the honors of obtaining the highest marks in each one of the subjects on which they were examined. The examiners were convinced that the goodness of the Lord was equally distributed to each one of them, due to the learning and dedication of their worthy Professor. Besides the subjects set down in the official programme of public education for the State, we witnessed the examinations of Solfa and French, it being worthy of note that these are inferior courses in that school."

With respect to the girls' school, we may state that the examinations were attended by the best people in the town, who were highly pleased with the success obtained by the teachers, as even the Jefe POLITICO wrote as follows in a private letter; "On returning from my trip, the teachers had completed their examinations and I did not have the pleasure of seeing them; but the persons who attended, the examinees and the parents of the children were highly pleased with the work of the lady teachers. Their system is modern, their method and discipline are good and pedagogical, for which reasons the results were satisfactory and hopeful for the future. For all these reasons I send you my most earnest congratula-
tions for the benefit which the children receive from yourself and
the mission. We mutually congratulate ourselves and sincerely hope
that you will continue assisting us in the great work of instructing
the masses, the principal source of welfare of humanity."

TEZIUTLAN and TLAPACOYAN. This is certainly the Circuit in the
Sierra which has never given us reasons to feel satisfied, as the Pas-
tors there have always had to struggle against almost insurmount-
able difficulties. Sometimes because we have no central house; at
others on account of the underhand and continuous war that is made
on us by the cura; and more often from the want of energy and en-
thusiasm amongst the few friends that we have in that town, and the
fact is that up to the present date we had no congregations that
would be numerous or lasting. During the present year, our brother
Raymundo Baez, has been working there, and to tell the truth, both
he and his predecessor have employed every means in their power
to advance the prosperity of the cause. About the middle of the
year he moved his house to the center of the town, put in electric
light in the church and had it properly painted, but up to the pre-
sent he has been able to obtain no success that was worthy of note.
The attendance at our services has been very variable, as it is com-
posed mostly of inquisitive people, of whom very few return.

In Tlapacoyan we continue to hold service once a month, and at
the Aurora Mine, which is certainly the best point in the Circuit,
we hold them now every week with an attendance of fifteen to twenty
persons. At this Mine we are offered an assistance of not less than
$20.00 a month towards the expenses of the school, and we have
also been promised a room free of rent which will serve for the
school and services. In my opinion this is a good opportunity which
ought not to be lost, as at Aurora we have a respectable group of
Mexican and American friends who are willing to assist us to estab-
lish our work there on a very firm basis, such as we have not found
in any other part of the circuit. I believe that we will there be able
to open a school with over thirty children, and a congregation of
fifty persons.

TLAXCALA and PANOTLA. Our brethren Antonio Carrero and Jo-
se Velasco have had a very successful year in this Circuit. The form-
er is master of the school in Panotla and also visits the congrega-
tions of Meteyec and Quileteca, whilst the latter is Pastor of the con-
gregations of Tlaxcala, Panotla and lately of Santiago, which town
he has commenced to visit in the last three months. We attended
the school feast of Panotla at the end of the year, as well as the ex-
aminations in the school of Tlaxcala, and in both places we were well pleased with the conscientious work done by each of the workers. Our school in Tlaxcala, under the direction of Miss Aurelia Baez, has increased its matriculation. If we could obtain a better situated house and a better built one than we now have, I am certain that we would soon have about forty pupils in that school, between boys and girls. At present we have about 25, who were examined. As regards the congregation of Tlaxcala, although it is not very numerous, it has kept up during the year and has made some progress with the brethren from the neighboring towns. If we could obtain a large house to establish a school there such as we have in Apizaco, for example, we feel certain that we could soon have a larger congregation, as there are several persons who could attend our services if the room in which they are held were better situated. In Panotla our brethren continue as enthusiastic as ever; the evangelical school has had to face the competition which was founded by the priests but it has come out victorious, whilst the congregation has punctually fulfilled all its engagements towards the church, and is about terminating the work of a new room for the school, a work to which we will refer later on.

Xochiapulco. Brother Severo I. Lopez has continued in this field of labor, and has done as good work as in previous years, both in the church and in the schools. We all know that Xochiapulco is a difficult field, where the efforts of several of our preachers have failed; but it appears that matters have changed a little now, and that, although slowly, brother Lopez has reorganized the congregation of that village. Although the attendance is not yet numerous it has fairly sustained itself, and what is worthy of note, the Pastor has collected the largest amount in money for the collections than any of the others who have been there.

In the congregation and school of Ixehuacan, things have maintained themselves in a satisfactory condition; there is a good congregation, a good school and the brethren efficiently assist in every useful work that is established there. Unfortunately, neither our Pastor nor his estimable family have enjoyed good health, as Mrs. Lopez has found herself obliged to leave the village two or three times during the year, and her husband has suffered almost constantly from his stomach and nerves. This brother now hopes to be removed to some other place, and if our beloved Bishop finds this petition well grounded and there is an opportunity to do so, it is probable that brother Lopez will realize his desire.
Needless to say that the work of the school has been divided among Messrs. Lopez and Salinas and Miss Aurora Salinas.

ZACAOLA and SAN BUENAVENTURA. We have divided the old Circuit of Zacaola into two parts, for the convenience of the workers employed in them and for the benefit of the congregations they contain. The Zacaola Circuit is now under the charge of brother Miguel P. García and that of San Pablo under the charge of a young student called Carlos Sanchez. The two have worked with great zeal and efficacy, are well liked in their respective congregations and are also intelligent and prudent workers, notwithstanding their youth, especially the latter. They are now looking to the construction of one of the churches of which we are about to speak, and they have collected and punctually covered the appropriations made by the Conference. Each one of them has two congregations under his charge, and all of them show evident signs of progress, enthusiasm and spirituality. We feel certain that these young Pastors will become good workers in our church.

BUILDING OF CHURCHES. We can with entire safety state that our work in the Sierra District has been specially characterized by the desire of all our congregations to build churches and schoolrooms, and to contribute with the greatest liberality to the support of our workers. Probably no year in the history of this District, and perhaps in that of our Mission in Mexico, has the desire to raise proper buildings to the service of God without great expense to our church, been more unanimous and effective, for which reason we would call the past year, the Church-building year, as several have been raised in the District.

In the first place we would refer to the Church of San Rafael which was inaugurated in the month of March. This solemn act was attended by our brother Dr. Butler as representative of the Missionary Society of our church, and Dr. Frank S. Borton, who preached the dedication sermon. The church is small, and its capacity is hardly sufficient for a hundred persons, but it is well built and situated. The members of that congregation covered the greater part of the cost of the work, as our Mission only contributed $100.00 gold. Although the brethren in that place are not very numerous, they are very active and earnest.

In the second place we will mention the church of San Felipe Teotlalcingo, with a capacity for about 300 worshippers, which will be completed during the coming month, as it only requires the painting. This handsome building was built on the land that to-
gether with a small room was donated only eight years ago by our venerable brother Reynolds of Boston, who with a really Christian generosity, has lately given one hundred dollars more for the building of the new church. The work was commenced in the month of March and the brothers raised the walls, opened the doors and windows and laid the floors. For its part our mission put on the roof, the doors and windows, painted the room inside and supplied 48 benches with seats for four persons each. Today we have a handsome church in San Felipe and a house for the pastor, the two buildings together have a value of $2,000., of which $800. were contributed by the Mission and Mr. Reynolds and the rest by the faithful of that village. This church will be dedicated to the service of God probably in January, as it is urgently needed. Between members, probationers and pupils of our school we have nearly two hundred souls in San Felipe. The third church which is about to be completed is that of San Bernabe Amazac. At the beginning of the year we opened a small mixed school there, and the brethren furnished a house for the school and offered to contribute $5.00 a month to the support of the master. When we held our first Quarterly Conference in April, we found that the brethren of that town, had at their own cost raised the walls of a large church with a length of 20 metres and a width of 8 metres, and that they were laying the foundation for a school house. If we could have foreseen the activity of these brethren, we would have asked for the help of our Mission in placing the roof, and the church at San Bernabe would now be ready for dedication. The Presiding Elder laid the corner stone of this building in the presence of more than a hundred persons, all friends and sympathizers of our cause.

In the fourth place, we have the room that the brethren of Panotla, with the assistance of our church have been building during the whole year, ready and in condition for dedication. This room is close to our church, is well ventilated and situated, has a capacity for 100 pupils and only wants the floors and doors. It will probably be dedicated in February next.

And finally, the brethren of Tzonpantepec, Zacala and Santo Tomas, have already commenced the building of their respective churches, and if, as is probable, there is no decrease in the enthusiasm of these good servants of God, it is certain that within two or three years, there will be no congregation in the District without its own church and probably school room. Glory be to God that has allowed us to take even such an insignificant part in the building of
six Christian churches, in which the Lord will be praised in spirit and in truth.

Naturally the fact of the building of these churches would not be of such importance, if we could show nothing more than the structures; but fortunately, the religious enthusiasm of our brethren has shown itself in all the departments of our work, and principally in that of conversion. During the past year, we have had some remarkable ones in almost all the congregations of the District, but especially in that of San Rafael, whose church, as already stated, was dedicated at the beginning of the year, and whose pastor relates the following facts: In the month of July, two of the brethren of our congregation of Tepatitlán went to work as masons on an hacienda near that village. The owner of the hacienda very soon saw that these two masons were quicker in their work, cleaner in their dress and spoke with more decency and were more exact in their work than the other masons who worked on his building. On one of the many Feast days in the Catholic Calendar, these masons refused to be idle like the others and went to work, stating that they only omitted to work on Sunday. This greatly surprised their employer, who asked if they were Evangelical. They replied, "we are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose doctrines are simply those of the sacred scriptures." The hacendado then requested them to give him a copy of the Bible, several of the best books that are printed by our Publishing House, and as the result of all this, the hacendado has requested our Pastor to visit him every week, because he and his family desire to get a better knowledge of our doctrines and become members of our church. Well said the Lord, through the mouth of his prophet, that his word would not return empty, and glory be to His holy name.

GENERAL REMARKS.

With profound gratitude to God we record that the past year has been abundant in blessings for all the workers of the District and for its Presiding Elder, as it has afforded us all many opportunities to confirm our faith, increase our social relations, show our fraternal disposition and realize many of the blessed promises of our Celestial Father. It is true that the home of one of our brethren has been visited by the Angel of Death, as in the case of brother Lorenzo E. Martinez; but even these painful circumstances have served to confirm the fact that we are one sole family in the Lord and that the pains and joys of our companions are also ours. We
therefore give thanks to all the workers for the generous and frank hospitality that they have given us during our quarterly visits, and to all the worshipers for the unmerited attention with which they have favored us whenever we have been with them.

SELF SUPPORT.

It is with pleasure that we announce that our collections for self-support and all other appropriations of our church have been properly covered by our congregations, and in some cases with a slight excess, that we have invested in some of the most necessary work of the congregation in which that excess was contributed. You will note that the total of all collections is more than double that of the previous year, and this is due to the active and generous spirit with which our brethren have contributed to the building of their respective churches. Our collections during the present year have therefore been as follows:

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Such my beloved brethren is a summary of the labors that with assistance of God we have been able to carry out in the Sierra District during the year 1903. Our congregations anxiously await with us the visit of our beloved Bishop Fitzgerald, whom we respectfully greet in the name of all the brethren of the congregations under our charge, and for whom we ask that the Divine blessing will accompany him wherever he goes, so that he may with greater power carry the word of God to the souls that groan under the terrible weight of their sins, and to those, that entirely given up to the pleasures of the world, have forgotten that the Bridegroom will soon arrive and that their lamps of religious light are without oil, as well as to those unhappy people, who through their pride or ignorance are far from the blessed influence of the religion of Christ.

