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TWENTY SECOND SESSION

OF THE

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3.—Self-Support: H. A. Bassett, P. V. Espinosa, P. Constantino.
4.—Sabbath Observance: E. W. Gould, Tomas Garcia, Jose Chavez.
6.—Circulation of Bibles and Tracts: J. M. Euroza, A. Carreño, N. Mercado.
8.—State of the Church: P. F. Valderrama, F. P. Lawyer, Jose Rumbia.
9.—Conference Relations: B. N. Velasco, F. E. McGuire, E. W Adam.
11.—Finances: Presiding Elders and Treasurer of Mission.
12.—Auditors: F. S. Borton, Miss H. L. Ayres, H. A. Bassett.
14.—Visitors to Mexico Methodist Institute: Miguel Rojas, Vicente Mendoza, H. A. Bassett.
15.—**Visitors to Querétaro Institute**: E. Zapata, A. M. Avila, Miss Laura Temple.

16.—**Visitors to the Conference Medical Work**: P. F. Valderrama, J. P. Hauser, F. E. McGuire.

17.—**To Preach the Missionary Sermon**: Jose Rumbia.
   Alternate, H. A. Bassett.

18.—**To Preach the Conference Sermon**: F. E. McGuire
   Alternate, Tomás García.

19.—**To Preach the Sermon on Education**: V. D. Baez.
   Alternate, F. S. Borton.


RULES OF ORDER

ARTICLE 1. After the customary religious excercises, 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 as 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.
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

Thursday morning, February 1, 1906.

The twenty-second session of the Mexico Annual Conference convened in the Methodist Church in Orizaba, February 1, 1906, at 9 a.m., Bishop David H. Moore presiding. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by the Bishop, after which the Secretary of the last conference called the roll which showed thirty-six members present.

Secretaries: H. A. Bassett was re-elected English Secretary and I. D. Chagoyán, the Spanish. J. P. Hauser was re-elected Statistical Secretary and he named as his assistants, F. E. McGuire and Jorge Osorio.

Bar of Conference: The first five rows of seats in the front of the church were constituted the bar of the Conference.

Invited within bar: The ladies of the W F. M. S., the wives of missionaries, all visiting ministers, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs Audrews, Miss Robinson and Rev. Arthur Wirt Lowther of Dwight, Ill., were invited to sit within the bar.

Reporter: Eduardo Zapata was elected official reporter.

Treasurer: John W. Butler was elected Conference Treasurer.

Hours of Sessions: The hours of the sessions were fixed as follows: from 9 to 12:30 a.m., the first one-half hour to be devoted to a religious service.
The Conference instructed the secretary to send a telegram of sympathy to J. M. Euroza—one of the Presiding Elders who was detained at home on account of sickness.

In the list of Standing Committees, the name of E. W. Gould was substituted for T. del Valle and the name of F. S. Borton was substituted for that of J. M. Euroza.

The following persons were presented to the Conference by the Bishop: Misses A. R. Limberger, Ella Payne, Laura Temple, and Robinson, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Andrews, Rev. A. W. Lowther, E. M. Sein and Mrs. J. P. Hauser.

Dr. P. F. Valderrama addressed the Conference on the subject, "The Use and the Abuse of Money."

The Eastern District was called and the characters of the following elders were passed: S. I. Lopez, Presiding Elder, E. W. Adam and Norberto Mercado. The Presiding Elder then read his report and the other members reported their collections.

P. F. Valderrama moved to suppress all applause during the Conference session. Carried.

The Mexico District was called and the characters of the following were passed: John W. Butler, P. E., H. A. Basset, L. G. Alonzo, I. D. Chagoyán, E. W. Gould, Vicente Mendoza, F. E. McGuire, F. S. Borton and Eduardo Carrero.

The Presiding Elder then read his report and the other members reported their collections.

The rules of order of the previous Conference were adopted for use in the present.

The Conference instructed the Secretary to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. T. del Valle.

Pedro Flores Valderrama, President of the Mexico Methodist Institute read his annual report.
The Conference fixed Saturday morning at 10:30 as the time for the hearing of the reports of the W. F. M. S. schools.

H. A. Bassett, P. E., P. Constantino and J. T. Ruiz were called and their characters passed. The Presiding Elder then read his report.

The Bishop announced the receipt of the Book Concern Draft for $236. The conference ordered the draft signed by the President and secretary and placed in the hands of the board of stewards. M. G. Treviño was introduced and pronounced the benediction.

Thursday night

At 7:30 the conference sermon was preached by P. Vilches Espinosa.

Friday morning

February 2, 1906

The devotional service at 9 a. m. was conducted by B. N. Velasco.

At 9:30 the Bishop called for the reading of the minutes.

The Bishop named as the Committee on resolutions, Vicente Mendoza, F. E. McGuire and E. W. Adam.

The Conference voted that a Committee be appointed to write a letter of sympathy to Bishop Wilson on the death of his son. Bishop Moore named as the committee, J. W. Butler, P. F. Valderrama and V D. Baez.
The Public Worship Committee reported the program for the Conference. Adopted.

Rev. E. M. Sein, National Sunday School Secretary, gave an address on the "History and Benefits of Sunday Schools."

The Conference voted to instruct the Presiding Elders to put in a special collection for Sunday Schools in the list of Conference assignments.

One, two and three were answered in the negative.

When question four was asked, "Who have been received on trial?" the following persons were duly recommended by their respective quarterly conferences, and after the examining committee had reported satisfaction they were admitted into the Conference on trial: Epigmenio Velasco, Gorgonio Cora and Magdaleno Constantino. All these brethren presented in writing answers to the disciplinary questions concerning debts and tobacco.

M. G. Treviño of the Baptist Church of Texas presented his ordination papers as an Elder in the Baptist Church. The Conference appointed the committee on Conference Relations as a special committee to confer with Mr. Treviño concerning his ministerial life and his reasons for desiring to leave the Baptist Church. After this committee had reported satisfaction and after Mr. Treviño had presented in writing that he had no embarrassing debts and would refrain from the use of tobacco and having answered the disciplinary questions for admission to the Conference, he was recognized as a local Elder.

The characters of the following preachers on the Mountain District were passed and they gave their reports: V. D. Baez, P. E., Eduardo Zapata, Pablo Aguilar, P. V. Espinosa and Carlos M. Amador.

The following were called on the Orizaba District and they presented their reports: Jose Rumbia, P. E. Plutarco Bernal and Miguel Rojas.
J. P. Hauser the Publishing Agent was called, and his character passed. J. S. Turner the Press Agent of last year read a report of the condition of the Press.

17 to 20 were all asked and answered in the negative.

**Question 22:** was asked, "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" Gabriel Rumbia was called, his character passed and he was placed on the list of superannuates.

**Question 23:** Who are the superannuated preachers? Gabriel Rumbia.

**Question 30:** Where shall the next Conference be held? Invitations were received from Pachuca and Mexico. The invitation of Pachuca was accepted.

F. S. Borton presented a resolution requesting the corresponding secretary of the mission to petition the Board of Bishops to change the date of our Conference from January to the first week in March. Adopted.

The report of the stewards was presented by P. F. Valderrama. Twenty-five dollars of the balance on hand was voted to complete the monument on the grave of Brother Fernández.

The conference requested the Board of Stewards to present a report on the condition of the graves of a number of ministers who died while in active service.

The stewards' recommendations for 1906 was accepted.

The Bishop named the preachers for the next annual Conference. The benediction was pronounced by I. C. Cartwright.
Friday night

At 7:30 p. m. the sermon on Education was preached by J. P. Hauser.

Saturday morning

February 3, 1906.

The devotional service at 9 a. m. was conducted by Leví B. Sal- mans after which the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

J. M. Euroza of Oaxaca sent words of appreciation for the sympathy extended to him by the Conference.

P. F. Valderrama moved that the Board of Stewards be authorized to repair the monuments or place new ones on the graves of T. del Valle, Hipólito Martínez and Manuel Fernández.

The committee on aggressive evangelism was continued as last year with only two changes, viz; the native pastor in Mexico City in place of T. del Valle and W. A. Price in place of N. F. Morton.

The Conference list was called and each member indicated the number of copies of the minutes desired.

was called and the characters of J. M. Euroza, P. E. and Agustin Rivera were passed and their reports received. In the absence of the Presiding Elder on account of illness, his report was read by I. D. Chagoyán.

Mrs. F. S. Hamilton, the agent of the American Bible Society in this country, addressed the conference on plans of Bible study. Mr. Fernández a Bible colporteur and Mr. Harris of Orizaba were introduced.
The Conference extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hamilton for her paper and requested it for publication in El Abogado Cristiano.

The reports of the W F. M. S. schools were presented at 10:30.

Misses Smith, Allen and Hollister, teachers in the Sarah L. Keen college, were presented to the Conference.

**Question 7:**

Who are admitted into full membership?

Carlos M. Amador was called; the committee on examinations reported satisfaction as did also the committee on Conference relations. The Conference then voted to admit him into full membership and elected him to Deacons Orders.

**Question 8:**

What members are in the studies of the third year?

Pablo Aguilar was called. The committee on examinations reported all grades satisfactory except in study of Discipline. The Conference voted to continue Pablo Aguilar in the studies of the third year with the privilege of passing the examinations of the fourth year at the next annual Conference.

**Question 10:**

Who have completed the Conference course of studies?

Tomas Garcia was graduated and elected to Elders Orders. E. W. Gould and J. P. Hauser were graduated. Miguel Rojas was left in the studies of the fourth year.

Northern District:

was called and the characters of F P. Lawyer P E., Jose Chavez, L. B. Salmans, Tomas Garcia, I. C. Cartwright and B. N. Velasco were passed. The Presiding Elder read his report.

Adjournment: Moved and carried that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 p. m.

The doxology was sung end the benediction was pronounced by Jose Chavez.
Saturday afternoon

The afternoon session at 3 p. m. was called to order by P. F. Valderrama at the request of the Bishop who was detained in a cabinet meeting.

Temperance Column: Jose Chavez was re-elected editor of the temperance column of "El Abogado Cristiano."

Editor of Lesson Leaves: Edward Zapata was elected editor of the "Hojas Bereanas."

Reports: The following preachers on the Northern District reported collections: Tomás García, José Chávez and Gorgonio Cora. B. N. Velasco, President of the Queretaro Institute, presented his report.

Visiting Committee: I. C. Cartwright read the report of the Visiting Committee to the Queretaro Institute.

Reports: The following reports were presented:
Education by E. W. Adam.
Sabbath Observance by P. Constantino.
Temperance by José Chávez.
Circulation of Bibles by Miguel Rojas.
Sunday Schools by F. S. Borton.
State of the Church by L. G. Alonzo.
Self-support by José T. Ruiz.

Introduced: W. A. Price and wife of Mexico City were presented to the Conference.

Self-Support: Moved and carried that an attempt be made this year to raise the self-support of this mission from $85,000 to $100,000.

In honor of Juarez: V. D. Baez presented a resolution concerning the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. Benemerito Juarez. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote and the singing of the National Hymn.
F. S. Borton presented a resolution recommending that a committee be appointed by the Conference to visit the Medical Work of the Mission. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Aggressive Evangelism was read by V. D. Baez.

**Question 5:** Who have been continued on trial? Frank E. McGuire, Jorge Corona, Antonio Carrero and Jorge Osorio were called, characters passed and they were advanced to the studies of the second year. Agustin Rivera was called and character passed and he was left in the studies of the first year.

**Reports:** I. C. Cartwright reported collections for Leon and F. P. Lawyer for Silao.

**Question of Privilege:** F. S. Borton presented a resolution requesting the Missionary Board to grant John W. Butler a leave of absence of five months to attend the semi-centennial jubilee of the India Mission. (See resolution.) The Conference voted to start a fund to aid Dr. Butler with his expense and also as a mark of appreciation for his valuable services to the mission work in this land.

**Dr. Haven:** William I. Haven, Agent of the American Bible Society, and his daughter were introduced to the Conference. The Doctor gave a pleasing address and 12 were answered in the negative.

**Question 13** was asked and answered affirmatively.

**Question 25:** Who are the triers of appeals? P. F. Valderrama, B. N. Velasco, Jose Chavez, I. D. Chagoyán and Norberto Mercado.

**Statistics:** The statistical report was presented by J. P Hauser, (See tables at end of book.)

**Questions 26, 27 and 28** were asked and answered. (See list of Disciplinary Questions.)

**Question 8** was resumed: Petronilo Constantino was called and he was left in the studies of the 3rd year with the privilege of passing the studies of the 4th year at the next session of Conference.
The name of A. M. Avila having been overlooked, it was called and the character of Mr. Avila was passed.

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Plutarco Bernal read the report of the Visiting Committee to Mexico Methodist Institute.

Vicente Mendoza was reelected statistical Secretary of schools.

The standing committees for 1906 were read and approved.

The Conference voted to appoint a Committee to place some flowers on the graves of Abundio Tovar and Mr. Palacios. The Committee selected was Jose Rumbia and Eduardo Zapata.

E. W Adam was elected editor of the Epworth League Notes in El Abogado Cristiano.

Jorge Osorio was elected editor of the Junior League Notes of El Abogado Cristiano.

The Secretaries and the Publishing Agent were elected to publish the Minutes, and the English Minutes when published were to be the recognized proceedings of the Conference.

A Mexican woman from a little town named Zacuala who had walked many miles to be present at the Conference, was given the privilege of taking a collection to aid in the completion of the chapel which was in process of construction in her village. She received $48.00.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by L. G. Alonzo.
Sunday morning

At 9:30 the Conference Love-feast was conducted by I. D. Chagoyán.

At 11 o'clock the Bishop preached to a large congregation. His sermon was ably interpreted by F. S. Borton.

Sunday afternoon

February 3, 1906.

The afternoon session was begun at 3 o'clock with J. W. Butler in the chair.

Question 15: was taken up: Who have died? E. W. Adam presented a sketch of the life of T. del Valle who died December 30, 1905. F. S. Borton spoke of the life and character of Hipolito Martinez, a promising teacher who died in Tuxtepec. P. F. Valderrama spoke of the life of Simon Corona, a layman who was the chief supporter of our Church in Atzacan. Miss Eveline Smith of Mexico City sang a beautiful solo. At the conclusion of the memorial service the Bishop entered and took the chair. A vote of thanks was extended to Sr. Ladron de Guevara of whom Presiding Elder Euroza made mention in his report.

Resolutions: The Committee on resolutions presented its report which was adopted by a rising vote.

Adjournment: The Conference voted that after the approval of the minutes and the reading of the appointments the session should stand adjourned sine die.

The minutes were read and approved, a short address was given by the Bishop after which the appointments were read and the benediction was pronounced.

David H. Moore,
President.

H. A. Bassett,
Secretary.
PREGUNTAS DISCIPLINARIAS.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?—None.
2. Who have been readmitted?—None.
23. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?—None.
4. Who have been received on trial?
   (a) In studies of first year?—Magdaleno Constantino.—Gorgonio Cora.—Epigmenio Velasco.
   (b) In studies of third year?—None.
5. Who have been continued on trial?
   (a) In studies of first year?—Agustín Rivera.
   (b) In studies of second year?—Antonio Carrero—Jorge Corona—Frank E. McGuire—Jorge Osorio.
   (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?—Carlos M. Amador.
   (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously?—None.
8. What members are in studies of third year?
   (a) Admitted into full membership this year?—Carlos M. Amador.
   (b) Admitted into full membership previously?—Pablo Aguilar—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?—Tomas Garcia.
    (b) Elected and ordained Elders previously?—E. W. Gould—J. P. Hauser.
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?—None.
   (b) Under missionary rule?—None.
13. Was the character of each preacher examined?—This was attended to in open Conference, each name being called.
14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conference?—None.
15. Who have died?—Tranquilino del Valle.
16. Who have been located at their own request?—None.
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?—The orders of Manuel G. Treviño, an Elder in the Baptist Church in Texas, were recognized.
22. Who are the supernumerary preachers?—None.
23. Who are the superannuated preachers?—Gabriel Rumbia.
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?—$3019.27.
27. What are the claims on the conference fund?—$960.00.
28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?—$1079.46 applied under order of Conference.
29. Where are the preachers stationed?—See appointments.
30. Where shall the next Conference be held?—Pachuca, Hidalgo.
Mexico Conference Appointments.

President: Bishop David H. Moore, LL. D.

1906

Eastern District.

Justo M. Euroza, Presiding Elder.

Tulancingo, Hidalgo.

Acelotla. ........................................... .Juan Patiño, supply
Huauchinango ...................................... To be supplied
Huejutla ............................................. Alfonso Hernández, supply
San Agustín ........................................ To be supplied
Tehueltlán .......................................... To be supplied
Tezontepec ......................................... Enrique W. Adam
Tlacuilotepc ........................................ To be supplied
Tulancingo ......................................... Justo M. Euroza y Magdaleno Constantino
Villa Juárez ........................................ To be supplied
Zacualtipán ........................................ Norberto Mercado

México District.

J. W. Butler, Presiding Elder.

P. O. Mexico City, Mex, Apartado 2,291.

El Chico .............................................. To be supplied
El Oro, Mexican Work .............................. José Velasco
El Oro, English Work .............................. Frank E. McGuire
Ixtacalco ............................................ To be supplied
México, Mexican Work ............................. Vicente Mendoza and a supply
México, English Work .............................. To be supplied
Nextialpan .......................................... To be supplied
Orizaba, English Work ............................ To be supplied
Pachuca, Mexican Work ........................... I. D. Chagoyán
MORELOS DISTRICT

SEVERO I. LOPEZ, Presiding Elder.

Atlautla..............................S. I. Lopez
Ayapango..............................Leopoldo M. Diaz, supply
Chicoloapam y Coatlinchan.........Petronilo Constantino
Miraflor..............................Jorge A. Osorio
Nexpa.................................Hermenegildo Hernandez, supply
Tepalcuingo...........................Antonio B. Moreno, supply
Taltizapan............................Jose T. Ruiz

NORTHERN DISTRICT

FRANKLIN P. LAWYER, Presiding Elder.

Apartado 8, Silao, Guanajuato.

Celaya...............................Jose Chavez
Ciprés................................To be supplied
Cueramaro............................To be supplied
Guanajuato, Pardo Work............Eduardo Zapata
Guanajuato, San Francisco Work...Tomas Garcia
Guanajuato, Medical Work..........L. B. Salmans
Guanajuato, English Work..........To be supplied
Leon..................................I. C. Cartwright
Queretaro............................Vicente Osorio, supply
Salamanca............................Octaviano Torres, supply
Silao, Mexican Work..............Abraham M. Avila
Silao, English Work. F. P. Lawyer
Silao, Medical Work. Geo B. Hyde
Benjamin N. Velasco, President of the Queretaro Institute.
Gorgonio Cora, Professor.

OAXACA DISTRICT.

VICTORIANO D. BÁEZ, Presiding Elder.

Apartado 95, Oaxaca.

Cuicatlán Agustín Rivera
Cuyamecalco. Leopoldo A. García, supply
Huitzo Pablo Aguilar
Nazareno. Atilano Madrigal, supply
Oaxaca. V. D. Báez y Carlos Sánchez, supply
Zachila. Juan C. Martínez, supply

ORIZABA DISTRICT.

José Rumbia, Presiding Elder.

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Atzácacán and la Perla. Miguel Rosales
Huatusco and Centla. Plutarco Bernal
Orizaba and Río Blanco. José Rumbia
Tierra Blanca and Pantano. To be supplied
Tuxtepec ann Ojitlán. Abraham Delgado y Samuel Esparza

PUEBLA DISTRICT.

H. A. Bassett, Presiding Elder.

Apartado 159, Puebla.

Apizaco. Miguel Rojas and Angel Zambrano, supply
Atlixco. Miguel P. García, supply
Aurora. To be supplied
Chietla and Atzala. Lorenzo E. Martínez, supply
Cholula. To be supplied
Puebla English Work. To be supplied
Quiletla. To be supplied
San Bernabé. Santiago J. López
San Martín Texmelucan. Pascual V. Espinosa
San Pablo .................................. To be supplied
San Rafael ................................ To be supplied
Tetela ..................................... To be supplied
Teziutlán .................................. Raymundo I. Báez, supply
Tlancualpican ................................ To be supplied
Tlaxcala .................................... Jorge Corona
Tzompantepec ................................ To be supplied
Xochiapulco ................................ Carlos M. Amador
Zacaola ..................................... To be supplied

WOMANS' FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Guanajuato ................................ Misses C. E. and Rosalie Cook
Guanajuato, Evangelistic Work. Miss Effa Dunmore.
México ........................................ Misses Laura Temple, Grace
........................................ E. Hollister, Eveline Smith
........................................ and Harriet Allen.
México, Evangelistic Work ................ Miss H. L. Ayres.
Orizaba ...................................... Miss Alice Foster.
Pachuca ...................................... Misses Ida Bohannon and Helen
........................................ Hewitt.
Puebla ........................................ Misses Anna R. Limberger,
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........................................ Payne, Ethel B. Strawn.
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........................................ Pennington, Jessie M. Sees-
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*Names in italics are on trial.*

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EASTERN DISTRICT.