Puebla, January 22nd, 1904.

Respectfully submitted.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE
DISTRICT OF OAXACA.

JUSTO M. EUROZA, P. E.

Puebla, 21-25, January, 1904.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

With gratitude to the Almighty we have reached the end of another year of labor in the field that has been assigned to us for carrying out the work in the Lord's vineyard.

The year has been prodigal in precious opportunities for carrying on our good work. We have felt that the Lord has been on our side in our troubles and tribulations, and whenever we have appeared to obtain a triumph. Whilst on the one hand we have not been able to see our desires gratified with respect to the general condition of the work that has been put under our charge, on the other hand we have been able to take God to witness that we have complied with our duty and done everything possible to obey His will. In everything we have desired to be the instruments in His hands to do something good and useful in our field of labor.

We will now relate some of the details of our work for the past year.

OAXACA. You already know that this is the center of the District and that we have there had a small congregation, which is mostly composed of the remains of the old congregation that was attended by other sister churches. Those brethren who formed those congregations have been slightly increased in number and continue faithful to the Lord, whilst others have returned to their God. During the past year several outside persons have come to our services, and it would not be too much to say, that about a hundred persons of their own will have shown a desire to join our church, were it not for the difficulties they meet with amongst their own people. But these difficulties not only keep some people away from us, but also tend to drive away others who had joined our congregation. In our report for the previous year, we informed you that amongst our converts, we counted on a young lady who had left the shade of a Jesuit convent in order to join our church, which she spontaneously joined under such conditions, that having happily passed her period of probation, there was nothing to prevent her being received, as she was, in full communion. But it is evident,
that she entertained some dark objects in regard to ourselves, seeing that she withdrew from us without the slightest motive and is now as much a Catholic as she formerly was Protestant, and if amongst the priests she has been thought worthy of some consideration, the sensible members of the community only feel more or less contempt for her, and the greater part of the Catholics have an entire want of confidence in her good faith and judgment.

We also referred to another lady, mother of a family, who had taken up the Divine call and with respect to this case we would say that the lady has withdrawn from us with all her family, although we cannot say that she has gone back to Romanism, as it rather appears that she has decided to maintain her social relations, by going back to her former ways and showing her indifference to religious matters.

We have dedicated special attention to both cases, and exhorted these persons to continue faithful to the cause, whilst in the Christian pulpit we have preached a series of earnest doctrinal and practical sermons which have not left them in ignorance of all that relates to the salvation of souls.

As regards the other converts, we have had occasion to rejoice with one of them who remains faithful to his Saviour and continues his efforts to obtain a further knowledge of Him and of His Holy Gospel.

Our Day School has continued its labors with a small number of pupils, but maintaining its good reputation amongst our neighbors. We have already informed you that the reason for the slight attendance in our School, is the fanaticism of the inhabitants of this city. There are ladies of respectable families, who on the suggestion of the priests, make house to house visits to the families that have put their children into our school, and use all means in their power to get the children withdrawn from the Protestant school. In some cases they have obtained their desire, but in others they have encountered difficulties and are naturally displeased. It is therefore impossible to obtain a numerous school, against this constant and active warfare. The struggle is only partially disadvantageous to us, as in view of the intellectual advancement of the pupils that remain and the esteem in which they are held by the Professors of the official schools, when they pass to them after having been with us, we have greatly progressed in the esteem of the community. At times we have had to receive pupils, who after remaining with us and having passed from our school to the official and Catholic
schools, have been brought back by their parents, who stated that they preferred to keep their children with us, even though ours is a Protestant school, because they make more progress.

If to the above general terms we add a multitude of circumstances that cannot be stated in detail in a report like this, we cannot but reach the certainty that we are passing through a critical period, that can only terminate in the establishment of Clerical or Liberal control. To-day we are in the midst of the struggle and the Clerical party every day gains a large number of thoughtless people, whilst the Liberal party laments the situation but does nothing. We do not enter into this question of parties, but we find ourselves in a difficult situation to carry on the work, similar to that in Leon, Irapuato, Queretaro and Tulancingo.

Before closing our report on the Church in Oaxaca, I have to inform you that the collection has been lower than in the previous year. The appropriations for Pensioners, Tracts, Missions and Bishops has been paid to the Treasurer, although the full congregation has not contributed more than three or four-hundredths.

Almost the same thing happened with the collection for Self-Support; we have been unable to collect as much as in the past year, but we have done everything possible, having collected $100. in 1902 and only $80 in 1908.

The above will clearly show you how necessary it is to have your fervent prayers in favor of this work so that your brethren and companions may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit to carry on the work in accordance with the will of God and the desires of the Church.

Cuicatlan. In this village we have continued our labors with the greatest perseverance and zeal. Our brothers Rojas have continued to conquer the sympathies of the residents and have received evidence that the opening of a Christian school in that place would give the best results. Although our congregation is small and composed of poor brethren, we have good reason to believe that we will be able to open our school on a good basis of self support, as we are fully determined not to undertake any new work without counting on the co-operation of the friends or brethren amongst whom such new work is to be commenced. Under the arrangements recently made, we will open, with the Divine favor, a Day School in Cuicatlan and we will thus increase our resources for continuing the work of evangelization amongst our countrymen.

But if we may say a few words with respect to what we have
gained in this place, we would state that four converts have come into our church; that we have an average attendance of thirty persons at our Sunday services; that we have twenty two members in full communion, with sixteen probationers, and that Cuicatlan has covered all its collections, including its appropriation for self-support. We therefore believe that we have good reason to recommend the good work that has been done by brother Rojas in the station under his charge, and we hope that during the year 1904, the Lord will more abundantly bless us for the honor and glory of His name.

Hurtzo. Very little progress has been made in this Circuit during the year as regards numbers, but at the same time we have lost nothing. Our congregations have continued to show the same Christian spirit as in other communities of the Mixteca race, amongst whom we are laboring in this part of the Oaxaca District.

With the help of God we have been able to make ourselves understood by our brethren, in those matters which relate to the expenses required to comply with our necessities, and with some sacrifices and privations, the self-support has been properly attended to. Animated by the suggestions of brother Miguel Rojas, the brethren of Ocote have collected nearly $100. for the purchase of an organ which was required to accompany the singing of hymns in their services. The organ cost $120.00, but our good brother Dr. Butler and our friend Mr. Henry Heuer assisted these zealous Christians with $10.00 each to pay for the organ that was so urgently required. We have another case of the same nature in Jayacatlan, where on account of the indispensable change of residence of the greater part of our congregation from one side of the river to the other, they propose to acquire a lot of land on the side of the river to which they moved in order to build a small church so that during the rainy season, their minister would not be in danger of being carried away by the rushing water, and so that they themselves should not be under the necessity of crossing the river to attend service, as the greater part of the congregation live on this bank of the stream. But what will surprise you is the fact that our brethren have not thought of asking for funds from the Missionary Society in order to carry out this undertaking. Although almost all of them are very poor, they have saved enough to purchase their land and are now ready to commence the work of construction, in which they will personally labor so as to economize, and at the same time have the personal satisfaction of doing with their own hands everything that is necessary to erect a Methodist chapel in that town.
They know that "La Mission," as most of them call the Missionary Society could give them assistance under certain circumstances; but with all humility, they desire to have the satisfaction of doing everything in their power to avoid troubling the Society. We hope God will assist us in developing this spirit of humility and in confirming this Christian disposition amongst our people.

I have to give you an agreeable piece of news as far as regards the collections assigned to this Circuit by the Finance Committee, and this is, that Huitzo has covered to the last cent, the assignments given to it. We believe that the Pastor has had to work a good deal and that he has found himself obliged to make some personal sacrifices, but his work on this point is entirely satisfactory. God grant that we may see this work progress.

The work in our Day School has continued its natural course, although we have not had any large number of pupils as in former years, due to the epidemic of Small Pox that has afflicted the village of Huitzo for the last two years. We hope that matters will improve during the coming year.

Soledad. In this town we have no house for the work that is the property of the Missionary Society, for which reason, in commencing our work with the Day School, we encountered great difficulty in finding a house that would serve as a dwelling for the master, school and place of worship. We continue to hold worship in a private house that for many years has been known as a meeting house for that purpose, and for the school work, one of the old Protestants offered us his house for as long as we required it; but after a few days he demanded his house, and we had a good deal of trouble and danger in searching for a house in which to labor. Through the ability of our brother Angel Zambrano, who is in that Circuit, a house was found in which a school could be opened for a few months, and at the end of that time, we were ordered to leave it for some reason or other, within a few days, and then we began to believe that our labors would be useless.

The members of our church in Soledad reside in a neighboring village called Nazareno, and they, although numerous, had been afraid to hold public worship in their village, so that being faithful to their church and their God, they preferred to go to the service in another village so as not to provoke the fanatical attacks of their own town. But on the occasion referred to, our brother Zambrano made great efforts to convince these brethren of the necessity of holding worship and opening a school in their own town and trusting
to God to assist them in everything and defend them against all dangers. They finally consented and we established our work. On the contrary, the school which was so small in Soledad, where we only had thirteen pupils, now has forty nine, and with pleasure we report that we have obtained an increase of eleven converts during the year, and also that the whole of the collection has been fully covered in this Circuit.

Brother Zambrano has done a good work that has been very satisfactory to everyone, and we earnestly hope that all the years of his life, he may employ with the same talent and advantage in the cause of God.

ZACHILA. In the Zachila Circuit, our work has been continued with all the zeal and dedication that have been shown by brother Juan C. Martínez, who by the Lord’s help has kept up the work in good form.

In the Day School we have 57 pupils matriculated and we would call your attention to the fact that amongst these pupils, there are two or three who come from the surrounding villages, due to the zealous work of brother Martínez, who has so raised the reputation of the school, that it is preferred above all others. If we have not a more numerously attended school, it is due to the neglect and apathy of the residents in general, for all noble work, as they only think of that which is of immediate use to themselves.

The services in Zachila have continued with regularity, and we have obtained three conversions during the year. Bearing in mind the natural disposition of these descendents of Cosijoesa we cannot do less than remark that even this small number of conversions is important, and is one of the signs that the cause of the Redeemer will eventually triumph, even though we may have to wait for some years.

We have had the constant efforts of brother Martínez and of some other brothers of Zachila, amongst whom, our good brother José Eulalio Pérez, has, as always, been very prominent, in carrying out some repair work in the house of the Missionary Society so as to improve greatly the school room used for public worship.

On the other hand, we reported some time ago on the necessity under which we found ourselves with the authority of our Bishop, to close the Day School that we had in Cuilapa on account of the entire absence of pupils, and in spite of the earnest endeavors of our brother Martínez to get our old friends there together so as to hold worship, even in an informal way. This could not be done on
account of the entire want of will on their part. In the course of time I have received several written petitions and have also received several delegations in the City of Oaxaca and in Zachila, when I visited the the place, all relating to the re-opening of the school we formerly had there, and I have always answered them, that I was entirely willing to join them in their petition for the opening of that school; always provided that they had a congregation there, and that they would do all in their power to assist in the support of their school and pastor.

The persons I mention have shown no active desire to have a church but only to have a good school, and seeing that it was impossible to obtain the one without the other, they have decided to make every effort to rouse up the old friends of the cause and get them to meet in the place of worship to hold service, and on the 23rd of December last I had the pleasure of holding the first worship, when we received 23 probationers and a deposit of $10.00 as token of good faith in their offers of $10.00 per month to assist in covering the expenses of the school. They have also bound themselves to do everything in their power to procure the constant holding of worship. Since that meeting, another has been held in which we observed 30 who had attended on the first occasion.

We believe that the experience gained by those people through their want of a school for their children, will make them more careful and fair dealing in the future, so as to preserve so beneficent an institution, by the punctuality in the attendance of their children.

Epworth Leagues. We have constantly and earnestly recommended the labor of the Juvenile League in all our schools and churches. This has been easier in the school, and we now have the pleasure of reporting that the work is continued as actively as possible amongst our pupils.

Conclusion. In conclusion we beg to present a summary of the results obtained during the year.

We have increased the number of members in full communion by 17 and 55 probationers. We have had 27 conversions. The year has been very happy as regards self support. With the exception of the church in Oaxaca, all the Circuits have punctually paid their assignments.

We have the best prospects for improving our work and maintaining the same centers of labor, as well as of increasing the number of our schools by opening those in Cuicatlán and Ohilapa. With these new agencies, we believe that we can secure the best connec-
tions, and the possible conversion of several of the residents of those towns, who feel an interest in the opening of the schools.

Our companions in labor have been able to maintain the best relations with the residents of their respective towns and have secured the respect and consideration to which they have a right, through their good conduct and honesty.

We have had moments of affliction and bitterness, suffering from more or less painful and troublesome sickness, and have lost the wife of our brother Juan G. Martínez, who has been left with his young daughters whilst his good wife employs her energy in the service of God in the Christian Heaven. This event brought to brother Martínez, the just and spontaneous sympathy of all the population of Zachila. There can be no doubt that God does the best for His cause in a way that is mysterious to ourselves. We hope that the day will soon arrive when we will see our dear ones face to face, and when what appears to us to be seen darkly in a mirror may be clearer than the light of day.

We have also lost two of our most distinguished members in Cuitzatlan, Don Sostenes Urda and his respected mother. On account of this lamentable loss, brother Rojas had an opportunity of attracting the sympathy of the people, and of giving a further knowledge of our religion to persons who are not usually found in our services, but who on that occasion attended the funeral of brother Urda.

May the Lord assist us as He has done hitherto, and give us strength to realize our good intentions during the coming year, in which we hope to obtain still greater victories. Our work is humble and lowly; but we can assure you that we have given it all our zeal and best effort, as well as our prayers, but nevertheless, judging from the human point of view, matters have not progressed as they should, and we urgently require the baptism of the Holy Spirit to assist us. We humbly deposit our work at the feet of the Saviour as evidence that we have not hidden the talent that He gave us in trust.

Respectfully submitted.

ORIZABA DISTRICT

H. A. BASSETT, P. E.

Another year of work for the Master has come to a close.

This has been a year of hard labor, many vicissitudes, some progress and much encouragement. We are grateful to a kind Provid-
ence which has protected the lives of all the workers so that none have fallen under that dread desease, yellow fever, which has prevailed in such devastating effects in some parts of our district.

**Orizaba:** The work in Orizaba has been pushed with earnestness by our faithful pastor Jose Rumbia. The prayer-meetings are fairly attended and the Sunday-school is in a normal condition while the benevolent collections have all been raised in full. At Rio Blanco the congregation has lost a large number of members through the moving away of many families who went elsewhere in search of employment: still our meetings are kept up with regularity and much interest.

Our day-school in Orizaba, under the care of Misses Magos, has been doing good work.

The English school under the efficient direction of Miss Alice Foster has a very gratifying record having enrolled between thirty and thirty-five scholars each term of the year. The consecration to her work which Miss Foster has manifested, is certainly to be commended.

Monthly English-preaching services have been started with encouraging prospects. An audience of about thirty-five has been present at each of the meetings held during the past three months. These services are of a union character but are held in our mission chapel.

Early in the year negotiations were commenced having for their object the consolidation of the two Methodist denominations in the city of Orizaba the result being that we have purchased the church and parsonage formerly belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the membership of that church has been transferred to us. This consolidation will give us better accommodations and a larger field of labour as the sister church has completely withdrawn from that city.

**Santa Ana Atzakan:** This interesting village six miles from Orizaba has received great and helpful influences from the introduction of Protestantism some fifteen years ago. Rev. A. M. Avila is an earnest and promising young man. The audiences are large and the self support and the benevolences are all complete for the year. Our day school has matriculated about forty-five scholars and the pastor has been ably assisted by Miss Lidia Flores who did good work showing interest and efficiency.

In addition to the regular work of the pastorate, Mr. Avila has been much occupied in the construction of a parsonage which was
greatly needed. The building is almost completed and will soon be occupied by a very grateful pastor and wife. Much of the labour in constructing this house was done by the willing hands of the membership. The rock necessary for the foundations and walls was found beneath the surface in the church lot and was dug out by the members of the official board and others. Most sincere gratitude is extended to Dr. Charles Parkhurst of Zion’s Herald for his great kindness in raising $200.00 gold for this parsonage, for without that assistance the house could not have been built. The congregation is now doubly thankful to Dr. Parkhurst, for the church building itself is the product of his benevolent energy. May God bless him in all his efforts to aid those whose circumstances appeal to him for assistance and may his donations be as seed sown which shall bring forth thirty, sixty or a hundred-fold in the fruitage of immortal souls.

Huatusco: Our work in this city has been under the supervision of Rev. Plutarco Bernal for the past four years and has been increasing in prestige throughout that entire section. The day-school in that city has been under the direction of the pastor’s daughter and some good has been accomplished by this work. We have a desirable building site there upon which we ought to erect a chapel and parsonage and thus save the high rent which we are now compelled to pay.

One of the appointments on the Huatusco circuit is a little town called Centla where we have built a small chapel costing about six-hundred dollars in money besides the donations of labour by the interested members of the congregation. This chapel will receive the name “Belle Plaine” because of a generous gift from the Methodist Church in Belle Plaine, Iowa. The lot on which the church is built was presented to us by a citizen of Centla.

Tierra Blanca: The circuit of Tierra Blanca has three appointments and the energetic pastor is Rev. Ramon F. Salazar. At the beginning of the year we had a day-school at each point on the circuit, but the sad death of one of the teachers and the sickness of another caused two of the schools to be discontinued. At one of the places we had enrolled seventy-five scholars and the prospects certainly seemed bright. We hope to re-open at least one of these schools immediately after Conference.

The city of Tierra Blanca is growing very rapidly and we ought to build a church there in the near future. A petition was sent up some weeks ago asking the presiding elder to purchase a piece of
land with the hope of building a chapel and school-house. We expect to secure a lot within a month or two and then, if some outside assistance can be obtained we will begin work on the chapel immediately.

**Tuxtpec:** Our work in Tuxtpec is one of the most prosperous we have on the district. Established five years ago, we have now a congregation of one-hundred and fifty with two day-schools, one being for girls with an enrollment of fifty and the other being for boys with an enrollment of one-hundred or more. Our laborers in this field are four, Rev. Vicente Osorio, the Pastor; Pedro Osorio, Assistant Pastor; Miss Sarah Aceves, teacher in the boys' school and Miss Teresa Barcana, teacher in the girls' department. On account of the ill health of Miss Aceves she was compelled to leave the work the last of October. We hope to secure a larger corps of teachers for the coming year and thus relieve the pastor somewhat, for his health is breaking under the heavy strain of school-work and pastorate.

A year ago we purchased the building in which our school is held: this edifice is also used for our Sabbath services until we can secure funds sufficient to erect a neat chapel. Rev. B. S. Haywood of Riverside California has sent the first installment on a promise of $250, to aid in erecting a "William A. Spencer Memorial" chapel and we hope the time is not far distant when this very worthy enterprise may be consummated.

We are also endeavouring to secure funds to construct a suitable parsonage for the pastor and the teachers so that our workers may have a comfortable home in that enervating climate for unless the workers are well cared for they can not do efficient service. We sincerely hope that this desirable project may be carried to completion before the end of this present year.

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SCHOOLS.

We have enrolled in our day-schools 425 scholars, and in our Sunday-schools 370.

Membership: The membership of the district is 275 in full connection and 80 on probation.

Praying God's richest blessings upon the district for the coming year and placing the labours of the past at the feet of the Master, I respectfully submit this report.

METHODIST MEXICAN INSTITUTE, PUEBLA.

FRANCIS S. BORTON, CHAIRMAN OF FACULTY.

The year 1903 has been, in several respects, one of the best in the many years of your school's history, and we are sure that you will all find matter for encouragement in the following report.

Quite early in the year we were deprived of the invaluable services of a President by the necessary return to the United States of our brother Rev. William S. Spencer, on account of failing health.

Our loss, however, on this account was not so great as it might have been otherwise, by reason of the coming of the Rev. J. P. Hauser whose assistance has been of the very greatest value, as will be seen in the course of this report.

ATTENDANCE.

The total number of pupils enrolled during the year has been 215, an increase of about 25 per cent over last year. (1902).

CHARACTER OF THE STUDENTS.

It is very gratifying to note that year by year there is an increasingly higher standard of excellence among the applicants for admission to our Puebla Institute. Through the wise and sympathetic cooperation of our pastors and Presiding Elders, the wide spread influence of our Abogado Cristiano, and the excellent preparatory work done in our schools and especially in our Queretaro Institute, we are receiving each year a better class of students in Puebla. We note among the new arrivals a better preparation, a more fixed character, and more of what we may call earnestness of purpose.
They come to Puebla with a definite and lofty purpose, and that in itself adds greatly to the intellectual and moral tone of the whole school.

**The Work Done.**

In all the departments the work done this year has been of a very satisfactory character. The report of your Conference Committee will, we think, confirm this statement.

Especial attention has been given to the study of English. In accordance with the recommendations of the Visiting Committee of 1902, Rev. J. P. Hauser has had charge of the English Department this year, and his efforts have been crowned with a most commendable success. We do not hesitate to say that your Puebla Institute is today giving the best course in English of any school in the city.

Our improved, practical business course is attracting more students, who thus come under evangalical influences. We sincerely believe that Mexico not only needs preachers and teachers, but also Christian business men, who will be in our society and commercial centers here what they are in the United States. By their aid we shall be helped in our endeavors to leaven the whole lump of Mexican Romanism with the leaven of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the Theological Department, in which you are all interested, for very obvious reasons, Dr. F. S. Borton employs only the best and most approved text books in English, instead of endeavoring to translate the matter into Spanish. The result is that our theological students, at the end of the three years' course, have the ability to take up any book, paper or magazine in English and read it with but little difficulty and in that ability they have the key to all the scientific and literary works of the twentieth century.

In the theological, as in all the other departments, the supreme purpose is to get the young men to think for themselves, in the presence of the many great questions of time and eternity that are continually to be thrust before them.

**The Moral and Religious Atmosphere.**

A sane and healthful moral and religious tone has prevailed in the school throughout the year. One of the most palpable evidences of this was seen in the Students’ Annual Love Feast on Commencement Sunday, when a large number of students from both our Colleges here, gave very sincere and intelligent testimony to the power of Christ to save and keep. We believe we do not err when we say that we lay special stress upon the formation of christian
character among our boys, and we endeavor, above all else, to bring them to a proper realization of what it means and is worth, to simply be a manly man.

With the exception of one, all the students in the Theological Department are serving charges, and their various Presiding Elders can tell you how acceptable is their work.

**Athletics.**

Increasing attention is being given to the athletic side of our work, and has resulted in improved health on the part of our boys. In great part this is due to the careful and sympathetic work done by Rev. E. Velasco, who is in charge of our Gymnasium. Dr. J. W Butler, one of the most constant and generous benefactors of our institution, has kindly offered to assist us in securing some much needed apparatus for our Gymnasium in the present year.

**Library.**

The *Butler Memorial Library* has received several works from Dr. Kepler of Cambridge, Mass. during the year, as also some much needed reference works from Dr. J. W Butler. We still have great and pressing need of an Encyclopedia in Spanish that would cost about $100.00 gold.