S. I. LOPEZ, P. E.

(Translation.)

BROTHER BISHOP AND DEAR BRETHREN:

The workers in the Eastern District, with profound reverence, thank the Lord for having permitted us to serve one more year of life, despite our own personal defects, honoring us with the lofty privilege of announcing His Gospel, and enabling us to work for the evangelization of this people.

The year 1905 brought us a priceless sense of the precious promise of the Holy Gospel and each day, as it fled, carried away the record of lack and negligence and we endeavored to remember the triumph realized in the struggle against error and were grateful that others could learn of the Saviour through our ministry. We have the pleasure to submit the following report to this Conference.

CIRCUIT OF ACELOTLA.—The members of the congregation are continuing, as ever, laboring to attain unto the knowledge of the love of God. The congregation is composed of poor people but they are happy and content for they know that their treasure is hid with Christ in God.

Brother Santiago J. Lopez has worked as usual, most devotedly attached to his work. The congregations in the District do not show great increase but the brethren are united and work actively in company with their Pastor to attain new conquests during the present year. The necessity for a new place in which to hold the services and the school exercises was very evident about the commencement of the year. Therefore, with the permission of the Presiding Elder, work was commenced on the construction of a little church which we had hoped would be finished by the end of last year. Unfortunately the crops were lost and our brethren could not carry out their purpose. Due to this instance the church was not finished and the congregation because of their poverty had to humbly seek the help of the Missionary Society.
CIRCUIT OF HUEJUTLA.—The field of operation in this circuit is vast and offers labor to all who would take part.

Because of the lack of Ministers the circuit has remained idle during the year. As far as possible the Presiding Elder and the Pastor at Zacualtipan have attended to the conduct of the services. In the greater part of the villages we have brethren who are full of faith and love toward God. The Lord makes use of His faithful sons to carry the truth into the world. We will give one case of many which we met with. At Xochicoatlan there is a member who had served the world for many years but who found his Saviour and surrendered his heart. He is the head of a large family to whom he has taught the hymns of our church. Every Sunday he gathers his family and his friends and they hold regular Methodist Meetings. They sing the hymns, pray, read the Word of God and then there is exhortation to live close to the Divine Word. It is the City set upon a hill which cannot be hid and that little church has served to keep the faith of the elect and preserve those of liberal thought from submission to the dictates of the Catholic faith.

In other living centers the Word of God is freely read. At Xocapa we found an Indian who was reading the New Testament under the shadow of a tree and without vacillation he told us that the Christ of the Bible was the Saviour of his soul. We could give many such instances, but those I have mentioned I think will suffice to give an idea of what God is doing for the good of the inhabitants of that region. Fortunately we have been able to find in the person of young Brother Alfonso Hernández, who has just graduated from our Institute, the Pastor who can take charge of the work and in view of his piety, good judgment, and intellectual gifts, we are trusting for good results during the year.

CIRCUIT OF TEZONTEPEC.—Brother Enrique W. Adam has labored as a faithful servant of Christ and has had abundant blessings in his work. While he has not gained ground at Tezontepec, neither has he lost ground. All the brothers remain faithful in the compliance of their religious duties and they have increased in spirituality and Christians love and have also exerted themselves to meet their collections although they had lost heavily on account of the failure of their crops.

At San Agustin the Gospel has gained ground notably among the people and a Catholic Priest recently aided us in the following manner. An old Catholic who was very much loved and respected
in the town died and the Priest at Zempoala contracted to conduct the funeral for $10. The church was full of people waiting for the ceremony to begin but the Priest refused to conduct the service until the sum of $30 was advanced. The son of the deceased not being able to pay the amount required had to allow the Priest to withdraw without conducting the service. This incident produced great indignation among the people and they resolved no more to employ the Catholic Priest but to attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The authorities in the place requested permission to hold the patriotic feasts in honor of Independence Day in our Church and these were attended by the functionaries and the leading families and many people of the place.

At a special revival service we had the pleasure of seeing in our church more than 200 persons, many of whom joined our church on probation. The congregation, with real sacrifice, but with great enthusiasm, constructed a platform and the railing of the church which was dedicated December 27th., with a series of special services. Upon that occasion and before a large audience we received into full communion ten members, thirteen adults were baptized and a Quarterly Conference was organized.

Ixtlahuaca is another town of the Tezontepec Circuit upon which the Lord has shed special blessings. The congregation is not large but is very enthusiastic and fervent in sustaining God's work. The special services displayed much spirituality on the part of the brethren. A congregation of nearly forty persons moved by conviction, with sorrow confessed and repented of their failings.

We have reason to believe that when we have a church finished we will have the best congregation on the circuit. One of the members of the congregation has offered a splendid lot for the church and the other brethren have subscribed $100, trusting that the Missionary Society will aid them with the rest for the construction of the church.

Circuit of Tulancingo.—Tulancingo, which is the Levitic City of the State of Hidalgo, has uniformly displayed tactics opposing the advancement of the Lord's Kindom and has adopted persevere methods in persecuting the Protestants and attempting to destroy our congregations.

In May of last year a widow was converted to Christ. When she knew the saving truth and had the testimony of having been redeemed, moved by compunction for having served her idols all her life,
she broke up some of the saints and sent the rest to her Pastor to have them burned. She was living contented with her family when one day a policeman came to the house with orders to arrest her. The lady remained in prison for many hours without cause. After the lapse of some days it was ascertained that a catholic family, under advice from the Priest, had calumniated this lady for the purpose of shaming her because she was a Protestant, thus driving her from the city. The Lord always strengthens the faith of his people when they are persecuted and the lady and her family have resumed their places in the church and have rejoiced because of the suffering for the cause of Christ, and have come to, know of a surety that "blessed are they that suffer persecution for righteousness sake."

The power of darkness is nothing in the presence of God, He has promised to be with His people until the end. We have a congregation of forty persons and a Quarterly Conference. We have received thirteen people into full communion, seven on probation and the number of our attendance has increased very much. We have circulated our tracts in the factories and shops and they are read and studied eagerly by the people. People who never come to our church have even asked for our tracts to circulate among their friends. God works in a mysterious way and we trust in Him that the movement thus started at Tulancingo may result in the salvation of many souls, in the increase of members to the Church, and in the honor of God.

Circuit of Zacualtitlan.—Brother Norberto Mercado has sustained a constant and tenacious struggle in behalf of the work in his charge. He has overcome many difficulties and has brought many into the kingdom. Even if the attendance at the service is not large, what we have is evidence that the people themselves are getting away from clerical control and gradually increasing our church attendance. The congregation at the Ferreria has almost stopped on account of the shutting down of work there, our people having moved to other places.

At Sontecomatlan we hold our services in the house of the Municipal Prefect and the service is attended by a large number of the best families who attentively and respectfully receive from us the good news of salvation.

The Schools.—The fruitage during the year among the schools has been good. With the exception of the school at Acelotla which
could not increase as there were so very few children in the place, there has been a notable increase in the enrollment.

The school at San Agustín was in charge of Miss Juana Ortiz who labored with great zeal and improved the school until it became the best in the town. Although the children in the greater part belonged to Catholic families, they received readily the religious instructions, attended the Sunday School and the preaching services. The examinations were satisfactory throughout. The friends of the Methodist School, pleased with the result of the examinations, gladly co-operated in the Christmas festivities and the people turned out en masse on that occasion.

Notwithstanding the opposition of certain people at Tezontepec the school has increased its enrollment ten per cent over last year. The examinations were wholly satisfactory to committee and many distinguished families were present.

It is to be lamented that Miss Alta Gracia Ortiz, Directress of the Establishment, who had consecrated the best years of her life to the teaching of children should have had a nervous affection which has rendered it impossible for her to continue her work. She was obliged to rest and seek medical treatment Miss Ortiz left the school which she so much loved for others to carry on, thus completing the redemptive work among the youth of that place. But she carried with her the sympathetic esteem of her many friends and the sincere gratitude of her pupils who were indebted to her for the benign influence of education and religion.

Mrs. Josefa Luna de Mercado, in a spirit of true sacrifice and love for the cause of the Lord, left her young children in strange hands and took her place by the side of her husband to co-operate with him in the Holy work so much beloved by them. Since the beginning of the year when she took charge of the school at Zacualtipan she has received numerous recruits from the Public School and the Catholic School—among them children from the best families, and the enrollment now is nearly sixty. We would call the attention of the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society to the necessity of supplying us with another lady worker in that region which is so important.

The examinations were satisfactory and were held before the civil authorities.

The Christmas festivities were very pleasing. Brother Mercado comprehends the duty of making known the Gospel and recom-
mends the work in his charge to public esteem, but he has not been able to find a place sufficiently large to hold the people and so was obliged to hold this Christmas service in the only available place, the theater. It was a very successful and beautiful service.

The enemies of the Gospel work tried to do us an injury by taking away the place in which we had held our school for some years past but although we have more rent to pay we have a better place than we had before.

We have never yet had a school at Tulancingo. But the many friends that we have in the city manifested their desire for the establishing of a school which would assure the moral and intellectual advancement of their children. We firmly believe that a Protestant school would aid much in the strengthening of our work. If the Missionary Society could assign us a Pastor for the Circuit of Tulancingo, the establishment of a school would be effected and thus give broader horizon to our work upon which we pray the choicest blessings of God.

**COLLECTIONS.—The following collections were made during the year:**

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In terminating this report allow me to express my most grateful recognition of all the help of preachers and teachers who work with me in the difficult task before us. We have fought a good fight, we have made the best use possible of our elements and we have received constant blessings from the Lord to whom be every glory and honor.

Respectfully submitted.
We write this report under the shadow of a great sorrow. Bro. Tranquilino del Valle, friend, brother, and helper, passed from our midst just as the old year was dying. Over six years ago he came to us from our sister church of the South and most of the time since has been the faithful Pastor of Trinity Church, Mexican congregation, in the City of Mexico. Having lived in the same house with him all this time we had ample opportunity to know him. He was ever the quiet neighbor, the helpful friend, the true brother, the thoughtful preacher and the devoted pastor.

He was converted early in life and almost immediately began to preach the Gospel. With the passing years his conception of the dignity of his high calling became increasingly sacred. For many years it was his custom to go from his knees to the pulpit. In the relations of the mission to civil authorities and in many business matters we found him to be a willing helper and a safe counsellor. Delicate problems committed to him, at different times, were so tactfully handled as to secure for our cause great permanent advantage. Some of these services will keep him in grateful and lasting remembrance. His illness was brief! His end was peace! His memory is blessed! Our great loss is his eternal gain. God grant that his well known fidelity may be our perpetual inspiration. Perhaps in no year did brother del Valle do better work than in the past one. During 1905 he preached to what amounts practically to three congregations every Sunday. The experiment with a six o'clock service Sunday mornings, which he inaugurated in 1904, has proven to be such a success as to become a permanent feature of church work in the capital.

Most of those who attend at that hour are so situated as to be unable to come either to the mid-day or evening service, while most
of these who worship with us at noon are unable to do so either at the early or late service. Thus we have practically three congregations belonging to one church organization. Attendance upon these services and especially upon the noon service has much improved during the year and there has been a number of conversions.

The conference collections are all complete, the pastor's salary, which is the largest in the conference, has been paid in full. For all purposes, including school support the receipts amount to $6786.

The Boys' school reached an enrollment of 110 and professor Paniagua has done excellent work not only in the school but in the Sabbath school and in the church. The School of the Women's Society has made an excellent record for its first year in the new building. Upon this building, which has no superior either in external appearance or internal arrangements in all the Federal District, we have spent some $107,000; on the land a little over $63,000, making a total of about $170,000. As soon as the small remaining debt of $6000 shall have been paid we hope to secure funds with which to finish the chapel, put up an iron fence, and thus expose our beautiful garden to public view. Thus we will have a property which will be in keeping with the modern improvements of the City and an honor to the church. Miss Temple, the able Principal, has succeeded in calling to her aid a most congenial and efficient corps of assistants. One hundred and eighty-five girls matriculated during the year and every department of the school from the kindergarten to the normal gave evidence of substantial work. A class of five young ladies graduated from the Normal School last November, all of whom are now engaged in our mission school. Miss Smith and Miss Allen in their respective departments have most ably carried out the plans of the Principal. Miss Hollister, the recent arrival from the United States, comes to further strengthen the faculty, while the several Mexican Professors are working enthusiastically to make "Sarah L. Keene" College and "Juarez Annex" a power for good reaching out into all the land.

Miss Ayers, our devoted City Evangelist, was at her home in the North most of the year but in November came again to her work which she carried on for several weeks with her accustomed zeal, when she was stricken down with typhoid fever. But we are grateful to say that, at this writing, she appears to be on the high-way to recovery. Plans for the opening of a preaching hall in the Northwestern section of the City were all matured when the untimely
death of Brother del Valle and the protracted illness of the City Evangelist required a temporary postponement. But the hall is secured and we are expecting larger success with this new movement which is only one of our plans for keeping step with the growth of the City.

The Epworth League, the Women's Temperance Society and Women's Mutual Aid Society have continued, without interruption, their good work.

Our English work has been more successful this year than ever before. The Sunday School has taken on new life with increased attendance. The Pastor reports upward of twenty conversions, better attendance both upon the preaching as well as the social services, Twenty-four hundred dollars was raised for self-support and thirty-three hundred and seventeen for all purposes. Brother Bassett, after nearly nine years of faithful services in this difficult field—difficult because of the constantly changing complexion of the congregation—asks to be relieved of the English work that he may devote himself entirely to work among the Mexicans. If the Bishop shall approve of his request I am sure that every member of this conference will wish him the greatest success in this large field.

Santa Julia.—The western suburb of the City, is a promising field. The little church dedicated just a year ago has had its seating capacity tested several times since. The day-school increased its enrollment from 54 to 85. Eleven conversions are reported and all the collections are complete. Brother Carrero, the young pastor, has labored enthusiastically and the severe persecutions of the first year seem to be a thing of the past.

In the Circuit of Nextlalpam.—Preaching services are sustained in four small towns. We have a day-school for boys and girls, with an enrollment of 73 and two Sabbath schools with about 25 each. The benevolences have all been paid and something has been done along the line of self-support, but the growth of the work has been slow. Mrs. Alonso is a great help to her husband in all the work in the circuit.

El Oro.—Stands about 10,000 feet above the level of the sea and is therefore a difficult place in which to keep up active service and maintain good health. Brother and Sister McGuire have cared for themselves most prudently as become servants of the Lord, who want to make the most of life and its opportunities. Hence they come up to conference in fair physical condition though the strain
of the work has been very heavy at times. With God’s blessing they are able to report good progress. Among their converts are several Chinamen who traveled far from home to find the true God. Yonder in the mountains of the State of Mexico, through the services of the English congregation these worthy sons of the Orient have been led to Christ. For pastoral support this little congregation has paid, $1230 and for all purposes $3772. One day in the summer of 1903, missionary Quickmire, who had been on the ground for some time, and for weeks had searched in vain for a suitable building site, went to the home of one of our friends and said, “I believe we have done all we can. There is nothing for us to do now but to pray.” These two brothers knelt together and both pleaded earnestly with God for the burden of their hearts. Within three days, and in a remarkable manner, the site we now own was in their possession at a total cost of but $2000. On this land we have built a fine little church and about the best parsonage in all the mission.

Recently we have sold perhaps one third of the land, which we did not need, for $5100. The church is free from debt, the parsonage partly paid for and the whole property now easily worth $20,000, with less than $4000 debt. For all this, up to date, Missionary Society has contributed but $1000 gold, the balance being furnished by our generous friends in El Oro.

A few weeks ago we began the Mexican work. Brother José Velasco, a recent graduate from Puebla, went to the appointment with great enthusiasm and with the set purpose of receiving his support from the people to whom he ministers. Already he has gathered around him a circle of about fifty people. A number of Bibles and Hymnals have been sold and ten subscribers for the Abogado secured. The pernicious habit of giving away all our literature will not be followed in El Oro. This new congregation has set a fine example for all our people throughout the country. So eager were they to have a pastor that more than a month before his arrival they sent eight dollars to the Presiding Elder for moving expenses. It is the first case of its kind ever coming to my notice.

PACHUCA CIRCUIT.—Has three Mexican congregations and one English. Like all mining camps Pachuca is a hard field. Brother Gould decided to stand faithfully at his post notwithstanding the physician ordered his wife out of the country last summer. The self-supporting English school reached an enrollment of 95 and now sustains three teachers, two of whom are from the United States. The new year opens with the promise of a larger number.
Pastoral support, while not reaching our ideal was $1030 and collections for all purposes $5049. It is generally believed that a rich Anglo-American syndicate has secured control of the old Real del Monte company. If so, the English-speaking community is likely to be doubled very soon, and new strength will come to our church there.

Brother Ignacio Chagoyan is the energetic pastor of the Mexican work. Here we have 711 in our schools. Doubtless the girls' school under the faithful guidance of Miss Bohannan and Miss Hewitt continues to be the largest protestant school in the Republic. Miss Bohannan's health compelled her to go North last summer, but her improved health is such that she anticipates returning to her work very soon. In these two schools we have two Epworth Leagues with 290 members and two juvenile Leagues with 170 members.

All the collections have been raised, $750 paid for pastoral support and $2367 for all purposes. Two series of revival services were very successful, the results being seen in the increased attendance upon all services and the improved spiritual condition of the people and the reception of twenty-four new members. Two remarkably triumphant death-bed scenes, as related by the pastor, greatly impressed the congregation and again proved the truth of Mr. Wesley's declaration that "our people die well." We can only take time to mention one case. A man born in Romanism was converted in our church. When she came down to death's door she did not call for any "Father Confessor" or ask for "extreme unction," but looking up with a smile said, to the weeping friends about her, "I am about to die. I have only a few moments left; but I want to die saying that Jesus saves me and in a few minutes I will be with Him in His heavenly kingdom."

To see men and women transformed in their lives and made happy in death, by the Gospel we preach, is not only full compensation for all our sacrifices and toils but is the justification of our existence, as a Church, in this or any other land.

Real del Monte.—was left to be supplied at the last Conference. No one was available except a local preacher who was temporarily put in the place and finally prevailed upon to remain month after month till August, when the President of our Puebla Institute kindly allowed us to draft Bro. Pedro Osorio, an under graduate, into service. From that time till the end of the year he did magnificent work. A scattered people was brought together and fifteen souls
were converted. Over four hundred dollars was raised and ex-
pended on church improvements. With the new year the Puebla
student was allowed to return to his school and his brother Cres-
cencio, who graduated in November, has taken up the work with
great devotion. The prospects are bright.

In the City of Orizaba the monthly services which have been
maintained in English, seem to be appreciated by an increased num-
ber, who, besides meeting all the expenses incident thereto, have
contributed something for the general cause. The monthly offering
will average nearly $40. Miss Foster is the acting pastor and public
services are conducted by a minister who comes from the Capital
or elsewhere, the first Sunday of each month. The English
school is self-supporting as from the beginning, which is our ideal
concerning English work every where throughout the country.