**Self Support.**

In the matter of self support there has been an increase of $1,476.00 over last year, a most gratifying result due to the careful and systematic methods employed by Rev. J. P. Hauser, who has had charge of the finances of the school for about three fourths of the year. Even better results financially, are confidently expected for the coming year.

**Material Improvements.**

Most important material improvements have been made, among which we may mention: the painting of the entire College building, inside and out, creation of three new class rooms, the renovating of the church and chapel, the remodeling and renovating of the dining room and kitchen, (the last through the generous aid furnished by Dr. J. W. Butler), the arranging of new rules for the discipline of the school, etc.

We have applications for rooms for many more students than we can possibly accommodate, and are in great need of money with which to enlarge our dormitories.

Alumni Association.
During the year the organization of an Alumni Association was perfected, and will undoubtedly do much for the future of our school by fomenting the spirit of fellowship and good will among our past graduates, among whom are to be found some of the brightest ornaments of our work for Christ in Mexico.

LECTURE COURSES.

Courses of lectures were given by four of the Professors, with very gratifying results. The lectures embraced: The History of the Christian Church in the First Centuries, by Rev. Vicente Mendoza, the pastor of our church. The Field of Literature, by Rev. J. Cuervo, professor of literature. A Bicicle Trip in Europe, by Prof. J. P. Hauser, and The Universities of Europe, by Rey. F. S. Borton D. D.

Doctor Borton also gave a course of three lectures on The Excavations in Egypt and their Results in the Nineteenth Century. New courses of lectures are being arranged for this year.

New Professors.

We are very fortunate in having secured for 1904 the services of four of the most eminent instructors in Puebla. For this we are very much indebted to Prof. G. A. Manning, our Dean of the Musical Department.

Of these four new men Prof. A. Monroy is easily conceded to be one of the leading legal and literary lights of Mexico. The other three are Mexican gentlemen of wide experience and much social influence. This shows that our school, its plans and purposes, are becoming more and better understood and respected on the part of the non-evangelical population.

IN CONCLUSION.

To conclude: our school has had a most useful and honorable career in the past, the present is most encouraging, and the future is full of hope. We have every reason to believe that of all the institutions of learning maintained by our church in foreign lands, no one is doing a more necessary work for society, for the Church and for our Lord Jesus Christ than our Methodist Mexican Institute in Puebla.

Respectfully submitted.
The institution which our church sustains in the historic city of Queretaro has reached the close of another year and we rejoice and give thanks to God for the great blessings he has poured out upon us during 1903.

The institution has continued developing the plan which determined its foundation. The classwork and the efforts employed in behalf of the youth have resulted satisfactorily to the desires of the teachers in the consecration of the pupils, and to the noble ideals of the Evangelical Church, which fervently desires the education and culture of the people, thus making each day, men more ready for the battles of life and for the propagation of the truths of Christianity.

During the school year, 70 pupils were matriculated, of which 59 were boarders and 77 day pupils.

The course of study at present, provides for primary and secondary instruction and also a commercial course. During the year 5 pupils completed the work outlined for the primary course, 1 that of the secondary and 7 the commercial course. These pupils received diplomas for their work at the closing entertainment held on the 23rd of October 1903.

The strictest rules have been made for the maintenance of that order and discipline so indispensable to the practical education of the youth, and I am happy to say that the pupils have always shown a desire to second the initiative of the teachers in this respect. One of the ideals most diligently pursued in the formation of character in the pupils is the harmonious and progressive development of all their faculties, and departments and exercises are formed with this object in view.

Physical Education. Undoubtedly, physical exercise is one of the greatest needs of the modern student. Gradual development is attained without great effort and this is one of the indispensable conditions in the training of the child and the youth, in such a manner that the result shall be strong men who, in the family, in society and in the nation will be positive factors in the scale of human progress. Convinced of these truths, all the teachers of this Institute have insisted upon a series of daily exercises which, contri-
buting to the physical development of the pupils have not only been a physical benefit but have also stimulated their mental faculties.

**Intellectual and Literary.** In addition to the vigorous course of study which is the same as that used in the government schools, there is a literary society organized by the teachers and scholars and bears the honorable name "Benito Juarez." This society which holds its programs every two weeks gives splendid opportunity to its members to exercise themselves in the correct expression of ideas in public.

Each year demonstrates the beneficial results and the splendid influence which this society produces in the education of the pupils.

**Moral and Religious.** This is one of the subjects which receives most careful attention. Not only do we try to form strong, healthful young men of culture but in a special manner do we endeavor to form the character of the students.

There are in this school two Leagues, one is the Senior and the other the Junior which hold their meetings each Sabbath day and are great helps in the moral and religious life of the students.

The love of work is one of the ideas which we endeavor to inculcate as a necessary condition in the formation of practical men, of great character and of independence. Each week there is held a school service in the form of a family reunion which has always been a great power in the spiritual growth of the student body.

In addition there has been established a series of religious conferences to study the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the points of difference between romanism and protestantism. These have been of great benefit to all.

**FINANCES:** Year by year we have been able to report an increase in self-support. The receipts for 1908 were $3,400 which is the largest amount received in any one year in the history of the institution. It is very necessary to make some important repairs in the older portions of the building. Some of the roofs are in dangerous condition and many of the doors and windows need repairing.

In the new portions we have two rooms which we have not been able to complete for lack of funds. These rooms are greatly needed for dormitories.

To secure better results in our school we need larger equipments. We feel constantly the need of a small chemical laboratory for the illustration and study of natural sciences. In this manner our pupils will not only have the theory but a practical knowledge of the elements of science.
Many of our students will never be privileged to enter higher schools and the education which they here receive in this school must fit them to enter the great battle of life. We greatly appreciated the visit of the Conference Committee to our school. Before closing this report I desire to express my sincere appreciation to all the members of the faculty who have labored with such earnestness and devotion during the past year.

I also wish to express my gratitude to the many kind friends who have so generously contributed financial aid thus enabling us to secure more commodious apartments. We offer fervent thanksgiving to our kind Heavenly Father for the copious blessings with which he has prospered our feeble efforts for the education of the youth in this school.

W F. M S.

REPORT OF SARAH L. KEEN COLLEGE.
MEXICO CITY.

There was no sadness in my heart when, after having said goodby to friends, I saw the shore of the home land fade from view and realized that I was out in the great ocean sailing toward a strange land. So plainly had the Master’s voice called to Mexico, thus there was no doubt or misgivings in my mind, but rather rejoicing that even I had been permitted to become a colaborer with Him.

I arrived in Mexico City April 7. A series of revival services, conducted by Rev. I. C. Cartwright, were just closing and the results were seen in the deepened spiritual life of the girls. On the morning after my arrival I was very cordially greeted by the inmates of the school. They filled my arms with flowers and spoke words of welcome which I did not then understand. As I looked into their smiling faces I realized that there were hearts as warm and true as those of the dear children at home. The difficult task of taking charge of a new work where the language was entirely strange was very much lightened by the kind cooperation on part of Miss Ayres who in spite of great weakness of suffering had remained at the head of the work until I came, even at a risk of sacrificing her life.

I soon found that I possessed a precious heritage in the influence of Miss Loyd’s life which still lingered in the school. A noble life-
not only blesses those associated with it but those who follow in its trail.

A few weeks after my arrival an opportunity came to sell the school property on Independencia street. The size of the school was taxing the old building to its utmost. The advantages that would result from selling it, and buying more land farther from the noisy center, and erecting a modern building, were presented to the ladies, in authority, in the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in the United States, and to the great joy of all interested, permission was granted by them to sell.

Through the skillful management of Dr. Butler more than three times the original cost of the property was obtained. A splendid plot of land on one of the handsomest residential streets of the city was purchased. One of the leading architects in the city offered to superintend the work of building at one half his usual terms. So many times during the sale and purchase we were so especially favored that we frequently exclaimed “Surely the Lord is with us.” The building as planned will have room for eighty boarders and four hundred day pupils. In addition to the class rooms and dormitories there will be a chapel, gymnasium, laboratory, museum, music room, reception hall, library, baths and laundry. The large interior patios will insure plenty of sunshine in all the rooms. Surrounding the building will be spacious gardens and lawns.

A commercial course will be introduced also a collegiate department.

With the change of location and enlarged school the name of the institution has been changed to that of the Sarah L. Keen College in honor of Mrs. Keen of Philadelphia who for many years has been the official correspondent of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society for Mexico.

Work on the new building is progressing rapidly but several months must elapse before it is completed. Through kindness of the Puebla ladies arrangements have been made for sending the girls of the Normal department to Puebla this year.

A building on Industria street near the new property has been rented for the boarding department of the primary school. Another building on the same street has been rented for class rooms.

The attendance during the past year has been the largest in the history of the school. The enrollment was 369. Four girls graduated from the Normal department. In addition to the service rendered by the teachers who graduated, there were employed four Mex-
ican young women, two native professors, and two American ladies besides the regular missionaries and the native pastor who taught Bible and Evidences of Christianity. The change of location will lessen the attendance in the primary department this year. On the following year, with all the advantages which the new building will afford, we are hoping for large things.

With God’s blessing resting on the institution and its workers may we not believe that it will become an important factor for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom in Mexico.

LAURA TEMPLE.

CITY MISSION WORK.

It is a privilege to render to this body of Christian workers a short report of what I have been able to do (although it is but little) in the department of the work to which, henceforth, I hope to give my time and energy.

Since 1895, I have felt the desire to leave educational work and enter evangelistic or city mission work and this desire was born of a firm conviction that God had called me to this. Not finding at first, the way open, I waited patiently, knowing that He who had called me would open the way when He saw fit. Near the end of 1901, I saw with joy, the last obstacle removed—apparently—and entered the new field of labor. In less than two months, the illness of my beloved fellow-worker, Miss Loyd, who for nearly eighteen years was the efficient Principal of the “Hijas de Juarez” school, called me again to assume the duties and responsibilities of school work and I had to give myself to that to the almost complete exclusion of all other work. It was not until near the close of 1903 that I found myself, by the providence and will of God, once more so situated that I could take up city mission work. For this reason, I have done but little but that little has been sufficient to increase my zeal and desire to carry on this class of work and also to show me something of what may be the good results obtained by systematic visiting from home to home and from strengthening the bonds of friendship and Christian fellowship.

Of course it was to be expected that I would be well received by those who form our congregation but I find that I am heartily welcome in the Catholic homes of the families who have children in our school. In these I have been able to secure, in some cases, the at-
tendance of the children at Sunday school and have, I also trust, sown seed that will be fruit for life eternal.

In my work as city missionary, I am most faithfully and ably seconded by Mrs. Josefa Chacón and Mrs. Concepción Hernández. The first named is known by most of the workers here present, for she has been for years employed as Bible woman in our Mexico City congregation. Although now somewhat advanced in years and broken in health, she still toils on. When I tell her that she must do less work and take more care of herself, she usually answers me: "Ah, niña, (child) while God gives me life, I must be doing something for Him and His Cause."

Sister Hernández, although she has not yet been employed for one year by the W. F. M. S., is well known by our members as an untiring worker. Ever since her conversion, several years ago, she has improved her opportunities to work for Christ and many are the families that have been brought into the church by her personal efforts. It was because of this eagerness to work for the conversion of others that she was selected for the work she now has and in which she has been so successful. During our recent revival services, three women who but very lately have been brought into our services by her, were converted.

When this worker finds that in a home no one will listen to Bible reading or any reference to the evangelical religion, she asks permission to sing and through sacred song she has gained admission to hearts that otherwise were sealed to all evangelical influence. "I pray God daily, almost hourly" she often says to me, "that He may fill me with His holy Spirit and put words of wisdom in my mouth that I may be able to show the people their error and lead souls to Christ."