Puebla, as is well known, is one of our most important centres.
In addition to his work as Dean of the Theological Department,
Dr. Burton keeps up the little English congregation. They have
paid all their benevolences and something toward self-support.
There is a field here for a devoted young man from the North,
where, in time, a self-supporting work can be built up. Bro. Vi-
cente Mendoza is the devoted and eloquent pastor of the native
church. Revival services conducted without any outside help re-
sulted in some sixty acquisitions to the church. Six hundred and
eighty-four dollars was paid for pastoral support, $145.00 for mis-
sions and for all purposes $1,086.00, which with $3,149.00 received
in the boy's school, and which in no small measure is due to the ef-
ficient work of Prof. J. P. Hauser, and $12,022.00 in the girls' school
makes $21,257 raised in Puebla for the support of the Mexican
work. Our Educational Institutions will be reported by their res-
pective principals, but I can not refrain from bearing my testimony
to the splendid work being done by Dr. P. F. Valderrama and his
able co-workers and also by Miss Limberger and her magnificent
corps of teachers. These two Institutions side by side are growing
in strength and ever broadening influence. The increase of self-
support in the boy's school is over 30 per cent, while $12,022.00
collected in the girls' school is the highest figure ever reached by
any of our schools in all these years. These figures are not given in
any boastful spirit, but to show what can be done by faithful and
intelligent administration and also to bear testimony to the fact that
our constituency more and more appreciate what Protestant Chris-
itanity is doing for them.
This leads us to the question of
COLLECTIONS IN ALL THE DISTRICT.—During the year we have
raised for Missions $541.00, $81 above the apportionment or
$3 more that last year. For other Benevolences $528.00,
or, $132.00 less than the previous year. For Pastoral sup-
port $7,981.00, an increase of $140.00; for school support $27,-
951.00, an increase of $6,861.00; for Church buildings and repairs
$2,846.00, an increase of $423.00; for all other local purposes $6,-
217.00, an increase of $2,522.00, making a grand total for the Dis-
trict of $45,993.00, and an increase of $10,090.00 over the previous
year. These figures do not include $3,100.00 received for sale of
land we did not need in El Oro. Surely the steady increase in sup-
port which our people make from year to year as well as the
 triumphs of grace, already referred to, has long since proven that
Methodism is not an exotic plant in Mexico which was brought here,
erst while, by some mis-guided enthusiast to flourish for a brief per-
iod and then die. No indeed! Here as elsewhere, under the dew of
Heaven our roots are striking deep, the plant flourishes and, like
the tree of life, will yield its fruits every season.

We confidently expect that this yield will increase as the years
pass by till the church in all its departments shall be supported by
indigenous resources. May God hasten the day!

As I come up to this Conference I find myself under increased
obligations to my fellow workers of the District. Each and all have
received me warmly and at all times have entered cordially into
plans of work as in previous years. But when accident overtook me
and I was obliged to absent myself for ten weeks from the field in
order to receive surgical treatment, the sympathy of my brothers
and their hearty willingness to carry my part of the work called for
sincere gratitude which I hereby wish to place on record, and not
only to you my beloved brothers but to Almighty God, who brought
me safely through my ordeal and has given me that renewed
strength and health, which caused my physician to prophesy for
me still twenty-five years of active service. In conclusion I can only
say that if, in the Providence of God, these years are to be given
me they shall be dedicated to Him and the church to which I owe
all I am and all I have.

Respectfully submitted.
DISTRICT OF MORELOS

H. A. BASSETT, P. E.

Mr. President and Dear Brethren:

It is with much pleasure that again I am permitted to present a report concerning the work on the Morelos District. A kind Providence has protected all the laborers in this part of the Master's vineyard and all have received the benediction of health and home for which we are indeed sincerely grateful.

Under the inspiration of the aggressive movement in evangelistic work, a number of services have been held which were productive of beneficial and we trust, lasting, results. The charges on which special meetings have been held are as follows: Atlautla, Ayapan-go, Chicoloapam and Tlaltizapam. In each of these places the church membership was benefited and in a number of places probationers were received. Permit me to give a few words concerning the condition and progress of each circuit.

MIRAPLORES.—This charge, established in the early years of our mission work in this country, has always been a source of encouragement to those who have labored there or directed and guarded its interests. The past year has been one of the best in its history. The day school matriculated more than three hundred children. From this school have come many of our valued and esteemed workers. The atmosphere is saturated with religious ideals and thus as the intellect is being developed, the heart also receives that culture and training which are the fundamentals of all true nobility. To this end, a Junior League has been organized as a part of the school and the attendance at this religious service is obligatory. The new year opens with additional encouragement in the fact that a number of the best and most wealthy families in the town have matriculated their children with us instead of sending them to the pa-
rochial school. Mr. Osorio and his seven teachers have started in to make this the best year in the history of the institution. The regular religious services of the church have been well attended and the divine favor has rested upon them.

Besides the twelve hundred dollars raised by the school, the congregation has paid three hundred and forty-seven dollars on self-support, Conference benevolences and local expenses. Six conversions are reported for the year.

TLALTIZAPAM.—On this circuit we have three appointments which have been regularly visited by the Pastor, Jose T. Ruiz, and during the year he has reported sixteen probationers and four baptisms. The apportionments have all been met in full. One year ago the quarterly Conference licensed Mr. Hermenegildo Hernandez as a local preacher. This brother, who was withstood the persecution of other years, is still full of enthusiasm for the spread of divine truth. "He is instant in season and out of season, reproving, rebuking, exhorting with all long suffering and doctrine." In one town (Ttalnitenango) he secured eight subscriptions to the Abogado Cristiano, where we have no congregation at all.

At another town called Nexpa he has preached a number of times and the people who heard him are anxious to have him make regular visits to their locality to break to them "The bread of life." With this object in view a petition has reached me signed by ten names asking that Mr. Hernandez be appointed to preach regularly in that place. At another town this same local preacher has held a number of services with the gratifying result of having ten persons give him their names to become members of our Church. At still another village inhabited by an indigenous race, he preached to them in the Mexican tongue which is the language used there. Having accomplished so much in one year's time, it seems to me but fair that the mission should allow this efficient local preacher a sufficient amount to cover his travelling expenses.

TEPALCINGO.—This has seemed sterile soil for some time, but the present indications are much more favorable. During the year, Mr. Crescencio Martinez who was supplying the circuit was released and Mr. Antonio B. Moreno was secured to finish the year. Mr. Juan Rosales, the teacher of our school in Tepalcingo, had been ailing in health for some time and consequently he was transferred in September to Atlautla where he now has charge of our school. Mr. Moreno has been carrying the work of the circuit and teaching the
day school which has increased in numbers until it now enrolls one hundred children, between the ages of seven and twelve. As the circuit has three appointments to be visited every week, the work has been exceedingly heavy, an assistant teacher is needed very badly and the school room ought to be enlarged. When I last visited the school I beheld the amusing spectacle of seeing ninety-seven children sitting on school benches which were only sufficient for about sixty and in order that all might be seated it was necessary to place thirty or more on top of the desks while the others occupied the regular seating capacity.

CHICOLOAPAM AND COATLINCHAN.—The young preacher on this circuit has done valiant service during the year and has some fruit as the compensation of his labor. His collections have all been taken and his apportionments all met. Three probationers have been received and three children have been baptized.

The day school in Chicoaloapam, conducted by the Pastor and wife, has developed a number of young people in sincere love for the Bible and exalted ideals of Christian living.

In Coatlinchan we hope for a new era of church life, for the work there has been at a standstill for a long time. If there can be secured a small allowance from the mission funds, we hope to open a day school which promises to be well attended. The Pastor is Petronilo Constantino.

ATLAUTLA.—In this territory we have been molested for a number of years by Mormon invasions. These vandals of religious truths did us much harm, but their influence and power are waning and our work is increasing. The Pastor, Jorge Corona, has been faithful to his duties and as a result the church is in a better condition than it has been for some time. The day school now numbers about fifty and we hope to increase that number to seventy-five or a hundred before the end of this year. The two teachers are Juan Rosales and Miss Vergara.

AYAPANGO.—Here we have a large circuit composed of five preaching places and ministered to by Leopoldo M. Diaz. The conversions reported for the year were two and the baptisms were ten. On account of the indifference of the supporters of our school in Zoytango, the school there was closed and the teacher placed in charge of a new school opened in San Diego. In this school we have a matriculation of about thirty scholars who are under the direction of Miss Atalia Carrasco.
In Ayapango the day school numbers sixty and in Quijingo eighteen. In nearly all the day schools of the District we are adopting the plan of assessing each scholar a small amount, and this we hope will be productive of two results: first, the parents and children will take more interest in that for which they spend their money, second, the money needed to purchase supplies, or to aid the self-support fund, will be secured.

Statistics:—In the entire district we are able to report 404 members in full connection which is a gain of 38 over last year. We also have 255 Probationers, which is a gain of 54.

In our Sunday Schools we have enrolled 515 scholars, and in our seven day schools we have matriculated 586.

The amount raised for self support is $1,590.44.

The Conference collections were all raised in full.

With grateful recognition to Almighty God for His providential care and praying His blessings upon the seed sown this year, that it may produce an abundant harvest in the years to come, I respectfully submit this report.

Mexico, January 27, 1906.

REPORT OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

V. D. Baez, P. E.

(Translation.)

Mr. President, Brethren and Co-workers:

I have the honor to present you a report of another year's work in the Mountain District. We come before you with our hearts filled with loving gratitude to our Father for the rich and uninterrupted blessings which He has been pleased to grant unto us. The year which has closed has been one of the most prosperous, on account of the spirit of consecration and activity among the workers as well as the well ripened fruits which they have collected with the blessing of Providence.

The work is well developed in the Circuits. Everywhere we are shown kindness and most cordial welcome is given us. The spirit
of unreasonable and furious persecution has quickly been dispelled and congregations are developing and flourishing in a most extraordinary manner. Contemplating the field so well prepared for the establishing of the Kingdom of Heaven, we cannot but exclaim in the words of the Master "The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few."

To give an idea as far as possible of the advance of our work we will refer to each Circuit in the District in its alphabetical order.

Apizaco.—This circuit is formed of four organized congregations: Apizaco, Tzompantepec, San Juan and Texcalac. We have also congregations in San Andres, San Antonio, Cuajumilco, Santa Anita, Apizaquito, San Francisco and Atlihuetzia. Some times the brethren from these outside places come to the services at the important points while others hold services in their own homes. Brother Rojas, aside from his pastoral labors is in charge of the day school and in both departments of the work he is a faithful servant of the Lord. In the town of Quileta, near Zacatelco, close to Malinchi, we have another small congregation which Brother Rojas visits, which is developing satisfactorily, and we do not doubt that with more frequent visits it will become a fine centre for our movement. The following conversions were registered in this circuit: Apizaco, three families, including eighteen persons of whom six are probationers and seven adults were baptized; San Antonio and San Andres, two families of whom four are probationers; Apizaquito, one family composed of three persons, also probationers; San Francisco, two families, increasing the list of probationers by four. From the former list of probationers the Pastor says that four were worthy to be received into full communion.

The services have been well attended and the Sunday School particularly has had a fine attendance, almost one-half the children in the day school attending the Sunday School with pleasure. These children have been ministers, under God, for the conversion of three families. The three day schools under the management of the Pastor, Brother Rojas and Miss Guadalupe Rodriguez and Mrs. Raquel Armenta have had a year of abundant blessings. The examinations were successful and all the parents of the children manifested their pleasure at the progress of the pupils.

The Pastor and Brother Florentino Montiel, the latter Superintendent of the Sunday School at Tzompantepec and member of the Committee on Aggressive Evangelism, organized and carried out a
series of special services with great success; the congregations were
revived with the spirit of the Holy Ghost and some unconverted
were brought to the feet of Christ. We should make particular
mention of the zeal and devout spirit predominating among the
brethren of Tezompantepec who are comprehending the real mis-
sionary spirit which should characterize Methodist congregations.
The collections have been paid in completely.

ATLIXCO.—The congregation in this city has been attended during
the year by Brother Eduardo Zapata. The consecration of our bro-
thér to his work has resulted in increasing spirituality among the
members and some increase in numbers. It gives pleasure to attend
the meetings of this church. As soon as the brethren enter and
before they take their seats they kneel in prayer to God that He may
shed his presence abroad in the service, during which these brethren
lend profound attention and follow the services devoutly. This
testimony, which is beautiful, we would like to see carried out in all
the congregations of our church.

The Sunday School always draws quite a number of children and
they manifest great interest in the study of the Holy Word. Some
special services have been held which have been a great profit.
Aside from those in the room itself there is always a group of per-
sons about the windows listening to the preacher. Among the sat-
sisfactory conquests made by Brother Zapata for the Kingdom of
Heaven is the conversion of four families all of them new and com-
prising eleven persons. This is a good step and we trust that God
will continue blessing his work until we may be able to count by
hundreds those who are converted.

The Watch Night Service was a memorable event. There were
54 persons present of whom 40 participated in the Lord’s Supper.
On that occasion two adults and one child were baptised. Three
brethren were received into full communion and five as probationers.

Although the brethren are poor they have gladly and liberally
contributed to the collections and it is with satisfaction that we can
say that all the apportionments have been fully met.

CHIETLA.—The grace of God has superabounded in this Circuit.
We had before four congregations and today we have six; Atzala,
Chietla, Tzicatlan, Tzompahuacan, La Junta and Tlancualpican.
Brother Lorenzo Martinez is the Pastor and is also the teacher of a
day school. The work in this circuit has increased so much that
really the Pastor is not able to carry it alone. He is in urgent need
of an assistant or of some means whereby he can avail himself of the exceptionally fine opportunities which offer themselves in that locality.

About the beginning of the year we duly inaugurated the work at Tlancualpican, where there were two small congregations dependent on other churches. But at the request of those brethren and after having complied with the legal requirements, our church took possession of the field. This new work has increased our membership in the circuit by 52 members.

In the month of September we held one of our Quarterly Conferences in the town of Tlancualpican and it was with great pleasure that we noticed that our meeting place was insufficient to accommodate those who attended the meeting and we were particularly interested in the large number from the six congregations who attended services, although some of them had to walk from fifteen to twenty kilometers and through a country where the heat is excessive. We thank God for the prosperity of this circuit and with faith we pray that He will continue blessing us and enabling us soon, to establish at least other six congregations.

CHOLULA.—This small congregation has had very little increase but the few brethren who live there with those who come from neighboring towns, have remained faithful to their trust, illuminating the darkness amidst people completely subjugated by Roman priests. The people in Cholula used to be very hostile to the little group of Protestants. But they seem to have become accustomed to the presence of "the heretics" and we have now no trouble in speaking of our work.

A young student from the Puebla Institute visits this charge every week and we trust that his fidelity and constancy may result in triumph over the obstacles interposed hitherto by superstition and fanaticism.

SAN BERNABE.—Brother Juan Patiño has been in charge of this congregation for 18 months, at the same time having charge of a mixed school. At the beginning of the year the congregation was composed of fifty-two persons but is now composed of sixty, so we have an increase of 8 to report. In the Sunday services the attendance is not less than 40, and we are able to note among them the deep conviction which our religion has implanted. Assisted by Brother Rojas, the Pastor held some Revival Services with very satisfactory results, for the brethren find themselves much strength-
ened and more desirous than ever to labor for the glory to the Master. From some neighboring towns we have received repeated invitations to visit some friends which later on may be the nucleus of new congregations. The day school in charge of Brother Patiño is in good condition and the officials who were present at the examinations very cordially congratulated the teacher and pupils. Although the congregation has been at some expense in the construction of their new church they have met all their collections and have even made special collections including a fund for the relief of the Guanajuato Sufferers as well as other charitable undertakings.

The guiding Hand of Providence has been with this people and with their servant, the Pastor; thanks be unto God for this good result!

San Pablo.—The young student, Carlos Sadchez, recently graduated from the Mexican Methodist Institute, has been the Pastor on this circuit for several years. His work has been good and the brethren are very grateful for his labor. The congregations increase in friendly spirit which was very manifest upon the occasion of some of our visits. Here, as at other points, which we have mentioned, a steady campaign is being made with our literature and the result has been abundant in good fruitage. Six persons have manifested evidence of conversion to the Gospel.

At the last meeting we attended in connection with the Quarterly Conference, the meeting place was so full that in order to administer the Lord’s Supper we had to go from seat to seat because there was not empty room even at the platform. For all it was an occasion of great rejoicing. The congregation at Santa Ana which belongs to this same circuit has increased in numbers, devotion and fraternal spirit. The Centeno family, which is the nucleus of the church, have most enthusiastically labored for the extension of the Gospel. Our literature is well received everywhere and great interest has been manifested in religious matters.

Tetela.—In previous years we had met serious difficulty in this section due largely to mere religious indifference. This year has been successful in all respects and we are privileged to communicate some pleasing references. Brother Espinosa has faithfully worked and records with satisfaction, that the services have been well attended. About the close of the year he held a series of revival services which were abundant in blessings for the congregation. We had the privilege of being present at one of these services and
can testify to the devotion and Christian fervor of the brethren. During the year eleven were received on probation and three into full communion.

Brother Espinosa has in his charge a day school with an enrollment of 26 children. In the annual examination exercises the pupils and their able teacher demonstrated considerable advance in the line of education. The girls' school under the charge of Miss Ernestina Sanchez had also a good year and the school examinations at the end of the year were excellent.

The last report of the Pastor states that the Watch Night Service was more largely attended than ever before. Would to God that the good impression from that service may find ready seed in many souls and lead them to surrender, without reserve, their hearts to Christ.

TEXMELUCAN.—Four congregations have been organized in this circuit at San Felipe, Teotlalcingo, San Juan Tetla, San Rafael and Tepetitla. The congregation at San Juan was established during the year. The Pastors, Pablo Aguilar and Crescencio Osorio, labored with great zeal and have found their efforts crowned with the most beautiful results. The special services organized by the local committee on Aggressive Evangelism revived the spirit of the congregation in the highest degree. As a direct result of those meetings six were received on probation and eighteen into full communion. During one of our visits to Teotlalcingo we had the privilege of baptizing seven adults and three children.

In the towns of Santa Ines, San Martin and San Buenaventura are several Protestant families and the Pastor has taken every opportunity to visit them and to hold family services with them.

The two schools established at San Felipe and San Rafael and directed by Messrs. Aguilar and Carlos Montiel evidence a grade of educational work which is well worth noticing and the attendance in both schools is unusually large.

The collections were all paid in opportuneely without lacking a cent.

All the ministers of the Conference who have visited this circuit have been surprised and pleased with the progress of the work of the Lord in that locality; to Him, therefore, be all the glory and all the praise.

TEZIUTLAN.—In this City in the Puebla Mountains the work is about the same without any particular increase, due in part, to
the tenacious resistance offered by the Roman Catholic priests. But nevertheless no service has ever been omitted. Brother Raymundo Baez with his family and the few brethren who live there hold their customary Sunday services and occasionally some passer-by stops at the door to listen to the preaching. On the other hand the congregation at Aurora is in good condition with a steady attendance and during the year there were six conversions.

The Pastor visits other towns and distributes a considerable number of Gospel tracts.

TLAXCALA.—All the reports we have concerning this point are pleasing in a high degree. In addition to the four congregations comprising the circuit there are other points which cannot be reached on account of the lack of laborers in the field. Young Messrs. Leopoldo Garcia and Antonio Carro who are respectively preacher and teacher in the circuit, have carried out their mission to the entire satisfaction of the members of the Church. The Quarterly Conferences have been very interesting alike for the good results and also because of the good attendance and the extra services held.

In the month of November the brethren determined, in connection with the examinations of the school, to inaugurate their new hall which for some time past had been building. The day was the occasion for a great feast for the people at Panotla. The Governor of the State accompanied by various high State Officials was present on the occasion. Several speeches were made in which pleasing reference was had to the Protestant pioneers in that locality. The Governor himself pronounced an address which produced a good effect especially among the Roman Catholics who were present and who had not hitherto shown much consideration to the Protestants. Upon retiring, the Governor handed the School teacher a sum of money to be distributed among the pupils as premiums. In connection with this inaugural ceremony and the annual examinations we probably had 300 persons present.

The Tlaxcala school is directed by Miss Aurelia Baez, and it has done good work during the year. The Committee who was present at the examinations has submitted a report which reflects considerable credit upon the lady professor.

In short, we may say that the work throughout this whole field is in prosperous condition and we only await the opportune moment and the arrival of one more co-laborer to open up new lines of activity where we will be most cordially welcomed.
Xochiapulco.—The most important point of our labors in this point of the mountains is the school, as my brethren well know. As the parents are accustomed to depend upon the Mission to furnish their children all the school supplies, we thought of another system of self-support. Brother Amador stated that the children must provide themselves with their own books, etc. As a result many went over to the Municipal school. The Pastor remained firm in his idea and advised that those who were not able to pay for their books must work for them and he proposed to teach them various industries, including agriculture. The plan had good results and about 39 pupils who remained were thus able to collect as products of their work the sum of $49.90. The result was so surprising to the parents of the children that many of them have since come to us with their children and our school is again fast filling up.

A large number of these children attend the Sunday School and evidence great interest in the study of the Word of God. The congregation is small but apparently those who attend are commencing to understand better and better our practices and we have hopes of regenerating many who have not hitherto had an idea of the principals of mere morality.

Zacaola.—The two congregations at Zacaola and Santo Tomas are in flourishing condition. The brethren are devout Christians and attend all the services with great punctuality. Brother Miguel P. Garcia is the Pastor and he pays weekly visits to the two points. There have been five conversions in the year and various children and adults were baptized. All the collections were fully met at the last Quarterly Conference. The Tract Committee has done good work scattering literature on all hands. One sister in the Zacaola congregation is very active in this good work and we are very much pleased with her reports.

Various Charges.—We wish particularly to call your attention to the activity displayed in various portions of the district in the construction of new Meeting Places, activity that evidences great interest on the part of the congregations. At San Bernabe we are finishing a fine Church which the brethren commenced three years ago and will probably dedicate in two months or more; it has a capacity for 300 persons and is very solidly built. A generous brother in the United States contributed to its construction the sum of $100.00 gold and the Mission has also given a small amount but the rest has been raised by the congregation. When it is completed
this church will have cost more than $2,000.00. It is a matter
worthy of note especially as with one exception all the brethren are
very poor.

At Tzompantepec we are also constructing a new church and it
is almost certain that it will be finished during the present year.
The members of the Church are sustaining all the expense and have
only one small donation from a generous brother.

At Zacaola the foundation has been laid for their church and the
congregation is raising money so as to avoid asking the Mission for
much. At Santo Tomas the sum of $80 was collected to buy a lot
suitable for a church and now the brethren are busy collecting the
material.

At Panotla as we are informed a pretty hall has been built for
the day school and this will be solemnly inaugurated during Nov-
ember next. These facts will evidence to you, dear brethren, that
there is interest and life in our congregations.

Collections.—No congregation, except that of Cholula, which
is very small, has failed to cover its collection for self-support and
other purposes. The following is the total for the District:

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Total                                             $ 1,784.00

Dear brethren: The foregoing is a resumé of the work of the
Mountain District which the church has conferred upon us. The
success attending efforts in various points has been remarkable but
due entirely to the blessing of our Heavenly Father who has always
attended His servants to inspire and strengthen them. To Him we
give all the honor and in his hands we place, with complete rever-
ence, the future of the work which we desire to undertake as faith-
ful servants of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.
NORTHERN DISTRICT

F. P Lawyer, P.E.

Another year of toil in the Lord's vineyard with its blessing and triumphs has closed. That we are reminded of our debt of gratitude to God and the duty of making known to our fellow-laborers through this report the richness of the blessings received from His bountiful hand and the magnitude of the victories won in His name.

Aggressive Evangelism has been our watchword during the year, both in reviving the old and in striving to secure new forces for the Lord's army. For "Saved to serve and to help save others" has ever been the inspiring motto that brought Methodism into existence and made it the aggressive and far-reaching power that it is today in God's hands for the salvation of the world.

And if we would be true to our trust in helping win Mexico from the darkness and superstition of four centuries of Roman rule where less than half a century ago only the clerical and privileged classes were permitted to learn to read and write, we must go forward in the Master's commission, seeking not only to be as "wise as serpents and as harmless as doves," but we must also be clothed with the Holy Spirit's power, or our labors will be barren of results.

Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians says: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." We sometimes fear that we are too willing to let the faith of those whom we seek to win to Christ stand in the wisdom of men rather than in the power of God and much willing to spend our days in sowing, when God wishes us to gladden our hearts already sick with sowing, by thrusting in the sickle and reaping with joy. In Athens the spirit of the great apostle was stirred in him,
when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. How can our spirits be any less stirred than his was, when we contemplate the idolatrous substitutes for the gospel of Christ that the church of Rome daily furnishes its subjects in Mexico and the spiritual dearth that naturally follows.

But our hearts have been made to rejoice exceedingly at the unusual number of conversions in the Northern District the past year as a result of our efforts to carry out the program outlined by our Committee on Aggressive Evangelism. And this encourages us to believe that Christ is always true to his promises, when he says: “Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together”

**Queretaro Circuit.**—With its three congregations takes the lead in number of conversions and in results from the efforts made to reap, where faithful sowing has been done for decades. Eighty-seven additions to the church are reported by the supply pastor, Professor Gorgonio Cora, who has accomplished this magnificent work, while faithfully fulfilling all his duties of secretary, professor of music and of the sixth grade in our Institute.

A part of this victory was won in a series of revival services lasting a week in October under the able leadership of Rev. Arcadio Morales, D. D., of the Presbyterian Mission in Mexico City in which sixty names were enrolled as probationers, mostly students. Consequently the work has taken on new life throughout the circuit as so often happens after a gracious revival.

Am pleased to add that Brother Cora’s success during the year as a soul-winner has induced him to consecrate this talent more fully to the Lord and seek admittance to this Conference as probationer of the itinerant ministry.

**Self Support.** First, by the congregations, For the ministry, $120.50; for beneficence, $29.00; for education, $60.00; for Sunday Schools, $29.93; for Charity, $26.00; for Current Expenses, $51.00 for other purposes, $33.00, amounting to $350.00.

Second, the Institute raised $4,000.00 for self-support and enrolled eighty-nine pupils, the largest number in our knowledge. Prof. B. N. Velasco and the able corps of professors have done good work, graduating six students. Thus we see that the Lord has blessed Queretaro circuit very abundantly the past year in every way.

**Celaya Circuit.**—With its four small congregations among a
very fanatical people its progress is slow. Brother Chavez, the Pastor, has revived the interest of the people in the services, but fails to report a single soul as won to Christ, as a personal Savior. The two Sunday Schools on the circuit enrolled forty-three pupils and all the collections assigned by Conference were made promptly. The fear of persecution is so great that few have the courage to face it. Could Medical Work be established here on the proper basis, it would help us to overcome the fierce fanaticism and opposition to the truth that prevails. Would add that our chapel in Guaje is not finished for lack of funds.

We earnestly hope and pray that we may have greater things to report for this circuit by another year, for it is a most interesting though difficult group of little congregations with our own property in three of them, which fact should be considered in the appointment of a pastor for it.

Salamanca Circuit.—It has formerly consisted of two congregations Salamanca and Valle de Santiago, but when brother Octaviano Torres took charge in September, he soon found another within the walls of the Penitentiary of the State of Guanajuato, located at Salamanca, where he preaches to all those convicts every Sunday afternoon. Here he has enrolled eighteen names of men as probationers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. With one more in Salamanca and two in Valle de Santiago, brother Torres reports twenty-one accensions in three and a half months. Let us hope that the dear brother can keep this pace for some time to come.

Just how he secured this privilege is not easy to explain, for not many are allowed to preach the gospel in prisons in Mexico. He attributes it to God's answer to prayer for Him to open the way and the warden's heart was probably thus prepared, though he passes for a very faithful Roman Catholic among his friends. He might have reasoned that the gospel would do them no harm and might do them some good. However he warmly congratulated Brother Torres on his success and probably watches closely the effects of the gospel on the hearts of his not very hopeful charges.

But seriously, the condition of these unfortunates, who have lost their liberty because they never knew the truth that makes all men free who practice it, should appeal to us as heralds of the liberty-giving gospel of Him, who said: "I was sick and in prison and ye visited me not." And pray tell me, who of all sinners stand in greater need of the gospel, which is the power of God unto salva-
tion to every one that believeth, than the criminal convicts do? Can we practice Aggressive Evangelism without storming the prison doors of Mexico with our prayers, tracts and sermons?

Guanajuato. — Here we have two congregations, which maintain two flourishing Sunday Schools. An unusually eventful year it has been for our work and workers in this capital city. On July first, it was visited by a flood, which proved the most disastrous to life and property of any in its history. Some two hundred lives perished and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed. But, strange to say, not one of the Lord's own, known as a Protestant, was among the victims and but one of our three excellent pieces of property was damaged very little. Praise the Lord for his wonderful goodness to our people and property in Guanajuato!

Of course this fact attracted wide attention and set the people to wondering and trying to reconcile it with what they had heard about God's visiting judgment upon so-called heretics.

The disaster served to remind both saint and sinner of the uncertainty of life and of this world's goods, with the necessity of building upon the eternal Rock of Ages. New enthusiasm in attending the means of grace was noted and twelve members were received on probation as a result of the revival services in November. Nine members were received by letter during the year.

Educational. — The Mary Ann Cox Memorial College for girls enrolled one hundred and fifty-one pupils under the new principal, Miss Ella Payne, and both the examinations and the closing exercises of the year gave ample proof of the conscientious work done in the school during the year.

The day school for boys enrolled sixty-two pupils against seventy in 1904. The two Sunday Schools report a total enrollment of 345 with twenty-six teachers.

Medical. — Dr. Salmans reports the medical work of Guanajuato as follows:

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<td>Visits to homes by doctors.</td>
<td>432</td>
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<td>Treatments by doctors and nurses</td>
<td>3.659</td>
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<td>Office consultations of doctors</td>
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<td>Major surgical operations</td>
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<td>49</td>
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<td>95</td>
<td>179</td>
<td>211</td>
<td>264</td>
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<td>Chloroform anesthesia used.</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>Local anesthesia used</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Different persons treated</td>
<td>1.514</td>
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<td>2.174</td>
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Our hospital was opened fifteen months before the beginning of the above statistics and the private practice with the dispensary had been carried on for more than ten years before. The increased facilities for giving modern treatments with electricity, heat, light, water, vibration and massage is shown by the treatments being increased five fold. This has caused a decline in the number of medicines used. There were twice as many visits made, twice as many consultations, and twice as many different patients served in 1905 as in 1901.

But the most notable thing of all is that we now do so much more for patients than we did four years ago, for in 1901 we furnished our 1514 patients with 7,071 services in the way of visits, treatments, consultations and operations, apart from medicines furnished them, or an average of four services to each patient; whereas in 1905 we furnished our 2,895 patients 25,005 services distinct from medicines furnished them, or an average of eight to each patient. Hence we do twice as much for double the patients, and even more, for the costly and valuable nature of the services furnished now on account of our better scientific equipments acquired two years ago, which enables us to honor Christ more and serve humanity better.

Self support raised stands as follows:

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<td>For Sunday School expenses</td>
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<td>For Education and expenses of certain college students</td>
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<td>For Beneficence purposes</td>
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<td>For Temperance Work</td>
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<td>For Other Purposes</td>
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Total self-support raised by the church... $2,123.39
Total self-support raised by College for Girls.. $1,133.33
Total self-support raised by Medical Work... $14,749.11

Total self-support raised in Guanajuato in 1905 $18,005.83

Leon.—Our workers in this fanatical city have been the recipients of more determined opposition since the purchase of our property in the middle of the year than ever before. The resident bishop and his aids were surprised and troubled when they learned that brother Tranquilino del Valle had succeeded in purchasing property for the Methodist Episcopal Church in that city so boastful of
its fanaticism and so faithful to the teachings of the Dark Ages. But thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift we have a place there now for our vine and fig tree, centrally located and on a corner lot. Greater persistence than ever, has been practiced both in the confessional and pulpit in warning the people to keep away from that American lady physician with her enchanting smile and free consultations.

More than one thousand different people have heard the gospel during the year. About 3,166 prescriptions were filled, 5,600 treatments were given, $2,619 received for same, and 8,445 raised to defray expenses of medical work. Owing to a debt of about $1,200, on September 1st, the hospital began refusing aid to all those, who could not pay fifty cents, shutting out nearly all the poor and depriving the pastor, to his great sorrow, of his unevangelized daily congregation, of poor people. However the pastor reports five new probationers.

Two wards for the poor, one for men and the other for women, have been opened and two rooms reserved in the front patio for those who can pay for them. The hospital staff has been increased by the arrival of a deaconess nurse, Miss Alta J. Hill from Chicago and Miss Mary Marquez, graduate from the last class in Guanajuato.

The following shows the self-support raised:

For the Ministry .... ..... 104.00
For Support of Bible Women...... 176.00
For support of Medical Work.. 3,445.00
For other purposes.... ............ 331.00
For Beneficence..... ......... 22.00

Total self-support...... ................ $ 4,078.00

Our new property in Leon is most beautifully located, traversed on both sides by street-car lines, contains a fine audience room, where the day and Sunday schools are also held, besides housing several native helpers. The bishop sent a messenger not long since to offer us an advance of $4,000.00 over the cost price, but he was told that $20,000.00 would not buy it. God hasten the day when we shall see a beautiful chapel rise on this site as his gift of love to the oppressed and poor and as a testimony of liberty of conscience to those who strive to keep the Light of the World from the Mexican people!

The battle to be waged with so strong an enemy as Christ has in Leon must necessarily be a long and fierce one, and to win
Brother and Sister Cartwright need a more loyal financial support from the Conference than they have had so far, that their strength and faith may not fail them, and by all means let them have our earnest prayers for their success.

SILAO-CIRCUIT.—The Lord has blessed us with great harmony of spirit on the part of our workers during the year, for which we are very grateful to Him, and the greatest number of conversions of any year yet. Seventeen members have been received on probation and one by letter. Our Bible woman has spent five afternoons of each week visiting the members and the poor of the clinics, reading the Bible and asking God's blessing on their humble homes, which has born good fruit. The members of the Roman clergy are more and more alert in Silao, ever seeking to keep all the subjects of Rome away from the light and trying to win back to darkness all those who seem a little cold and indifferent.

The Sunday School enrolled a hundred and five pupils and contributed $44.00, while the day school enrolled twenty-four pupils. English preaching services were held twice a month, a better attendance than we had the previous year, and $128.00, was contributed by these services and the weekly American Sunday School for Self-support. The Mexican congregation and pastor contributed $192.00, for same purpose. The sum of $32 was raised for Benevolence and forty dollars for other purposes during the year.

A very pleasant and profitable District Convention was held the first week in December in Silao, into which all the workers that could do so, entered with great enthusiasm and earnestness. The sweet spiritual tone that reigned throughout and the degree of brotherly love that was manifested by all the brethren were very precious indeed. We hope to have the pleasure of holding another as it may seem feasible and best to do so.

**SILAO MEDICAL WORK REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

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<td>Number of Private Patients Treated,</td>
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**SELF-SUPPORT RECEIVED FOR SAME:**

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<td>For Sale of medicines</td>
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<td>For Private Work and Visits</td>
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**Note:** This represents nine months work.
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<td>Total Number of New Church Members</td>
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<td>Day and Boarding Pupils Enrolled</td>
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<td>Sunday School Scholars Enrolled</td>
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<td><strong>Total Amount Raised by Conference Collections</strong></td>
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A comparison of these figures with those reported one year ago from the Northern District will show a very gratifying increase along the line and the largest of all is in the number of additions to the church, which is more than double that reported from this district in our last report.

The following gains were made over those of 1904:

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<td>In Number of Day and Boarding Pupils</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>In total amount raised for Benevolence</td>
<td>$ 21</td>
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Again we desire to acknowledge our great obligation and debt of gratitude to all the brethren and co-workers of the district, who have lent themselves so bravely to the task before them and labored so faithfully to make possible the gains here reported. We cannot refrain from lamenting that they were not larger and the work was not more perfectly done. But the Lord of the harvest was pleased to reward his laborers according to his mercy and wisdom, that they might not be too much exalted with their success, and that they might at the same time have reasons to rejoice and take new courage for the battles and toils of another year.

Hence, we are encouraged to believe that He has even greater triumphs in store for us next year, provided that we go forth with greater faith, enthusiasm and zeal, claiming His promises, expecting His aid in sowing beside all waters and reaping wherever He may bid us to thrust in the sickle, because the fields are white already to harvest.

Therefore, with deep gratitude to Him, whose we are and whom we serve, and with ardent hopes for the future, we leave the past with its fruitage at His feet, press forward to greater victories and respectfully submit this to your kind consideration.
DISTRICT OF OAXACA

J. M. EUROZA, P. E.

Mr. President and Beloved Brethren:

By the favor of Divine Providence we have reached the end of another year of labor in the field that has been placed under my care and direction, and it is with no slight satisfaction that I now comply with the duty of rendering an annual report on the labors that have been executed and give you an approximate idea of the prospects for the year which has now commenced.

OAXACA.—The past year has been, in various ways, much better than the previous ones as regards the practical results that we have obtained in the different departments of our field of labor.

In the first place we had to undertake the task of reconstructing and adapting the old hall dedicated to worship, which was left in the interior of the house, so that it would be accessible to the public from the sidewalk, and that the preaching could be heard from the street; or so that persons could enter as far as the screen that partly hides the interior of the hall or, without being seen by other passes-by, they might occupy a place amongst those who frequent that House of Prayer. The hall has a length of 17.50 metres and a width of 6 metres, while the roof is built of steel beams and curved iron sheets as well as the walls which are furnished with ample doors and windows properly decorated. This gives us the handsomest hall for worship in the whole of the District and the most convenient in the Capital of the State so that we can worthily represent God's cause and the Church to which we have the honor to belong.

On the night of the dedication of this new Church we had an attendance of over 300 persons and I cannot say how many were outside of the building. It was a solemn and precious occasion and the joy that filled the hearts of all more than compensated us for our anxieties, our afflictions, and the bitterness of spirit which we have suffered by reason of the special character of the persons amongst whom we had to work. We have not given you any reports on this subject through the columns
of the official periodical of our Church, for the simple and old
custom which has been adopted by your Brother to keep all
these things to himself and only present them in the annual re-
port to the Conference, remaining silent in the humblest place
amongst his fellow-laborers.

Since the inauguration of the hall referred to, we have had
numerous visits of outside people to our small congregation and
some of them have been constant and faithful. Among them
were two brothers who have lately been received as probationers
in our Church, and with the help of God we believe that they
will become worthy members of the Christian Church.

The day-school has continued its labors in a satisfactory way
and has maintained the prestige which is enjoyed by all our
schools in the country. In this sphere of action we have still
felt the evil influence of Jesuitism, which continues to work
without ceasing for the destruction of everything that does not
come from Ignatius de Loyola; but God is on our side and will
assist us to obtain the victory.

Through unforeseen circumstances we have had a reduction
in the number of subscribers to the Abogado Cristiano but as a
remarkable fact we can state that nearly all who have cut off
their subscriptions belong to different religious groups and only
one or two to our Church, while a large proportion of intel-
lectual and sensible people receive with pleasure our interesting
weekly.

We have made no great progress in the matter of Self-sup-
port, but we have not weakened nor will we abandon our sys-
tem. Although the congregation is small and notoriously poor,
the members do what they can, and we feel that it is our duty
to do all we can to comply with that obligation.

As a general thing, we have to a great extent gained the
respect and esteem of the residents in the Capital of the State.
Our Brother Butler has in his possession some written records
of this which I have privately shown him, and I believe that
with a little more patience we will reach results still more grate-
ful and beneficial to our cause.

Huitzo.—The Congregations in this circuit have been under
the care of our Brother Atilano Madrigal.

The nature of these labors cannot give us better results than
those we see year after year. The character of the races who
populate these regions is not the best adapted to progress with
the celerity which we would desire in the undertakings of our
Church. The progress made is very slow due to the fact that the
intelligence of these Brethren is very torpid, and that we have not the sufficient knowledge or do not really have in our hands the means to rouse them to a life of activity and welfare. Nevertheless, we believe that with the methods that in some cases have been adopted by our Church and in our days of making frequent changes amongst some of the preachers and by taking care that the different Brethren who are put in charge of this circuit should be fervent and enthusiastic in the sacred cause, we may perhaps obtain prompt and satisfactory results.

Brother Madrigal has fulfilled his duties in this circuit, but for the sake of his health and in order to try whether a more frequent change of Pastors would bring about an improvement in the work it would perhaps be desirable to change him to another place where there will be a certainty of his doing good work.

The work of our day-school in Huitzo has been twice interrupted during the year by reason of the epidemics that form an almost permanent scourge in that town, smallpox, measles and a species of Ophthalmia, all of which at different times oblige us to give vacations in order to preserve our pupils in better health.

We have also had to struggle disadvantageously against evil influences which as yet we have been unable to counteract and which are intended to lessen as far as possible the numbers of our pupils. Nevertheless, we have had a pleasant year in view of the results obtained in this department of our work. Brother Jose Zambrano has remained as faithful and reliable as ever, and continued to show himself worthy of your confidence and esteem.