In Santa Julia, where we have a flourishing mission, she helps the assistant pastor, Antonio Carrero, by going once a week to visit the families of the congregation. In the same way she helps me with the work in Ixtacalco where we have a small chapel where from four to eight persons meet to study God's Word from Sabbath to Sabbath.

We trust that God will bless us and give us wisdom from above and the grace we need and that He will make us a blessing to those whom we visit and that our efforts will not be in vain.

Respectfully submitted. 

Harriet L. Ayres.
As the year 1903 died into the past and we reviewed its plans and efforts and failures and successes our memory told us that there had been some growth and some expansion of vision, but we were burdened with the thought of what we might have been and done had we but planned more wisely and wrought more truly.—

The first months of last year were filled with thought and effort for our new building. The annex which was completed in May gave us two fine new school-rooms, and three bedrooms. We now have in this rambling old house of ours, fifty-six rooms and yet not satisfied. Our dining room is too small. We need more dormitories, and we have no place at all for either our music or art departments.

Each year brings us a little nearer our ideal as to school organization. We now offer in our Spanish work, two years of kindergarten, six of primary, one of preparatory, and six of Normal school training. In the English work we have two schools offering eight years primary work to American and Mexican children. We have been much gratified by the patronage this school has received, and by the correctness with which the Mexican children learn to speak English. Our enrollment in the English schools last year was 65, in the Spanish 267, making the total 332 pupils.

Forty five girls and boys were enrolled in the music department as students of piano.

All the Normal school pupils and the teachers of the primary grades entered the art classes. Although as beginners they had to spend most of their time on fundamental work, yet the art display at the end of the year reflected great credit on the work of Professor and pupils.

This year we have opened a commercial course, and recommened to the Methodist Institute those young ladies who ask of us classes in type-writing and stenography.

In October our friends were again asked to patronize us in a fair, and they did it right royally. As a result of their generosity, we realized $150.00 which will soon be invested in sixty or seventy new books, to be added to our small collection of 600 volumes.

Friday afternoon we dedicate to the meetings of the literary society. This society has proven to be a decided educational factor in our work. We wish to make mention of the work of the censor
whose just and faithful criticisms increase greatly the value of these reunions.

Financially we are still growing slowly. Our self support being $7,550.00 for the year. Although the above figures represent hours of patient labor on the part of some one, yet the value of that labor can not be underestimated when we remember that it enables us to add new professors to our faculty and brings many new pupils under their influence. Of our entire number of boarding pupils, but twenty have scholarships.

We have a most able and influential faculty. The school has become so intrinsic a part of the life of many of its members that no work or sacrifice has been too great when the good of the pupils was to be considered. One of our number has left us, but as Mrs. N. F. Morton she writes, "I hope to continue my work by making my home a center of Christian influence."

Religiously we believe there has been a marked development in Christian character. One of your number as he came to witness the graduation of his niece, gratified us greatly by saying, "I brought her to you an unformed child, I received her from your hands an educated cultured, Christian woman.

The work of the Epworth League, the missionary and temperance societies has led their members into the life which has as its principle, "Not to be ministered unto but to minister."

One of the brightest features of the past year was the Alumnae day, when for the first time, our graduates made a pilgrimage back to their Alma Mater. One girl wrote that she was coming back to the New Jerusalem. It gave us keenest joy to see written on their faces the evidence of years well spent. Experience added to purpose. This Alumnae association, organized by the untiring efforts of Miss Juana Palacios has taken as its motto "Pro Patria" and is working for the women of Mexico. Its members are engaged in organizing day and night schools and societies of temperance mission and domestic economy.

As the new year dawns we fervently breathe the prayer, for ourselves and our school and our graduates,

"Build thee more stately mansions, Oh my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast."

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Limberger,
Carrie M. Purdy.
REPORT OF THE GIRLS' MISSION SCHOOL
PACHUCA.

The year opened with brightest of prospects. The program and
graduating exercises just previous to vacation had greatly pleased
the people and they were enthusiastic. We feel it would have been
our best year if we could have gone on uninterrupted. The principal
being compelled to go home in January the school was left without
the hourly direction so much needed.

Miss Hewitt and the Rev. Mr. Baez gave much more attention and
help than could have been expected of persons otherwise so busy,
and their work was appreciated. Yet naturally and of necessity
there were things which suffered for want of constant oversight.
However on the principal's return each teacher was found in her
place, having assumed new responsibilities and was doing good
work.

We did not reach our enrollment of previous years yet feel sure
the decrease is only temporary.

Our school is gaining in prestige each year. The number of board-
ing pupils is limited only for lack of room, and our self support is
low for the same reason. As proof of better possibilities we have
been able to double our price in the boarding department in four
years and yet must refuse many that wish to enter.

It is of course the wish of the management to bring the girls as
soon, and in as large numbers as may be, from the relation of day
scholars to that of boarding pupils. We cannot reach the day pupils
in the same way as we do those that come under the influence of
the home. The training most needed is the daily home contact with
our Christian teachers.

Miss Matilde Orozco as president of the Epworth League has been
of great spiritual help and has made our League meetings means of
religious growth to the girls.

18 of our members have joined the church. Two hundred and
twenty two children are under the training of skillful teachers in
junior work and are as responsive to such teaching as children are
generally found to be. Our work is now classified as kindergarten,
primary, and secondary, giving a practical education and preparing
for study in Normal schools.

During October we spent a week in public examinations. The Rev.
Mr. Mercado assisted and won for himself many friends by his
eguial manner.
We gave our closing program two evenings. Our patrons and church members formed our first audience and friends of the city the second. Fifteen hundred people saw the program. The teachers and principal welcomed each guest with a hand shake and a word of greeting. The program was well received. Our esteemed friends Prof. Muñoz Lumbier and the Rev. V. D. Baez have added interest to the work by their capable teaching. Especial thanks are due them and also the other workers who so kindly took matters in charge for the first half of the year and to the teachers who did their best to make the work a success.

Only by Divine Providence was the writer permitted to return to her work entirely free from the sufferings of the previous two years. Miss Hewitt having severed her connection with the English school comes to us full of enthusiasm and new plans.

Some of our teachers leave us to make homes for good Methodist preachers and teachers. May they be as successful in their new field as in the old.

We pray for the Father's Blessing on our work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ida Bohannon.

REPORT OF GUANAJUATO GIRLS' SCHOOL.

For many reasons our work has not made the advance the past year that we had desired. We commenced the school year in the rented building. The last days of March we had the joyous privilege of moving into the new house. Not a room in the whole house was entirely finished when we moved; only just a few rooms were habitable at all. We have plenty of sunlight and pure air and thus have been contented in our new house even though we have had workmen in the house much of the time since we moved. The house is not finished, but we have many rooms in a comfortable condition and the prospect for our future work is bright indeed. We expect to continue work on the building this year and we hope with comfortable surroundings we may be enabled to bring more girls under our influence and thus win more souls for Christ. More girls can now be admitted into our boarding department than heretofore.

Dr. Salmans, Dr. Butler, and Mr. Furness have generously continued their aid in helping forward the work on the building. To them we extend our sincere gratitude and thanks. Insufficient num-
ber of teachers has been a hindrance to our work in the past. For the coming year we have been enabled to add one more native teacher to our corps of workers.

Miss Jael Soto, who has just completed five years of faithful service with us, remains another year to take charge of the higher primary work. Miss Carolina Dominguez has been with us a year and will continue another year as intermediate primary teacher. Miss Enriqueta Plata is the new teacher assigned to us. She has been detained on account of the serious illness of her mother, but we hope to have her with us within a few days to take the first and second year primary work.

These three teachers are graduates of Puebla Institute. We feel grateful indeed to those in charge of this Institute for the kindness shown us in sending us helpers when needed.

In the revival services at the close of the school year many of our girls manifested an earnest desire for a closer walk with God. Some were brought into a closer fellowship with Him at the time of the revival. The week of prayer was a time of blessing to all. The noon-day prayer-meetings that commenced several weeks before the revival services and have continued ever since have been a source of great blessing to our workers.

Realizing that daily prayer and the study of God’s word is necessary for growth in the Christian life, many of our girls have persuaded to join the “Comrades of the Morning Watch,” and have signed the following pledge: “I desire to be registered as one of those who promise to pass the first moments of the day in the study of the Bible and in prayer. Convinced that this plan will be generally helpful I will try to get others to join the “Comrades of the Morning Watch.” For several weeks before the close of school last year, the “Comrades of the Morning Watch” met daily to pour out their hearts desire to God. He answered their petitions and blessed them abundantly. The Loyal Temperance Legion and the Junior League have continued to be sources of help to all our pupils. Many times our day pupils will not attend our Church services; but they have become interested in the meetings of the Legion and the League and through the influence of these meetings have been brought to accept Christ. The members of the Loyal Temperance Legion have taken the past year one half of the four years course of temperance studies.

We could do but very little in the Bible Training Department last year. We hope to make a more perfect organization in that depart-
ment this year. Although we were not able to attain to our ideals in the work last year, we are not discouraged, but are resolved to work with greater zeal, knowing that Christ is our helper. We can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Respectfully submitted.  

EFFA M. DUNMORE.

Puebla, Jan. 22nd, 1904.

REPORT OF THE ORIZABA ENGLISH SCHOOL.

MISS ALICE FOSTER.

After the "hard times" and discouragements which it had just passed through, the English school began the year 1903 with brightening prospects. The greatest number in attendance at any one time was thirty-six, while the average was about thirty, and the entire number enrolled during the year, more than fifty.

Like all schools, but especially all small schools, we have had some inconveniences. Our room is small and is so much crowded that pupils with difficulty find a pathway from their desks to the front of the room for recitation, and the number of classes is so great, including, as it does, children of all ages from the "babies" to those doing some high school work, that no class can receive its due amount of attention. But these difficulties were unavoidable, and we have not allowed them to interfere with our happiness.

Nearly one half of the school is made up of children from Catholic families, and, respecting the confidence of these families, that no one's religious sentiments shall be offended, no direct religious instruction is introduced. But the school does endeavor to instill those principles of character and life which are the common ground of all sects, and which have so great an influence in making the success and happiness of each individual life,—industry, patience and perseverance, honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, and unselfishness.

While the work has not been without many imperfections and faults, and while there have been times of discouragement, still, in looking back, I can but feel that there has been progress, that the year has been a happy one, and that the outlook for the future of the school is encouraging. There is a growing feeling of mutual confidence and friendship between pupils and teacher, and we en-
ter upon the work of the new year with a determination to do more and better work than we have done heretofore. May Heaven grant that the seed shall be truth and that an abundant harvest may not be lacking when the gathering time shall come by and by.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO VISIT THE MEXICO METHODIST INSTITUTE.

MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR BRETHREN:

The committee which you named to visit the Methodist Institute in Puebla was disappointed in not having the company of the chairman of the committee, Rev. H. A. Bassett, who at that time was in the United States where he had been summoned by the serious illness of his wife in New York. The remainder of the committee has the satisfaction of reporting that they were present at the closing examinations held in the months of October.

The Annual Conference has its eyes on this school because from it will go out duly prepared, those who are to be sent by the Master to preach the acceptable year of the Lord and the good-will of God to men: for this reason we felt under obligations to be present at all the examinations of the various departments and, to speak sincerely, your committee believes that the faculty has by its labours, offered a worthy offering upon God's altar which He has seen fit to accept.

In no other way could we express ourselves than pleased when we saw all the departments so well attended and the professors working with true fidelity and consecration and the scholars improving the time so satisfactorily: especially is this true in the precision and assurance with which they answered the questions of the examiners. The number of those who received diplomas was very large, reaching twenty-six in the preparatory department and two diplomas of merit in the professional.