In San Geronimo Sosola we have zealously worked in the day-school and can bear witness that some of our Brethren show an interest in the school and make sacrifices for it; but the practical results have not corresponded to our hopes, and it does not appear to me to accord with the principles that govern us in the opening and maintenance of our school. On several occasions we have had an attendance of only five or six children and we have not been able to get any improvement, not because of the indifference of the children or neglect of the parents but simply because there are no more children to come. Although there is a larger school population in that small village they have shown in a practical way that they take no interest whatever in any school and still less in one under our management. I believe that in this place we are losing time and
that we could employ our funds to greater advantage in another place of the same District to which I will refer later on.

On the other hand, we have commenced with a small school in Jayacatlan on a basis of self-support. The Brethren of that Congregation have made an agreement with the teacher of that school to give him a certain weekly sum in cash and a certain quantity of grain per week for his subsistence in order that he should carry on the work of the school, leaving to us the supervision and the exercise of our influence in those labors. Under these conditions the school has been kept going for three months; the heads of families are satisfied with the progress made by their children; but we are not at present in a position to say whether this plan will work satisfactorily for all.

During the past year as in those previous, we have received petitions from different places from persons who desire that the Minister should visit them and hold services in their small ranches. The Ministers have sometimes acceded to these requests and have visited those places finding that the ranch consisted of a single small house in which a family, composed of two or three persons lived, but that the place could only be reached by undertaking a journey of fifteen leagues more or less. In my opinion this is properly the work of an Evangelist who travels all over the country without stopping to organize a circuit or a congregation, and as a matter of fact this is the nature of the work in the Huitzo Circuit and unquestionably accounts for the slow progress made and for the somewhat disappointing results. On the other hand we know of well established places in which some of the people remain in their errors without their hearts being penetrated by the light of Heaven. This is not due to deficiencies on the part of the Pastor, but rather to the social isolation in which they live and the little encouragement they receive to elevate themselves in the moral sense.

In spite of all these difficulties we have been able to maintain the work at least up to the level at which we received it, due to divine assistance and the persevering efforts of our Brother Pastors. During the year we have increased the list of our probationers with the names of twenty persons who have voluntarily come to ask for admission into our Church.

The self-support has hardly made any perceptible progress but nevertheless the appropriations have been covered by the Pastors in due time.

CUCATLAN.—The work of this circuit has been under the charge of Bro. Agustin Rivera, well-known to you for his di-
igent and discreet labors. The work of evangelization is no better there than in any other part, as it presents the same difficulties and progresses at the same slow pace. As a general rule the population continues to show itself friendly to the Christians and has honored Brother Rivera with the same esteem and respect that has not been wanting towards all of our companions who have gone to live there.

The day school has been under the charge of our Sister Paula S. de Rivera and has resulted in an encouraging success, so much so that it has been found necessary to refuse some pupils on account of the impossibility of giving them room in the school and also for the want of teachers amongst whom the work could be distributed in accordance with the scientific principles which govern the scholastic labors of our day. The Directress of the school has zealously endeavored to make a division of her pupils according to their knowledge and the course of studies we have in use and since the school was organized we have advanced to a flourishing and satisfactory condition. As you have read in the Abogado Cristiano, the examinations were presided over by the Political Chief of the District and attended by the most prominent persons of Cuicatlan, all of whom retired well satisfied with the exercises and perfectly convinced that the Methodist School is one which merits the consideration and support of all sensible persons. This is further proved by the fact that on the 9th of January the Official schools were opened with eleven boys and three girls, whilst on the same date we matriculated 57 pupils. It is not improbable that if we continue as we have begun, we will have over 100 pupils in that school and it is absolutely impossible for a single teacher, however able she may be for the duties of her office to properly direct and attend to so many children.

As you will at once understand, the house which we had rented for School purposes is not sufficiently large and our Brother and Sister Rivera find themselves obliged to live in a single room under the worst conditions while the pupils have no better accommodation during the school hours.

There can be no doubt that if it were not for the hearty good will of our excellent friend Don Benjamin Ladrón de Guevara, the owner of the house which we occupy for our work in Cuicatlan, we could not have the satisfaction of reporting such important progress, for the simple reason that there is no other house in the locality of similar convenience. With praiseworthy unselfishness he has allowed us the use of this one for the work
that has excited his profound sympathy and at the same time does everything in his power to assist and protect the workers. It appears to me only right that this Conference, should it consider it desirable, should send that gentleman a letter of thanks, since though not a member of our Church he does everything in his power to assist us in the labors of the Circuit of Cuicatlan.

Our unwearied Brother Rivera, although he makes no claim to have been born for a Schoolmaster, has found himself under the necessity of exercising that office in order to assist his wife in the good work and without that help it would have been impossible to obtain the success which has attended the school during the past year. If this gives us satisfaction and pleasure on the one part, we cannot but see that there is another side to the question, as the permanent work of the school obliges the preacher to remain in the village all the week and does not allow him to make proper preparation for his sermons or Divine worship, besides preventing him in every way from visiting and working in his proper field of labor. It must be borne in mind, that as long as we follow along this course which makes of our workers school teachers at the same time, we will have to accept a slow progress and will have little to be thankful for in either the schools or the Churches.

You have either heard or read the welcome news of the brilliant prospects in Cuyamecalco which belongs to our Cuicatlan circuit and you may be certain that in spite of all this brilliant spiritual panorama we have not been able to give it much attention before that date which is referred to by the writer in the Abogado Cristiano simply because Brother Rivera was unable to visit the place, on account of the attention which he had to give to his classes in the School of Cuicatlan. And what I say with regard to Cuyamecalco I have also to say with regard to other places which our Brother could but does not visit because he cannot find time to do so. These are the true facts of the case and I beg the Conference to take them into consideration.

Self-support in this circuit has not been neglected and Brother Rivera has faithfully complied with his duties.

As regards the positive increases that we have obtained in this place we will state that the list of Probationers now includes 81 names which indicates 81 conversions in the general sense of the word.

Besides this, in Cuyamecalco a spontaneous collection of $300.00 has been made for the purchase of an organ which was earnestly desired for the services and the day-school and not
only this but they show a hearty good will to assist with money in the work of evangelization in their village and an unceasing desire to obtain a knowledge of the gospel so as to come out of the darkness and superstitions of Romanism.

May the Lord bless those good people and send them workers who will be worthy to represent the Lord's people for his glory and for the salvation of many souls!

NAZARENO.—In this village we have continued our labors with the Divine assistance and the perseverance of Brother Angel Zambrano. The services have been regularly held with an average attendance of 35. The number of persons converted in the circuit have been two, and there are good prospects for the future.

The work of the day school has continued under the direction of Brother Zambrano and the results obtained at the close of the scholastic year were highly satisfactory and such as were to be expected from our Brother's well-known capacity in this field of labor.

The collections apportioned to this charge have been duly raised and there is nothing to regret in the general condition of this part of the District except the want of a property on which we could erect a house for the use of our work. On the other hand, there is an immediate necessity for removing Brother Zambrano from that place as for over two years he has suffered from a cutaneous affection in one leg which has resisted all treatment, and it is the opinion of two or more medical men that this disease can only be cured by change of climate without which, he runs great risk of undergoing an amputation. Besides this, his young children are constantly suffering from malaria which is epidemic in that region. It is therefore an unavoidable necessity that the District of Oaxaca should lose probably one of its best and most zealous workers and we can only hope that the Lord will give us in place of this brother one who can continue the good work which has been commenced by his pious and diligent servants.

ZAACHILA.—Brother Juan C. Martinez has continued to fill this post with the same fidelity as in previous years. We have the certainty that this brother works earnestly and conscientiously but never the less there has been no appreciable increase in our Congregation, and the cause cannot be precisely attributed to any deficiencies which the Pastor may have but rather to the idiosyncracies of the majority of the people who cannot accept two of our principal requirements, which are: firstly, self-sup-
port and secondly, purity of life in the Christian Church. If we eliminated these two things it is possible that we would then see a larger attendance in our services.

The field is difficult and this is the best progress that we have been able to make after so many years of hard work amongst our countrymen in this territory. It is not a question of personal deficiencies or of personal ill-will but it is the very nature of the character that has been formed through evil influences that for a long time will detain any kind of progress.

On the other hand the labors of the day school in Zaachila have produced very encouraging results. During the past year we have had the best attendance and the largest number of matriculated pupils and should this state of affairs continue it is not unlikely that in this year we will have 100 pupils. Everybody admits that ours is a good school and in this as in previous years we have had among our pupils children whose families live in neighboring villages, but who send their children to us rather than to the official schools.

The work which with all zeal we again established in Cuilapa de Guerrero has been closed through the marked determination of the residents of that village. They undertook all the necessary negotiations to obtain the re-opening of the day school and of the public services which at first were well attended by a large number of pupils and hearers, but once the school was opened the pupils began to leave us as well as the persons attending the services so that we eventually had to abandon the field for want of persons to whom to preach and of pupils in the school.

We feel certain that we have in every way complied with the obligations imposed on us by the Christian Pastorate, as zealous servants of God; we have neglected no resources that were available but everything has been useless and these people will not abandon their old methods of deceiving everybody with fair promises which they never fulfill. The collection in this Circuit have been punctually raised notwithstanding the smallness of our Congregation in Zaächila.

I believe I ought to mention that in this part of the District no change has taken place as regards the area of our fields of operations in view of the fact that Brother Martinez is obliged to fill the offices of schoolmaster and minister, for which reason we have to be satisfied with the statu quo which is reached when one tries to fill two offices which demand great dedication and zeal.
CONCLUSION.—Dear brethren: Let us give thanks to God for the progress that we have seen in the Oaxaca District during the year 1905. It is not all the result of my personal labors but rather of the spontaneous work and dedication of my co-laborers. The results obtained are not to be depreciated and they have all come to us from God and through the instrumentality of his children who wherever they go carry with them progress and welfare in the work of evangelization and teaching and I am convinced that if we continue thus we will be able to do much more in the future.

We rejoice that God has given us peace, union and Christian love; we have helped each other in every way possible and my associates have conducted themselves with me like honest and worthy colaborers, as becomes children of the Lord.

During the year we have been afflicted with bodily disease and probably not one of us but what has felt the hand of God; which has also supported and strengthened our spirits.

We humbly lay our work at the feet of our beloved Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted.

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DISTRICT OF ORIZABA.

José Rumbia, P. E.

(Translation.)

On the 5th of February, the anniversary of the Constitution of 1857, our beautiful church was dedicated by Bishop Wilson and at the same time it may be said we inaugurated, the work of the year 1905.

For the Romanists who lose no opportunity of attacking our faith, and strive to make believe that we are losing in numbers, this dedication means not a little for, as our Divine Master said, we are a city that is built on a hill and cannot be hid; and our church, being in a place well attended by natives and outsiders, is a strong proof against that error and a faithful example of our good work in teaching the eternal truth.

During this last year we observed that our services were better attended than previously. In each service we noted at least 5 or
6 strangers. The Sunday School has an attendance of 50 or 60; 8 adults and 10 children were baptized and we counted about 15 conversions, some of them from Rio Blanco, a factory near this place.

In order to better illustrate the teachings of the Bible, a systematic reading course was established, taking place on Tuesday nights with the aid of the daily readings of the "Berean Leaves" with reference to the Sunday School lesson. For each attendant at the morning Sunday service, we have procured 10 religious tracts, for distributing on the Sabbath. Children are well adapted for this work.

Wishing that the public may be aware of our religious movements and know the Commandments of our Lord, we have placed two frames on the exterior of the church in which we placed El Abogado Cristiano and the Ten Commandments.

The watch night service was of great interest to the people in general, our church being completely crowded. Our brethren from Rio Blanco, over 60 in number, came on foot in order to be present. On this occasion we received 13 persons on trial.

RIO BLANCO.—As the congregation gradually increases we think we will be compelled to have a larger place of worship. Brother Mota, who has accommodated us in his house, has bought furniture, Bibles and Hymn Books for the use of the Sunday School, but the number is greater at each meeting. In the last Sunday School of last year we counted about 75 persons. On the 24th of December, 42 adults, both men and women, gave their names to be received on trial. These brethren are very active and enthusiastic, and assist in distributing religious literature. El Abogado Cristiano has 25 subscribers among them and we have no doubt that this year the number of subscribers will be doubled. Brother Olivera resides in Santa Rosa, a factory where he is working; this place is over six miles distant, but notwithstanding this fact he attends our services with his family either in Orizaba or in Rio Blanco. He is also a good worked for El Abogado Cristiano and a distributor of religious literature.

In this connection I would mention the conversion of a young lady, who was formerly a nun. Her parents, thinking to give her the best of their religion, took her to a convent at Puebla, where for three years she lived a life of fasting and penitence. A brother of hers, already converted in our church, took her out of the convent
and persuaded her to attend our services, the result being the conversion of this 19 year old girl. An uncle and aunt of these young people were baptized on the 22nd of last October. Her brother intends to send her to our college in Puebla for a proper education. Thanks to God that a victim was saved from a sad fate.

ATZACAN.—The brethren have showed themselves diligent and faithful in finishing the pastor’s house. This building was started by Brother Avila and finished by Brother Rosales. Now we have a fine building which looks attractive beside the church. Both the buildings are undoubtedly the best and most useful in the locality.

Week after week the brethren gave Tuesday to personally repair or improve our property, furnishing the necessary tools and for this purpose they made a subscription of 25 dollars. The are now preparing for the construction of a building for a school and for the teachers. Brother Rosales not only maintained the spiritual life of the members, but also the interest in the building of the parsonage, which he and his large family already occupy. He has also preserved the good will of the authorities and has awakened an interest in our day school.

Seeing the progress made by our brethren, the priest made his followers work also, starting some improvements in his church and even threatening to open a day school to compete with ours. This, instead of doing us any harm, will stimulate our efforts for the Cause.

TIERRA BLANCA.—Tierra Blanca has always called our attention as it is a railroad center and the prospects are good for an increase in population. As we have formerly said, the Depot is the town, and so we have no house in which to establish our work. It is well known that in order to firmly establish the work, a good appearance is necessary, and as in Tierra Blanca it is difficult to find a proper house, it will be necessary to build one, for until we have our own property for the workers we cannot have success. It is necessary to understand that if we cannot accomodate the laborer with at least the necessities for his daily life, it is better not to send him.

In my opinion we ought not to open new places in hot climates, if we have no acclimated laborers for the same, or if we have not the proper house for them. They could be sent to places where our church is already established and, in justice, procure for them a fitting dwelling place.

EL PANTANO.—El Pantano is a model congregation. Last year
both houses used for the services and school were burned; but all the brethren headed by Brother F. Z. Méndez faithfully meet three times a week at this brother's house. At their Sunday School Brother Méndez presides. These believers are never behind in the distributing work, but raise their collections and always look for a way to advance.

On my last visit to them, the 4th and 5th of December, we had some very animated and well attended services. A family living some 12 or 15 miles distant made a special trip for the occasion. After I had spoken at length on their not having a house for the services, Mrs. Ruperta Guevara stood up and after repeating some verses of the Bible gave us $24.—for the building of a house. This deed can better be appreciated if we stop to consider the distance that this faithful sister walked; it was constantly raining and when she arrived at El Pantano she was fairly soaked. Following the offering of this sister, Brother Saturnino gave $35, for the same purpose, making a total of $59.00. A committee was appointed for the purpose of getting the materials and of building the house on the lot donated to our church by one of the most venerable ladies in El Pantano, a lady they call "Mamita." Two young ladies of the place, at the present studying in our school in Puebla, will in the future be of great help here. In this connection I would like to say that during vacation, they with Brother Mendez celebrated Christmas; there was a good program and, if it was not the brilliant success of programs prepared in large cities, it was at least the sincere portrayal of the Bible authors, and there was the ardent desire to repeat in the presence of many strangers the words of the angel "Behold a Saviour has been born." El Pantano is undoubtedly a city built on a hill whose light cannot be hid.

Huatusco.—Huatusco remains the same. Evangelism there seems stationary, waiting for the time. when God may, with His Omnipotent Power, influence the cold and indifferent hearts of its inhabitants. It seems strange that notwithstanding the popularity and sympathy obtained by the pastor, his friendship with the authorities and persons of influence, the work there has been so much the same for the last eight years. The school in this locality has not given the desired results, for as Brother Bernal says, it is exceedingly difficult to make parents understand the interest they should take in their children's education. Perhaps with more consecrated cooperation of those responsible for this mission, more satisfactory results
could be obtained. In Centla a chapel is being built. This work is neither so big or costly that it could have many difficulties or obstacles, but of course like everything else it depends on the energy we put forth in the fulfillment of our duty. I had hoped that in reporting the work done at Huatusco I might have the pleasure of informing you of the completion of this chapel but it had to be left for this year. In Huatusco we have a property bought some little time ago; we thought of building a house for the work, but the lack of funds on one side and the poverty of the congregation on the other has compelled us to wait for better times and greater opportunities. Otherwise Huatusco is a town with a prosperous future. The railroad from Cordoba facilitates communication and its agricultural riches will make it prosperous, so, it is to be hoped, that the Word of God will complete its happiness.

TUXTEPEC.—A sad occurrence opens the report for Tuxtepec. *El Abogado Cristiano* duly informed us of the death of the young Prof. Hipólito Martínez on the 5th of September, 1905. Medical science has endeavoured to find out the causes and consequences of the terrible epidemic, yellow fever. The problem is solved, but our conditions of life and principally the sanitary question in a hot country, are means of infection and threat. Science, however, was unable to save the young man’s life. On the 6th day of his illness he succumbed and gave his soul to the keeping of the God whom during life he had faithfully served. Brother Martínez in the short time he had been in Tuxtepec had won, without exception, the friendship and esteem of all. He had begun English night classes with excellent results, thus giving the church a new impetus. When Brother Martínez was most satisfied with life and when his future smiled with success he was called before Him who shapes our ends. As an act of gratitude his students arranged his burial and erected to his memory a tombstone at their own expense. It was thought that at the death of Brother Martínez discouragement would come to the congregation of Tuxtepec but it was not so; a reaction seemed to be wrought among the believers for we noticed that when the terrible epidemic was at its worst eighteen adults were baptized after the service on the last of October. Those brethren remained firm and optimistic in all misfortunes, proving with all good Christians, that our church is built on the “Rock of Ages.” Tuxtepec will always be of interest owing to the religious advancement which is noted each year. The school’s for both the Boys and Girls are well attended and form a conspicuous part of the services and Sunday
School classes, and we have no doubt that they will in the future be good Christians. To better emphasize the good influence that the work has in Tuxtepec, suffice it to mention a simple illustration. It is customary to have a celebration of the year’s educational work and a committee is appointed to collect for this among persons who are favorable to our religious work. When this was done, not only did the principal citizens of this locality cooperate, but the “Jefe Político” (Mayor) contributed $8. Lately, in view of the great difficulties we have had in obtaining a house for the Girls’ school, the brethren have decided to build one after the style prevailing in these places. Brother Osorio took advantage of his vacation, and provided with a good axe went to the woods to hew, with his own hands, some of the wood to be used for the school, his face radiant and his herculean muscles in full play. Brother Osorio is an example to the congregation as well as to outsiders. There is a new mission which we visited in June about fourteen leagues from Tuxtepec near the mountain range of Oaxaca in the town of Ojitlan. Two persons quite comfortably situated, offered a house for a teacher, house for the school and salary and board for the one to go to open the work there. The necessary materials for the school will be furnished and one of the most interested will make the black-boards. The first and only time, I visited the town, I preached in the beautiful Hall of the Municipal School and had in my audience the authorities of the place. Our visit was of fatal results for the Catholic Church there, for a few days after our departure a terrible fire broke out making ashes of all the saints, their prayers and holy water having no effect whatever. The inhabitants laid the blame of this catastrophe upon the Protestants who had just left there a few days previously. As we found this town, so we will find many others situated in the hot zone, and consequently it is difficult to attend their call. If we but mention their names, there are symptoms of terror. While we have no acclimated laborers of the same country there will be great difficulty in keeping up the work, even in part. May there follow the above a request, which is only the echo of a desire that all of us have: namely to beg our dear brethren who are in charge of the Superior Colleges to aid as much as possible the entrance of young men from hot countries, who desire to consecrate their lives to the Ministry.

Mr. Bishop, It becomes my duty to put before you the constant danger in which are the laborers of a hot climate. We have no houses for them to live in, and yet it is necessary to send them to these
unhealthy places, already occupied by our church. Therefore I believe that, in justice, we should not establish new work in these hot regions until we have laborers from the same place or until we know that in part at least, they are assured such necessary comforts as will tend to ward off the dangers to which they are exposed. At the same time, these regions are most fertile in which to plant the seed of the Gospel. In these parts you find hearts that only await the tidings of "the good news" in order to dedicate their lives to Christ. In the coast lands there is more freedom, for the inhabitants, by nature, are more tolerant in religious ideas, and owing to the kind of life it is easier to implant new ideas. God grant that the day may come when we may be able to answer their call and that the hope of many towns in these regions may be satisfied; they are constantly saying "Come over and help us."

My dear Brethren: if there is anything satisfactory in what has been said, it is undoubtedly the result of our prayers to God who, in His mercy, has helped us in the work assigned to us. To Him, then, be given the honor, the glory, and thanks for ever and ever.

Respectfully submitted.

METHODOIST MEXICAN INSTITUTE

Mr. President:

Dear Brethren:

The Giver of all Blessings has granted us one more year of existence, and therefore we have had another year of work in the Methodist Institute of Puebla. We give our most devoted thanks to our Heavenly Father, for the year which has just passed has been successful in every way, and counting upon your attention, we will now inform you of the work done in this Institution of education, which is under our care.

Attendance.—That of 1905 was larger, by six pupils than that of the past year, as we had in the Institute 220 scholars, of which 83 were boarding pupils; but in the present year, we were obliged to close our matriculation the 20th of January, as we did not have, literally speaking, a single vacancy in any of our rooms, and we did not have either, a single vacancy in our Primary School. This is, no doubt, an exceptional event in the history of our beloved
Institute. We should appreciate this fact the more, when we come to know that the Catholic clergy of the city of Puebla, has declared an active propaganda against our schools in that capital. It will surely interest you also to hear that, following the path which will make of our Institution the first Methodist University in Mexico, we have admitted to the school, in the Commercial Course, the first eight young ladies, as day-pupils. They recite, without any fear of the exaggerated sayings of the Catholics, in their classes with our young men, and prepare their lessons in the corridors of our Institute.

WORK DONE.—With the best of goodwill and the activity which characterizes the members of our Faculty, they have worked all the year, and each one of them has also tried to make a specialty of the class or classes which are under his direction. The monthly reports given by the teachers to the pupils, through the Secretary of the Institute, as well as the annual examinations, proved, with the eloquence of figures, that nearly all of the students have worked with perseverance and with care, and that the teachers have also worked to their utmost. It seems just, therefore, to make known publicly our gratitude and thanks to our indefatigable co-workers and fellow-believers, the members of the Faculty.

VISITS.—Not having had this year, as in the past one, the plague of any epidemic in our school, we have had the great pleasure of receiving visits from some of the members of this Conference, and of having them appreciate personally how our Institution stands. The first visit was from our brother, Victoriano D. Baez, Presiding Elder of the Mountain District, who came to give us three lectures upon the subject, "The Literary Art." The lectures were of the very best, the audience was select and large, for we had a great many people from outside, as well as the girls from the Normal School for Girls of this City.

Every one who heard Mr. Baez was pleased, for his lectures were most enjoyable. The Direction of the Institute is greatly indebted to Mr. Baez, and desires to thank him here at this Conference, and waits the first opportunity to have him again at our school with the same purpose.

The second visit was from our brother Benjamin N. Velasco, President of our school at Queretaro, who also favored us with a very interesting lecture. Brother Velasco gave very practicable and good advice to our students. He also, as President of the Committee appointed to visit our school, inspected the various depart-
ments of the same, and went away to his field of work leaving among us the grateful remembrance of his pleasing visit.

At the end of the year, Brothers E. W. Gould and Plutarco Bernal were at our Institute. They were the other two members of the said Committee appointed to visit us, and they remained among us for about a week. Both brothers were present at some of the examinations, and spoke to our boys in our daily chapel service; the teachers, as well as our students, were much pleased with this visit. Brother Gould made a donation to our gymnasium class, and Brother Bernal remained with us till the termination of all our commencement exercises. Both of our brothers departed very much pleased with their visit to the Mexican Methodist Institute of Puebla.

We do not think it out of place to mention the visit which was made us by our brother, Ignacio D. Chagoyan, who was invited by the members of “Liceo Mejor Ocampo,” to have a part in the celebration of our Independence Day, which was held in the last days of September. Mr. Chagoyan gave a good speech, which was received very well by the intelligent audience present. His visit also, was most pleasant to all the students and teachers of the school.

Graduates.—The year was one of the most important, for the work done in the school. We had ten graduates, five in the Theological Department, and five in the Commercial Department. The names of the new preachers are Alfonso Hernandez, Carlos Sanchez, Leopoldo Garcia, Crescencio Osorio and Jose Velasco. This group has been, surely, the best prepared of all the classes which have come out of the Institute, and for that, we must congratulate Dr. Francis S. Borton, Dean of said Department, who has worked with all consecration to make the young men good preachers, who, we feel sure, will be an honor to our school as well as to our Church. With respect to our graduates in the Commercial Department, one of them has been nominated professor of our Institute at Queretaro, and the others have again returned to our school to follow other studies.

Finances.—Our finances have continued to go along smoothly. Last year our self support reached $5,119. In the present year we have had a large increase over that sum, reaching $8,139. Besides, we are pleased to say that we had a surplus in the fund of the Institute, with which we have been able to make some very im-
portant and much needed improvements in the school. This surplus was due, first to the large number of our boarding pupils, and secondly to the regularity with which they paid their monthly dues. Many requests have reached us to receive some young men in our school free, but we have given our attention only to those who will study to be teachers or ministers in our Mission. However we have in the school about twelve young men who do not pay any thing, but whom we help by giving them work in the establishment. We have others, who pay small amounts, but all of them have been received with the condition that they will consecrate their lives to the service of the Church.

Changes in the Faculty.—The near departure of Dr. F. S. Borton for the United States, for several months furlough, has obliged us to close for the year, the Theological Department. Fortunately, there are no pupils for that department this year, as the new class has one more year of normal work before entering the Theological class. As soon as Dr. Borton returns, he will find another group of young men ready to begin their course under his able direction.

Our Brother, Mr. J. P. Hauser, treasurer and professor of our Institute, has been promoted, as you know, to the difficult position of Press Agent of our Church in Mexico. We regret most sincerely his separation from us, but we feel sure, that with his presence in Mexico City, our printing office and all our interests connected with it will improve, for the new agent is a model of activity and an indefatigable worker.

Mr. Geo. A. Manning, professor in our Institute has asked permission to remain in the United States this year, so as to continue his studies in music. Meanwhile, Mr. Francisco Manriquez and his sister, Miss Maria Manriquez will take the classes which Mr. Manning left vacant. We hope that Mr. Manning’s stay in the North will be most advantageous to him.

Conclusion.—Before ending this report, permit me, dear brethren, to add that our Library at the school, which you know was recently started, has had of late some very valued acquisitions, such as an “Etymological Dictionary,” by Roque Garcia, “Mexico and its Social Evolution,” and some other works of great importance. We have recently painted the room in oil, after the Pompeian style, and we can now say that our Institute has a worthy library. To conclude, we return to God our most devout thanks for the many rich favors which He has granted us during the past year in our school,
and also we must express our gratitude to all the teachers for their great help, which has made a very successful year for us. In the midst of our satisfaction for this ending of another year, it is just to give honor to whom honor is due, for we feel sure that the professors of the Methodist Mexican Institute merit fully the preceding satisfactory report.

Respectfully submitted.

P F. VALDERRAMA, Press.

QUERETARO METHODIST INSTITUTE

(Translation.)

Mr. President and dear brethren:

Permit me first to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the special blessings that have been ours during the year 1905. We have felt the blessed influence and power of our Heavenly Father in the work of educating the youth committed to our care, and for this reason we joyfully yet humbly, lay the fruits of our labor at the feet of the Master.

The Queretaro Institute is carrying on the important work of the advancement of the kingdom of God through the education of the youth of Mexico. We have in our establishment students representing the German, English, American, Italian and Spanish colonies existing in this country, and, also, representatives of 14 different states of this Republic. The gathering together of students from so many different points makes the college a sort of cosmopolitan family, in which the students are interested not only in their personal education, but also are desirous of seeing the cause of Christ extended. When they have finished their studies in the Institute, and become scattered throughout the nation they carry with them wholesome ideas, and vigorous powers of mind and body to open the way for them in life's struggle, and to become preachers of the "glad tidings which shall be to all people," in their homes, and in society.

The Institute aspires, principally, to promote popular education, thus giving to the young men from the humble walks of life, high ideals and hopes for the future, and to the descendents
of our native races ideas of the possibility of developing into able and useful men by means of mental and physical labor, and enabling them in the shop, professorship, and public service to contribute to the domestic and social welfare of the nation.

During the year we matriculated 89 students, of which 69 were boarding pupils and 20 day pupils. At the end of the school year seven finished the primary course, four the advanced primary work, and one the high school course. We have adopted in our college the program of studies prepared for the Federal District, and we employ the most modern methods of teaching.

The physical, intellectual, and moral education of the students is carefully looked after in all grades. To this end we have introduced the Swedish methods of gymnastics, which are giving splendid results. The students are divided into groups, classified in accordance with their age, health and size. In the work of mental development the professors in each department endeavor, with pains-taking care, to teach each scholar to think for himself, know the ideas imparted, and be able to express himself in terms that indicate that he is familiar with the subject in hand. Each grade has its own professor, which contributes to the concentration of each on his own work.

The literary society, "Benito Juarez," composed of the professors and students, continues to be most helpful in the practical education of our students. It holds its sessions every two weeks and the members take an active part in declamation, debate, and original composition. This stimulates study and contributes largely to easy expression in public. We also have outings every 15 days at which time the students have opportunities to make practical observations concerning matters studied in the class room. In that way the students, being given the theme before hand are enabled to study under the supervision of their professors and acquire knowledge, not only from the living voice, but also by personal observations made in the fields.

The development of the moral life forms, very naturally, an important part of the work of our Institute. We understand and teach to our students that a man strong and well instructed, but without a moral basis is like a ship without a rudder and cannot successfully battle with the waves on life's tempestuous sea. If the boy or young man needs to cultivate his mental and physical powers by means of study and work, much more does he need the development of his moral powers. We need to form the character of our students,
educating their will, purifying their emotions, and correcting their habits, thus awakening in them true love of the good and the true, and arousing their energies to rightly discharge the duties of life. To this end we have in all grades classes for religious study, the text-book being the Bible. In this way our boys are early taught to "search the Scriptures" and to thus know God's will concerning them. The effort is made to have each student thus become interested in the divine plan for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God on earth, and to feel the necessity of accepting Christ as their personal Savior and best friend. We have in this way secured precious fruits in the formation of character among our students. We have two Epworth Leagues, which contribute greatly to the moral and spiritual education of our boys and young men. These Leagues hold their services once a week on Sunday afternoons, and these gatherings are characterized by a blessed spirit of fellowship in Christ.

The discipline and order of the school is sustained by the perfect harmony reigning in the relation of teachers and students, and the personal conviction of each that it is to his interest, and individual development to walk uprightly. Our motto in the education of young men is to develop sane, practical, vigorous, and intelligent men for the battle of life.

In the last days of September we received a most gracious blessing from God during a series of revival services under the direction of our beloved brethren Dr. Arcadio Morales and Mr. F. P. Lawyer, Presiding Elder of the District. These revival meetings were held in our church, which is largely made up of the students. During the ten days meetings we enjoyed a gracious outpouring of the Spirit, which gave us a gracious uplift, and left many precious memories. There were 63 conversions, 17 from among the families outside, and 46 students. With inexpressible joy they declared their desire to consecrate all of their powers to the service of their Master, our glorious Savior. This was the most blessed season that God has given us in the history of our Institute and it is our earnest hope that from this wakening we may be able to secure more preachers and teachers of the blessed gospel, and that the Queretaro congregation may grow in spiritual power and be the means of opening new doors for the evangelization of the city in which we live.

The self-support of the Institute for 1905 was $4000; this, compared with the $3280 of the year before, shows an increase of $720. But nevertheless we had a deficit at the end of the year, be-
cause, as is well known, the first necessities of life have so notably increased in prices during these last years. In spite of the most rigid economy the appropriation was used up before the end of the year. To avoid incurring a debt in the future, we have raised the price of entrance for each student to $15. We hope, with God's blessing to have enough to pay all expenses of the Institute, and better somewhat the condition of the college.

Desirous of informing the public in general and the fathers of families in our church in particular, regarding the plan of studies, the general state of the college, and the conditions of admission, we published at the end of last year a catalogue, which is doing good work and we feel that we may reasonably hope that our self-support will greatly exceed that of former years.

From October 24-27 we held our annual examinations when we had the pleasure of receiving Professor Brigido Valdespino, official visitor of the state of Queretaro, to review our work. There also came at that time Mr. F. P. Lawyer, Presiding Elder of the District, and the visiting committee appointed by the Conference, the Rev. I. C. Cartwright and the never-to-be-forgotten brother, Tranquilino del Valle, whose absence we all deplore. We passed very happy days in these closing hours of the school year in which we were helped by the wise counsels and precious fellowship of brothers Lawyer and Cartwright; especially do we remember the inspiration that brother Del Valle left with us in the sermon he preached exhorting us to faithfulness and diligence in the work of educating the rising generation, and particularly to help them to a personal knowledge of our Christ.

On the evening of the 27th. we held the fiesta, closing the work of the year. The Presiding Elder of the District presided, and distributed the premiums to those who reached the highest grade and the premium of honor to the student who observed the best conduct during the year. Students finishing the work of the different grades, or graduating from the college, received appropriate diplomas.

Permit me before closing to express my most cordial appreciation to the professors in the college for their efficient help during the school year, for the manner in which they have met the increasing demands on their time and strength, and for the excellent spirit and good will which they have always manifested in carrying out the plans of the Institute.

This, beloved brethren, is a brief synopsis of the work accom-
plished by the Methodist Institute of Queretaro. We confess that these results are very small, but we hope, with all our heart, that in the future, with the help of our Lord, we may accomplish better things in the betterment of the lives of the students and the enlargement of Christ's kingdom in our beloved Mexico.

Respectfully submitted.

B. N. Velasco.

REPORT OF THE PRESS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 1905.

The Press Committee have asked me to make a report of our Mission Press for 1905. I am glad to do so, and to make some observations as to the needs and opportunities of this particular branch of our evangelical work in Mexico. The evangelical press in this country is no doubt a potent agent in the redemption of the lost and the building up of the Church—no other agent can equal it in spreading light and truth—but it seems to me that the Evangelical press of Mexico is not entirely measuring up to its opportunities. It should be more evangelical—its literature should be so permeated with the Word of God and the spirit of the Gospel, that wherever it goes—and it goes into thousands of homes where the Bible would be rejected—I repeat, that every book and paper printed on our mission presses, should contain enough Gospel to save any inquiring soul. Philosophical, scientific, argumentative literature are well in their place—but they should have small place in our Gospel preaching and in our Gospel printing. "Preach the Word" was Paul's admonition to Timothy, and I believe it would be his instruction to the Evangelical Press of Mexico to-day.

The work of our own press has not been different from that of former years. I am glad to be able to report substantial progress made—greater in some respects than in 1904. Something over four millions of pages of evangelical literature were printed, including the minutes in Spanish and English, editions of our Hymnal—word and music editions; "Abogado Cristiano," "Bereanos," "El Instituto," "Evangelista Mexicano," 35,000 Tracts, editions of the S. S. Hymnal by Rev. Vicente Mendoza—and much educational and scientific work, including a new edition of the Palacios Arithmetic, and an important technical work for the Federal Government. There have been a number of small books and circulars printed, bearing
directly on our work—worthy of mention are the booklets in English and the "Bible Study Calendar" edited by Mrs. Sarah Butler. Many instances have come to us of the fruits of this extensive seed sowing, and we believe eternity only can tell the far-reaching benefits of the Mission Press.

The floating debt with the Treasurer has been reduced from $1900 to $414.88, and many small improvements have been made in the material equipment of the Press.

As my administration as Publishing Agent closed the last of the year, a recapitulation of the work of the press since January 1902 might be of interest to the Conference. At that time our debt with the Treasurer was approximately $3,500, which, as stated above, has been reduced to $414.88; the debt with the W. F. M. S. of $750, loaned by Miss Lloyd was paid off; there has been about $3000 of new equipment installed, including a new Chandler and Price Press, a Five-horse power Electric Motor, new type for "El Abogado Cristiano" and the "Bereanas," book and job type, &c. The press has printed during the time some valuable books and booklets—the stock on hand of books printed and purchases amounting to many hundred dollars; but the greatest asset of our work,—as the Word of God assures us,—is the unseen and eternal—the souls that have been saved and benefited through this agency.

Allow me to thank you, Brethren of the Mexican Conference, for your co-operation and kindness during the five years of my administration, and to bespeak for Brother Hauser, the incoming agent, your hearty co-operation. The press is a difficult one: with the bases of supply extending from South America to Spain on the East and New York on the North; and with fanaticism opposed to the circulation of our literature at home,—the task of supplying the wants of the field is not always an easy one. The difficulties are encountered by workers in all the Spanish fields, and a concerted effort is being made to improve in some measure the situation. An important step has been taken toward that end during the past year; it is to catalog all the Spanish Evangelical Literature so that every worker may have a complete list of books published, may know where the literature may be obtained, and the price of same. The enterprise is headed by our good Brother, C. Scott Williams of San Luis Potosi, and is an important step toward the unifying and simplifying of our publishing work.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Turner.
GUANAJUATO GIRLS' SCHOOL

How gladly would we pen a year's advance in the work of the Guanajuato Girls' School if experience and ability had marked its Directorship for the new year of 1905.

But the absence of the Principal, recuperating in the States during the entire year, left the work in charge of a new laborer, and we ask, therefore, a kind indulgence for our report at this time.

However, with an interpreter and four Mexican assistants, all the former departments of work were opened, and in His name we endeavored to "stand," at least, if we were not able to go forward and add to the noble work already begun.

We humbly but very gratefully testify that we were not forsaken, and whether we were destined to fail or succeed, we knew the future alone could reveal the result of our efforts put forth in the Master's cause.

We were glad to note a marked desire for spiritual life, and the dearest experience of the whole year was the conversion of some of our girls to the simple Christ-like life.

We were greatly encouraged to find an earnest hungering for a better educational development, and many of the pupils well deserved our best efforts for their advancement.

Our instruction in the English language added a different class of students and encouragingly increased our self-support.

The Bible Training Course for Bible Women has been more thoroughly organized, and with the help of the Pastor and his assistant sufficient teachers were secured. A commendable line of religious study has been supplied, and with the added privileges of hospital classes our Bible readers are being prepared to minister to physical as well as spiritual necessities which is an item of no small importance.

We realize that this department of Guanajuato work should receive the heartiest cooperation on the part of our workers and schools, and we most earnestly solicit aid in securing students.

We are glad to report an increased enrollment, the greatest number of boarders, as well as amount of self-support thus far recorded, and several hundred dollars' worth of needed supplies in the various departments.

While the disastrous flood which visited us July 1st affected our school attendance and caused the departure of several boarders,
yet we were spared loss of life and property except extensive repair ing on our first floor. Although we were left in a terror-stricken town, fervent gratitude to God was upon our lips, and we felt we should give greatest service to the work so marked by His protecting Providence.

The financial help from the “Relief Fund” was deeply appreciated and saved us using for repairs a portion of the building fund so much needed in completing the school. We were glad to devote nearly one thousand dollars to the completion of the building.

When our examinations and closing exercises marked the “finis” of the year, with evident success as our friends testified, we could say, “God has done great things for us whereof we are glad.” He alone deserves all the praise.

The arrival of the Misses Cook, experienced teachers with a knowledge of Spanish, and the expected return of the former Principal promise much for a new year’s work.

In closing, God’s hand has most assuredly been seen in the work, and in the words of our recent Bishop, “I trust His mercy covered it all.”

Respectfully submitted

Ella E. Payne.

REPORT OF THE SARAH L. KEEN COLLEGE.

The entrance into our new building at the beginning of last year was a joyful event.