Dr. F. S. Borton who attends scrupulously to the theological department with all earnestness, is disciplining in true scientific methods the boys who are studying the Sacred Book and the time is not far distant when a strong body of young men will enter the ranks to re-enforce the ministry of our conference.

We observed with much pleasure that the students were taking a very important part in the services of the church; being privileged
to attend a love-feast we had the opportunity to appreciate the true religious fervor and Christian character of the youth as well as their piety and their consecration to God, all of which was indeed commendable.

The advancement which the students had made in the study of English was very satisfactory.

We felt gratified to note that some of the youth who were reared in the language of Cuauhtemoc or Cocijoesa were striving for the prize in the language of Shakespeare.

This conference knows well the object of the Literary society "Melchor Ocampo" and it is sufficient to say that the work done during the past year has been satisfactory as in other years.

There is also in the school, another Literary society called "Morelos" formed by the students of the primary department having for its object the training of the students in the art of reasoning, debating, controverting and speaking in public and also the developing of all the qualities which are related to the moral and intellectual progress. So well have they done, that the youth merited the most enthusiastic congratulation from the visiting committee and from other persons who were present.

The prince of darkness and the ministers of error will be made sad in seeing the blessings which Christ our great Captain is bestowing upon that school and with the help of the youth who are being trained there we may hope to realize marvelous triumphs for the cause of Evangelical Christianity in our beloved Republic.

To conclude, permit us to express our most sincere thanks to Brothers Hauser, Borton and Manning and to the Professors for the gracious attentions so freely given us during our visit to the Institute.

Respectfully presented.

S. I. Lopez.
Jose Rumbia.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE
TO QUERETARO INSTITUTE.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

Your committee appointed to visit officially the Methodist Institute at Queretaro in 1903, reports as follows:

All the members of said committee were able to be present and
were also aided by Mrs. Amelia Van Dorsten Lawyer, who was glad to accept the kind invitation, extendel by Bró. and sister Velasco to enjoy once more the pleasures of her former element as teacher.

OUR IMPRESSIONS OF STUDENTS. As a whole, the fifty-four young men and boys, who were examined, rank high as a body of students. The enthusiasm, order and system everywhere apparent in their work cannot easily be improved. The admirable obedience and respect shown their Principal at all times and all places prove that these are not forced and servile but are the spontaneous out come of their love for him. And the pupils themselves little realize how much such discipline must count in the future toward the development of selfcontrol and respect for authority so necessary for the making of good christians and model citizens on a gospel basis and standard. The committee failed to observe a single complaint from any one. The most perfect cleanliness, good will and harmony prevailed throughout the entire visit. The model home life in the establishment surprised us all when we consider the difference in age, and the homes from which they come. To be able to harmonize so great and varied a number in such a way as to furnish all the elements necessary for a veritable home for so many under the same roof is simply marvelous.

OUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE TEACHERS. They all seem to have taken lessons from their Principal in their gentlemanly and dignified manner, as well as in their devotion to their work and personal interest in the advancement of each pupil under them. Here we believe is one of the secrets of the great success of the Institute.

The harmonious action and alacrity with which each cooperated and planned with the others under the direction of their able leader were an object lesson in themselves. Of course this is largely due to the wonderful tact and very close oversight exercised by him over all, and his fatherly care for his boys, which they soon learn to look for and appreciate.

But it pains us to see him working seventeen hours of each twenty-four and shortening thus his years of service for the church and to his people. No man can thus draw upon his vitality constantly and hope to reach a ripe old age. Such a valuable man as he has proven himself to the cause should seek to prolong his service as many years as possible.

OUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE WORK AS SHOWN BY THE EXAMINATIONS. Briefly, it is enthusiastic, practical and thorough. The amount of ground covered during the year in the twenty-eight or thirty studies
in which the boys were examined will compare favorably with any institution. Both the matter and methods employed are excellent because modern and practical.

The evidence of cramming for examinations were conspicuous for their absence. A special effort on the part of the teachers to inspire confidence in each pupil that he could do something well in all his studies was evident.

A healthy spirit of rivalry without envy existed, which added interest to the examinations in all the classes. This was so sharp in Calligraphy and Drawing as to make it very difficult to determine who should have the prizes. For the former the first prize fell to Nicolás Jaime and the second to David González; Benjamín Lucio won the prize for drawing. Celso Robles, though eldest of all, was awarded the prize of honor for the best conduct during the year, because so nearly perfect.

**Our Impressions of the Closing Entertainment.** As intended, it proved the climax of all that we saw and heard. The music by the quartet and the choruses by the boys were par exel lent. The literary efforts of the aspirants for this prize were of a high order. Nicolás Jaime easily won it by his forceful and well delivered address on "The religion of the Future". He is destined to become a fine speaker, if he continues to cultivate his gift in the right direction.

The chairman of the committee had the pleasure of delivering diplomas to David González for having finished the Comercial course and to Mateo Chagoyan for having completed the Higher course of study. Also Wesley Ciro. Gamboa, Leopoldo Adam, Luis Torregrosa, Florentino Landa and Nicolás Jaime received diplomas for having finished the Primary Course. The first two are sons of ministers.

The fine and practical discourse on education by Bro. Baez fitted well in its place on the excellent program, and was highly appreciated by all.

**Our Impressions of the Building and Apparatus.** We are profoundly grateful to God that the Methodist Mission has a building so well adapted to its purpose as the one at Querétaro. But the imperative need of finishing the other rooms that are in process of construction is very great indeed. The dining-room is pressed into service for classes, also. Some of the recitation rooms are so small as to make them crowded and inconvenient.

This conference should take decided steps toward hastening the completion of these rooms by next June, when the rains begin.
More class-room apparatus is needed too, along with a good Library and Reading Room. Let us help to provide them for this worthy developer and early trainer of our future workers.

The exquisite attentions and hospitality received by the committee from Bro. and Sister Velasco, added to the pleasure of our visit, as all former committees can testify. Truly Bro. Velasco has a help meet after Solomon's own heart in his capable wife. May they long live to fill their important and useful sphere. And may the great M. E. Church learn to appreciate more and more fully these faithful servants and the work they are doing.

F. P. Lawyer.
V. D. Baez.
Effa M. Dunmore.

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION.

Deeply appreciating the noble life of ministry lived by Mrs. H. A. Bassett among us for six years, the ladies of the W. F. M. S. express their grief because of her removal by death, and reverently lift our hearts in gratitude to the Heavenly Father for loaning us such a life which shall long continue to be to each of us an impulse to unselfish living.

Anna R. Limburger,
Carrie M. Purdy,
Ida Bohannon,

Harriett L. Ayres,
Effa Dunmore,
Laura Temple.

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PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORT.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations—"

Dear Brethren:

How impossible of fulfillment this command of our Master without the aid of the printing press—we all well know. Coincident with our missionary activity of the present day, we have the printing press, brought to its maximum of efficiency: not only is the gospel printed and scattered throughout every land—but by photographic illustration the very fields and faces of our co-laborers throughout Latin America are brought before our eyes—and we have come to
feel that we are one common family, with one common object—that of carrying out this last injunction of our Divine Master.

Yes, the great enterprise of the Church—the last thing talked about with His Disciples before our Lord ascended into heaven, was the giving of the gospel to all the people, and we are grateful to have some humble part in this great work.

Our books and papers have been sent, during the past year, to every State and Territory of the Republic, with the exception of Lower California,—from beyond the Rio Grande to Chili and Argentine on the South, and from Puerto Rico on the East to the Phillipine Islands on the West. We have just sent a consignment of our new Discipline to Bro. Stuntz, for the use of our brethren in those Islands.

"EL ABOGADO CRISTIANO."

We have printed 2,450 copies weekly of our Illustrated Abogado Cristiano. This number will have to be increased to 2,500 this year.

Three special editions were issued during the year, viz: New Year’s number, Wesley Memorial number, and Mexican Independence number. These special numbers were widely circulated, and called forth generous and favorable comment from Mexican and foreign exchanges. In many cases their excellent and original material was copied and given larger circulation by other papers. The paid subscriptions of El Abogado have been steadily increasing. We want to thank the Presiding Elders and Pastors for their help in making collections in their respective fields—and to ask their cooperation during the coming year.

We cannot leave the subject of our Weekly without mentioning the indefatigable efforts of Bro. Valderrama to place El Abogado in the very first rank of religious weeklies. How well he has succeeded, we leave to the Conference to judge. An encouraging feature has been the constant and able co-laboration of many of our workers, thus holding up the hands of Bro. Valderrama. It gives me pleasure to thank you all in the name of the Redacción and Administración for your cooperation.

"HOJAS BERENANAS."

We are now publishing 600 Teachers Quarterly and 2,500 Lesson Leaves. The number of Quarterly has almost doubled during the year. Besides supplying our own Conference, we are sending a considerable number to the Conferences of Chili, Argentine and Puerto Rico, and to the States of New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and
California. Dr. Borton has done a great deal of original work in the preparation of the Lessons, and testinomies of. their popularity have come to us from Sunday Schools far and near.

Aside from our regular publications we have printed books and tracts, among which are the following: a New Edition of the Discipline and Ritual, new edition of Hymnal; Conference Minutes, Spanish and English, 160,000 tracts, etc. amounting in all to 5,368,980 pages of evangelical literature. Among other works of our Press we might mention 4 books printed for the Government: 3 for the Arqueological Dept. of the Republic and 1 for the Minister of Finance.

We are glad to report substantial progress in the lifting of our Press debt. A debt of $1,000 with the Fundación Mexicana de Tipos, type and material, was paid off, also an account of $2,000 with G. O. Braniff & Cia. for Abogado paper of former years was paid. The press enters the current year with all running expenses practically paid, and with comparatively little increase of our overdraft on the treasurer, notwithstanding the payment of the above mentioned $3,000. We thank God for His goodness to us, and His blessing upon our work last year—and are looking forward with great hope for the future.

JNO. S. TURNER,
Pub. Agt.

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EDUCATION.

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  Querétaro ........................... 25.00
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  Puebla, Mexican .................... 16.10
  Guanajuato, English ................. 50.00
  Pachuca, " .......................... 25.00 164.48
  Children's Day ...................... 65.25
  Hidalgo District .................... 36.00
  Atzacan ................................ 2.00

Total ................................ $381.98

Loans as follows.

Alfonso Hernández ....................... 30.00
Juan Nestor Hernández, loaned Oct. 1902 40.00 70.00
  but not entered until now ...........

Total ................................ $311.98

J. W. BULTER.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE FUND FOR
CONFERENCE CLAIMENTS FOR 1904.

MR. PRESIDENT:

DEAR BRETHREN:

The following is a detailed account of the receipts and expendi-ditures for the year.

CREDITS.

Dividend from Publishing House ........ $240.00
Collected in the last Conference ........ 100.00
Central District Assessment ............ 401.00
Hidalgo " " ........................... 103.00
Mountain " " .......................... 61.00
Oaxaca " " ............................ 42.00
Durazaba " " .......................... 55.00

Total ................................ $1002.64
DEBITS.

Last year's deficit. ........................................... $ 24 92
Paid to Mr. Gabriel Rumbia .................................. 75 00
" " the widow Gamboa ........................................ 240 00
" " " " Palacios ............................................. 120 00
" " " " Rodriguez ............................................ 120 00
" " " " Fernandez ............................................ 120 00
" " " " Tovar .................................................. 120 00
" " " " orphan Castillo ....................................... 120 00
For the preservation of the tombs of our preachers .... 10 00

Total. ..................................................... $ 949 00

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS.

Credits .................................................. $ 1002 64
Debits .................................................... 949 92

Cash on hand ........................................... 52 72

Puebla January the 22nd 1904.

Respectfully submitted.