Large class-rooms with an abundance of sunlight; dormitories newly furnished; spacious parlor and library for the girls; large patios for recreation; and modern apartments for the American workers are a few of the many things for which we very profoundly grateful. The new building was dedicated by Bishop Wilson in January 1905. Owing to the change of location, many of the former day pupils were unable to come to the new building, but others have come, some of them from the best families of the city. The enrollment for the year was one hundred eighty two, of whom sixty were boarders.

Miss Eveline Smith of Chicago arrived before the opening of the year and aided in the opening of the work in the new building.
With her unusual ability she has done a wonderful work in the departments of music and English.

The need of still other American workers was felt. The work was too great for two. In April Miss Harriet Allen came and took the superintendency of the primary department.

With her large experience in Primary work and most up to date methods she began marked reforms in her department and aroused enthusiasm on the part of the Mexican teachers.

Our force of American workers was still further increased by the arrival in September of Miss Grace E. Hollister a most earnest and helpful worker. The faculty including American and Mexican workers numbered seventeen. Among the instructors for the normal department was Prof. Cervantes Imaz formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction of Mexico City—one of the best known and most honored educators of the City.

The graduating exercises were held in the unfinished chapel in October. Seats were improvised and the bare rafters and beams were covered with streamers of bunting in the college colors of blue and gold. Four young ladies received their diplomas and are now teaching in the schools of the Mission.

One of the most gratifying things of the year was the earnestness with which the house girls entered into the work of the Epworth League of the school. Owing to the long distance from the church they were not able to attend the services during the week but always went to Sunday morning services, and to Sunday School in the afternoon.

There was a marked change in the class of day pupils found in the school last year. Attracted by the fine building, some of the best families of the city brought their daughters to us. This coming in contact with the school influence must do a great deal toward breaking down the prejudice that the better class of Mexicans have against Protestantism. They never go to a Protestant church and can be reached in no other way.

While we rejoice in the widening sphere of the school's influence among the more influential classes, we realize, on the other hand, the need of providing means for a more practical education for the poorer class. What these girls need more than anything else is a training that will elevate the home life. In addition to mental development, they need manual training.

Except where they have scholarships, very few remain in school long enough to graduate, but leave before they are fitted for any
special work. We are thankful that the children are coming from
the better classes and our aim is to build up a first class self-sup-
porting college where Mexican girls can receive an education as
broad as in any of the colleges in the United States; but not sec-
ondary to this aim is the hope of establishing an industrial school
where the less favored may be trained for lives of usefulness and
happiness.

Each day as we see the girls of the institution developing in char-
acter and Christain life, we thank the Heavenly Father for the great
privilege of being co-workers with Him in this beautiful land so full
of Promise. May the Holy Spirit guide us in the great work.

Laura Temple.

ORIZABA ENGLISH SCHOOL.

Throughout its history, the English school has been limited to
one very small room, whose crowded condition has made effective
work and good discipline very difficult, hence we were happy, in
the early part of the year 1905, to remove to a larger room,—better
light, better ventilation, and more ample space have not been with-
out their good effect on the work and discipline.

Forty-one pupils were enrolled within the year, — a slight in-
crease over the number last year. The average membership has
been about twenty-two, and the average daily attendance twenty.

Perhaps the most encouraging thing has been the better attitude
of the pupils toward the necessary restrictions of school life, and the
possibility of allowing them more freedom in matters of discipline.

The school has lost quite largely within the year through the re-
moval of a number of American and English families who have been
patrons and loyal friends of the school. But in compensation, a
larger number of Mexican children have been enrolled.

Mrs. Andrea Rodriguez has assisted in the work of the school for
the greater part of the year, teaching penmanship and drawing, but
most of all, she is a warm friend of the school, and through her in-
fluence,—for she is a lady of culture, and well known in Orizaba,—
the school is becoming better known among the best families of the
city.
A small English Sunday-School has been maintained, with a membership of about twelve.

With the opening year before us, we take up our duties, and if the future grant us success, and heaven wills that the seed shall grow, we are content. But if a large measure of success be denied us, then this is our prayer, "May we have deserved it."

Alice Foster.

PACHUCHA GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The total enrollment for the year reached five hundred three, the largest in the history of the school, and only the lack of room prevented the number from being much larger.

During the first months of the year, much time and attention were given to the building of the new dormitory and two rooms for teachers; these were completed in July and a long felt need was supplied.

The kindergarten enrolled over 200 and the average attendance was over 120. This department possesses almost unlimited possibilities and only its small quarters prevents it from being all we might wish for it. The Elemental and Primary grades have been full and the work has reached a fair degree of excellence.

The Superior Department is reaching a higher standard, the girls are developing a class spirit that is a help to them and to the school. The three organized Leagues have strengthened the Spiritual Life of the school; they have also contributed regularly to the Self-Support of the church. The Wednesday afternoon meetings of the Senior League have been bright spots in the lives of many of the girls. The Junior League, with a membership of 160, has had the best year of its life, Miss Refugia Perez as superintendent has put much life and enthusiasm into all departments. Three girls have joined the church in full connection and nine on probation.

The annual patriotic entertainment, on the 16th. of September, eclipsed all others; it is becoming a fixed feature of the school, and is looked for event not only by the members of the school and church but by citizens as well; many were unable to obtain admittance, numbers coming from surrounding towns. It was presided over by Gov. Pedro L. Rodriguez.
Occasionally during the year the girls have given receptions and we find this a very helpful feature, for it gives the girls an ease and grace and an insight into social life and customs that helps them to become the women we so much wish them to become.

Early in August Miss Bohannon left us for a well deserved furlough in the States; while we greatly missed her, still we are glad that it was possible for her to have the needed rest and recreation: we trust she will soon return well and strong, and full of new plans for our work.

Twice during the year have we had the pleasure and privilege of having with us representatives of the ladies of the homeland,—Mrs. Knotts of the New York Branch and Mrs. Taylor of the Minneapolis were with us in March, and Miss Carnahan of the Philadelphia, in April. These visits, though short, meant much to us.

The examinations in October were presided over by Mr. del Valle, Mr. Adam, and Mr. Chagoyán, and the work presented was a credit to both teachers and pupils. We greatly enjoyed the helpful presence of these men, and long shall we remember the words of advice and counsel of Mr. del Valle which were to be the last we should ever hear from him. The closing entertainment was given on two nights as in former years, to large audiences.

A number of valuable books have been added to the library.

Miss Laura Eggleston, a graduate of the State Normal College of New York, who came to the English school in July, has been a resident of the Home, and a valuable addition to the Mission force.

It was necessary, on account of the transforming of the cemetery into a park, to remove the remains of Miss Hastings to San Bartolo, just outside of the city, and there she now rests in a perpetual grave.

As we review the work of the year, it seems as if the possibilities were so wonderful and the need so great that even at the very best the successes that have been attained are so far from being what we would have them. But the new year is before us, and we only pray that we may have the wisdom, grace and strength given us to do the work that is to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN HEWITT.
GIRL'S NORMAL INSTITUTE
PUEBLA.

We ask ourselves the question, what has been the record of 1905 for the Puebla Normal Institute for Girls. We know that modern methods of teaching, the best school appliances, even the acquisition of knowledge itself will have missed its purpose, if there has not been development of character, and our girls made more womanly for having been under our instruction this year.

The few teachers remaining in Puebla during the vacation began the new year in the watch night service, with a heart felt cry for renewed inspiration, and greater wisdom for the responsibilities of the coming year.

We have before us the ideal of what we want our girls to be, the psalmist's vision: that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace. As a means to this end, our plan has been, first, a rigorous course of study adapted to the development of the mind, presented inductively by the teachers, so that the pupils may learn to think clearly and logically. While pupils are intent upon the pursuit of knowledge, they are unconsciously forming habits that may be of more value to them than the knowledge of certain curriculum subjects, that is, the ability to do patiently a disagreeable task, to overcome the carelessness so common to girlhood: laziness must be fought against, and slovenliness in language has to be criticized, so that ability may be acquired for correct and adequate expression of thought.

If the indolent have not yielded to the best influences for study, they have had to fall behind, while the diligent have pressed forward.

That there might be more of the home atmosphere in the school, our teachers have endeavored to be the friends of the pupils, and there has been daily discipline for each girl in doing a portion of the domestic work, so that she may be fitted to become a home-maker. Care is taken to cultivate the manners that are always so charming in a well bred woman.

Twice a day, teachers and students have met together for prayer,
and the pupils are organized into missionary and temperance societies, as well as an Epworth League.

Our day school has shown an increase in matriculation, the entire number for the year being three hundred eighty-two. The self support has advanced in about the same proportion as in preceding years, the entire amount for the year is $12,022.82. But we regret to state that unless we are able to buy more property, we cannot expect to increase in the future, as we have reached our limit, and in many of the school rooms already we have enrolled during the month of January more pupils than we have seating room for.

In the English Department alone, one hundred and six pupils were enrolled, and our influence has been extended through this agency. The fact that this conservative, fanatical Catholic center, Puebla, is being influenced by our Protestant schools is evidenced by a tract in the interest of the Catholic church which was printed at the opening of the school year. 50,000 copies were distributed, warning the faithful not to send their children to the Methodist schools. One sentence is calculated to be helpful rather than detrimental to our cause, in which it says that persons looking for a school for their children naturally turn to the Methodist School, because Arithmetic and English are well taught there. Even in this priest-ridden city, we feel the influence of a new life. Since commerce is increasing, and extensive improvements are planned for the health, beauty and convenience of the city, we hope to be able to meet these new conditions by a more efficient school.

In July, we were greatly alarmed when Miss Purdy was taken ill with typhoid, followed later by the Misses Strawn and Pennington, victims to the same disease. Trained nurses were employed for the sick, but how to supply their places in the school room was a problem. Fortunately, Miss Betz who had resigned her position in the English School, in order to study one or two years in the United States, was still with us, and very kindly offered to relinquish her plans and to supply Miss Purdy's work. She has been invaluable to us in this crisis.

To some extent, our school work suffered, but even typhoid has its blessings, in the many inquiries made for the sick ones, and the constant reminders of the thoughtfulness and kindness of our friends in the kind messages and profusion of flowers sent. Teachers cheerfully took additional classes, and our pupils seemed to be honored if they were allowed in any way to minister to the sick ones.
Even the small children banded themselves together to preserve order.

As strength slowly returned to Miss Purdy, her vision of the work cleared and she said, "I see as never before that this work has not been in vain, and in the unfolding of the character of these girls, we have a very precious work to do for the Master."

She is at home waiting for strength to return to Mexico, for the work in which she has found her greatest usefulness and happiness.

The close of each year's work, imperfect as it has been, finds us with a broader experience and greater readiness to serve another year, if the Master wills.

Respectfully submitted.

Anna R. Limberger.

METHODIST MEXICAN INSTITUTE

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

Mr. President and Brethren:

The Methodist Mexican Institute is situated in the city of Puebla, and is under the auspices of our Church. This institution is an expression of the high ideals of this annual Conference, and is an honor to the Church under whose jurisdiction it is.

The professors and instructors form a body of educators such as guarantee a full, liberal, and Christian education to those who attend the school. The methods used are the most modern.

In fulfilling the duty with which you were so kind as to honor us, it was not possible for all of the committee to visit the Institute together; the chairman visited it alone at the end of August, the other two members of the committee at the time of the closing exercises of the school year, namely from October 25th, to 30th, 1905. And we are all glad to say that we received the most pleasing impressions from what we saw and heard.

We had the pleasure of visiting both the dormitories and the class rooms, and found the best of hygienic conditions prevailing, all the rooms being well ventilated. All the courses are well graded, and carried on carefully and effectively by professors who ably attend to the matters placed in their charge. We were present at
examinations in various subjects, and could see in them all the splendid advance made by the students; and also the eminently practical nature of the training given in the institution. Since it would be difficult to enumerate all the examinations and reviews which we attended, let it suffice to say that these exercises were in the main, brilliant and entirely satisfactory.

The gymnastic exercises in the school are well organized, and well attended, and their magnificent results are apparent in the excellent health and general physical development of the students.

Your committee desires to make special mention of those who completed their courses and were graduated. There were five graduated from the theological department, and five from the commercial. From the former Jose Velasco, Alfonso Hernandez, Crescencio Osorio, Leopoldo Garcia and Carlos Sanchez were graduated; and from the latter Jose Amaya, Manuel Bustamante, Jacinto Ramos, Edgardo Esquivar, and Gilberto Villaseñor. We visited many classes in both departments and were truly convinced by the most pleasing impressions which we received that splendid work had been done in both courses. The theological students had made a careful and intelligent study of all the work in their curriculum, and promise to be fit instruments in the hands of the Highest to carry the Glad Tidings to the people. We think it right to recommend highly to this Conference, the work which Dr. F. S. Borton is carrying on in his department and to congratulate him warmly. His graduates have shown themselves well equipped, and reveal the consecrated effort of their faithful and intelligent instructor.

We had the opportunity of attending the closing exercises of the literary society, "Melchor Ocampo," and also a musical concert given by the "Mendelssohn Club" which is made up of some of the professors and students of the Institute. On both occasions we were delighted with the progress in literature and art which has been made in this institution of learning.

In the Institute, perfect order appeared in all departments, and the discipline was excellent. We took occasion to attend various religious services and were much impressed by the reverent spirit manifested in them all.

We noticed also, with much satisfaction, the respect and esteem which the students showed toward their instructors, and especially toward the President. Each one was prompt and careful in
fulfilling the part assigned to him, and this fact speaks eloquently of the excellent discipline prevailing there.

In the classes in gymnastics various prizes were distributed to the winners of events.

The closing exercises for the work for the year took place on the evening of the 20th., at 7 o'clock. One of the most interesting numbers on the program was the distribution of prizes to the successful ones. The diplomas were also presented by the president to those completing courses in theology and business.

In conclusion, brethren, your committee has the pleasure of informing you that the Methodist Mexican Institute is doing a splendid work; and that the substantial and Christian education there given to the youth is preparing foundations for a glorious future for Evangelism in Mexico.

It only remains to express our thanks and appreciation for the attentions we received at the hand of Dr. Valderrama and his worthy family during our pleasant stay in Puebla.

B. N. Velasco.
P. Bernal.
E. W. Gould.

METHODOIST INSTITUTE OF QUERETARO.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR BRETHREN:

In the historic city of Queretaro, the cradle of Mexico's liberty (although now a most fanatical center) and the place where French imperialism received its death blow at the hands of the immortal Juárez, whose name shines brighter and brighter despite the efforts of Bulnes and his inspirers, the clerical party, to tarnish it, we Methodists have a center of intellectual and spiritual power for which the entire Methodist Episcopal Church should be profoundly grateful.

Our dear Brother, Benjamin N. Velasco, there directs matters with a discipline at once rigid and most kind. The boys look upon him as king, but know full well that the king is their loving father.
Although there was every evidence that advancement was being made along all lines in the intellectual life, and that the faculty there do not neglect the physical culture of the young men and boys committed to their care, the whole atmosphere seemed surcharged with spiritual life and power. If we were able to discern the spirit of that body of students, it would seem that they gave special emphasis to the first importance of character, and that character in Christ Jesus.

In all the work of the college, brother Velasco is helped by the efficient services of professors Cora, Zapata, Laguna, Corona, and others. The committee was very much impressed by the great excellence displayed in the art departments; so superior was the work of the various students, that the committee found it difficult in almost every instance to award the prizes without dividing them. When we came to the program of the last night, with which we closed most pleasantly our labors, we had about the same difficulty with the literary productions. However, while we could find but little to criticize either in the matter or manner of any, the writer must confess that he cannot now remember to have ever been so moved as he was by the oration of the young man, Nicholas Jaime, in his "Good By to the College." It was a poem in prose. God grant that that voice and captivating spirit, as well as those of the other orators of the evening, may all be consecrated to the service of the Master as the Spirit may call them to serve Him, be it in the professors chair, in the practice of law or medicine, in commercial or agricultural life, or in preaching and practicing the sweet "gospel of peace and good will to all men" in the ministry! In every branch of life's activity men are needed who are wholly consecrated to the service of God and their fellows, and if our Christian Colleges do not train and send out such men into the world fields, what are such colleges worth, sustained as they are by the Church that Christ bought with His precious blood?

In the little dialogue presented by the younger boys, all did surprisingly well. For the boy who did the best, the little companions had provided a premium which was made possible by the sacrificing spirit of these little fellows. But two boys, Adam and Aquiler, did so well, that one of the members of the committee felt obliged to provide a similar premium, because it seemed impossible to decide between them.

Brother Lawyer, Presiding Elder of the District, presented the premiums to each with words of tenderness and dignity. One
evening of examination week, our dear and not forgotten brother Del Valle preached a most blessed sermon, but in it, even then, manifested the great fatigue resulting from the labors from which he has now been called to refreshing rest.

Miss Eveline Smith, because of an illness from which she has now happily recovered was not able to be with us during examination week, but had visited the Institute earlier in the year with her honored father and blessed mother, who favored us with their presence in the mission at that time, as very welcome visitors.

Our dear brother Del Valle, because of urgent calls to duty in Mexico City ("the zeal of the Lord’s house consumed him") could remain but a short time with us, but expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw of the work of the Institute. Brother Lawyer was with us, however, during most of the week, and helped us by kindly words and observations. Sister Velasco, worthy wife of President Velasco, attended to our every want in her usual kindly manner, and we heard no word of complaint against her gracious hospitality, unless it was an occasionally expressed fear of not a little harm, resulting from the abundant and delicious banquets provided by the queen of that happy home.

We most sincerely congratulate President Velasco and his wise and consecrated faculty for the evident excellence of the work of the year; the young men and boys, for thorough-going work in all departments; their parents, because they have so good a place for the physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual well-being of their boys as is the Methodist Institute at Querétaro; and the Methodist Episcopal Church in México that a plant of so high a grade of excellence exists in that important city of Querétaro, where our young men can be trained for the service of their fellows in the broadest sense of that term, and at the same time glorify their Father.

Respectfully submitted.

I. C. CARTWRIGHT.

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RÉSOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: it appears necessary to increase the unity and solidarity of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Mexico, and

WHEREAS: it is the custom of the Conference to receive and pass upon reports from committees appointed by the President of the Conference to examine and report on various departments of the mis-
sion work, such as the different educational institutions, the department of publication, and the books of the treasurer of the mission, and

WHEREAS: the medical work is so important a part of our missionary work; be it

RESOLVED: The President of this Conference be requested to appoint a similar committee to visit the medical work of the mission and report thereon to this annual Conference as in the case of our other common interests; and further be it

RESOLVED: that since the said committee for the coming year will be the first for this work, the President of the Conference shall carefully instruct the members as to the duties required of them.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI B. SALMANS.

JUBILEE IN INDIA 1906

In November of 1906, in India will be celebrated the Jubilee or the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in that country by Rev. William Butler, the founder of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Mexico also, and the father of the Rev. John W. Butler who for 32 years has labored as a missionary in this country.

We, the members of the Mexico Conference in grateful recognition of all that Mexican Methodism owes to William Butler and John W. Butler, and believing that the presence of the latter at the Jubilee in India, would be not only peculiarly fitting but also a source of real satisfaction to the many friends of Dr. Butler in India, America and Mexico, and inasmuch as Dr. Butler has been officially invited by the India Mission to be present on said occasion,—do hereby through the President and Secretary of our Conference most earnestly petition the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to grant Dr. Butler the necessary five months of absence in which to visit India during the Missionary Jubilee, and also to grant him such financial aid towards the expenses of said trip as the Missionary Board may see fitting and expedient.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. S. Borton.
RESOLUTION TO CHANGE
THE DATE OF CONFERENCE

Brethren of the Conference:

It seems that the time has come for a change to be made in the date of our annual reunion, and among other reasons, for the following:

1. The last half of the month of January very frequently happens to be the most unpleasant season of the year, on account of the cold, the northerns, etc.

2. Our schools and colleges in the second half of January, have scarcely begun their labors, and it is almost impossible for the teachers and the directors to absent themselves, to be present at the sessions of the Conference, without seriously compromising the best interests of the schools. In view of which the undersigned moves that Dr. J. W. Butler D. D., corresponding Secretary of this mission communicate with the Episcopal Board, advising them that it would please the workers of our mission in Mexico, if the date of our Annual Conference were changed to the first half of March of each year.

F. S. Borton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELF SUPPORT

"Let him that heareth say come." It appears everywhere in Christ's gospel that we are not simply saved from eternal wrath to be placed on the shelf of inactivity as brands plucked from the burning might be laid up in the wood-house, safe from further ignition and future destruction. Rather we are saved as moral agents from our inactivity in serving God, at the same time that we are saved from our activity in serving the world, the flesh and the devil. It is the great business of every converted man and woman to live, as did Christ, for the salvation of others. His testimony and his example are not all he should lend to the accomplishing of this purpose. "Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Money cannot save the world, but it cannot be saved without money, or with-
out an exceedingly great amount of it. Our Church here in Mexico must first attain to its own full support before it can go on to the salvation of the regions beyond, that the whole world may be saved.

We might also discuss the necessity of self-support in order to make possible the conversion even of the localities in which our present churches are situated, for to the extent that we bear our own financial burdens we remove the reproach of our enemies of being the adepts of a foreign cult, and we load onto our own consciences the burden of responsibility for the salvation of our neighbors. "Where our treasure is there will our hearts be also." If we labor for the meat that perisheth not, our hearts will be set on things eternal. How can we best proceed to bring about the realization of this principle of the Gospel?

Moses' law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. The foundation principle of Moses' law was proportional giving: first fruits, tithes, thank offerings and free will offerings. Christ in his parables commended the servants who earned for their masters one, two or five fold increments on the capital furnished them. It is expected of stewards that they should be found faithful. We are stewards of God over what he places in our hands, including money, and He expects a proportional part of our net earnings. We are faithful stewards when we give it, and unfaithful when we give it not.

Brethren, let us be diligent in teaching and leading our brethren everywhere to a due appreciation of the principle of proportional giving and a faithful practice of the same. When we have done this successfully, we will have solved the problem of the salvation of the world, for behind the peoples' gifts will follow their hearts, their prayers and the most earnest consecration of all their redeemed powers.

LEV I B. SALMANS.
SEVERO I. LOPEZ.
TRINIDAD RUIZ.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. President and Brethren:
The most detestable vice for a Christian people is drunkenness. The cry of every rescued man, no doubt would be, "Better death than the cup again." But the unfortunate drunkard says, "Better
the cup than the salvation of my soul, because without the cup I care nothing for life, for I would lose all the sweetness of the drowsy pleasures of liquor."

All the promoters of bad laws know well how to take advantage of this evil apetite: and from this comes all that deluge of saloons, and that pest of the pulque shops, which in their nauseous and impetuous flood, engulf and bear onward a multitude of precious souls snatched from the hands of Jesus Christ, to sink them in hell for all eternity.

Methodists, awake! Let us not be content with merely making gestures when we see men and women drunken. Let us raise to God a prayer for these unhappy ones. Let us pray with devotion, insistency and fervor that He may destroy in all the world the terrible power of such vice.

All drunkards should be censured, but they are also worthy of our prayers, because they have immortal souls as we have. In praying for them, we pray also for their miserable families, who beside a sorrowful life, inherit a dishonored name.

We confidently hope that the goodness and Christian spirit of all our brethren in the ministry will lead them to approve the following resolutions:

I. That there should be inculcated in the children a profound hatred of the vice of drunkenness.

II. That there should be frequent preaching upon the disgrace which comes to all those who allow themselves to be vanquished by drink, and also upon the misery which weighs upon their families.

III. That temperance literature should be diligently distributed, and that in our evangelical schools more importance should be given to temperance talks and songs.

IV That in each congregation frequent prayers be made to the Almighty for the extinction of the traffic in all intoxicating liquors.

Tomás García.
E. W. Gould.
José Chavez.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION.

Mr. President and Dear Brethren:

Your committee appointed to investigate this important matter have examined it very thoroughly. The present condition of our schools and the supreme objects of these institutions have been kept
in mind as your committee makes the following recommendations for your consideration.

First: That the resolutions passed last year by this Conference be followed in all its parts the ensuing year.

Second: We insist upon religious instruction being imparted to all our pupils and further recommend that this matter be a special care of the pastor so that the church can see in the near future the results that we expect.

Third: That the Presiding Elders do not employ as directors or teachers in our schools irreligious persons as they constitute bad examples and never lead their pupils to become pious and earnest Christians.

Fourth: That you give earnest consideration to the report of the Presiding Elder from the Coast District, indicating that particular attention be given to the school in Tuxtepec— to the end that from that school we may have our future teachers and ministers for the same field.

Fifth: That pastors use their influence in the schools under their care to induce the pupils, willingly and liberally to contribute to self-support for the purpose of having a better material equipment for such schools.

B. N. Velasco.
E. W. Adam.
F. E. McGuire.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Mr. President and Brethren:

The disregard of the day of rest is a very common thing. The Sabbath day is observed in a very careless manner by a great many of our Protestant people and as every Christian ought to be a model of pure life, in order that by his life he may convert the unbelieving world, and bring it to the feet of Christ, it is necessary to apply the remedy most efficacious to destroy this evil which from Sabbath to Sabbath is indulged by many members under various pretexts.

In order to obtain this, we believe that the following recommendations will help to solve this question of such great importance.
1. That the pastor and family especially observe in the fullest sense of the word the fourth commandment of the Decalogue, manifesting their belief that there is no justification in the non-observance of this law under any excuse.

2. That the pastor and his family, and servants when they are any, by their example demonstrate and comply with the laws of the Sabbath in order to avoid such difficulties as the following: A woman who was a servant in the house of two or three ministers stated that with the exception of herself all the members kept the Sabbath but that she had to work on the Lord's day the same as on other days and sometimes more, when there were visitors.

Such an incident shows that both the pastors and their families did not comply with their whole duty for God says "Neither thee, nor thy son, nor thy servant shall work on the Sabbath."

3. That each pastor should preach frequently on this subject as the hearts of men are always prone to forget their duties.

4. That the pastor should study conscientiously the best methods of complying with this command in order to instruct his teachers, officers, superintendents of Leagues, and membership.

Respectfully submitted.

H. A. Bassett.
P. V Espinosa.
P. Constantino.

CIRCULATION OF BIBLES AND TRACTS

Mr. President and beloved brethren:

The inspired Psalmist, the sweet singer of Israel, said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet" and this expression is one that well defines the value of God's word to men. The word of God is still the light that lighteneth our paths. Its promises, exhortations, and councils are peace and hope to all. The Bible is our greatest earthly treasure, and we, as preachers of the gospel, ought to appreciate the value of God's word and not allow the people about us to be deprived of the blessed opportunity of a personal perusal of its sacred pages, or the study of all literature inspired by it.

There are certain recommendations which are of a permanent character, and should always be present in our mind, while endeavoring to spread the gospel of Christ.
Your committee has nothing really new to recommend other than the wise and opportune recommendations of the committees of other years. We, therefore, offer for your kind consideration the following suggestions:

1. Let the pastors continually urge our members and probationers to make a systematic study of God's word, and to endeavor to find new members to take up the course of Bible study prepared by Mrs. Butler.

2. Let us constantly urge our members to take part, personally, in the prayer services, to recite passages of Scripture in the Sunday School, and take part, also, in the responsive readings of the services of the church.

3. Let classes be formed on all charges for the study of the Bible in general so that the people may become familiar with it as a whole.

4. Let careful selection be made from the tracts published by the Mexican Tract Alliance for public distribution.

5. Let none forget that Mrs. Hamilton, who is now at the head of the Bible society in Mexico City, is ever ready to help all workers in the circulation of God's word, and, also, that Mr. Harris of this city of Orizaba will gladly send to all, excellent literature at small cost.

6. Let the Tract Committee on each charge unite forces with the Aggressive Evangelism committee so that tracts may be put into the hands of the unsaved.

7. Let this committee see that suitable tracts be provided for the little folks of our Juvenile Leagues everywhere.

Respectfully submitted

V. Mendoza,
M. Rojas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mr. President and Brethren: With great satisfaction we have observed that each day the care given by the Church to the Sunday Schools is more efficacious, and that these are developing and becoming more interesting, and have, in an especial manner, a great influence in the glorious work of evangelizing Mexico, under the auspices of our Methodist Episcopal Church.
We have also been able to observe that in some of the important centers where preaching services were begun before Sunday Schools were established, these latter have now been instituted, and by means of them a work at once sure and permanent is being done. In other points where the Sunday Schools anticipated the opening of preaching services, they were the means of giving us various congregations, which promise good fruit for the future. Such being the case, and taking into consideration the very great importance of this department of our work, we have the honor of submitting for your study and approbation the following propositions:

1 That wherever there is a congregation pains be taken to establish a Sunday School with its respective normal class.

2 That the teachers in our Sunday Schools receive some notions about pedagogy and apply them in their work so far as possible.

3 That in our Sunday Schools all possible methods be used to arouse in the pupils an ever growing interest in the study of the lesson at home, in order that the same be duly prepared for the class on Sunday.

4 That the workers, in case of difficulties, should consult with Brother Eucario M. Sein, who by virtue of his position as General Secretary of the National Association of Sunday Schools, is very well disposed to help us in our tasks, so far as it may be possible for him to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

F S. Borton.
Antonio B. Carrero.
Norberto Mercado.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Mr. President and dear brethren:

The year 1905 has been for our Church a year crowned with the blessings of the Lord, and a clear and evident manifestation that Methodism is always advancing by great strides, always triumphing, and receiving the constant divine impulse to keep alive our hopes of one day seeing, and that at no distant date, all the Republic of
Mexico converted to the Gospel, and working for Christ and His Church.

Among the many triumphs achieved, we shall make mention only of the most prominent ones, which are as follows:

FIRST: The Sunday and other public services have been faithfully attended to by each of our pastors, and have also been well attended, and it is a motive for sincere joy on our part to know that the number of worshipers increases daily.

SECOND: The Committee on Aggressive Evangelism nominated at last year's Conference, has been able to satisfy in great part one of our most imperious necessities, in awakening the spirituality of the Church.

With this object in nearly all the Circuits a series of revival meetings has been held which have had very blessed results, establishing believers and calling new converts to the Lord.

THIRD: Notwithstanding the secret as well as public opposition always presented by the enemies of Christianity, our Church continues extending her borders, building new temples, opening new day schools, and establishing new centers of evangelization, in order to hasten the conversion of our privileged native land.

FOURTH: The medical work in its ever increasing growth, and in fulfilment of the blessed mission which characterizes it, has been a most useful ally of the Church, not only in those converted through its means, but also as an aid in increasing the self-support.

FIFTH AND LAST: It has been said that the collections are the thermometer which marks the rise and fall of the vital heat which animates our work. If we should fix our attention solely in this detail in the consideration of the state of the Church, it would be more than sufficient to demonstrate our progress, and to show that Self-Support of the Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church is now an almost realized fact, when we consider that this year $10,000.00 more have been collected for self-support than in the past year.

Our trust is in God, the head of the Church, who will keep watch over her, who will revive His work, blessing it and making it prosper.

Respectfully submitted.

Eduardo Zapata.

F. S. Borton.

Lucas G. Alonso.
SCHOOL STATISTICS OF 1905.

Ever since this Conference thought well to commit to us the charge of arranging the annual statistics of our Institutions and Schools, we have made an effort to collect the data which shall show clearly what we are doing for the education of our people.

This is the third time that we have arranged the statistics and we are not yet satisfied with the results obtained, since some of our teachers have failed to give us important data which was requested in due time, and the result is that our statistics are deficient.

From the resume carefully made from reports sent to us, we submit the following, with the explanation, that the amounts referring to the total investment for the support of our schools ought to be considerably increased:

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<td>Number of Principals and Teachers</td>
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<td>Total amount spent during the year for the support of our schools</td>
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To conclude, we will add that of the pupils graduated in our
Normal, as well as in the Theological Seminary, the greater part of them received all their education in the Mission schools, being thus the genuine product of our educational centres in which the teachers employed were also instructed by the Mission.

Respectfully submitted.

Vicente Mendoza,
Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER
OF THE FUND FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS
FOR 1905.

CREDITS
Draft from Cincinnati for $216@ 101 per cent 435.24
Cash on hand from last year ........................ 0.67
Northern District Assessment ........................... 129.00
Morelos " " ............................. 46.00
Orizaba " " .................................. 59.00
Eastern " " .............................. 28.00
Mountain " " .................................. 65.00
Oaxaca " " ................................... 45.00
Mexico " " ................................... 271.55

DEBITS
Paid to the widow Gamboa ............................... 240.00
" " " Fernandez .............................. 120.00
" " " " Rodriguez .............................. 120.00
" " " " Palacios .............................. 120.00
" " " " Tovar .............................. 120.00
" " " " Orphan Castillo ...................... 120.00
" " " Mr. Gabriel Rumbaia ........................ 120.00
Cash on hand ................................. 119.46

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Orizaba, February 1st, 1906.
Respectfully submitted

P. F. Valderrama.

H. A. Bassett.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR BRETHREN:

The Committee on resolutions have the honor to submit the following to the members of this Conference, hoping that it will have your unanimous approval.

1st. The members of this Conference feel themselves highly honored with the visit of our beloved Bishop, the Rev. David H. Moore. His personal kindness, the interest manifested for our work, and the special direction given to the general march of the labors of this Conference have agreeably impressed all, and especially, the powerful and inspiring sermon of this morning. We ardently pray that the visit of our beloved President to the field of our labors may bring for each of us a new inspiration, and that on his return to the North, the blessings of our good Father may follow him, and that he may safely arrive into the midst of his family.

2d. We are also profoundly grateful to the Presiding Elder for the Orizaba District, to his estimable wife, to Miss Foster, and to all the other families who in the city have received us so cordially, opening to us their homes and offering all kind of help which has been so useful during our stay in this beautiful city.

3d. This Conference has special pleasure in sending a vote of sincere thanks to the Mexican Railroad for reduced rates in favor of the members of this Conference and for the commodities during the journey.

4th. The members of this same Conference highly esteem the magnificent speeches presented by Mrs. H. P. Hamilton and by the Rev. E. M. Sein. We fervently pray the Father of all good that He will prosper and bless their works as much for the good of the promotion of the Bible, as the special labors of the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted.

V. MENDOZA.
F. E. MCGUIRE.
E. W. ADAM.
MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Adam Enrique W.—1893, Xochiapulco; 1894-6, México, Assistant Pastor; 1897-8, Pachuca; 1890, Orizaba; 1900, Tulancingo; 1901, Guanajuato, Assistant Pastor; 1902, Silao; 1903-4 Celaya; 1905-6, Tezontepec.

Aguiar Pablo.—1902-5, San Martín; 1906, Huitzo.

Alonso Lucas G.—1890-1, Chicolóapam; 1892-3, Ayapango; 1894, Querétaro; 1895, Real del Monte; 1896-7, Supernumerary; 1898-1906, Nextlálpm.

Amador Carlos M.—1903, Real del Monte; 1904-6, Xochiapulco.

Avila Abraham M.—1898, Guanajuato, Assistant Pastor; 1899, Santa Ana Atzacan; 1900, Guanajuato, Assistant Pastor; 1901-4, Atzacan; 1905, Orizaba, Assistant Pastor; 1906, Silao.

Báez V. D.—1890, Apizaco; 1891-2, Tetela; 1893-4, Guanajuato; 1895, Tezontepec; 1896, P. E. of the Mountain District; 1897-8, Éxico; 1899-1903, P. E. of the Hidalgo District. 1904-5, P. E. Mountain District 1906, P. E. Oaxaca District.


Bernal Plutarco.—1887, Apizaco; 1888, Atzala; 1889, Atlixco; 1890, Puebla, Assistant Pastor; 1891-1894, Teziutlán; 1895-6, Huitzo; 1897, Xochiapulco; 1898-906, Huatusco.

Borton Francisco S.—1893-4, México, English Work; 1895, P. E. of the Eastern District; 1896, Puebla; 1897-906, Theology in Mexico Methodist Institute and Pastor English Work; 1906, Profesor of Theology in Mexico Methodist Institute.

Butler Juan W.—1874-84, Missionary; 1885-7, México; 1888, México, English Work; 1889-90, P. E. of the Central District; 1891, P. E. of the Hidalgo District; 1892-4, P. E. the
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CARRERO ANTONIO B.—1905-6, Santa Julia.

CARTWRIGHT I. G.—1891-3, Pachuca, English Work; 1895-7, Guanajuato; 1898-9, Xochiapulco; 1900-6, León.

CORONA JORGE —1905, Atlautla; 1906, Tlaxcala.

GHAGOTÁN IGNACIO D.—1891, Ayapango; 1892, Chicoioapam; 1893-4, Tetela; 1895, Xochiapulco; 1896, Tulancingo; 1897-8, Celaya; 1899-901, Silao; 1902-4, Apizaco; 1905-6, Pachuca.

CHÁVEZ JOSÉ.—1886-8, Cortazar; 1889-90, Oaxaca; 1891-3, Celaya; 1900-4, Querétaro; 1905-6 Celaya

CONSTANTINO PETRONILO. —1899-901, Pachuca, Assistant Pastor; 1902, México, Assistant Pastor; 1903-6, Chicoioapam.

ESPINOZA PASCUAL V.—1888-9, Tezontepec; 1890-1, Tulancingo; 1892-3, Querétaro; 1894-5, Gueramaro; 1896-900, Porfirio Díaz (Pozos); 1901-2, Teziutlán; 1903-5, Tetela; 1906, San Martín.

EUROZA JUSTO M.—1885, León; 1886, Salamanca; 1887-8, Querétaro; 1889, Tulancingo; 1890-4, Pachuca; 1895-8, P. E. of the Hidalgo District; 1899-905, P. E. of the Oaxaca District; 1906, P. E. Eastern District.

GARCÍA TOMÁS.—1901, Tetela; 1902-6, Gto. Assistant Pastor, 1906, Guanajuato San Francisco Church.

GOULD E. W.—1904-6, Pachuca, English Work.

HAUSER J. P.—1904-5, Prof. in the Methodist Mexican Institute, 1906, Publishing Agent, Mexico.

LAWYER F. P.—1903, Silao; 1904-6, P E. of Northern District

LÓPEZ SEVERO I.—1885-6, Silao; 1887-9, Pachuca; 1890-1, Querétaro; 1892, Oaxaca; 1893-5, Orizaba; 1896-8, P. E. of the Oaxaca District; 1899, Mexico; 1900-3, Xochiapulco; 1904-5, P. E. of the Eastern District; 1906, P. E. Morelos District.

MCGUIRE FRANK E.—1905-6, El Oro, English Work.

MENDOZA VICENTE.—1898, Tezontepec; 1899-900, Pachuca; 1901-5, Puebla; 1906, Mexico.

MERCADO NORBERTO.—1891-5, Zacualtipán; 1896-8, Silao; 1899-901, Tezontepec; 1902-3, Tulancingo; 1904-6, Zacualtipan.
Osorio Jorge.—1905-6, Miraflores.
Rivera Agustin.—1905-6, Cuicatlán.
Rojas Miguel.—1899, Real del Monte; 1900-1, Tlaxcala; 1902-4, Cuicatlan; 1905-6, Apizaco.
Rosalés Miguel.—1901-4, Huitzo; 1905-6, Santa Ana Atzacan.
Rumbia José.—1888-91, Tuxtla; 1892, Xochiapulco; 1893-5, Tuxpan; 1896-7, Zacualtipán; 1898, Orizaba; 1899, Oaxaca; 1900-3, Orizaba; 1904-6, P. E. of the Orizaba District.
Ruiz José T.—1897-8, Panotla; 1899-900, Apizaco; 1901-2, Tepaltzingo; 1903-6, Tlaltizapan.
Salmans Levi B.—1885-7, Pachuca, English Work; 1888-9, President of Theological Seminary; 1890-1, United States; 1892-6, P. E. of the Northern District; 1897, Silao, Medical Work; 1898-906, Guanajuato, Medical Work.
Valderrama, P. F.—1885, Real del Monte; 1886, Pachuca; 1887, Tlaxcala; 1888, Tuxpan; 1889-90, Orizaba; 1891, Puebla; 1892-6, México; 1897-903, P. E. of the Mountain District 1904-6, President of the Methodist Mexican Institute.
Velasco Benjamin N.—1885-6, Puebla; 1887-9, Professor of the Theological Seminary, Puebla; 1890-4, Tetzontecpec; 1895, Puebla; 1896 906, President of the Querétaro Institute.
Zapata Eduardo.—1891, Pachuca, Assistant Pastor; 1892-4, Miraflores; 1895 6, Guanajuato; 1897-900, Puebla; 1901-4, Puebla; 1905 Atlixco; 1906, Guanajuato, Pardo Church.
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### NECROLOGICAL TABLE

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