P. Flores Valderrama.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY
FOR SCHOOLS.

MR. PRESIDENT:

DEAR BRETHREN:

According to one of the recommendations of the Committee on Education of last year, a Secretary was elected to gather the Statistics of the days Schools of this Conference, and on this occasion I consider myself honored in presenting this report.

As our schools do not all have the same classification of courses, it has been very difficult for me to get a complete and perfect report; this is due also to the fact that many of the teachers have not sent me their reports and I have been receiving some of them during the Days of the Conference.
The principal data are the following:

Schools of all Grades ........................................... 46
Registered in the Kindergartens...Boys: 451. Girls: 378
Registered in the Primary Schools „ 1066. „ 1012
Registered in the Intermediate
   Schools. .................. „ 61. „ 138
Registered in the Grammar Schools „ 14.
Registered in the High Schools... „ 10. „ 67
Registered in the Commercial
   Courses .................. „ 10 „ 2
Registered in the Theological
   School. .................. „ 5 „
Total registration .................. 1817. 1597
Grand total. ........................................... 3414
Average daily attendance .............. 2236
Number of students examined .......... 2234
Number of students passing in their examinations ...... 1953
Total number of Teachers and Principalss. .... 127
Total number of students belonging to evangelical families .. 784
Expenses of the four higher Institutions and a few of the Pri-
   mary Schools .................. „ 78,150,79
Self Support of the same. .................. 18,542,72

Respectfully submitted,

Vicente Mendoza, Secr.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. President:

Dear Brethren:

The Church being the visible Body of Christ according to the
Divine Word, the question of its State or condition is a matter of
greatest importance.

It ought to be a source of gratification, therefore, to us to learn,
as we have from the reports of our Presiding Elders and the res-
pective pastors that its present condition is one of force and vigor.
If in earlier years our confidence in our theme, "The world for
Christ" was so great, despite the lack of strength during those early
days, it ought, certainly, to be greater now in the presence of so many evidences of growing power. If this strength continues to increase, as it certainly will, there can be no doubt, in the not distant future, we shall see realized the hope expressed, by our dear brother Dr. A. B. Leonard, whose visit has been such a blessed inspiration to us all. He said, it will be remembered, that he looked forward to the day when Mexico would sustain her own Church, and then extend a helping hand to other nations. Some of our principal churches now are fully self supporting. If others follow their good example, as they doubtless will, we ought soon to see fully solvent, the difficult problem of self support in our Mission.

Let us make a few comparisons between the present state of the Church and that of its earlier years. Then we had but few schools. Now thousands of children receive their education at the hands of our thoroughly trained teachers in the blessed atmosphere of a Christian influence. Then we had no Colleges. Now everybody knows the prestige and feels the power of our educational Institutions, both those for young men and those for young women, whose graduates are preferred in many instances for important positions in Government schools not more because of their thorough training, than because of their high moral characters.

Then we had not learned of the power of Medicine as an evangelizing agent when so used by a thoroughly trained had consecrated Christian physician. Now many more than 5000 are being treated annually in our 3 dispensaries. Then we had few Temperance Societies and Sunday Schools, and of course, no Epworth Leagues. Now the light from great and small temperance gatherings is finding its way to many homes teaching the ill effect of alcohol, and our Press, Sunday Schools and Leagues are carrying Gospel light and power to many other homes and teaching the youth of Mexico the value of united effort in good works. Oh, that the time may soon come when an open Bible may be found in every home and that in every heart an altar may be erected to our Christ and the spiritual worship. Then we did not have such frequent revivals. Now especially since the memorable visit of Bishop Joyce, whose Conference was a real Pentecost to many of us, the genuine revival fire is extending more and more, and may we not reasonably hope that this year every member of our Conference, because of renewed consecration to Christ, will see the glory of God in the sanctification of believers and the conversion of multitudes who now are deceived by the errors of Rome.
In the presence of such facts and prospects we ought to thank God for mercifully giving us a part, however humble, in a work that will stand when all material things have disappeared.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. C. Cartwright.
Miguel Rojas.
Vicente Mendoza.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
CIRCULATION OF BIBLES AND TRACTS.

Recognizing that the Word of God contains all that is necessary to obtain the salvation of our souls and also recognizing the fact that much good has been accomplished and much helpful instruction has been imparted by means of religious tracts, we make the following suggestions:

1. Each pastor ought to obtain from our publishing house or from the American Bible Society a large number of all kinds and sizes of Bibles and Testaments to be sold to those who are able to pay for them or to be given to the poor who may be interested in the subject of religion. The address of the agent of the American Bible Society is H. P. Hamilton, San Juan de Letran No. 4, Ciudad de Mexico.

2. We recommend to our day-school teachers that they distribute to their scholars, tracts and other religious literature at least once each month. We urge that this method of disseminating truth be given a thorough trial.

3. We recommend that all our pastors always take with them a number of tracts and testaments when they start out to make pastoral visits from house to house. If this kind of religious literature is scattered freely and the blessing of God is asked upon it we are sure that it will produce thirty, sixty or a hundred-fold in the fruitage of immortal souls.

H. A. Basrett.
P. V. Espinosa.
P. Constantino.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

MR. PRESIDENT,

DEAR BRETHREN:

The notable impulse which during the last few years, the cause of education has been receiving in all parts of our country, should interest us very much in order that the great assistance now being given by our church to the progress of humanity may be the most acceptable possible, in order to assure the noblest future for our brothers and fellow-citizens.

Although the brilliant reports giving by our Presiding Elders are very interesting, and to our entire satisfaction, as regards the educational work, we must confess, nevertheless, that while it is true that ten years ago our schools were the equals of the government schools in every state, today some of our schools are beginning to take a secondary rank in comparison with the state institutions.

In view of this, and with the report of your Committee of last year to inspire us, we have the honor to submit the following resolutions:

First: That we do all possible to celebrate each two years at least an Educational Convention, in which to present pedagogical work, discuss and adopt the best methods of instruction, unify and harmonize our methods in all essentials, and obtain as a result, that all our teachers be abreast of the times in the great intellectual movement that is sweeping over our land today.

Second: The appointing of a Secretary of Statistics is of much importance for the obtaining of fuller data, and for the stimulating of our teachers by the publication of a report in which shall be noted the result of his labors: for these reasons we recommend that the Conference continue nominating such a Secretary from year to year.

Third: As our schools are the principal centers for the moralizing of our youth, for the fomenting of our work and for the education of the future members of the Church, it is desirable, and we recommend, that preferably, we employ only Christian instructors.

Fourth: The religious education should be imparted with careful zeal, and should consist not only in the daily chapel services and the prayer meetings, and League reunions, but also in something more personal and practical embracing the fundamental principles of Christianity.
Fifth: The day schools should worthily cooperate in the great work of the church, of the Sunday School and the Epworth League. It is to be desired that the teachers will do all in their power to induce their pupils to become attendants and members of the church.

Sixth: In order to maintain the proper limits of independence, and to the end that our ministers may always have the greatest influence among our students, we recommend that in our higher institutions, our preachers shall not sustain the relation of Professors.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. Borton.
E. Zapata.
V. D. Baez.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. President and Brethren:

The commission which you have named to study the very important question of Sabbath Observance, has endeavored to give its best thought to the study of the matter.

We are compelled to report that the habit of breaking the Lord’s Day in Mexico is very general. In most of the towns of the country not only is every kind of business transacted on that day, but it is also the one great market day. This general custom of violating the sanctity of the Lord’s Day is not only pernicious and criminal, but is a very serious obstacle in the way of the evangelization of the people.

We deplore the fact that there are many persons among the evangelical families who do not keep strictly the day of rest, as it is ordered in the law of God.

In view of such conditions, we present the following recommendations.

First. That no probationer be received into full connection with the church until the pastor in charge is satisfied that the candidate is a faithful observer of the Lord’s Day, as far as lies within his power.

Second. That on the first Sunday of each quarter the pastor preach on this very important subject.

Third. That the committee on tracts see that suitable literature be provided.
Fourth, That the Conference urge the importance of this matter upon the editors of the "Abogado Cristiano"; so that from time to time articles may be published relative to this very important theme.

Respectfully submitted,

B. N. Velasco,
Enr. W. Adams,
Saml. Quickmire.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren:

The principles and practices of Temperance are as abiding as the Gospel itself and in truth are a part of the Gospel. They should therefore be always present with every Christian.

But there are in the case of Temperance as in those of the other interests of the Gospel, times and seasons especially favorable for their promotion. We judge the present to be a specially favorable time for our pastors and people to press upon the public attention the interests of temperance for the following reasons; to wit:

1st. Because the greatest organization God has yet sent into this world for the propagation of temperance has its Agent among us in the person of our dear sister Fields.

2nd. Because she and those who have cooperated with her have really gotten a movement started in which not only Protestant Missions, but the secular press and the Government are taking the most important part.

3d. Because the example of what others are doing is both helpful to us and inspiring to our people.

4th. Because much useful literature both for reading and for singing is just now being issued from the press and greater results can be gotten by its fullest use while yet new than after it has grown old.

We therefore most earnestly recommend to our pastors and people the use of every means for the advance of both a knowledge of temperance and the implanting of its practices. Special sermons on the subject and more numerous than usual would be proper. Stimulating the work in the form of temperance societies of every sort is good. Particular attention to regular temperance instruction in our schools is important, and
in this relation especially it is well to remember that getting the children themselves to sing temperance will impress it more deeply upon their spirit and future practices than any other form of instruction. None should be deceived into imagining that solo or chorus singing by any limited number of pupils can at all compare in importance with having all the children sing temperance together day in and day out.

And lastly we recommend very earnestly the raising of a collection in every pastorate to help Mrs. Fields in her great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Levi B. Salmans.
J. T. Ruiz.
S. I. López.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELF SUPPORT.

Mr. President and Brethren:

Your Committee finds abundant reasons for rejoicing over the increased progress in this line of development of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico.

A comparison of collections this year and the last will enable us to realize more fully the growth in pastors’ support:

In 1902, they amounted to $9,006.00. In 1903, they reached $9,738.00 an increase of $732.00.

The figures are not only encouraging in that they show what has been done, but also in revealing to us the possibilities of the future under improved conditions and renewed efforts on the part of all our Presiding Elders, Pastors and all Church members.

Therefore your Committee respectfully wishes to recommend the following:

1. That all the Pastors seek the most complete cooperation possible on the part of the members of the Church, in their charges practicing the requirements of the Discipline and developing the people in this way.

2. That all needed instruction be given the churches regarding their duty and privilege of working toward self support as rapidly as possible.

3. That a strong effort be made to secure the aid of the Sunday schools in sharing with the church said privilege besides covering all their expenses in the way of supplies, etc.
4. That all pastors, teachers, and pupils of the day and boarding schools make a special effort to make a fine record in their department for the year 1904 toward this end.

5. That a unanimous effort be made to inculcate such a love for the cause of Christ and a joy in giving for its support that will hasten the day when the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico shall be placed upon a self-supporting basis to its own honor and joy as well as to cause to rejoice all those who have helped by their labors and means to bring about such a desirable end.

Respectfully submitted

Levi B. Salmons.
F. P. Lawyer.
José Rumbia.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mr. President,

Dear Brethren:

It seems that past recommendations from Sunday-school Committees in previous conferences have not been generally observed and that for that reason our Sunday-school work is not uniform throughout our conference. We call the attention of our pastors to the great importance of this department of our work and recommend to them the necessity of the study of the Bible by our people, for the word of God is the source of all strength, light and life, and helps to understand the preaching of the Gospel. If the superintendents and Sunday-school teachers want to teach the word efficiently they likewise must study it or their work will be useless. Every Sunday-school scholar expects to learn something new out of the Bible; and for that reason the Sunday-school teachers should be intensely spiritual and studious. Your committee, wishing that our Sunday-schools be a true centre of an efficient Bible teaching, begs to recommend:

1. That both superintendents and teachers study the lessons thoroughly, in order that being properly taught, the scholars may receive the necessary profit.

2. That superintendent and teachers insist on the home study of the lesson by the scholars, for the cases are not rare in
which the scholars are so indifferent in this respect that they
even forget to take the lesson paper to Sunday-school.
3. That where the black-board is used to teach the lesson,
the superintendents see that it is properly made use of, avoiding
any drawings that instead of conveying spiritual teachings
to the pupils be a cause of division.
4. That this conference give Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, of
the International Sunday-school Association, a most hearty wel-
come and thank her for her indefatigable efforts to give us
during her stay among us the benefit of her experience in Sun-
day-school work. May the Lord bless her and her work for the
salvation of souls.
5. That this conference appoint one of its members to cor-
respond with the General Committee of the International Sun-
day-school Association to cooperate with them in the develop-
ment of the Sunday-school work in Mexico.
6. That our most sincere and hearty thanks be given to the
International Sunday-school Association for having sent in an
investigating and lecture tour one of its most estimable and
efficient workers, Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, assuring the said
association of our cooperation in everything it may be able to
do to help Sunday-school work in Mexico.

Respectfully submitted.

T. DEL VALLE.
LUCAS G. ALONSO.
JOSÉ CHÁVEZ.
In Memoriam

Jennie Sumner Bassett.

Jennie Sumner was born in the state of Illinois about thirty-seven years ago. When she was only a few years old her parents went to Iowa. In early childhood she was converted and the consecration she then made of herself was never withdrawn. Her preliminary education was acquired at Epworth Seminary in Iowa and from there she went to Cornell College, where she took a full classical course, graduating in 1892, at the head of a large class of fifty members. During her senior year Bishop Wm. Taylor visited the neighborhood, and under the influence of his sermons and addresses she recognized a divine call to missionary work. Under the circumstances it was natural that her mind should at first lean toward Africa. For two years she was principal of the high school at Le Grand, Iowa, after which she was married to Harry Albert Bassett, a member of the Upper Iowa conference, who also was a candidate for missionary work. Wishing to be more fully equipped before going into the foreign field, Bro. Bassett decided upon a course in Drew Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in the spring of 1897. During his seminary course he supplied two different charges in the Newark conference, in both of which Mrs. Bassett proved herself a worthy and efficient helpmeet. Immediately after gradua-
tion they came to Mexico, where she devoted herself intelligently and heartily to the many duties which fall to the lot of a missionary's wife. She was "given to hospitality" in a generous sense, frequently accompanied her husband in pastoral visitations, used her pen in earnest pleas to the home-land, while her voice was not silent in prayer and testimony in the congregation. She had a quiet way of looking out and providing for the needs of the worthy poor, which before long led some of the more grateful to call her "the little mother of the poor." When the present year opened, so far as we knew, there was the promise of a long term of usefulness before Mrs. Bassett. But we had not reached the end of the first quarter, when we were advised that she was the victim of an insidious disease. The best medical and surgical skill within reach was consulted and a delicate operation was decided upon as necessary. Mrs. Bassett heard the decision and prepared for the trying ordeal with absolute calmness. The operation was successful, the patient recovered quickly and, for awhile, we indulged the hope that she might resume her accustomed duties in the home and the work. About three months after, however, the surgeons were baffled by new manifestations of her malady and recommended that she go at once to the Methodist hospital in Brooklyn, where it was thought that specialists and the best modern equipment might possibly check the trouble and prolong a useful life. Again Mrs. Bassett manifested great fortitude, made another effort for life, and in a week's time, accompanied by one of the ladies of the W. F. M. S., she was en route to Brooklyn. A few days after her arrival another operation was successfully performed, and for awhile our courageous patient rallied and hope revived, but alas! it was only for a brief period. For in a little over a month the dreadful cancer gave unmistakable signs of spreading through the system with its fatal consequences. Hence the physicians were obliged to advise her that human skill was exhausted, and that she had but a little while to live. Mrs. Bassett had doubtless anticipated the verdict. With her usual serenity she said to her husband "Take me back to Mexico. Let me see my children and my Mexican friends." Whether she expressed it or not, she doubtless also thought of being laid to rest beside the little grave which contained the precious dust of her baby boy, who had died three years ago. Then followed a few days of preparation and the long and trying journey from New York to Mexico City, where she arrived at noon on Nov. 15. All the inconveniences of the journey, including a
detention of sixteen hours of quarantine at San Antonio, Texas, were bravely endured without murmuring, and her friends and little ones were greeted with loving smiles by the patient though great sufferer. To all of us it was apparent that we could watch and serve her only for a little time. Two days later we thought her slipping away from us, but she rallied a little and remained three days longer. She was conscious almost to the last hour and never once lost her courage, her calmness, or her hope. The day before her departure she summoned different members of our mission circle to say a few words and bid them good-by. Whether speaking to those present or about those absent, she expressed her love for each. To the writer she said: "I had hoped I might live and work many years in the Mexican mission, but God knows best, and I do love these dear Mexican people." She had learned the true secret of success to perfection. Love redeemed the race and love alone will enable the missionary to reach the individual member of the race when and wherever found. While we were thus talking Mrs. Basset asked to see Señora Valderrama, wife of one of the Mexican presiding-elders, who was in an adjoining room. She immediately entered and took the hand extended to her in welcome. Our dying sister looked up with a smile and said, "Dear Emilia, I cannot live for Mexico, but I can die for Mexico." A little later she asked to see the writer's wife for the second time. As Mrs. Butler approached the bedside, she took her hand, drew her down to her, kissed her twice on the cheek, twice on the hand, and then, as her face was shining, "as it had been the face of an angel," she said, "Dear Sara, that is all till we meet in the New Jerusalem." Of her tender words to husband and children, as well as her expressions concerning their welfare, we will not speak. Suffice it for the readers of this brief sketch to know how this noble woman loved the work to which she felt divinely called, and to remember in their prayers the precious cause for which she could not live, but for which she could, in peace and triumph, die.—J. W. B.
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1900. J. W. BUTLER, J. M. EUROZA. Lay Delegate, ANGEL CABRERA.
1904. J. W. BUTLER, J. M. EUROZA. Lay Delegate, MISS JUANA PALACIOS.

NECROLOGICAL TABLE.

The present list includes the names of all the Ministers and W. F. M. S. workers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico, who have died while in the regular work, whether before or since the organization of the Annual Conference.

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### Names of Charges.  
Name of Pastor.  
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Araipango:  
- Agustín Rivera  
- E. W. Adam  
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- I. C. Cartwright  
- H. A. Bassett  
- F. Mauríquez  
- E. W. Gould  
- Vicente Mendoza  
- F. S. Burton  
- José Chavez  
- F. P. Lawyer  
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- Jorge Corroza  
- José T. Ruiz  
- Carlos M. Amador  
- L. M. Díaz  
- L. G. Alonso  
- Eduardo Zapata  
- Carles M. Amador  
- Santiago I. López  
- M. L. Fermosell  
- Néstor Mercado  
- Néstor Mercado  
- David Verdúezco  

### CENTRAL DISTRICT.  
- **Pastor’s Support:**  
  - Apportioned: $204  
  - Received: $52  
  - Total: $256  
- **Support of Bishops:**  
  - Apportioned: $32  
  - Collected: $12  
  - Total: $44  
- **Conf. Claimants:**  
  - Other: $32  
  - Other: $10  

### Hidalgo District.  
- **El Chico:**  
  - Carlos M. Amador  
  - **Pastor’s Support:**  
    - Apportioned: $724  
    - Received: $61  
    - Total: $785  
- **Support of Bishops:**  
  - Apportioned: $59  
  - Collected: $59  
  - Total: $118  

### MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.  
- **Apizaco:**  
  - Ignacio D. Chagoyán  
  - **Pastor’s Support:**  
    - Apportioned: $70  
    - Received: $20  
    - Total: $90  

### Oaxaca District.  
- **Cuilatlán:**  
  - Miguel Ríojas  
  - **Pastor’s Support:**  
    - Apportioned: $224  
    - Received: $42  
    - Total: $266  

### ORIZABA DISTRICT.  
- **Acatlan:**  
  - A. M. Avila  
  - **Pastor’s Support:**  
    - Apportioned: $72  
    - Received: $15  
    - Total: $87  

### RECAPITULATION.  
- **Central District:**  
  - Received: $7385  
  - Apportioned: $6264  
  - Total: $13549  
- **Hidalgo District:**  
  - Received: $1188  
  - Apportioned: $1306  
  - Total: $2494  
- **Mountain District:**  
  - Received: $118  
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- **Oaxaca District:**  
  - Received: $266  
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- **Orizaba District:**  
  - Received: $8724  
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  - Total: $13549  

- **Central District:**  
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| Huejutla           | 5         |           | 5         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Nezahualpopán      | 26        | 19        | 45        | 8         |           |           |           |           |
| Pachuca            | 6         | 6         | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |
| Real del Monte     | 4         | 1         | 4         | 2         |           |           |           |           |
| San Agustín        | 10        | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Teotitlán          | 2         | 2         | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Tlaxco             | 4         | 4         | 5         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Zacualtitan        |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| **Total**          | 69         | 26        | 95        | 27        |           |           |           |           |

| **Mountain District** |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Apizaco            | 5         | 5         | 10        | 3         |           |           |           |           |
| Atlixco            | 1         | 1         | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Cholutla           | 4         | 2         | 6         | 2         |           |           |           |           |
| Chiquila and Atzala | 4         | 5         | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |
| San Martín         | 10        | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Tepetlac           | 4         | 4         | 8         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Teziutlan          | 2         | 1         | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Tlaxcoa            | 5         | 5         | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |
| Xochipulco         | 5         | 5         | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |
| Zacaola and San Pablo | 4         | 4         | 8         |           |           |           |           |           |
| **Total**          | 41        | 31        | 72        | 19        |           |           |           |           |

| **Oaxaca District** |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Cuitláuca          | 2         | 2         | 4         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Oaxaca             | 15        | 15        | 3         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Huixtla            | 3         | 2         | 5         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Soledad            | 4         | 4         | 8         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Zacualta           | 4         | 4         | 8         |           |           |           |           |           |
| **Total**          | 28        | 24        | 32        | 7         |           |           |           |           |

| **Orizaba District** |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Atzaca             | 21        | 15        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Huatusco           | 5         | 5         | 10        |           |           |           |           |           |
| Orizaba and Río Blanco | 30        | 30        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Tierra Blanca      | 5         | 5         | 10        |           |           |           |           |           |
| Tuxtepec           | 10        | 10        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |
| **Total**          | 71        | 71        | 21        | 19        |           |           |           |           |

| **Recapitulation** |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Central District   | 423       | 185       | 698       | 85        | 181       | 84        | 2         | 299       |
| Hidalgo District   | 606       | 27        | 29        | 4         | 4095      | 370       | 49        | 424       |
| Mountain District  | 853       | 12        | 184       | 29        | 370       | 40         | 18        | 424       |
| Oaxaca District    | 636       | 159       | 154       | 18        | 4095      | 370       | 49        | 424       |
| Orizaba District   | 1852      | 154       | 184       | 29        | 4095      | 370       | 49        | 424       |
| **Total 1913**     | 622       | 218       | 889       | 159       | 154       | 154       | 18        | 424       |
| **Total 1912**     | 719       | 162       | 947       | 141       | 154       | 154       | 18        | 424       |
| **Increase**       | 87        | 1         | 12        | 48        | 3002      | 33        | 2         | 118       |
| **Decrease**       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |