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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT to incorporate the *Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church*. Passed April 9, 1839.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Robert R. Roberts, Joshua Soule, Elijah Hedding, James O. Andrew, Beverly Waugh, Thomas A. Morris, Daniel Ostrander, Nathan Bangs, Thomas Mason, George Lane, Francis Hall, Joseph Smith, Peter Badeau, D. M. Reese, M.D., George Innes, M. Houseworth, Philip Romaine, L. S. Burling, J. P. Aimes, John Valentine, William Gale, Abraham Stagg, Erastus Hyde, Henry Moore, James Harper, Thomas Brown, Peter Macnamara, William B. Skidmore, Stephen Dando, J. B. Oakley, Henry Worrall, George Suckley, T. Barrett, M.D., G. Coutant, J. L. Phelps, M.D., B. F. Howe, Israel D. Disosway, G. P. Disosway, Benjamin Disbrow, Ralph Mead, Jotham S. Fountain, Samuel Martin, and all persons who now are, or hereafter may become, associated with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and by that name and style be capable of purchasing, holding, and conveying such real estate as the purposes of the Corporation shall require; but the annual income of the real estate to be held by them shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The object of the said Corporation is to diffuse more generally the blessings of education, civilization, and Christianity, throughout the United States, and elsewhere.

SEC. 3. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be elected annually on the third Monday in April in the city of New York.

SEC. 4. The persons named in the first section of this Act shall be the first Board of Managers of such Corporation, and shall hold their offices until the next annual election, or until others shall be elected in their places.

SEC. 5. The said Corporation shall possess the general powers and be subject to the liabilities imposed in and by the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 6. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT *for the relief of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.* Passed April 6, 1850.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated on the 9th of April, 1839, shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving, any real estate, by virtue of any devise contained in any last will and testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars: Provided, no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise to such Corporation more than one fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts; and such devise shall be valid to the extent of such one fourth; and no such devise shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT *to amend "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."* Passed June 30, 1853.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The third section of "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," passed April 9, 1839, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 3. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be annually elected at a meeting of the Society to be called for that purpose, and held in the city of New York, at such time and on such notice as the Board of Managers for the time being shall previously prescribe: such Board shall consist of not less than thirty-two lay members, and of so many clerical members, not exceeding that number, as shall be determined upon at such annual meeting, and each of whom shall be a minister in good and regular standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen, until the ensuing annual election. Thirteen members of the Board at any meeting thereof shall be a sufficient number for the transaction of business; and at any meeting of the Society, twenty-five members of the Society shall be a sufficient quorum.

AN ACT to consolidate the several Acts relating to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church into one Act, and to amend the same. Passed April 11, 1859.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," passed April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the several acts amendatory thereof, and relating to the said Society, are respectively hereby amended and consolidated into one Act; and the several provisions thereof as thus amended and consolidated, are comprised in the following sections :

SEC. 2. All persons associated or who may become associated together in the Society above named, are constituted a body corporate, by the name and style of "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and are hereby declared to have been such body corporate since the passage of said Act of April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine; and such Corporation are and shall be capable of purchasing, holding, and conveying such real estate as the purposes of the said Corporation shall require; but the annual income of the real estate held by them at any one time, within the State of New York, shall not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. The objects of the said Corporation are charitable and religious; designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of education and Christianity, and to promote and support missionary schools and Christian missions throughout the United States and the continent of America, and also in foreign countries.

SEC. 4. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be annually elected at a meeting of the Society to be called for that purpose, and held in the city of New York, at such time and on such notice as the Board of Managers, for the time being, shall previously prescribe. Such Board shall consist of not less than thirty-two lay members, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of so many clerical members, not exceeding that number, as shall be determined upon at such annual meeting, and each of whom shall be a minister in good regular standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Such Board of Managers may fill any vacancy happening therein, until the term shall commence of the Managers elected at such annual meeting; shall have power to direct by what officer the conveyance of real estate by said corporation shall be executed; and shall have such other power as may be necessary for the management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said corporation.

SEC. 5. Thirteen members of the said Board of Managers, at any meeting thereof, shall be sufficient number for the transaction of business; and at any meeting of the Society, twenty-five members shall be a sufficient quorum. The Managers elected at each annual meeting of the Society shall be the managers of such Corporation for one year from the

first day of January following, and until others, elected in their places, shall be competent to assume their duties.

SEC. 6. The said Corporation shall be capable of taking, receiving, or holding any real estate, by virtue of any devise contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever; subject, however, to the limitation expressed in the second section of this Act, as to the aggregate amount of such real estate; and the said Corporation shall be also competent to act as a trustee in respect to any devise or bequest pertaining to the objects of said Corporation; any devises or bequests of real or personal property may be made directly to said Corporation, or in trust, for any of the purposes comprehended in the general objects of said Society; and such trusts may continue for such time as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which they may be created.

SEC. 7. The said Corporation shall also possess the general powers specified in and by the third title of the third article of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York.

SEC. 8. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this Act.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Passed April 14, 1869.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Act entitled "An Act to consolidate the several Acts relating to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church into one Act, and to amend the same, passed April 11, 1859;" and the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," passed April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the several Acts Amendatory thereof, and relating to the said Society, are respectively hereby amended and consolidated into one Act; and the several provisions thereof as thus amended and consolidated are comprised in the following sections:

SEC. 2. All persons associated or who may become associated together in the Society above named, are constituted a body corporate, by the name and style of "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and are hereby declared to have been such body corporate since the passage of said Act of April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine; and such Corporation are and shall be capable of purchasing, holding, and conveying such real estate as the purposes of the said Corporation shall require; but the annual income of the real estate held by them at any one time, within the State of New York, shall not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. The objects of the said Corporation are charitable and religious; designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of education and

Christianity, and to promote and support missionary schools and Christian missions throughout the United States and Territories, and also in foreign countries.

SEC. 4. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be annually elected at a meeting of the Society to be called for that purpose, and held in the city of New York, at such time and on such notice as the Board of Managers, for the time being, shall previously prescribe. Such Board shall consist of thirty-two laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and thirty-two traveling ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Such Board of Managers may fill any vacancy happening therein, until the term shall commence of the Managers elected at such annual meeting; shall have power to direct by what officer the conveyance of real estate by said Corporation shall be executed; and shall have such other power as may be necessary for the management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation, in conformity with the Constitution of said Society, as it now exists, or as it may, in the manner therein provided, be from time to time amended.

SEC. 5. Thirteen members of the said Board of Managers, at any meeting thereof, shall be a sufficient number for the transaction of business; and at any meeting of the Society, twenty-five members shall be a quorum. The Managers elected at each annual meeting of the Society shall be the Managers of such Corporation for one year from the first day of January following, and until others, elected in their places, shall be competent to assume their duties. The Corresponding Secretaries of said Society shall be elected by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall hold their office for four years, and until their successors are elected; and in case of a vacancy by resignation, death, or otherwise, the Bishops of the said Methodist Episcopal Church shall elect their successors, to hold their office till the ensuing General Conference.

SEC. 6. The said Corporation shall be capable of taking, receiving, or holding any real estate, by virtue of any devise contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever; subject, however, to the limitation expressed in the second section of this Act, as to the aggregate amount of such real estate; and also to all provisions of law now existing in relation to devises and bequests; and the said Corporation shall be also competent to act as a Trustee in respect to any devise or bequest pertaining to the objects of said Corporation; and devises and bequests of real or personal property may be made directly to said Corporation, or in trust, for any of the purposes comprehended in the general objects of said Society; and such trust may continue for such time as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which they may be created.

SEC. 7. The said Corporation shall also possess the general powers specified in and by the third title of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Passed April 4, 1873.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," passed April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine; also, the Act entitled "An Act to Consolidate the several Acts relating to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church into one Act, and to amend the same," passed April eleventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine; and the Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," passed April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the several Acts amendatory thereof, and relating to the said Society, are respectively hereby amended and consolidated into one Act; and the several provisions thereof, as thus amended and consolidated, are comprised in the following sections:

SEC. 2. All persons associated, or who may become associated, together in the Society above named are constituted a body corporate, by the name and style of "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and are hereby declared to have been such body corporate since the passage of said Act of April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine; and such corporation is and shall be capable of purchasing, holding, and conveying such real estate as the purposes of the said corporation shall require; but the annual income of the estate held by it at any one time, within the State of New York, shall not exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. The objects of the said Corporation are charitable and religious; designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of education and Christianity, and to promote and support missionary schools and Christian missions throughout the United States and Territories, and also in foreign countries.

SEC. 4. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, composed of thirty-two laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and thirty-two traveling ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed by the General Conference of said Church at its quadrennial sessions, and of the Bishops of said Church, who shall be *ex-officio* members of said Board. Such Managers as were appointed by said General Conference at its last session shall be entitled to act as such from and after the passage of this Act, until they or others appointed by the ensuing General Conference shall assume their duties. Any such Board of Managers may fill any vacancy happening therein until the term shall commence of the Managers appointed by an ensuing General Conference. said Board of Managers shall have such power as may be necessary for the management and disposition of the affairs and property of said Corporation, in conformity with the Constitution of said Society as it now

exists, or as it may be from time to time amended by the General Conference, and to elect the officers of the Society, except as herein otherwise provided; and such Board of Managers shall be subordinate to any directions or regulations made, or to be made, by said General Conference.

SEC. 5. Thirteen members of the said Board of Managers, at any meeting thereof, shall be a sufficient number for the transaction of business. The Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer of said Society shall be elected by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall hold their office for four years, and until their successors are elected; and in case of a vacancy by resignation, death, or otherwise, the Bishops of the said Methodist Episcopal Church shall fill any vacancy in the office till the ensuing General Conference. And until the next session of the General Conference, said Board of Managers may appoint and remove at pleasure the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer of said Corporation; and the latter officer may exercise his duties, as the Board may direct, in any State.

SEC. 6. The said Corporation shall be capable of taking, receiving, or holding any real estate, by virtue of any devise contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever; subject, however, to the limitation expressed in the second section of this Act as to the aggregate amount of such real estate, and also to the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act Relating to Wills," passed April thirteen, eighteen hundred and sixty; and the said Corporation shall be also competent to act as a Trustee in respect to any devise or bequest pertaining to the objects of said Corporation, and devises and bequests of real or personal property may be made directly to said corporation, or in trust, for any of the purposes comprehended in the general objects of said Society; and such trusts may continue for such time as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which they may be created.

SEC. 7. The said Corporation shall also possess the general powers specified in and by the Third Title of Chapter Eighteen of the First Part of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Part I, Chapter XVIII, Third Title of Art. 3.

OF THE GENERAL POWERS, PRIVILEGES, AND LIABILITIES OF CORPORATIONS.

SECTION 1. Every Corporation, as such, has power :

1. To have succession, by its corporate name, for the period limited in its Charter ; and when no period is limited, perpetually.
2. To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in any court of law or equity.
3. To make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.
4. To hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as the purposes of the Corporation shall require, not exceeding the amount limited in its Charter.
5. To appoint such subordinate officers and agents as the business of the Corporation shall require, and to allow them a suitable compensation.
6. To make By-laws, not inconsistent with any existing law, for the management of its property, the regulation of its affairs, and for the transfer of its stock.

SEC. 2. The powers enumerated in the preceding section shall vest in every Corporation that shall hereafter be created, although they may not be specified in its Charter, or in the act under which it shall be incorporated.

SEC. 3. In addition to the powers enumerated in the first section of this title, and to those expressly given in its Charter, or in the act under which it is or shall be incorporated, no Corporation shall possess or exercise any corporate powers, except such as shall be necessary to the exercise of the powers so enumerated and given.

SEC. 4. No Corporation created, or to be created, and not expressly incorporated for banking purposes, shall, by any implication or construction, be deemed to possess the power of discounting bills, notes, or other evidences of debt ; of receiving deposits ; of buying gold and silver, bullion, or foreign coins ; of buying and selling bills of exchange, or of issuing bills, notes, or other evidences of debt, upon loan, or for circulation as money.

SEC. 5. Where the whole capital of a Corporation shall not have been paid in, and the capital paid shall be insufficient to satisfy the claims of its creditors, each stockholder shall be bound to pay, on each share held by him, the sum necessary to complete the amount of such share, as fixed by the Charter of the Company, or such proportion of that sum as shall be required to satisfy the debts of the Company.

SEC. 6. When the corporate powers of any Corporation are directed by its Charter to be exercised by any particular body, or number of persons, a majority of such body, or persons, if it be not otherwise provided in the charter, shall be a sufficient number to form a board for the trans-

action of business; and every decision of a majority of the persons duly assembled as a board shall be valid as a corporate act.

SEC. 7. If any Corporation hereafter created by the Legislature shall not organize and commence the transaction of its business within one year from the date of its incorporation, its corporate powers shall cease.

SEC. 8. The Charter of every Corporation that shall hereafter be granted by the Legislature shall be subject to alteration, suspension, and repeal, in the discretion of the Legislature.

SEC. 9. Upon the dissolution of any Corporation created, or to be created, and unless other persons shall be appointed by the Legislature, or by some court of competent authority, the directors or managers of the affairs of such Corporation at the time of its dissolution, by whatever name they may be known in law, shall be the trustees of the creditors and stockholders of the Corporation dissolved, and shall have full power to settle the affairs of the Corporation, collect and pay the outstanding debts, and divide among the stockholders the moneys and other property that shall remain after the payment of debts and necessary expenses.

SEC. 10. The persons so constituted trustees shall have authority to sue for, and recover, the debts and property of the dissolved Corporation, by the name of the trustees of such Corporation, and shall have full power to settle the affairs of the Corporation, describing it by its corporate name, and shall be jointly and severally responsible to the creditors and stockholders of such Corporation to the extent of its property and effects that shall come into their hands.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

AS REVISED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1876.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE name of this association shall be "THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH." Its objects are charitable and religious; designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of education and Christianity, and to promote and support missionary schools and Christian missions throughout the United States and Territories, and also in foreign countries, under such rules and regulations as the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church may from time to time prescribe.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS, HONORARY MANAGERS, AND PATRONS.

The payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute a member for life. Any person paying one hundred and fifty dollars at one time into the treasury shall be an honorary manager for life; and the contribution of five hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an honorary patron for life: any such honorary manager or patron shall be entitled to a seat, and the right of speaking, but not of voting, in the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishops of said Church, who shall be *ex-officio* members of said Board, and thirty-two laymen, and thirty-two traveling ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, elected by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, according to the requirements of the existing Charter of the Society: vacancies in the Board shall be filled as the

Charter provides. The Board shall also have authority to make By-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Charter ; to print books for Indian and Foreign Missions, and Missions in which a foreign language is used ; ~~to elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary ;~~ to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers elective by its own body ; and shall present a statement of its transactions and funds to the Church in its Annual Report, and also shall lay before the General Conference a report of its transactions for the four preceding years, and the state of its funds.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

There shall be two Corresponding Secretaries appointed by the General Conference.

They shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board of Managers, by whom their salaries shall be fixed, and their salaries shall be paid out of the treasury. They shall be exclusively employed in conducting the correspondence of the Society, in furnishing the Church with missionary intelligence, and, under the direction of the Board, in supervising the missionary work of the Church, and by correspondence, traveling, and otherwise, in promoting the the general interests of the Society.

Should the office of either of the Secretaries become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall have power to provide for the duties of the office until the Bishops, or a majority of them, shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Board, next succeeding the final adjournment of the General Conference, the officers to be elected by the Board shall be chosen and hold their office for the term of one year, or until their successors shall be elected ; or, if a vacancy occur during the year by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled at any regular meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

At all meetings of the Board, the President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, and in the absence of the President and of all the Vice-Presidents, a member appointed by the meeting for that purpose, shall preside.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUM.

Thirteen Managers at any meeting of the Board shall be a quorum

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES.

The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same are read and approved.

ARTICLE IX.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

It is recommended that within the bounds of each Annual Conference there be established a Conference Missionary Society, auxiliary to this institution, under such regulations as the Conferences shall respectively prescribe.

ARTICLE X.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Auxiliary societies or donors may designate the Mission or Missions, under the care of this Society, to which they desire any part or the whole of their contributions to be appropriated; which special designation shall be publicly acknowledged by the Board. But in the event that more funds are raised for any particular Mission than are necessary for its support, the surplus shall be at the disposal of the Board for the general purposes of the Society.

ARTICLE XI.

GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The General Conference shall divide the Annual Conferences into thirteen Mission Districts, from each of which there shall be one representative, to be appointed for the term of four years by the General Conference at each of its sessions, on the nomination of the delegates of the Annual Conferences within the Mission Districts respectively, and thirteen representatives, to be appointed annually by the Board of Managers from its own members, who, with the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Society and the Board of Bishops, shall constitute a committee, to be called the General Missionary Committee; *provided* that the Bishops shall fill any vacancy that may occur among the members appointed by the General Conference, so that each Mission District may be fully represented at each annual meeting.

The General Missionary Committee shall meet annually in the city of New York, and at such time in the month of November as shall be determined by the Secretaries and Treasurers, of which due notice shall be given to each member; and the Bishops shall preside over the deliberations.

Said General Missionary Committee shall determine what fields shall be occupied as Foreign Missions, the number of persons to be employed on said Missions, and the amount necessary for the support of each Mis-

sion ; and it shall also determine the amount for which each Bishop may draw for the Domestic Missions of the Conferences over which he shall preside, and the Bishop shall not draw on the Treasurers for more than said amount. Nevertheless, in the intervals between the meetings of the General Missionary Committee, the Board of Managers may provide for any unforeseen emergency that may arise in any of our Missions, and to meet such demands may expend any additional amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

The General Missionary Committee shall be amenable to the General Conference, to which it shall make a full report of its doings.

Any expenses incurred in the discharge of its duties shall be paid from the treasury of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.

SUPPORT OF SUPERANNUATED AND OTHER MISSIONARIES.

The Board may provide for the support of superannuated missionaries, widows and orphans of missionaries, who may not be provided for by their Annual Conferences respectively, it being understood that they shall not receive more than is usually allowed to other superannuated ministers, their widows and orphans.

The amount allowed for the support of a missionary shall not exceed the usual allowance of other itinerant preachers ; and in the case of Domestic Missions, the Bishop or president of the Conference shall draw for the same in quarterly installments, and shall always promptly notify the Treasurer of all drafts made by him. The administration of appropriations to Foreign Missions shall be under the direction of the Board of Managers.

No one shall be acknowledged as a missionary, or receive support as such from the funds of the Society, who has not some definite field assigned to him in the service of the Society, or who could not be an effective laborer on a circuit, except as above provided.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall be subject to alteration or amendment only by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

I.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

THE duties of these officers are defined in the Constitution. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board, as prescribed by Article VI of the Constitution; and shall hold their respective offices during the year for which they may be elected, unless the Board of Managers otherwise determine. If the President and all the Vice-Presidents be absent, then the Board may elect a President *pro tem*.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

The Corresponding Secretaries shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, conduct the correspondence of the Society with its Missions, and be exclusively employed in promoting its general interests. They shall advocate the missionary cause at such Annual Conferences and Churches as their judgment may dictate and the Board approve. They shall keep a vigilant eye upon all the affairs of the Society, and especially upon all its Missions, and promptly convey to the Bishops having charge of the Missions respectively, to the Board, or the standing committees, all such communications from, and all information concerning, our Missions, as the circumstances of the case may require. They shall also in all cases give to such missionaries as may be sent out the Manual of Instructions authorized by the Board, with such other instructions and explanations as circumstances may call for, and shall explicitly inform all our missionaries that they are in no case to depart from such instructions. They shall also audit the accounts of outgoing, returned, or discharged foreign missionaries before the final settlement of the same, and all bills for office and incidental expenses before they are presented to the Treasurer for pay

ment. They shall also superintend all property interests of the Society, exclusive of its current receipts, permanent or special funds, and fixed property, subject to instructions from the Board of Managers.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts, showing all the receipts and disbursements, and all other financial affairs connected with the treasury of the Society, except such as are committed to the care of the Corresponding Secretaries. He shall, under advice of the Finance Committee, keep all uninvested moneys of the Society on deposit in some safe bank, or banks, in the name of the Society, subject to the order of its Treasurer. He shall honor all orders of the Board on the treasury, and, within the several appropriations made by the General Committee and Board, shall pay all drafts of the Bishops, and furnish the Secretaries respectively with Letters of Credit or Bills of Exchange for the support of Foreign Missions; and he shall, on the warrant of the Corresponding Secretaries, pay the outfit of missionaries, and the expenses of those authorized to return, and shall pay all bills for office and incidental expenses when properly audited. He shall be subject to the direction of the Finance Committee, and of the Board, in respect to all investments, loans, and other financial affairs of the Society. He shall report the state of the funds, and whenever required exhibit his books, vouchers, and securities at each regular meeting of the Finance Committee and of the Auditing Committee; and shall report monthly to the Board the state of the treasury. He shall keep an account of all receipts by Conferences, and of all expenditures by Missions and particular appropriations.

He shall keep the seal of the Society, and affix the same to such documents, contracts, and conveyances as may be ordered by the Board of Managers; shall execute for the Society conveyances of real estate whenever ordered by the Board.

ASSISTANT TREASURER.

The Assistant Treasurer shall reside at Cincinnati, Ohio, and shall be subject to the directions of the Board of Managers and of the Treasurer.

He shall forward to the Treasurer, monthly, a statement of his accounts to the first of each month, in order that the same may be presented to the Board at its regular meetings. He shall exhibit his books and accounts, vouchers and securities, to such auditors as may be appointed by the Board.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Board and of the Society, and shall record the minutes of their proceedings. He shall also certify to the Treasurer, or to the Auditing Committee, as the case may require, all moneys granted, or expenditures authorized in pursuance of the action of the Board.

He shall, under the direction of the Corresponding Secretaries, make an appropriate record of all wills under which the Society may be interested, and of all action of the Board, and other information relating thereto.

He shall, under like direction, also record a statement of all the property of the Society, and of any conveyances thereof, or other proceedings touching the same.

He shall, under like direction, keep the roll of the officers and Managers, and of the members of the several standing Committees, in the proper order according to the seniority of their consecutive service respectively, except that the chairman of each Committee shall be first named, and shall see that such lists are printed in such order in the Annual Reports.

He shall also record the proceedings of the several standing Committees in separate books, which shall be brought to each meeting of the Board; and shall notify, when requested, all meetings of Committees; and he shall hold his office during the year for which he may be elected, unless the Board of Managers otherwise determine.

II.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

Appropriations made by the General Missionary Committee for the payment of salaries of missionaries, where a schedule of salaries has been fixed by the Board of Managers for any Mission, or for the authorized current expenses of an established Mission, or by the Board for the expenses of outgoing or returning missionaries, and all specific appropriations of the Board or of the General Committee, except for the purchase or improvement of real estate, shall be paid by the Treasurer, upon the requisition of one of the Corresponding Secretaries, without further action by the Board. Except when otherwise ordered by the Board, payments made in foreign countries are to be by letters of credit or bills of exchange to the order of the Superintendent or Treasurer of the Mission; and payments made in this country on account of Foreign Missions may be made by draft of one of the Corresponding Secretaries upon the Treasurer, payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the same, and the Treasurer shall not be authorized to pay any other.

But where the appropriation is general, and for a Mission not yet occupied, and where the Bishop in charge shall have appointed a missionary, the Board has power to determine what portion of such appropriation shall be applied to particular objects, and what amount may be placed at the discretion of the Superintendent or other persons for general purposes; and when the Board has so determined, the Corresponding Secretaries may make requisition for the payment of such sums in manner and form as above stated.

Office and incidental expenses shall be audited by the Corresponding Secretaries, and paid to their order on the face of the original bills.

No Missionary or other person, other than the Corresponding Secretaries, shall be allowed to make drafts on the Treasurer for Foreign Missions, except on letters of credit duly issued.

Real estate may be purchased for the Society, and improvements made on real estate, by the erection of buildings or otherwise, only by direct order of the Board, and by persons specially authorized and appointed to make such purchase or improvement.

And where the General Committee make a special appropriation for the purchase or improvement of real estate in any Mission, as the administration of appropriations and the management of the property of the Society is with the Board of Managers, the Board shall determine the time and manner of payment, and designate the person by whom such appropriation shall be expended, before the Corresponding Secretaries are authorized to make requisition therefor.

Appropriations and balances of appropriations unexpended at the close of the fiscal year, of any Mission, whether in the hands of the Treasurer of the Society, or any of its agents, shall lapse to the Treasurer of the Society, and may not be thereafter used for the purposes for which they were appropriated, except to discharge pre-existing obligations.

III.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

At the regular meeting of the Board in June of each year the following Standing Committees shall be appointed :

I. ON MISSIONS IN AFRICA.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to Missions in Africa which may be referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

II. ON MISSIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA AND MEXICO.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to Missions in South America and Mexico which may be referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

III. ON MISSIONS IN CHINA AND JAPAN.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to Missions in China and Japan which may be referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

IV. ON MISSIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to Missions in Europe (except such as may be within the limits of Turkey) which may be referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

V. ON MISSIONS IN INDIA, BULGARIA, AND TURKEY.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to Missions in India, Bulgaria, or Turkey referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

VI. ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to American Domestic Missions, Indian Missions, and Missions among Foreign Populations in the United States, which may be referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

VII. ON FINANCE.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to aid the Treasurer in providing ways and means. Said Committee shall have power to advise the Treasurer as to the deposit of all uninvested moneys of the Society; and, in the intervals between the sessions of the Board, to direct him in respect to all investments, loans, and other financial affairs of the Society. It shall also have the management, care, and supervision of the interests of the Missionary Society in the building known as the Methodist Publishing and Mission Building, subject to the order of the Board; also to consider and report on such financial matters as may be referred to them by the Board, Treasurer, or the Corresponding Secretaries.

VIII. ON LANDS AND LEGACIES.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all bequests made to the Society, and questions arising under wills, or concerning lands temporarily held by the Society, referred to them by the Board, the Corresponding Secretaries, or Treasurer.

IX. ON PUBLICATIONS.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to publish as instructed by the Board, and consider matters respecting publications referred to them by the Board or Corresponding Secretaries.

X. ON WOMAN'S MISSION WORK.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report on all matters relating to the work of women in the Mission field, and to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, referred to them by the Board or the Corresponding Secretaries.

XI. ON ESTIMATES.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to make an estimate of the salary to be paid to any person engaged, not in the Missions, but in the immediate service of this Board; and also estimates for such incidental expenditures as may have no special relation to any particular Mission, and which may be referred to them by the Board, Treasurer, or a Secretary.

XII. ON NOMINATIONS AND GENERAL REFERENCE.

This Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the several Standing Committees, and its duty shall be to nominate members of the Standing Committees and of the General Missionary Committee, and suitable persons to fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board of Managers, or in the list of officers, during the year. The vote of the Board on such nominations shall be by ballot. This Committee shall also consider and report upon all matters which may, from time to time, be referred to it by the Board.

XIII. ON AUDITS.

There shall be two Committees on Audits, one in New York, and the other in Cincinnati. The former shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and the latter the accounts of the Assistant Treasurer annually, or oftener if they deem it necessary, or if ordered by the Board; and such other accounts as may be referred to them by the Board.

GENERAL RULES.

1. The Standing Committees shall, at their first meeting after election, elect their own permanent chairman, and if he be absent at any meeting, they shall choose a chairman *pro tem*. Each committee shall cause to be recorded correct minutes of all the business brought before it, and the disposition of the same, in a book kept for that purpose, which shall be brought to the regular meetings of the Board; and said committee may hold a regular meeting once in each month, or meet at the call of its chairman, a Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer.

2. Each committee having charge of a particular mission shall make out estimates for the mission under its charge, to be laid before the General Missionary Committee at its annual meeting, to guide it in making the appropriations for the ensuing year.

3. The Treasurer shall be *ex officio* a member, and the Corresponding Secretaries advisory members without a vote, of each of the Standing Committees, except the Committees on Estimates and on Audits; and the Bishop having charge of a Foreign Mission shall be an *ex-officio* member of the respective committees having charge of the same.

4. When any matter is referred to a committee *with power*, it shall be the duty of the committee to report its final action in the case to the Board, for record in the minutes of its proceedings.

IV.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND RULES OF DEBATE.

I. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

1. The Board shall hold its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, at 3:30 o'clock P. M., at the Mission Rooms of the Society.

2. The presiding officer shall preserve order, keep the speaker to the point under consideration, and appoint committees not otherwise provided

for. He shall not take part in debate, nor propose any new measure, unless he first leave the chair; but he may vote as any other member.

3. All meetings of the Board shall open with reading the Scriptures and prayer, and close with prayer or the benediction, under the direction of the chairman.

4. A Corresponding Secretary, or the Treasurer, or any five Managers, may call a special meeting of the Board.

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading the Scriptures and prayer.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and, when approved, signed by the presiding officer.

3. The Treasurer's monthly statement, and that of the Assistant Treasurer.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretaries.

5. Reports from the Standing Committees, in the following order: Africa; South America and Mexico; China and Japan; Western Europe; India, Bulgaria, and Turkey; Domestic; Finance; Lands and Legacies; Publications; Woman's Mission Work; Estimates; Nominations and Public Meetings; Audits. The reports of each committee to be made by simply reading the minutes of its proceedings, upon which the Board shall take such action as the case may require. When any one of the Standing Committees may be called in the regular proceedings of the Board, it shall be in order to present any miscellaneous business pertaining to the particular matters of which that committee has charge, as well as to receive and consider any reports from the committee.

6. Reports of special Committees.

7. Unfinished business.

8. Miscellaneous business.

The Board shall appoint, in the month of October in each year, the members of the General Missionary Committee to which it is entitled, according to the provision of Art. XI of the Constitution of the Missionary Society.

III. RULES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

1. A motion having been made, seconded, and stated from the Chair, shall be considered in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn by the mover before any order is taken on it. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the presiding officer, or any other member, require it; and when the question contains several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided.

2. A motion to amend shall be considered first in order, and shall be decided before the original motion; and a substitute for any pending motion or amendment may be offered, and shall, if it prevail, supersede the original motion or proposed amendment, and may itself be amended.

3. Every member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Chair;

and no one shall speak more than once on one question, until every member desiring to speak shall have spoken; and no member shall speak over fifteen minutes without the permission of the Board.

4. Motions to lay on the table, and motions that the previous question be put, shall be taken without debate.

5. When a report is presented by a committee it shall be considered in possession of the Board, and may be adopted, amended, recommitted, laid on the table, or otherwise disposed of, as the Board may judge proper.

6. It shall always be deemed out of order to use personal reflections in debate, or to interrupt a speaker, except to explain or call him to order.

7. It shall be deemed out of order for any member to leave the meeting without the permission of the Chair or the Board.

8. A motion to adjourn shall always be considered in order, and shall be taken without debate.

9. A call of the ayes and noes shall be ordered on the demand of any five members present.

10. Any decision of the presiding officer shall be subject to an appeal to the Board, and such appeal shall be decided without debate; but the presiding officer may assign his reasons for his decision.

11. When a question has been once put and decided, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof; but no motion for reconsideration shall be taken more than once.

V.

REPORTS FROM MISSIONS.

Each missionary shall report to his Superintendent once a quarter, in writing, the state and prospects of the special work in which he is engaged.

Each Superintendent of Missions, and where there is no Superintendent, each missionary, shall make a regular quarterly report to the Corresponding Secretaries at New York, giving information of the state and prospects of the several missions under his care.

VI.

PUBLICATION AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

1. The Charter, the Constitution of the Society, and the By-laws shall be published with each Annual Report.

2. The Board of Managers shall not make, alter, nor amend any By-law, except at the regular monthly meeting thereof, nor at the same meeting at which such By-law, alteration, or amendment may be proposed.

Appropriations for 1885.

I. Foreign Missions.

1. AFRICA:			
(1.) Liberia: at the disposal of the Board for work			\$2,500
" " " " " " " " " "			1,500
			\$4,000
2. SOUTH AMERICA.....			\$20,500
3. CHINA: (in general).....	Mexican dollars, 2,420; estimated to cost		\$2,182
(1.) Foochow.....	" " 17,361; " "		15,804
(2.) Central China, (Kluikiang).....	" " 23,936; " "		21,588
" " " " " " " " "	" " 1,300; " "		1,650
(3.) North China, (Peking).....	" " 21,592; " "		20,692
(4.) West China.....	Mexican dollars, 9,842; " "		8,857
			69,803
4. GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND:			
For the work.....	Marks, 92,290; estimated to cost		\$22,000
For interest on Berlin debt.....	2,517; " "		600
To be administered by the Board for debts, conditioned.....	" 8,390 " " " "		2,000
			24,600
5. SCANDINAVIA:			
(1.) Denmark.....	Crowns, 37,313; estimated to cost		\$10,000
(2.) Norway.....	" 31,440; " "		13,785
(3.) Sweden.....	" 86,000; " "		23,048
			46,833
6. INDIA:			
(1.) North India.....	Rupees, 161,675; estimated to cost		\$64,671
(2.) South India: to be administered by the Board for outgoing of missionaries.....	" 6,250; " "		2,500
			67,171
7. BULGARIA AND TURKEY:			
For the work.....			\$12,076
To be administered by the Board for repairs.....			800
			12,876
8. ITALY.....	Lires, 141,390; estimated to cost		\$28,273
" " " " " " " " "	15,000; " "		3,000
			31,273
9. MEXICO:			
At the disposal of the Board.....	Mexican dollars, 40,000; estimated to cost		\$34,783
			31,782
10. JAPAN.....	" " 38,818; " "		\$34,996
			34,996
11. KOREA:			
At the disposal of the Board.....			\$8,100
			8,100
Total for Foreign Missions.....			\$354,879

CONDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.

For Tokio University..... \$12,000

II. Missions in the United States, not in Annual Conferences, to be administered as Foreign Missions.

1. Arizona.....	\$7,500
2. Black Hills.....	3,600
3. Dakota.....	13,500
4. Indian Territory, at disposal of the Board.....	900
5. Montana.....	10,000
6. Nevada.....	3,600
7. New Mexico.....	5,600
8. New Mexico Spanish.....	9,000
" " " " " " " " " "	1,000
9. North Dakota.....	6,000
10. Utah.....	2,500
" " " " " " " " " "	5,050
" " " " " " " " " "	2,800
" " " " " " " " " "	1,400
11. West Nebraska.....	7,500
Total.....	\$82,100

III. Domestic Missions.

1. NORTHERN NEW YORK (VIRGIL MISSION).....	\$200
2. SCANDINAVIAN MISSIONS:	
Austlin, of which \$500 is for new work.....	\$1,600
California, \$200 for transfers (Scandinavian).....	2,000
California (Norwegian).....	700
Colorado (Swedish).....	500
New York East (Swedish).....	1,800
New York East (Norwegian).....	2,100
New England (Swedish).....	2,500
New England Southern (Swedish).....	800
Norwegian and Danish.....	6,500
North-west Swedish.....	7,500
Oregon (Scandinavian).....	1,200
Puget Sound (Scandinavian).....	1,200
Troy (Swedish).....	200
Wilmington (Swedish).....	300
Total.....	\$28,700

3. GERMAN MISSIONS:

California.....	\$2,800
Central German.....	4,500
Chicago German.....	3,500
Columbia River.....	1,000
East German.....	6,000
North-west German.....	5,500
Oregon (of which \$400 is for new work).....	1,200
Puget Sound.....	1,000
Southern German.....	7,000
Saint Louis German.....	4,000
Southern California.....	1,500
West German.....	6,000
Total.....	\$43,500

4. FRENCH MISSIONS:

Central Illinois.....	\$1,000
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5. PORTUGUESE MISSIONS:

California.....	\$500
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6. CHINESE MISSIONS:

California.....	\$9,000
New York East (administered by Board).....	500
Oregon.....	1,200
Puget Sound.....	1,200
Total.....	\$11,900

7. AMERICAN INDIAN:

Central New York.....	\$700
Columbia River.....	500
Detroit.....	700
Genesee.....	300
Michigan.....	800
Montana.....	1,500
Northern New York (\$250 for repairs).....	600
Puget Sound.....	500
Wisconsin.....	200
Total.....	\$6,800

8. ENGLISH-SPEAKING :		South Kansas (\$400 of which is for col- ored work).....	\$2,400
Alabama.....	\$2,250	South-west Kansas.....	\$2,400
Arkansas.....	4,500	Tennessee.....	2,700
Austin.....	6,500	Texas.....	4,000
Blue Ridge.....	3,000	Vermont.....	1,200
California (of which \$500 shall be for new work).....	3,500	Virginia.....	5,500
Central Alabama.....	2,500	Washington.....	2,800
Central Tennessee.....	3,500	West Texas.....	4,000
Colorado (of which \$600 is for new work).....	6,000	West Virginia.....	3,000
Columbia River (\$500 for new work).....	4,250	West Wisconsin.....	2,500
Delaware.....	1,200	Wisconsin.....	2,000
Detroit (for frontier work).....	3,500		
East Maine.....	1,000	Total for American Domestic Mis- sions.....	\$167,600
East Tennessee.....	2,900		
Florida.....	3,500	IV. Miscellaneous.*	
Georgia (of which \$800 is for new work).....	4,000	1. Contingent Fund.....	\$25,000
Holston (\$300 for work in Chattanooga).....	3,000	2. Incidental Expenses.....	32,500
Idaho.....	3,250	3. Office Expenses.....	21,000
Kansas.....	2,000	4. For periodical and disseminating Mis- sionary information.....	10,500
Kentucky (for colored work).....	5,000	Total.....	\$89,000
Lexington.....	2,700		
Little Rock.....	3,000	RECAPITULATION.	
Louisiana (of which \$700 is for Ames Ch.).....	5,500	I. Foreign Missions.....	\$354,873
Michigan (for frontier work).....	2,000	II. Missions in the United States, etc.....	53,100
Minnesota.....	6,000	III. Domestic Missions:	
Mississippi.....	5,750	Welsh Missions.....	200
Missouri.....	3,600	Scandinavian Missions.....	28,700
Nebraska.....	3,000	German Missions.....	43,500
North Carolina (of which \$300 is for new work).....	3,000	French Missions.....	1,000
North Nebraska.....	4,200	Portuguese.....	500
North-west Iowa.....	3,000	Chinese Missions.....	11,000
North-west Kansas (\$200 for colored work).....	4,500	American Indian.....	5,800
Oregon.....	1,750	English-speaking.....	167,600
Puget Sound.....	4,000	IV. Miscellaneous.....	89,000
Saint Louis.....	4,000	Liquidation of Debt.....	64,221
Savannah.....	3,150	Grand total.....	\$850,000
South Carolina.....	6,000		
Southern California.....	4,000		

* Expenditures from the contingent fund are made only for missions, never for administration, (Art. XI, Constitution, The *Irreducible* fund of last year was expended as follows, namely: Interest and annuities, \$14,781 90; Printing Certificates, etc., \$923; Bishops' traveling expenses to missions, \$2,877 50; postage, portorage, etc., \$412 40; General Missionary Committee expenses, \$1,004 27; insurance, freight, gas, periodicals, etc., \$1,612 15; missionaries returned, superannuated, widows of, etc., \$4,778 62; legal services, \$2,123 63; taxes, \$485 53; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$458 93; total, \$32,665 02 *Office expenses* are for salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, etc., of office.

Apportionment of Moneys

TO BE RAISED DURING THE YEAR 1885.

Alabama.....	\$350	Iowa.....	\$9,000	N. W. Swedish.....	\$3,000
Arizona.....	500	Italy.....	250	Norway.....	1,250
Arkansas.....	800	Japan.....	150	Norwegian and Danish.....	2,000
Austin.....	750	Kansas.....	4,000	Ohio.....	21,000
Baltimore.....	35,000	Kentucky.....	3,000	Oregon.....	2,000
Black Hills.....	150	Lexington.....	400	Philadelphia.....	50,000
Blue Ridge.....	350	Liberia.....	100	Pittsburg.....	18,000
Bulgaria and Turkey.....	50	Little Rock.....	250	Puget Sound.....	500
California.....	6,000	Louisiana.....	1,000	Rock River.....	21,500
Central Alabama.....	300	Maine.....	5,000	Saint Louis.....	5,000
Central German.....	9,000	Mexico.....	250	Saint Louis German.....	5,500
Central China.....	100	Michigan.....	12,000	Savannah.....	550
Central Illinois.....	15,000	Minnesota.....	7,000	South America.....	125
Central New York.....	20,000	Mississippi.....	1,000	South Carolina.....	3,500
Central Ohio.....	14,000	Missouri.....	3,900	S. E. Indiana.....	10,000
Central Pennsylvania.....	25,000	Montana.....	500	Southern California.....	1,700
Central Tennessee.....	1,000	Nebraska.....	2,500	Southern German.....	3,000
Chicago German.....	4,500	Nevada.....	350	Southern Illinois.....	3,000
Cincinnati.....	24,000	Newark.....	24,000	South India.....	500
Colorado.....	2,700	New England.....	22,000	South Kansas.....	2,500
Columbia River.....	1,250	New England Southern.....	12,000	S. W. Kansas.....	2,500
Dakota.....	750	New Hampshire.....	7,000	Sweden.....	2,500
Delaware.....	1,500	New Jersey.....	23,000	Tennessee.....	1,100
Denmark.....	500	New Mexico.....	50	Texas.....	1,000
Des Moines.....	10,000	New Mexico Spanish.....	25	Troy.....	13,000
Detroit.....	12,000	New York.....	50,000	Upper Iowa.....	12,000
East German.....	5,000	New York East.....	50,000	Utah.....	250
East Maine.....	3,500	North Carolina.....	300	Vermont.....	6,500
East Ohio.....	24,000	North China.....	150	Virginia.....	1,200
East Tennessee.....	200	North Dakota.....	750	Washington.....	3,500
Erie.....	12,000	Northern New York.....	16,000	West China.....	1,250
Florida.....	700	North India.....	600	West German.....	3,500
Poochow.....	300	North Indiana.....	12,000	West Nebraska.....	200
Genesee.....	17,500	North Nebraska.....	1,000	West Texas.....	1,000
Georgia.....	350	North Ohio.....	13,000	West Virginia.....	5,500
Germany and Switzerland.....	2,000	N. W. German.....	4,000	West Wisconsin.....	5,000
Holston.....	2,000	N. W. Indiana.....	10,000	Wilmington.....	12,000
Illinois.....	22,000	N. W. Iowa.....	2,000	Wisconsin.....	5,000
Indiana.....	13,000	N. W. Kansas.....	1,500	Wyoming.....	15,000
Indian Territory.....	35				

Annual Report

OF THE

TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER.

November 1, 1884.

CONFERENCES.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884.	Increase.	Decrease.	Disbursements from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884.
Alabama.....	497 75	\$174 61	\$76 86	...	\$2,526 50
Arizona.....	191 18	450 00	450 00	...	8,567 75
Arkansas.....	490 50	838 89	147 71	...	4,775 00
Austin.....	26,161 76	691 40	209 90	...	7,800 00
Baltimore.....	21 50	27,818 57	1,656 81	...	...
Black Hills.....	119 00	72 10	50 60	...	8,600 00
Blue Ridge.....	41 57	281 91	168 91	...	19,985 86
Bulgaria.....	5,438 79	...	4 10	\$41 57	19,000 00
California.....	59 90	71 18	...	18 72	2,500 00
Central Alabama.....	96 00	...	...	36 00	22,306 72
Central German.....	8,357 11	7,371 72	...	935 39	4,500 00
Central Illinois.....	11,847 52	10,699 45	...	1,148 07	750 00
Central New York.....	13,807 90	12,907 91	...	899 99	865 00
Central Ohio.....	12,782 23	12,340 52	...	441 71	...
Central Pennsylvania.....	25,581 70	27,988 66	2,356 96	...	...
Central Tennessee.....	408 89	942 49	588 60	...	4,375 00
Chicago German.....	3,730 97	3,569 85	...	161 12	3,500 25
Cincinnati.....	18,702 93	18,604 42	...	88 51	6,825 00
Colorado.....	2,532 23	2,258 75	...	278 48	5,525 00
Columbia River.....	1,101 35	878 10	...	228 25	6,831 25
Dakota.....	809 04	517 56	208 52	...	13,814 25
Delaware.....	1,285 78	1,215 00	...	70 78	1,183 75
Denmark.....	7,310 65	150 00	150 00	...	10,460 95
Des Moines.....	10,180 98	7,470 28	160 23	...	...
Detroit.....	4,974 98	9,271 88	...	909 55	4,881 25
East German.....	1,710 22	4,907 03	...	67 90	6,000 00
East Maine.....	16,749 82	1,595 20	...	115 02	1,165 50
East Ohio.....	181 88	16,088 64	...	661 18	...
East Tennessee.....	9,074 87	116 75	...	14 63	1,798 75
Erie.....	874 91	8,705 66	...	809 21	...
Florida.....	150 66	496 66	121 75	...	3,900 00
Foochow.....	11,532 89	153 00	2 34	...	16,421 97
Genesee.....	266 45	11,049 85	...	483 04	800 00
Georgia.....	1,332 00	242 07	...	24 38	4,345 00
Germany & Switzerland.....	595 42	1,532 00	200 00	...	27,630 12
Holston.....	...	598 00	2 58	...	3,900 00
Idaho.....	17,027 56	351 20	351 20	...	...
Illinois.....	6,836 19	16,898 81	...	129 25	...
Indian Territory.....	6,702 74	...	...	567 06	912 50
Indiana.....	...	6,319 13	...	...	11 00
Interior Africa.....	...	6,665 98	...	86 81	...
Iowa.....	103 00	...	...	103 00	34,716 04
Italy.....	2,563 84	...	646 43	...	38,478 24
Japan.....	2,255 04	8,214 77	...	109 88	2,615 00
Kansas.....	377 31	2,145 46	...	148 06	5,100 00
Kentucky.....	...	229 25	...	...	2,750 00
Lexington.....	...	...	...	...	8,027 06
Liberia.....	195 65	112 89	...	86 26	3,375 00
Little Rock.....	692 45	620 70	...	41 75	5,625 00
Louisiana.....	3,505 96	3,654 71	145 75	...	...
Maine.....	143 05	...	...	143 05	36,708 73
Mexico.....	9,806 70	8,420 86	...	845 54	4,125 50
Michigan.....	5,292 73	3,319 73	...	4,973 00	7,856 25
Minnesota.....	239 45	340 60	101 15	...	4,050 25
Mississippi.....	2,175 56	2,407 03	238 47	...	3,000 00
Missouri.....	404 71	428 49	...	86 22	18,784 96
Montana.....	1,984 20	2,099 51	135 31	...	8,275 00
Nevada.....	364 41	276 61	...	87 80	3,000 00
Nebraska.....	19,615 09	22,255 08	2,669 99	...	1,600 00
Nevada.....	15,457 16	15,289 97	...	178 79	...
Newark.....	9,099 66	9,343 23	243 62	...	750 00
New England.....	...	...	...	...	...
New England Southern.....	...	...	...	...	...

* Receipts came too late for insertion in this report; \$4,508 48 should be added to this sum.

TREASURERS' REPORT—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884.	Increase.	Decrease.	Disbursements from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884.
New Hampshire	\$4,410 76	\$5,204 59	\$798 83	.. ..	.. ..
New Jersey	20,628 84	21,191 88	568 04	.. ..	.. ..
New Mexico	197 00	42 00	.. ..	\$155 00	\$12,988 15
New York	81,648 68	85,866 56	3,717 88	.. ..	20 00
New York East.	81,865 99	84,179 27	2,318 28	.. ..	3,850 00
North Carolina.	178 52	190 00	11 48	.. ..	2,750 00
North China.	62 72	.. ..	.. ..	62 72	24,303 74
North Dakota.	.. ..	442 80	442 80	.. ..	.. ..
Northern New York.	10,289 61	9,939 01	.. ..	350 60	752 50
North India.	396 00	282 80	.. ..	113 70	78,007 49
North Indiana.	3,045 82	7,736 99	.. ..	308 83	.. ..
North Nebraska.	518 81	650 04	136 78	.. ..	2,920 00
North Ohio.	8,483 92	7,596 62	.. ..	886 70	.. ..
North-west German.	3,488 95	3,936 90	497 95	.. ..	5,500 00
North-west Indiana.	6,018 64	5,747 77	.. ..	270 87	.. ..
North-west Iowa.	2,081 35	1,913 16	.. ..	118 19	2,925 00
North-west Kansas.	591 84	1,082 26	490 42	.. ..	3,777 25
North-west Swedish.	3,004 77	3,171 12	166 35	.. ..	7,190 00
Norway	832 67	807 82	.. ..	24 85	19,650 81
Norwegian and Danish	1,923 03	1,898 85	.. ..	29 63	5,750 00
Ohio.	17,201 00	15,387 90	.. ..	1,813 10	.. ..
Oregon.	2,616 75	1,115 80	.. ..	1,500 95	8,003 75
Philadelphia.	49,000 00	51,005 00	2,005 00	.. ..	.. ..
Pittsburg.	13,946 13	12,820 16	.. ..	1,625 97	.. ..
Puger Sound.	.. ..	476 60	476 60	.. ..	.. ..
Rock River.	20,402 71	18,378 73	.. ..	2,023 98	.. ..
Saint Louis.	3,750 89	4,740 36	983 47	.. ..	4,000 00
Saint Louis German.	5,328 55	4,885 26	.. ..	488 20	4,000 00
Savannah.	890 68	518 61	127 99	.. ..	8,250 00
South America.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	17,719 89
South Carolina.	2,288 93	3,247 64	.. ..	36 29	6,066 75
South-east Indiana.	5,312 35	4,760 68	.. ..	542 72	.. ..
Southern California.	2,358 60	1,589 40	.. ..	796 40	5,837 50
Southern German.	2,055 65	1,387 30	.. ..	718 85	7,000 00
Southern Illinois.	7,341 85	7,756 86	415 01	.. ..	.. ..
South India.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	8,188 00
South Kansas.	1,891 13	2,287 14	396 01	.. ..	2,375 00
South-west Kansas.	1,559 03	1,774 90	215 27	.. ..	8,872 50
Sweden.	3,126 79	2,875 65	.. ..	251 14	23,561 87
Tennessee.	557 35	1,040 60	483 25	.. ..	3,725 00
Texas.	412 50	417 15	4 65	.. ..	4,010 00
Troy.	13,143 82	13,676 97	533 15	.. ..	.. ..
Upper Iowa.	9,508 49	9,353 03	.. ..	155 46	.. ..
Utah.	137 56	128 44	.. ..	9 12	12,917 00
Vermont.	5,042 70	5,821 39	278 60	.. ..	1,250 00
Virginia.	784 85	791 57	7 22	.. ..	5,725 00
Washington.	2,397 21	2,156 22	.. ..	240 99	2,306 25
West China.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	11,675 87
West German.	3,115 90	2,926 13	.. ..	189 77	5,625 00
West Nebraska.	305 50	478 08	172 58	.. ..	6,835 00
West Texas.	480 25	637 85	157 60	.. ..	4,000 00
West Virginia.	8,672 34	3,332 57	.. ..	339 77	3,321 25
West Wisconsin.	8,463 34	2,944 27	.. ..	519 07	2,499 40
Wilmington.	13,637 06	16,054 84	2,397 78	.. ..	150 00
Wisconsin.	5,556 70	5,516 68	.. ..	40 02	2,510 00
Wyoming.	12,443 63	13,193 41	749 78	.. ..	.. ..
Legacies.	78,091 32	49,970 02	.. ..	28,121 80	.. ..
Sundries.	22,600 04	*28,966 85	6,366 81	.. ..	.. ..
Incidental Expenses.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	32,666 02
Office Expenses.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	17,764 94
Publication Fund.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	6,293 98
Total.	\$751,469 90	\$781,125 86	\$35,919 76	\$56,263 80	\$775,724 16

Total Disbursements to Foreign Missions, \$388,698 26; to Domestic Missions, \$323,201 01.

* Of this amount, \$4,926 23 is income from Mission Building, and \$12,450 from lapsed Annuities.

AUDITS.—The accounts of the Treasurer were carefully audited by the Auditing Committee at New York, and those of the Assistant Treasurer were carefully audited by the Auditing Committee at Cincinnati, and certificates of their correctness, respectively, attached in due form. The above table is a summary of these accounts.

Monthly Statement

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE TREASURY FOR EACH MONTH OF THE FISCAL YEAR FROM NOV. 1, 1883, TO OCT. 31, 1884.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.					ASSISTANT TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.				COMBINED STATEMENT.		BALANCES.
Date.	Balance on hand on the first day of each month.	Treasury in debt on the first day of each month.	Receipts.*	Disbursements.*	Balance on hand on the first day of each month.	Treasury in debt on the first day of each month.	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Total Receipts.*	Total disbursements.*	State of the Treasury on last day of each month.
November, 1883.		\$57,585 61	\$8,984 99	\$44,395 65	\$14,548 71		\$1,367 42	\$4,204 00	\$10,352 41	\$49,089 68	\$81,724 17†
December, "		98,436 30	6,185 30	46,176 98	11,712 13		1,897 76	16,720 11	5,083 06	62,897 09	136,538 20†
January, 1884.		132,852 73	10,977 21	58,123 80		\$3,685 47	352 14	10,771 05	11,329 32	63,894 85	189,103 73†
February, "		190,154 32	21,511 14	55,755 56	1,050 59		807 22	4,376 50	22,618 36	60,132 06	226,617 43†
March, "		229,098 74	174,367 22	46,742 90	2,481 31		15,573 26	17,829 75	189,940 48	64,572 65	101,249 60†
April, "		110,483 57	128,438 54	54,975 59	9,183 37		8,350 74	12,219 30	186,739 58	67,194 89	31,654 91†
May, "		86,647 48	8,652 57	51,488 93	4,992 57		661 09	3,685 50	4,314 17	55,169 48	82,510 22†
June, "		84,661 39	9,210 27	59,246 19	2,151 17		1,550 59	18,376 23	10,760 86	77,622 44	149,371 90†
July, "		149,697 31	6,555 20	43,469 32	325 51		1,684 29	10,957 80	8,239 49	54,427 12	195,559 43†
August, "		196,971 43	7,749 14	63,556 32	1,412 00		9,316 20	3,955 75	17,065 34	67,511 76	246,005 34†
September, "		254,421 09	19,904 03	39,041 51	8,415 23		119,520 67	13,936 75	139,424 70	52,975 26	159,559 40†
October, "		173,696 48	103,676 37	87,755 29	14,137 03		72,631 72	16,625 60	176,308 09	104,383 89	87,635 20†

General Statement for the Year.

RECEIPTS.			Treasury in debt, November 1, 1883.....	\$43,086 90
Received by Treasurer at New York from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884,	\$501,512 28		Excess of Receipts over Disbursements.....	44,598 30
" Assistant Treasurer at Cincinnati	233,713 58			
Total	\$735,225 86		Treasury in debt, October 31, 1884.....	\$87,635 20
DISBURSEMENTS.			STATE OF THE TREASURY, NOVEMBER 1, 1884.	
Paid by Treasurer.....	\$646,162 80		Treasury in debt at New York.....	\$96,082 85
" Assistant Treasurer.....	133,661 86		Cash in Treasury at Cincinnati.....	8,997 15
Total	\$779,824 16		Net Cash Indebtedness of Treasury, November 1, 1884.....	\$87,635 20

* Grants from the American Bible Society for \$4,100 are included in the above receipts and disbursements.
 † The heavy-faced type indicates that the Treasury was in debt to this amount.

Building and Annuity Accounts.

From November 1, 1883, to October 31, 1884.

Methodist Publishing and Mission Building.

The gross income from rents of the Methodist Publishing and Mission Building from November 1, 1883, to October 31, 1884, was.....	\$38,054 05
There was paid on joint account.....	13,078 57
Leaving net proceeds of rent.....	<u>\$24,980 48</u>
One fourth of this belongs to the Missionary Society.....	\$6,245 12
Interest received on account current.....	253 75
Paid for improvements, (one fourth cost of elevator).....	<u>\$6,498 87</u>
Paid into General Treasury October 31, 1884.....	<u>1,672 54</u>
	<u>\$4,826 33</u>

Annuity Bonds.

The total amount of these bonds outstanding on the 31st of October, 1884, was \$231,537 56. Of this sum the interest on \$9,635 is credited to certain Conference Societies, but comes at once back to the treasury; interest on \$15,000 is paid to two schools in our foreign mission work, leaving \$206,902 56 as the amount issued on the lives of individuals, on which all obligations of this Society cease on the death of the donor or donors. On the death of an annuitant the amount of the bond is credited in the receipts of the Society. During this year \$12,450 was paid over from such lapsed annuities.

Receipts of the Society from the Beginning.

DATES.	Contributions by Conferences.	Legacies.	Sundries.	Total.	Bible Society.		
Received during the year	1820			\$823 04			
"	1821			2,328 76			
"	1822			2,547 89			
"	1823			5,427 14			
"	1824			3,539 92			
"	1825			4,140 16			
"	1826			4,964 11			
"	1827			6,512 49			
"	1828			6,245 17			
"	1829			14,176 11			
"	1830			13,128 63			
"	1831			9,950 57			
"	1832			11,879 66			
"	1833			17,097 05			
"	1834			33,700 15			
"	1835			30,492 21			
"	1836			59,517 16			
"	1837			57,086 05			
"	1838			96,087 36			
"	1839			193,450 29			
"	1840			136,410 87			
"	1841			139,923 76			
"	1842			139,473 26			
"	1843			144,770 80			
"	1844			146,573 78			
"	1845			94,562 27			
"	1846			59,523 26			
"	1847			73,932 73			
"	1848			51,600 84			
"	1849			84,045 15	\$200 00		
May 1, 1849, to April 30,	1850			104,579 54	1,000 00		
"	1851			126,471 81	500 00		
"	1852	\$138,264 44	\$2,304 68	\$9,898 83	150,482 48		
"	1852, to Dec. 31,	1853	298,473 39	21,262 03	16,282 97	383,965 39	
Jan. 1, 1854,	1854	211,952 01	4,930 74	6,720 30	228,412 05	3,000 00	
"	1855	204,464 36	6,924 17	6,815 01	2,3,204 04	1,100 00	
"	1856	199,996 59	7,784 81	29,660 52	287,441 92	1,000 00	
"	1857	247,733 13	8,544 96	12,592 39	265,890 48	3,300 00	
"	1858	229,987 64	8,813 55	35,423 42	255,224 61	3,000 00	
"	1859	243,863 44	8,824 64	12,479 11	265,167 19	5,500 00	
"	1860	236,239 21	10,109 97	10,343 59	256,722 77	6,000 00	
"	1861	222,709 23	10,051 44	13,864 21	246,124 93	4,250 00	
"	1862	241,247 29	12,374 78	11,026 64	265,148 71	7,875 00	
"	1863	353,109 13	16,941 24	11,743 32	416,793 75	12,975 00	
"	1864	497,867 17	22,172 98	29,959 16	549,993 26	9,000 00	
"	1865	537,569 41	12,705 76	31,405 50	681,740 67	11,000 00	
"	1866	641,450 32	13,696 79	27,293 19	682,380 30	4,060 00	
"	1867	533,520 35	23,532 17	20,468 44	607,520 96	5,500 00	
"	1868	575,624 90	11,909 36	10,627 43	595,161 69	8,500 00	
"	1869	576,397 43	27,618 21	14,210 92	618,226 61	16,477 50	
"	1870, to Oct. 31,	1870	576,774 10	12,194 45	5,775 22	594,743 77	8,207 50
Nov. 1, 1870,	1871	603,421 70	11,456 41	8,551 14	623,429 25	6,632 50	
"	1871	627,641 60	10,364 16	8,250 84	661,056 60	5,270 00	
"	1872	647,103 76	15,517 38	17,915 50	680,536 64	9,680 00	
"	1873	618,004 99	47,603 37	9,471 96	675,080 32	12,640 00	
"	1874	613,927 12	35,123 15	13,485 62	662,455 89	10,536 00	
"	1875	533,594 45	51,388 00	9,255 34	594,188 38	6,500 00	
"	1876	566,765 66	89,616 74	22,594 85	622,977 25	8,739 00	
"	1877	477,166 15	41,672 12	32,546 73	551,385 05	6,000 00	
"	1878	430,428 30	33,818 55	32,611 95	551,859 30	1,800 00	
"	1879	500,182 46	34,710 27	22,473 41	557,371 14	2,000 00	
"	1880	570,965 77	33,363 26	20,832 56	625,663 59	4,800 00	
"	1881	621,381 03	43,675 09	21,679 54	695,666 01	4,100 00	
"	1882	650,771 54	73,091 32	22,606 04	751,469 90	4,200 00	
"	1883	652,133 99	49,970 02	23,966 85	731,125 86	4,100 00	

Between 1836 and 1849 an aggregate of \$2,675 89 had been furnished at various dates by the Bible Society to the Missionary Society.

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE year 1884 has been one of most encouraging success. In the collections from Conferences there has been a steady advance, and this indicates the strong hold which this great cause has upon the heart of the Church.

The total income from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 31, 1884, was \$731,125, a decrease of \$20,344. This decrease, however, is not in the collections from the Conferences, but in the amount received from bequests and sundries.

The statistics to be found in this Report, if carefully studied, will greatly encourage the pastors and presiding elders, upon whom we mainly rely to kindle the enthusiasm of the people up to the giving point. Nothing will bring money for a great cause like the facts which tell of success in the enterprise undertaken.

The prosperity of our work is shown by the great pressure brought to bear upon the General Committee for the means to enter new fields which are "white unto the harvest;" and their cries for help were so many and so importunate that at its final session the table of appropriations footed up \$90,000 beyond the total amount of the collections for the past year.

Then followed a prolonged and anxious discussion. The business men connected with the Committee uttered most emphatic warning against this large advance, and a motion prevailed to strike out all appropriations for new property in foreign fields. Men voted against their hearts, but with the calm conviction that it is better to preserve the old than to build the new.

In foreign fields this Board has to do all the church extension and educational work, because we have not these kindred organizations to help us there.

The debt upon the Society has been increased \$58,206 during the past year. This came not from a falling off in the

collections, but from the large increase of appropriations made in 1883. So a halt was called.

A shadow of disappointment rested upon every face when that vote was taken. If the whole Church could have heard the speeches of the Bishops and representatives of our mission work, that vote would never have been taken. A million dollars would be laid down upon God's altar, and the order to advance would ring all along the line in every land where our flag is planted.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Bishop Simpson, which occurred June 18, 1884.

At a called meeting held in Arch Street Church, Philadelphia, June 24, the following minutes were read and ordered to be entered in the Journal of the Board :

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church have heard, with very great sorrow, of the death of our beloved and honored president, Matthew Simpson, the senior Bishop of our Church ; and while words can but poorly express the sense of our loss, yet we desire to place upon our minutes a brief and simple record of our appreciation of his character and worth.

It is seldom given to one man, as it was to Bishop Simpson, to fill, for so long a time, so many high and conspicuous positions with so much efficiency and honor. It has been still more rarely given to any man of any age to so thoroughly embody the peculiarities and so fully voice the progressive life of a great denomination, to have been so largely identified with every great struggle, to have kept in the front with every forward step of its history for almost half a century ; to have been its foremost man for a generation, and then to die at home, in the midst of his successful plans and world-wide work, with his faculties unimpaired ; to have been so widely known, so greatly honored, so universally beloved.

He was pre-eminently the product of Methodism, her schools, her revivals, her spirit, and yet he was so broadly, so grandly catholic, that he belonged to the church of every clime and creed, and the universal Protestant Church of Christ mourns with us in our great bereavement and sorrow. He was wise in all the learning of the times ; he was constantly in the counsels of the great in the city and in the nation ; he was the intimate friend of wealth and power ; yet his sympathies were with the people, and in the simple, tender sweetness of his style, in the spiritual inspiration and pathos of his preaching, he was the orator best known and best loved by the masses of Methodism.

In a period of transition he embodied in his simple piety, his evangelical experience, his love of the old paths, all that was best in the past ; yet he kept step with modern progress, he welcomed with fearless faith

the friendship of true science, he was in healthy sympathy with all culture, he believed that Christianity should lead in all reforms. He united the best life of the past and present, and largely inspired the rising ministry of the Church by his own example. As the friend of an oppressed race, faithful and consistent in his devotion from first to last; as the chosen and trusted counselor of Abraham Lincoln in the dark days of the Rebellion; as a patriotic citizen who, standing as the foremost member of the largest denomination of the land, and putting all the powers of his official position and his matchless eloquence at the service of the nation, he, more than any other man, won for us that immortal tribute given by the President of the United States, as the Church which "had sent more soldiers into the service, more nurses into the hospitals, and more prayers to heaven than any other."

In the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church he found a fitting field for his great administrative abilities, and here he did some of the best work of his life. His faith was so full of the spirit of the New Testament, his plans were so large and so far-sighted, so wise and mature, so timely in their introduction, that into the open doors, such as Paul saw in the Macedonian vision, it was given to Bishop Simpson to introduce and lead the way to some of the boldest and most successful missionary enterprises of this age.

We shall miss his prophetic confidence, his courageous leadership; but we can never forget the spirit and faith of the Christian Bishop whose conservatism never blocked the wheels of progress; whose wisdom never counseled retreat; who planned largely because he knew and trusted the liberality of the Church; who planned boldly because he believed earnestly that "the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ;" and from his higher field of vision may he see the fulfillment of his own prophecies as to the gifts and powers of Methodism in the evangelization of the nations, and the complete and glorious triumph of Christianity throughout the world!

With this minute of our appreciation of Bishop Simpson, we desire also to convey to the bereaved family the assurance of the love and sympathy of every member of the Board of Managers.

He *seems* to have left the army to struggle on without him; but his absence is only seeming. He is still at the front, and the soul of Matthew Simpson is "marching on."

Bishop Wiley was appointed to revisit the missions in Japan and China. His errand was deemed most important, for difficult and delicate questions were to be adjusted. When the time came for his departure he was by no means well. During his stay in Japan a serious disease was discovered and great apprehensions were excited. Having accomplished his work in this mission, he proceeded to North China. Here he

was not able to be present at the public meetings, but attended to the more private affairs of the mission in his room where he consulted with the missionaries. His work here completed, he returned to Shanghai to hold the Central China Annual Mission meeting, the members of that body having been notified to meet him there and spare him the long journey up to K̄iukiang. From this point the Bishop writes: "I have been laboring in this work in a very enfeebled state of health, with just about strength enough to get carefully and faithfully through it. I think I have done good and faithful work, and that the end will tell well on our missions."

He subsequently reached Foochow. This was the scene of his first labors in the Christian ministry, when the foundations were being laid, and the times were troublous, as now, with the alarms of war. Here his work was accomplished, and he laid himself down to die. Like a warrior who dies on the field amid the triumphs of victory, he could almost be envied the circumstances of his dying, albeit neither wife nor child were by his side to minister to his needs of body and mind. Never was a truer missionary spirit than that of Isaac William Wiley, who has the pre-eminence of being the only missionary elevated to the high office of Bishop. He will bear us no personal report from this last of his visitations to our foreign fields, but his influence and the precious associations of his dying and burial will be a perennial benediction to the entire Church.

To us who yet live are now committed the responsibilities of the new year. They never were greater, nor the promise richer. A million of dollars would not be too much for the wide spread demand at home and abroad. A million of dollars for missions would not be more than should be expected from the wealth and numbers of the great Methodist Episcopal Church. If there be some limitation of means arising from the present paralysis of business, the prosperity of the past should be thankfully taxed for the need of the present, so that God's cause may lack for nothing, and those who have something remaining should give the more, because many have nothing to give.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

AFRICA.

Commenced in 1833. Organized as a Conference in 1836.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP TAYLOR.

Appointments of Preachers.

MONROVIA DISTRICT, C. A. Pitman, P. E.

Robertsport and Talla Circuit, B. K. M'Keever; *New Georgia Circuit*, H. B. Capehart; *New York and Pewkuy Circuit*, G. J. Hargraves; *Paynesville Circuit*, C. A. Pitman; *Marshall Circuit*, to be supplied.

ST. PAUL'S RIVER DISTRICT, D. Ware, P. E.

Monrovia Station, D. Ware; *Caldwell, Virginia, and Brewersville Circuit*, T. A. Sims; *Clay Ashland Circuit*, G. Parker; *Millsburg Circuit*, W. T. Hagan, R. Boyce, Assistant; *Careysburg and Bensonville Circuit*, J. W. Cooper.

BASSA DISTRICT, J. H. Deputie, P. E.

Mount Olive, J. H. Deputie, Missionary, J. Harris, Assistant, J. P. Artis, Supernumerary; *Upper and Lower Buchanan Circuits*, E. L. Brumskine; *Paynesbury Circuit (Congo Town)*, W. H. Thomas; *Edina Circuit*, to be supplied; *Bexley Circuit*, to be supplied; *Bullemtown Circuit*, to be supplied.

SINOE DISTRICT, W. P. Kennedy, Jr., P. E.

Greenville and Lexington, W. P. Kennedy, Jr.; *Louisiana and Bluntsville*, to be supplied.

CAPE PALMAS DISTRICT, C. H. Harmon, P. E.

Mount Scott, Tubmantown, and Greeboe Mission, C. H. Harmon.

THE Liberia Conference met at Cape Palmas, January 28, 1884. The Rev. C. A. Pitman was elected President of the Conference, and the Rev. J. H. Deputie, Secretary. Two

persons were received on trial, and the Rev. W. P. Kennedy, Sr., was placed on the supernumerary list. The Rev. Daniel Ware was elected delegate to the General Conference, the Rev. W. S. Hagans, reserve. The Hon. Z. B. Roberts was elected by the Electoral Conference as lay delegate; no reserve. The lay delegate did not appear at the General Conference, but Mr. Ware took a full and active part in the deliberations of that body.

The Rev. William Taylor was elected Missionary Bishop for Africa, and duly ordained with the other Bishops elect. At once he set about preparations for a "self-supporting" mission on an extended scale, to be located in the valley of the Congo, and to stretch in a series of stations entirely across the continent. The Society of Friends, in various parts of the country, and multitudes of our own people, have contributed money to this undertaking, earnestly hoping and praying that results may follow big with everlasting blessings to the Dark Continent.

Bishop Taylor embarked on the City of Berlin from the port of New York, expecting to reach Monrovia in time to hold the Liberia Conference, which convenes on the 29th day of January in that city. The missionaries for the Congo are expected to depart in January. On their arrival in Africa Bishop Taylor will assume the charge of them, and our prayer is that God will preserve him and his co-laborers, and lead them on to a complete triumph!

We are sorry to be compelled to rely on other than official sources for even the statistics of Liberia. Only one district has reported to us at length. By comparing the figures given below with those published last year, we think we can discover the points emphasized in the year's work. The increase in membership is slight, while there has been a decided decrease in the number of baptisms. Under the heading, "Paid for building and improving churches and parsonages," we find a remarkable increase from \$399 90 to \$5,477; as also in the payment of old indebtedness, namely, an increase from \$215 26 to \$1,800. The various Church collections have also received

attention, and amounts, however small, appear in columns which hitherto have been blank. The following exhibits, with tolerable accuracy, the present state of the work :

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1. MEMBERSHIP.— Probationers, 171; full members, 2,337; local preachers, 56; deaths, 65.

2. BAPTISMS.—Number of children baptized, 54; number of adults baptized, 49.

3. CHURCH PROPERTY.—Number of churches, 27; probable value, \$21,940; paid for building, etc., \$5,477 29; paid on old indebtedness, \$1,800.

4. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—Number of schools, 35; number of officers and teachers, 278; number of scholars of all ages, 2,178.

5. BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.—For Missions, \$6; Church Extension, \$3; Sunday-School Union, \$3; Freedmen's Aid Society, \$2; Board of Education, \$5.

6. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.— For pastors and presiding elders, \$1,637 30.

7. CURRENT EXPENSES.—\$123 50.

SOUTH AMERICA.

English work commenced in 1836.

Spanish work commenced in 1867.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP WARREN.

Missionaries.

THOMAS B. WOOD, *Superintendent.*

John F. Thomson,	Joseph R. Wood,
Andrew M. Milne,	William Tallon,
Thomas H. Stockton.	

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. J. F. Thomson,	Mrs. T. B. Wood,	Mrs. J. R. Wood,
Mrs. A. M. Milne,	Mrs. W. Tallon,	Mrs. T. H. Stockton.

W. F. M. S. Misionaries.

Miss L. B. Denning,	Miss J. M. Chapin,
Miss Cecilia Guelfi,	Mrs. L. M. Turney,
Miss J. E. Goodenough.	

Helpers under regular appointment.

Antonio Guelfi,	Juan Correa,	Francisco Pensoti,
Carlos Lastrico,	Juan Robles,	D. A. Ugon,
Lino Abeledo.		

Helpers acting as supplies.

Sixteen brethren have preached as supplies, at various points in the mission, during the whole or parts of the year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

Superintendent and Director of Publications, T. B. Wood—address, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Montevideo Station, W. Tallon. *Montevideo Circuit*, A. Guelfi (part of the year) and Juan Robles. *Canelones Circuit*, C. Lastrico. *Colonia Circuit*, D. A. Ugon. *Porongos Circuit*, to be supplied. *Uruguay Circuit*, J. Correa. *Buenos Ayres Station*, T. H. Stockton. *Buenos Ayres Circuit*, J. F. Thomson. *Rosario Station and Parana Circuit*, J. R. Woods. *West Entre-Rios Circuit*, L. Abeledo. *East Entre-Rios Circuit*, to be supplied. *Bolivia*, F. Pensoti. *Paraguay and Matto Grosso*, to be supplied. *Agent of American Bible Society*, A. M. Milne—address, Montevideo, Uruguay.

W. F. M. S. work : in Montevideo, Miss C. Guelfi, with eleven helpers ; *in Buenos Ayres*, Miss J. E. Goodenough, with one helper ; *in Rosario*, Miss L. B. Denning, Miss J. M. Chapin, and (part of the year) Mrs. L. M. Turney, with two helpers.

The following is the Superintendent's report :

General Progress. The most prosperous year ever known in this mission is the one just past.

In my last report I stated, "Every department of the work exhibits progress." I must now state that the progress shows *acceleration* in every department.

Our progress in the *single* year just past exceeds that of the *four* previous years.

Montevideo Station. The work in this charge develops steadily. The defense of our faith against attacks in the press, the Romish pulpit, and the private circles where our members move, keeps their abilities and zeal in constant exercise. Brother Tallon proves a capital leader in this running defense. In the centers of learning our young men have continued to stand against the prevailing infidelity that infests the educated classes, and have held their ground triumphantly. Within the Church the social and spiritual elements are strengthening. Hitherto the majority of our converts have been men, the women being held more firmly by the grip of priestcraft. But lately an increasing proportion of women is observable in our congregations, and at the last communion the participants were *sixty-one* men and *sixty-seven* women. The love-feasts are full of inspiring testimonies. The Sunday-schools show fruits of spiritual growth.

Montevideo Station is our first Spanish charge to take the regular missionary collections, which it did this year.

Montevideo Circuit. This embraces ten points in and around Montevideo, apart from the station. At nine of these points there are Sunday-schools, at five public preaching, week-day meetings at five, and day schools also at five. Brother Guelfi moved to Buenos Ayres during the year, but the other workers increased their activity and the operations have been extended. Hitherto we counted from 400 to 500 in the Sunday-schools of the station and circuit both. This year we have repeatedly passed 700.

Canelones Circuit. This has been detached from the Uruguay Circuit, and is now a work by itself. Brother Lastrico has extended it admirably, aided at times by brethren from Montevideo, stirring up an interest such as that region never knew before.

At the town of Las Piedras, an intense feeling was awakened by his preaching. Controversy arose and had to be met. All opposition there has been silenced—a notable victory, as a pretentious Jesuit college is near the place, and people wonder why the learned men do not come to the rescue of their defeated champions. Services for worship, exposition, and

edification, are now carried on undisturbed, and Brother Lastrico's visits are more in demand than ever.

The work in San Ramon has had to suffer an unexpected renewal of hostilities. The preaching was interrupted by the local authorities, the preacher arrested and ordered to leave the town within twenty-four hours, and the class-leader forbidden to hold any more meetings, even in his own house. We laid these facts before the superior authorities, and had the satisfaction of seeing the *comisario*, who had committed the outrage, suspended from office for some time, during which our work went on. But the *comisario* was at length returned to his place, and is now encouraging lewd fellows of the baser sort to interrupt our meetings. The little band of brethren there continue steadfast.

Colonia Circuit. Brother Pensoti has moved away from this region. The work of aggressive evangelization inaugurated by him is carried on by some Waldensians settled there, who had long kept up worship among themselves in their own language, and are now pushing work on his lines in the language of the country. Chief among these is Rev. D. A. Ugon, a graduate of the Waldensian Theological School at Florence, Italy. He has entered our mission and been placed in charge of a department of our Theological Institute, now being organized. A beginners' class, meeting in Señor Ugon's house, embraces six young men from the rural districts where he resides.

Porongos. This important region has been repeatedly visited since my last report. Brother Pensoti spent a month there. The people have petitioned for an ordained pastor.

Uruguay Circuit. Brother Correa has continued his lengthy rounds, with new encouragements, beyond any thing yet experienced. Opening opportunities in the interior have taken him once more to the region of the Upper Uruguay. He has been accompanied by an experienced co-porteur, Brother Garcia Pina. Brother Milne has lately traversed that region, and finds the operations now going on encouraging as never before.

Buenos Ayres Station. The old English charge has completed its first year of isolation from the Spanish work. It has supported its pastor, raised all the money required for its operations, helped on the Spanish work with money and personal co-operation, and crowned its well-doing by commencing to take the regular missionary collection, raising this year \$100. Brother Stockton has secured a wide hold on the English community, and enjoys growing esteem, both in and out of our Church. He is training the young people to the methods that have proven most efficient in North America, and which are proving excellent in South America. One of his innovations is the organization of the Sunday-school and Missionary Society. Another is the constituting of a Temperance Committee by the Quarterly Conference. Another, the circulation of the "Christian Advocate."

That charge is a nursery of workers for the mission. Its present development is of transcendent importance.

Buenos Ayres Circuit. Brother Thomson preaches every Sunday: in

the morning at the Ragged School, in the afternoon at Barracas, and in the evening at the Central Church. At the latter place the rush of people is, at times, twice or thrice what the place can hold. Men of the highest rank are attracted by Brother Thomson's preaching, and the common people hear him gladly. A Thursday evening meeting for prayer and exhortation is at times crowded. Other week-day meetings at different points, conducted by faithful helpers, are centers of spiritual power. The work of organizing has progressed. The contributions from the Spanish work for the missionary cause amounts to \$141. The idea of a new and larger church is taking practical form. Ex-President Sarmiento has accepted election, by the Quarterly Conference, as a member of the committee to push that idea. Brother Fletcher has had to cease active work on account of broken health; but Brother Guelfi's forces have been added to the extending operations in Buenos Ayres. The city has now a third of a million inhabitants, and is of itself a vast field for missionary labor. Our work there was never so flourishing as at present.

Brother Thomson has calls to visit many places in the interior. He has responded at one, the important city of Mercedes. His discourses there have stirred the public mind throughout the province. He has been prevented from further outside work by prolonged sickness in his family, and by his heavy labors in Buenos Ayres.

Rosario Station. Brother J. R. Wood has been indefatigable in labors, in spite of failing health. The English work continues its usefulness in its limited sphere, and has been drawn more and more toward Spanish. The old Sunday-school is largely conducted in Spanish. A new Sunday-school, all Spanish, is flourishing. An English class-meeting is mixed with Spanish, and a Spanish prayer-meeting is a growing success. The Spanish preaching has continued in the school of Senor Parodi, a central but unsuitable place. Brother Vinez has continued his important aid, and great credit is due to the lady missionaries, without whose help (apart from their specific duties) much of the work that is now flourishing would be impossible.

West Entre-Rios Circuit. This has been detached from the vast Paraná Circuit, and placed in charge of Brother Abeledo. It comprises the Paraná side of the Province of Entre-Rios. Brother Abeledo has lately entered on the work, at great personal sacrifice, but with great zeal and faith. He has established regular preaching at three points, and will circulate occasionally among several others. He and his heroic wife have consented to throw themselves on the people for support. They are both Montevidean converts, and illustrate a type of zeal that is developing throughout this mission.

East Entre-Rios Circuit. The Uruguay side of the Province of Entre-Rios has been worked up by Brother Pensoti. Two Sunday-schools have been founded, and a piece of ground is offered to us if we will build a church. But it has not yet been possible to locate a preacher there, as the adherents are not strong enough to support an unsalaried man, and the salaried workers are all more urgently needed elsewhere.

Parana Circuit. The regions traversed by Brother J. R. Wood contain the *nuclei* of many future circuits and stations, awaiting only more frequent visitations for their development.

At one point the local priest besought Brother Wood, by friendly persuasion, to leave his little parish alone, so as not to injure his business! Another priest has sought to ascertain what we would give him if he would come over to us! These hypocrites fancy that we are governed by the same motives they are.

Cordova. This old center of priestcraft has had a tremendous moral shaking lately. The national government opened there a Normal School for Young Women, like those existing in other provinces, with four North American ladies as teachers, all Protestants. The prelate of the diocese warned the people not to send their daughters to it under pain of excommunication. With that began a struggle between Church and State that is still raging and involving the whole Republic. The Normal School, however, bids fair to succeed.

Brother Pensoti and two colporteurs canvassed the city. Brother Abeledo was engaged in teaching school there till he left for his new circuit, and Brother Pagliari and Mrs. Turney are still teaching there. All these find encouragement for the future of that difficult field.

Bolivia. In July, 1884, Brother Pensoti, accompanied by two colporteurs, Brothers Geymonat and Ocariz, passed through North Argentina, and entered Bolivia by the same route taken last year. Difficulties have not disappeared, but their success is beyond expectation. In the frontier town of Tupiza, they actually held public services, the same as are held in Argentina, notwithstanding the exclusive intolerance that reigns in Bolivia. This they did under the shelter of liberal local authorities. Farther inland they held only private meetings, but in Chuquisaca opened a Sunday-school. At the latter place, Ocariz was sent on to the city of La Paz, while Pensoti and Geymonat remained for prolonged operations. That city is, in many respects, the most important in all Bolivia, and is in the very heart of the country. Circumstances were such that the most that they could do could best be done in the evening. So they got employment by day as carpenters, and worked as evangelists by night. Thus they were busy when last heard from. Their reports are full of thrilling encouragement.

These men are heroes of the highest order. They have left their families for an indefinite period, to face dangers and hardships, as well as difficulties. Their robust frames have been tried severely by the journeys on mule-back and on foot, over roads where wheels are unknown, at altitudes reaching 15,000 feet above the sea-level. They are among enemies, who set no value on the life of a heretic, and who hate them, for their work's sake, with the same murderous hatred that shed the blood of Brother Mongiardino in that region in 1877. Finding that they cannot fill all their time with missionary labor, they go to work with their hands, to save the missionary money.

Paraguay and the regions beyond. The valleys of the Upper Parana

and the Paraguay were visited this year by Brother Milne. He accomplished important work there. Persons of influence in the city of Assumption urged upon him the establishment of permanent work there without delay. The men now in power would protect and facilitate our operations. Nothing but want of funds has hindered a vigorous, and, doubtless, successful push in that region.

The Bible Work. Acknowledgments are continually due to the American Bible Society for its admirable policy in South America. The present and prospective successes of this mission would be impossible but for that policy. A new advantage has been gained for Bible work in a part of the field in the form of exemption from import duty in Argentina. Special credit is due to Brother Thomson for securing this from the Argentine government.

The School Work. The W. F. M. S. schools in Montevideo are now five in number, all under Miss Guelfi's direction, with an excellent corps of assistants. Their attendance has nearly *trebled* since last report. Their moral influence has increased yet more. The income from tuition in these schools is increasing in an *increasing ratio* year by year. They could be made wholly self-supporting if they would cease teaching the Gospel and calling themselves "Evangelical Schools." As it is, they are partly self-supporting and *wholly evangelistic*.

In Buenos Ayres the Ragged School for boys continues to prosper, sustained with funds raised on the ground, with tuition entirely free. A night school for adults increases its usefulness. The W. F. M. S. school for girls, under Miss Goodenough, is still in its first year, but is already a recognized success. No tuition fees have come in as yet, but the parents will help to support the school in future. It is intensely evangelistic.

In Rosario the W. F. M. S. *Home* is full of pupils and lively missionary work. The new building, completed during the year, is admirably adapted to its purpose. The number of scholars has doubled since last report, and Misses Denning and Chapin are arranging to extend their influence beyond the limits of the home. Mrs. Turney's health failed, and, finding lighter work in the Argentine Normal School, at Cordova, she accepted it, and is improving opportunities for usefulness there in these critical times, as her strength allows.

The Temperance Work. This is progressing rapidly. Heretofore, it has been kept mainly by itself, in lodges and juvenile temples, with their occasional public meetings. Thus has been avoided much controversy among brethren that would have arisen from the opposition existing in our ranks to the temperance movement, if it had been pushed on other lines. But at last we have reached the point of working the regular methods. The Annual Meeting of the mission has, for the first time, taken action on the subject, and we have commenced putting the Disciplinary Temperance Committees at work in the charges. Thus is the way opened for placing our whole work on the Methodist Episcopal temperance platform, and making our mission the vanguard of the temperance reform on this continent.

The Press. Our weekly organ, "El Evangelista," now in its seventh volume, continues its career of usefulness. It circulates all over the mission, among friends and foes, in public offices, reading rooms, and the sanctums of exchanges, as the recognized champion of the evangelization of these lands. Brother Robles, the editor, deserves great credit. Brother Tallon renders important aid. The defenders of the faith throughout the mission also contribute to the paper.

In Buenos Ayres peculiar circumstances made possible and desirable the printing of a local periodical in connection with our Spanish work there. It was commenced in an experimental way, to appear occasionally, without regular date. It has completed its first year, and with such success that it is now issued regularly every week. It is called "El Estandarte." Every issue contains several pages of some such work as "Pilgrim's Progress," or "History of the Reformation."

The growth of our Sunday-school work demands more in the way of lesson helps than we can print in the "Evangelista." To meet this demand a weekly Sunday-school paper has been started, "La Escuela Dominical." It is issued at Montevideo, circulating all over the mission. It has greatly increased the efficiency of the uniform lesson system in our Sunday-schools. The International Lessons, which have for years been edited in Spanish for the "Evangelista" by Mrs. T. B. Wood, are now edited in fuller form for the "Escuela Dominical," by Brothers Tallon and Robles.

The secular press shows us growing respect, in the midst of a tendency to treat all forms of religion with contempt.

Some of last year's events are very significant.

In Montevideo an influential secular daily, "El Diario," has taken evangelical ground, bearing down on priestcraft with arguments from the Scriptures, till the chief clerical organ, in exasperation, calls it a "branch of the 'Evangelista!'"

In Buenos Ayres a powerful daily, "La Patria Argentina," has declared itself in favor of the *true* Christianity as distinguished from the *false*, and calls on all to turn to the Gospel as the hope of the country! Such utterances, together with laudatory notices of Brother Thomson's discourses, have driven the clerical press to the pitiful resort of stigmatizing that paper as *paid* by us to advocate our cause!

In Rosario, the chief daily of all that region, "La Capital," has continued, as heretofore, to open its columns to Brother J. R. Wood for articles and discussions that have given rare opportunities for setting forth truth.

In Cordova, Brother Abeledo has had large use of the columns of an important paper, and for a time, during an absence of its editor, was left in full charge of it. This has enabled him to strike opportune blows for religious liberty in the interior.

Politics. The Republics are unusually free from symptoms of revolution, and peaceful progress is in full tide. The telephone webs are getting thicker. Railroads are extending every-where. The immigrant ships

are more active than ever. The men in power are doing their best to facilitate material prosperity. Religious problems are also under consideration. The organic relation between Church and State has been abolished in the Argentine Province of Santiago by constitutional amendment similar to that reported a year ago as adopted in the Province of Entre-Rios. The Argentine National Congress has at length passed the bill (which I reported last year as having failed to pass) banishing sectarian instruction from the curriculum of the schools dependent on the national government. These and kindred measures have so exasperated the clericals that they have become desperate, and, in the opinion of the government, seditious. Under these circumstances, the men in power have counted the cost, and entered on a policy tending to a life-and-death struggle between them and the Established Church. They have deposed prelates from their office by executive decrees, have cut off the regular appropriations for ecclesiastical purposes, and at last ordered the Pope's legate, Monseigneur Mattera, to leave the country within twenty-four hours, which he did. A fever of excitement accompanies these events. The clericals threaten vengeance. The outcome is not easy to foresee. Meantime, one thing is sure—our cause is gaining strength, in preparation, perhaps, for the more trying times that are in store for these priest-ridden peoples.

In Brazil the usual good order prevails. The great event of the year has been a tidal wave of abolitionism. One province—Caero—is entirely free from slavery. The great Province of Rio Grande do Sul, lying next the Republic of Uruguay, is far advanced with emancipation. The policy of the whole empire tends toward abolition. What a time to push our work with that tide of moral progress!

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH AMERICA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries from U. S.	Assistant Missionaries.	U. S. Missionaries.	W. Cong. Free Miss. Society.	Native Workers of Wom. Pro. Miss. Society.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Teachers from U. S.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Orphans.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	No. of Parsonages or "Homes."	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Homes."	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospitals, Book Rooms, etc.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Collected for other Local Purposes.	Pages Printed during the Year.
Montevideo and its dependencies	1	1	..	12	3	15	12	..	3	191	210	1,000	700	10	84	4	320	10	650	..	1	\$9,000	10	..	..	..	\$1,500	\$62	\$41	\$1,153	..	\$1,052	.....
Buenos Ayres Station.....	1	1	..	..	..	2	7	..	1	104	7	500	300	..	10	6	450	1	200	..	1	44,000	..	1	\$16,000	..	..	100	..	2,500	..	510	7,000
Buenos Ayres Circuit.....	1	1	1	1	..	4	4	1	2	60	157	1,000	710	..	53	8	260	2	280	..	1	2,000	2	..	..	..	..	141	..	796	..	2,853	655,200
Rosario and its dependencies...	1	1	3	2	..	1	2	3	2	22	5	1,000	80	..	33	1	60	2	80	7	1	6,000	2	..	..	\$13,000	..	7	12	107	..	404	.....
Total.....	4	4	4	15	3	22	25	4	8	377	379	3,500	1,790	10	135	14	1,080	15	1,210	7	4	\$61,000	14	1	\$16,000	\$13,000	\$1,500	\$310	\$53	\$4,553	..	\$4,339	1602,200	
Last year.....	4	4	3	6	2	13	16	2	3	15	277	..	1,600	28	110	12	840	10	826	..	3	55,000	12	1	16,000	..	..	..	78	4,460	\$1,825	1,582	110,000

* Theological School, 1; teacher, 1; students, 6. † Not including the weekly organ of the Mission, "El Evangelista," vol. vii, nor the S. S. weekly, "La Escuela Dominical, vol. i.

CHINA MISSIONS.

Commenced in 1847.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP WILEY.

DURING the year the difficulties between France and China have greatly disturbed our missions in every part of China. In anticipation of the bombardment of Foochow, the women and children of this mission were removed to Shanghai. Everywhere the natural antipathy of the Chinese masses to foreigners had opportunity for greater license, but in Foochow our property and the persons of our missionaries were preserved from violence. Our hearts turn in gratitude to Him who restrains the wrath of man, for, we doubt not, to him we owe the safety and measurable prosperity of the year.

As the crisis in affairs approached, a re-enforcement of three men who were under appointment to China—Dr. R. C. Beebe, Dr. L. B. Denny, and Rev. Joel A. Smith, with their families—were on the Pacific coast ready to take steamer. It was deemed best to direct them to proceed as far as prudence would allow, and tarry in Japan, if need be, until the way opened. By the blessing of God all reached their designated fields and are at work. Now that the year has closed, the war-cloud still hovers over the Celestial Empire, and our reliance is still upon the Almighty arm for the safety and success of those we hold so dear, and who represent us, preaching the word of eternal life to these worshippers of Buddha.

The death of Bishop Wiley, mentioned in the introduction of this report, took place before he was able to complete his duties at Foochow, but his guiding influence was present and the shadow of his suffering form was ever over the Conference. On many occasions the whole assembly were bathed in tears. Preaching seemed to be in unusual fervor, and prayers seemed to directly enter heaven. The Bishop hoped to be able to attend to the ordination at his bedside. At the last moment

he was compelled to abandon his purpose. Sia Sek Ong said: "This is the remnant of work he must needs leave undone to keep up the connection between this Conference and the mother Church." Later advices indicate that this holy spell was yet lingering among the brethren. One letter says: "Bishop Wiley's death has proved a great blessing to us all. Last night we had the best prayer-meeting we have had for a long time. The outlook is promising. We are delighted with our re-enforcements." Every day, during the Bishop's illness, some of the native brethren sought his sick-room to show their love and sympathy, and then retired to pray for the recovery of their much revered *Hwai-Lá-Kangtok*. His last words, "God bless you! God bless you all forever—ever—forever—er—more, A—men," will doubtless long ring in the ears of the Christians of Foochow. "Such a Conference," says one writer, "we have never had before. Every one goes to his work with a silent determination to make the best of his opportunities."

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FOOCHOW.

Commenced in 1847.

Organized as a Conference in 1877.

HEAD-QUARTERS, FOOCHOW.

Missionaries.

F. Ohlinger,	N. Sites, (U. S. A.,)	G. B. Smyth,
D. W. Chandler, (U. S. A.,)	N. J. Plumb,	M. C. Wilcox.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. Bertha Ohlinger,	Mrs. S. Moore Sites, (U. S. A.,)
Mrs. E. Chandler, (U. S. A.,)	Mrs. Julia W. Plumb.

Missionaries W. F. M. S.

Miss Sigourney Trask, M.D.,	Miss Julia E. Sparr, M.D., (U. S. A.,)
Miss Corey, M.D.	

Appointments of Foreign Missionaries.

Biblical Institute: F. Ohlinger, Principal; N. J. Plumb and Mrs. B. S. Ohlinger, Instructors.

Printing-Office and Fookien Church Gazette: N. J. Plumb.

Anglo-Chinese College: G. B. SMYTH, President; M. C. Wilcox and Mrs. A. Smyth, Instructors.

Boys' High School: G. B. SMYTH.

Medical Work of the W. F. M. S.: Miss S. Trask, M.D., Miss C. A. Corey, M.D.

Woman's and Girls' School, (W. F. M. S. :) Miss C. I. Jewell, Miss L. M. Fisher.

English Service: M. C. WILCOX; N. Sites, absent on leave.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884-1885.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, Missionary in charge; HU SING MI, P. E.

Foochow: *Tieng-ang Tong*, HU YONG MI, Wong Keng Chiang; *Ching-sing Tong*, LI YU MI; *Hok-ing Tong*, Hu Chaik Hang. *Yek-yong*, *Wong Hok Ku, one to be supplied. *Hung-mwi*, Wong Eung Cheong. *Ming-chiang*: *Ne-tu*, Lau Kwang Hung; *Lek-tu and Sek-ek-tu*, PANG TING HIE; *Wong Tai Wong; *Ta-kau and Ngo-hwoi-chu-te*, Wong Ting Hok, *Ngu Sing Ong.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

F. OHLINGER, Missionary in charge; YEK ING KWANG, P. E.

Hok-chiang City, NGOI KI LANG, *Sioh Liu Kwang. *Ngu-ka and Song-liang*, Sie Sing Chang, Hu Nguong Tang. *Kong-ing*, (island,) Sie Hwo Mi. *Keng-kiang*, TING NENG CHIEK. *Ngu-cheng*, Ting Ka Sing. *Ha-u*, Siek Chong Tieng. *Siek-keng*, U SIEU E. *Hai-iu*, Hwong Taik Chiong. *Sing-tong and Yong-pieng*, Sia Heng To, *Ho Kai Iu. *Hai-tan*, (island,) Yong Taik Cheu, *Ung Kwong Koi, *Ting Ching Nguong. *Hai-kau*, Ling Ming Sang. *Teng-aing*, Ling Chiong Ling.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

F. OHLINGER, Missionary in charge; CHIONG TAIK LIONG, P. E.

Kucheng City, LI CHA MI, one to be supplied. *Lo-kang*, Ting Iok Nguong, one to be supplied. *Sek-chek-tu*, *Ting Tiong Hie. *Tong-hwang*, Ting Siu Kung. *Teng-iong and Liang-nang*, Li Tiong Chwi, Li Sieng Eng. *Ku-te*, *Kong Sing Chae. *Seng-iong*, Ling Seu Ing. *Leng-leng*, *Ting Teng Nguk. *Ping-nang*: *Ne-ngo-tu*, *Chiu Hing Teng, one to be supplied. *Kwang-iong and Chong Tau*, Ting Ung Tiu.

HING-HWA DISTRICT.

N. J. PLUMB, Missionary in charge; HU PO MI, P. E.

Hing-hwa City and Pak-sai, Ting Soi Ling, one to be supplied; *Hing-hwa Woman's School*, TING CHING KWONG. *Siong-tai*, Chai Hi Seng. *Hang-keng*, NGU ING SIONG. *Kia-sioh and Paek-ko-len*, Ling Ming Chiong, one to be supplied. *Pwo-hia and Mi-chiu*, Ting Kiu Se, one to be supplied. *Ping-hai*, Ting Tieng Ling. *Nang-nik*, (island,) Ling Ching

Chieng. *Lieng-in*, Ting Ung Chu, one to be supplied. *Kie-tieng-li*, SIA LIENG LI. *Lieng-chu-li*, *Ngu Ing Hwak. *Sa-hiong*, Ling Sing Eu. *Kwang-an and Keng-kau*, *Ngu Soi Cheu.

YONG-PING DISTRICT.

J. H. WORLEY, Missionary in charge ; SIA SEK ONG, P. E.

Yong-ping City, Tiong Seuk Pwo, one to be supplied. *Chiong-hu-pwang*, Tang Seng Ling. *Iu-ka*, Taing Kieng Ing, *Tiong Iu Nga. *Kau-tu and Sek-paik-tu*, *Tieng Ung Chiu. *Sek-se-ngo-tu*, *Li Nga Hung. *Sing-kuo and Se-lek-tu*, *Ling Tang Kie, *Hu Ing, Ing. *Song-chiong City*, Taing Kwang Ing, one to be supplied. *Sa-kaing City*, Taing King Tong, one to be supplied. *A-to and Hu-lu-sang*, Tiong Ning Tung. *Ing-ang City*, to be supplied.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

N. J. PLUMB, Missionary in charge ; HWONG PAU SENG, P. E.

Ing-chung City, Ling Saeng Lai. *Taik-hwa City*, Song Kwong Hwo. *Chiak-chwi*, *Ngu Kwok Kwo. *Tai-cheng*, *Ting Kie Hwi. *To-nguong*, Cheng Chong Ming. *Tong-tau*, Nguang Kwoh Hing, one to be supplied.

NOTE.—Those in SMALL CAPS are elders ; those marked * are supplies.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.—Rev. F. Ohlinger, Missionary in charge ; Rev. Hu Sing Mi, Presiding Elder.

Our church members, especially in and near the city, were kept in anxious suspense a great part of the year by the operations of the French on the coast of this province. For a few days we could hear the booming of cannon, and an hour's travel was sufficient to take one to the midst of war's desolation. We believe it is all over now so far as Foochow is concerned, and a deep sense of gratitude prevails among our people. Life and property were, undoubtedly, in danger at times, but God has mercifully preserved us. All departments of our work, except out-door preaching and city dispensary work, have been re-opened and are prosecuted with vigor. The bedside medical work among the better classes in the city is highly encouraging, and our new doctor, Miss C. Corey, is daily winning friends for the foreigner and his religion. Though our lady doctors cannot work miracles, as the poor people often expect them to, yet their kind help and words of sympathy in days of affliction, cannot but leave a deep impression on the families they visit.

A very encouraging work has been opened by Brother Pang Ting Hie, on the Lek-tu Circuit ; nearly a whole village has become interested in the truth. The other circuits are holding their own.

The Biblical Institute. F. Ohlinger in charge.

We were filled with humble gratitude to see eleven of our graduates ordained at our last Conference, and one of them appointed presiding elder of a district. Training young men for the ministry has for years been a

prominent part of the missionary work in Foochow. Yet for lack of suitable accommodations and men in the field, we have never been able to do all we desired in this line. The year has been one of steady, quiet work. Three young men completed the course of study and are ready to enter the itinerancy. The remaining thirteen are as promising as any class we have ever had in the institute.

The Boys' High School. M. C. Wilcox in charge.

During the past year the Chinese classics and the Catechism were studied. We intend to increase the number of religious studies. The boys attend daily chapel exercises with all our other male students. They are also required to be present at the Sabbath services. The attendance up to the end of June averaged about twenty; the recent warlike events have reduced that number—temporarily, we trust.

Occupying a position midway between the numerous boys' schools on the one hand, and the Anglo-Chinese College and the Biblical Institute on the other, this institution deserves more attention than it has of late received. It ought to be sufficiently equipped to thoroughly prepare those who intend to enter the college or study theology, and also to furnish, under Christian auspices, a fair education to such of our Chinese youth as cannot pursue a more extended course of study. The great want is more room. Instead of being so straightened in this respect, our high-school ought to have the use of the entire building, except what is needed for the printing business. With several Chinese teachers instead of one, and a native Christian family to look after the moral interests, this school would become a greater power for good than is possible now. But this building cannot be devoted entirely to the high school until dormitories are provided for the theological and college students. Are we to be disappointed in securing the much-needed additional room for our learners of all classes?

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.—Rev. F. Ohlinger, Missionary in charge; Rev. Yek Ing Kwang, Presiding Elder.

The work of Church Extension continues in Hok-chiang. The statistics show a gratifying advance in the number and value of churches and parsonages, and plans for additional buildings are under consideration. The native church members have contributed from one fifth to three fourths of the cost of ground and buildings. In some instances they have been collecting money and putting it on interest year by year, until a sufficient sum had accumulated to justify beginning work on the building. All this is in the direct line of self-support and is highly encouraging. Our day schools have increased in number and efficiency. Hok-chiang is a favorite field of the W. F. M. S., and this Society is supporting nine Girls' Day Schools, and one deaconess, or Bible-woman, on the district. I have personally visited all these schools, and attended the quarterly examination of most of them, and was profoundly impressed with the real, as well as prospective, benefit of them to the work.

The statistics show a satisfactory advance in membership and finances. The presiding elder and missionary in charge, both new men on the dis-

trict, feel that they are permitted to reap what others have sown. I am sorry to forward this report while four cases of persecution and oppression are pending at the U. S. Consulate. Quite an effort was made to begin a general persecution of Christians by denouncing them as the "hands and feet of the French." We look to God for prosperity, peace, and safety.

YENG-PING DISTRICT.—Rev. F. Ohlinger, Missionary in charge; Rev. Sia Sek Ong, Presiding Elder.

Three new classes have been opened during the year, one in connection with the Yeng-ping Circuit, one in connection with Song-chiong, and one in the 14th township. There is an increase of either members or probationers, or both, in all the circuits except Kau-tu. There is no marked falling off in the finances notwithstanding the hard times caused by the presence of the French at Foochow. For months communication with Foochow by boat was almost completely cut off, and our members, who make their living as burden-bearers and wood dealers, were thrown out of employment.

The death of one of our few young men, Tiong Tung Seng, by sun-stroke, has made a deep impression, especially upon his associates in the work. Our deceased brother was a graduate of our Biblical Institute, and was ordained deacon at our last Conference. Any district in the work could have spared such a man better than Yeng-ping. We rejoice to know that our loss is his gain.

A part of the district has been infested with robbers, and another part has been harassed by incendiaries, causing the people to exercise Lynch law on strangers.

Brother Sia Sek Ong has traveled the field with his characteristic faithfulness, every-where exhibiting a remarkable readiness to adapt himself to new circumstances, customs, and dialects.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting all the circuits but one during the year, and was highly gratified to see the results of the faithful labor performed since his previous appointment to Yeng-ping. The dispute about our Yeng-ping city property (whether we shall be allowed to use it and call it a chapel, or simply a bookstore) is still pending. We have agreed for the time, as a favor to the officers, not to put up our chapel sign, but do not mean to yield our right to put it up whenever it suits our convenience to do so. Meanwhile, the truth is spreading, and God owns the labors of his servants.

HING-HWA DISTRICT.—Rev. N. J. Plumb, Missionary in charge; Rev. Hu Yong Mi, Presiding Elder.

Under the wise administration and zealous labors of the presiding elder, this district has, notwithstanding the unsettled state of things, made decided progress during the past year, as shown by the accompanying statistical tables.

The elder has labored under many disadvantages, principal among which are, that this is his first year on a district entirely new to him; he was obliged to acquire a new and difficult language, and, what is of vastly

more serious consequence, his health has been very poor during much of the year.

The church members have met with much persecution and annoyance at some points. The efforts to compel them to contribute to idolatrous purposes, have, while, perhaps, not increasing, changed their form, making the cases more difficult to deal with. While money is now seldom openly demanded, the crops of the Christians are frequently stolen or destroyed. No clue can be had as to the marauding parties, and when any complaint is made to their heathen neighbors the reply is, "You will not contribute to the public idolatrous ceremonies, and you may expect to have your crops stolen." On one circuit the pressure has been so constant from year to year, and so severe, that all the Christians in one village, some thirty-five in number, decided last spring to desert their homes and emigrate to another place, carrying with them such of their effects as might be worth taking. Their purpose was to found a new village a short distance away, but their enemies learning of their designs, preempted the site they had selected by erecting sham graves upon it, which, of course, they dare not molest, and thus they are compelled to remain and bear their sufferings as best they can. The patience and fortitude with which these Christians have borne these hardships has been a wonder to their pastor as well as the presiding elder. On one occasion the heathen forcibly entered their houses and carried off their goods. When asked what was to be done to settle it, they replied it is already settled, the things are taken and that ends it. It is against such trials that these poor Christians must struggle.

We had hoped to report the purchase of fine property in the city of Sieng-in for the erection of a church, but after all the arrangements had been made, it turned out that the persons claiming to have entire control could not dispose of it, as the property consisted of an old ancestral hall and grounds—so, for the present, we are obliged to wait. I have been able to make several visits to the district, and was encouraged by what I saw of the work.

At Hing-hwa city our excellent Boys' School has recently met with a severe loss in the sudden death of the teacher, an intelligent and earnest Christian man, such a one as is hard to find, and the school is obliged to be temporarily suspended.

The Woman's School in the city has done well, with a full number of mostly new pupils, and with a lady teacher who formerly taught one of the Girls' Day Schools. The various Boys' and Girls' Day Schools have been progressing as usual.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.—Rev. N. J. Plumb, Missionary in charge; Rev. Chiong Taik Liong, Presiding Elder.

I was able to make three visits to this district during the year and see most of the work. Many new points have been opened and the work much expanded. The growth seems gradual but steady. New and substantial churches and parsonages are being secured in various localities, and the prospect is encouraging.

The presiding elder, in his first year, has been zealously devoted to his work. The district is a very populous one, containing many large towns and villages in the numerous fertile valleys between the mountains, but every-where the dreadful blight produced by opium smoking is seen. The people seem kindly disposed, but are bigoted, and firmly adhere to many pernicious customs which makes a hard stony soil in which to cast the seed. During the past few months considerable excitement has prevailed, and some vicious slanders against Christians and foreigners disseminated by means of placards issued in the name of the district magistrate. These, although too vile for belief by the more intelligent, were just such as to excite the ignorant populace.

On the Ping-nang Circuit the chapel was broken into and the furniture destroyed. Plots and threats against the preacher and members were freely made, but, as yet, we have heard of no personal injury having come to any one.

On this circuit a very interesting work was started, and a class formed, through the instrumentality of a zealous member who opened a store in a new place and carried on lay preaching. May the number of such be speedily multiplied!

For a time, during the intense war excitement of the past summer, we feared the destruction of our fine church premises in Kucheng city, but fortunately, through the earnest efforts of Mr. Wingate, the U. S. Consul, seconded by the native officials, an outbreak was prevented, and no serious damage has come to any of the chapels.

It is gratifying to notice a decided increase in the contributions given for self-support and missionary purposes over the figures of last year.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.—Rev. N. J. Plumb, Missionary in charge; Rev. Hwong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

On this district we note a small increase in the membership, while in most of the other items there is but little change from those of last year.

In the matter of a fund for chapel building we are glad to see quite a marked exception. At Chiak-chwi, a comparatively new station, where the membership is very small, one man gave a large subscription, and an earnest effort was made toward securing a suitable church, and with some aid from an adjoining circuit, over \$70 was collected and property purchased. A petition for aid from the Church Extension Fund to complete the work of construction has been received, and awaits mission action.

One new station in the midst of a large and fertile region was opened after last Conference, and Sia Lieng Li, the former presiding elder of the district, has been the pioneer of that new work. The progress of the Gospel in this mountainous and sparsely settled region seems to be much slower than in the more populous districts, but with less friction and persecution.

The present presiding elder is an intelligent, growing young man, a graduate of our Theological School. He speaks the Foochow and the dialect of that locality equally well, although the latter is his native tongue.

During his residence in Foochow he acquired a fair knowledge of the elements of music, and can teach the people to sing.

Owing to the great distance of this district from Foochow, and the other importunate demands upon my time, I have been unable to visit it as thoroughly this year as I desired. Soon after last Conference, with my family, I made a visit to the cities of Ing-chung and Taik-hwa, after spending some time in the Hing-hwa work. At the district city of Taik-hwa, where we have ample accommodations, the question of establishing a woman's school, after being discussed from year to year, has been decided, and an estimate forwarded to the W. F. M. S. for a grant for this purpose.

The church is yet small and the female members few, but we trust this enterprise will prove a success, and their number soon be greatly increased. No trouble or disturbance has been reported on the district during the year.

THE FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.—Rev. N. J. Plumb, Superintendent.

The amount of work done during the present year has been nearly one third more than the year preceding, and much greater than ever before. More workmen have been employed all the year, and recently it has been necessary to add to our force and keep work going night and day, and even then it is impossible to complete the orders as rapidly as they are wanted. Our work is now chiefly for the British and Foreign Bible Society, through its agents, the Rev. S. Dyer, at Shanghai, and Rev. F. Bryant, at Tientsin. We have, also, in hand, some large orders from the North China Tract Society, at Peking.

Thus from year to year the importance of this institution, as an aid in the great work of the Church, is more fully demonstrated.

The stock of type, presses, etc., have been replenished from time to time, and with the new font of Double Small Pica, now nearly completed for us at the Presbyterian Press, at Shanghai, the value of stock in hand will not be far from \$8,000. We now greatly need a new press.

The following figures will give some idea of the amount of work done during the year:

	VOLUMES.	LEAVES.	PAGES.
Scriptures.....	113,700	5,065,360	10,130,720
Tracts.....	55,970	969,510	1,939,020
Sheets.....	61,167	122,234
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	169,670	6,096,037	12,191,974

II.

CENTRAL CHINA

Commenced in 1868.

HEAD-QUARTERS, KIUKIANG.

VIRGIL C. HART, *Superintendent*.

Missionaries.

Virgil C. Hart, *Nanking*, George W. Woodall, *Wuhu*,
 John R. Hykes, *Kiukiang*, James H. Worley, *Kiukiang*,
 Marcus L. Taft, *Chinkiang*, Thomas H. Worley, *Chinkiang*.
 Charles F. Kupfer, *Kiukiang*, James Jackson, *Wuhu*,
 W. C. Longdon, *Nanking*.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. A. Hart, (in U. S. A.) Mrs. G. W. Woodall,
 " J. R. Hykes, " J. H. Worley,
 " M. L. Taft, " T. H. Worley,
 " L. E. Kupfer, " James Jackson,
 Mrs. W. C. Longdon.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.

Miss L. H. Hoag, M.D., *Chinkiang*. Miss M. C. Robinson, *Chinkiang*.

Native Local Preachers.

Acting as supplies.

Tai Siu Shih, Shih Tseh Yü, Nieh Tien Mei,
 Leu Ta Kuer, Wang Kung Tang.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884-5.

V. C. HART, *Superintendent*.

KIUKIANG CIRCUIT.—*Kiukiang City*: *St. Paul's*, John R. Hykes;
Hwa Shan Tang, C. F. Kupfer; *Suburbs*, J. R. Hykes and J. A. Smith.
Boys' Training School, C. F. Kupfer and Tai Siu Shih. *Girls' Boarding
 School*, Mrs. C. F. Kupfer.

HWANG MEI CIRCUIT.—*Kung Lung*, *Hwang Mei*, and *Hwang Ni
 Tang*, J. R. Hykes and Shih Tseh Yü.

SHUI-CHANG CIRCUIT.—*Shui-chang* and *Han Kia Lin*, J. R. Hykes.

NAN-CHANG CIRCUIT.—*Wuchen* and *Nan-chang*, supplied by Nieh
 Tien Mei.

WUHU CIRCUIT.—*Wuhu*, James Jackson and Leu Ta Kwei. *Tai
 Ping Fu*, James Jackson.

Girls' School.—Mrs. J. Jackson.

NANKING CIRCUIT.—*Nanking*, V. C. Hart. *Philander Smith Med-
 ical Mission*, R. C. Beebe, M.D.

CHINKIANG CIRCUIT.—*Chinkiang City*, Domestic Chapel and City Chapel, G. W. Woodall; West Gate Street Chapel, W. C. Longdon and Sen Sz Chung.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.—*Chinkiang, Medical Work*, Miss L. H. Hoag, M.D.; *Girls' Boarding School*, Miss M. C. Robinson.

M. L. Taft, transferred to North China Mission, and assigned to Tientsin.
J. H. Worley, transferred to the Foochow Conference.

Rev. John R. Hykes sends the following report of the work under his care:

St. Paul's, Kiukiang, and Shui-chang Circuit. Although our work has suffered materially, owing to the unsettled state of the country since the commencement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty, yet the results for the year are most gratifying; and, all things considered, will compare very favorably with those of any other mission having work on the Yang-tsi.

The average attendance on Sunday morning at St. Paul's shows an increase of sixty-three per cent. over last year. Soon after Annual Meeting a Sunday-night service was begun for the first time in Kiukiang. The average attendance has been 67; and now that the church is properly lighted, we expect much larger congregations during the next year. With the exception of six weeks during the summer, the church has been open for English services every Sabbath. The Sabbath-school has increased in interest, as well as numbers, under the efficient superintendence of Brother Kupfer. The foreign community have shown their liberality, as well as their interest in our mission, by contributing \$109 for local church purposes.

In the Shui-chang Circuit we have baptized, since the Annual Meeting, more than twice as many adults as were baptized in the entire mission last year. At Hankia Lin we have had 50 accessions to our membership. All are adults, and most are heads of families, so that we now have, within a radius of five miles from this quiet hamlet, a membership representing a Christian community of about 300 persons. A day school was opened at Hankia Lin, in February, at the urgent request of our members; who, notwithstanding their poverty, put up a suitable school-building and furnished it. We provide a Christian teacher, as the people are not able to pay his salary. The school has had an average attendance of 18 pupils—15 boys and 3 girls—all the children of our native Christians.

Some in our infant church have been called upon to suffer persecution for the Master, but they have suffered manfully. Early in the year our oldest Christian was arrested and brought before the magistrate because he has given a room in his house, gratis, as a place of worship. The officials tried to extort a promise from him to discontinue using this room as a chapel, but he remained true to his convictions of duty (notwithstanding their threats to put him to torture), and refused to make any compromise whatever. After detaining him a month in Kiukiang, they released him; but issued a proclamation forbidding any one in future to sell, lease, or give property for church purposes without first

obtaining the magistrate's permission ! This brother seemed to consider it a joy and honor to suffer for the cause of Christ.

Death has removed two of our members. They died well.

We are greatly in need of a suitable chapel at Hankia Lin. The room we now use is filled to overflowing every Sabbath. The native Christians will gladly do all they are able toward a new church, but their gifts and labor will have to be supplemented by a grant from home.

In addition to the work assigned me at the Annual Meeting, I have taught four classes in the Fowler University, and preached at the street chapels as I had time and opportunity.

The work of the year has been performed in much sorrow, and under many difficulties and discouragements ; and it is with feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God that we are able to report such gratifying success in a district which has been the most hostile and barren of results of any in our mission.

Fowler University Training School. Rev. C. F. Kupfer, in charge :

It is with a considerable degree of satisfaction that we report the progress of this institution during the year. From the time of its organization until the beginning of this year, the school has chiefly been patronized by the sons of rich Cantonese merchants, who, living in their own homes, attended whenever it suited them and that only long enough to get a superficial knowledge of the English language, and never appeared at our religious services. This has necessarily kept the school as a primary department. At the beginning of this year, however, we opened upon a quite different basis. No student was admitted save those who were willing to remain long enough to complete a thorough preparatory and classical, or scientific, or theological course of study. For a few days we were left almost without students, except the self-supporting class, and the prospect for a successful year was by no means inviting. Twenty out of the twenty-six of last year left the school, contending that they would not enter under any such arrangement. After, however, a goodly number of the day scholars had come, desiring to be enrolled under the above rule, all but four of the others returned. The number of students has been more than doubled during the year, some coming from our out-stations, thirty to eighty miles distant. Five were dismissed for bad conduct. One little fellow, age fourteen, leaving early in winter to visit his friends, was taken sick, and died before the time came for his return ; thus leaving enrolled fifty-two, besides five self-supporters, one of whom is the son of a mandarin. This places us in a position to do work in the near future which we have not been able to do in the past. The regular classical and scientific branches could be entered upon in a very short time if we had the necessary physical and chemical apparatus.

The English teaching was done by Brother Hykes, myself, and Tsao Lian Kwei. The Chinese Department was well manned by Fu Kin Chwan and Chao Shū Fan.

Tai Siu Shih, our local preacher, gave lectures on the Gospels, and Tai Cheo Men, a personal teacher, and also a Christian, gave lectures on the

Chinese classics. This latter branch, explained from a Christian standpoint, gives promise of great usefulness, as it enables the student to see the difference between the doctrines of Christianity and the teachings of the Chinese sages.

Twelve of the elder students have presented themselves for baptism, and we believe they are sincere.

Believing that there are many whom God has blessed with this world's goods, and who would be glad to help a poor student in far-off heathen China, we would say that \$20 will support a boy at school a whole year, and \$200 will be sufficient for his entire education. A few have already volunteered in the cause, and we cherish the hope that many more will in the future.

Day Schools. These have also increased in number and in pupils. The two at Kiukiang had a regular attendance of fifty scholars; at King Sung, twenty-seven were in attendance, seven of whom are girls taught by the wife of our preacher on that charge; at Hwan Mei, the school was greatly reduced on account of the famine caused by the flood of last year in that section. The school is now recovering, and has eighteen pupils.

At the beginning of the year one of our experienced teachers was sent to Han Chia Sin, where a church member offered a part of his own house in which to open a school.

The effort to open work at Shih Li Pu was defeated, for the time being, by the officials of Kiukiang, who imprisoned for several months the man who sold us property.

That this branch of our work is regarded by the Chinese as a great factor for Christianity is evident, since all persecutions against the native Christians during the year have been on account of opening schools.

The total number of scholars in the Kiukiang District, including those of the college, is 171.

Self-support. Among all the questions relating to mission work in China, we believe that of self-support to be signally the most difficult one at present. We may by earnest efforts "compel them to come in," according to the Gospel command, but we cannot compel them to support the Gospel as long as they have nothing to give, and those who have are being severely imposed upon by their heathen neighbors. However, we deem it necessary to do all we can in awakening the interest of our native ministry and laity upon this subject, and in showing to them that it is not only a privilege to support the Gospel, but, for them, an ever-increasing obligation and necessity for the final evangelization of their people.

In view of these facts, we submit the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The foreign support has been, and is yet, an embarrassment, and often a great hinderance to the success of our native preachers; and,

Whereas, A strong native self-perpetuating Church can only be built up by hard labor and much self-sacrifice; therefore,

Resolved, That every society of sixty adult members shall be expected to support their own native preacher.

Resolved, That no native shall be ordained to Deacon's Orders until he

can be half-supported by the native church, and not to Elder's Orders until he can be wholly supported by the native church.

Girls' Boarding School, Kiukiang District. Mrs. L.E. Kupfer in charge:

During the year instruction has been given by myself and three native teachers in arithmetic, geography, grammar, drawing, music, both in the English and Chinese. We had also classes in the Old and New Testaments and Catechism, all in the Chinese language. Eight girls have been willing to bear the scorn and ridicule of those around them by unbinding their feet. Of course some inducement had to be offered to them, in this part of China, where every woman, from the Tao-tai's wife, in her grand home, down to the lowest beggar woman in the streets, has bound feet. We promised to teach them English, and if, after completing their school education, they should be friendless and homeless on account of their large feet, employment should be secured for them by us.

Through the liberality of some of our German friends at home I have collected about \$1,000 for a school building, and we shall be enabled to carry on the work more satisfactorily.

WUHU DISTRICT.—Rev. James Jackson reports as follows

Notwithstanding the exciting times through which we have of late been passing, our work has not been interfered with; and until a few days ago, when placards were posted in different parts of the city calling upon the people to drive out the French priests and their Roman Catholic converts, there has been little unusual excitement. A good harvest has, also, had its effect in repressing any turbulent feelings that might have arisen in less-favorable years.

Early in the year our mission houses were completed and occupied, and our mission is now in possession, at a very moderate cost, of two good houses on one of the best and most healthful sites on the Yang-tsz River.

For a field so recently occupied the interest manifested in our work has been very encouraging. Our congregations have been good, both at the daily and Sabbath preaching, and have kept up throughout the summer; nothing but the want of suitable premises for carrying on our work has prevented a much larger attendance. We have noticed that several have been very regular in their attendance on the Sabbath and Wednesday evening preaching, and have manifested an intelligent interest in what they have heard. Three have joined us on probation. One of these is a man whose home is 200 miles in the interior. During one of his visits to Wuhu he heard the Gospel in our chapel, and took home with him some books. He also obtained information about our school, and a few weeks ago he came again to Wuhu, bringing his boy with him, a youth about 15 years old, placing him in our day school, in order that he may have the advantages of a Christian education.

We began our school work in the first month of the present year, and for the few months during which it has been carried on it has been eminently successful. Though the number of scholars has not been large, the progress made, especially in religious knowledge, has been very satisfactory.

Our Sunday-school has been greatly helped by the "Leaf Cluster," which we use regularly, and which proves quite an attraction, not only to the scholars, but also to older folks.

We have opened work during the year in Tai Ping Fu, a city twenty miles below Wuhu. Frequent visits have been paid, a school opened, preaching services held, books distributed, and no opposition manifested.

Medical Report, Wuhu District. Rev. G. W. Woodhall:

The heathen of all lands have long been accustomed to a visible religion, hence practical Christianity, or the religion of Christ, visible in its works, makes the strongest appeal to the heathen mind and heart.

I have long felt that there is one way in which we could yield to this propensity and gain favor and prestige for our religion, and that is by connecting with all our stations medical dispensaries. At all events, it is a charity admissible under any circumstances, and certainly has the highest precedent in the methods of Christ himself and his disciples.

With this view growing upon me, I have privately, in connection with my Chinese studies and under the direction of two prominent physicians, taken up a course of medical reading, with clinical study and practice, at the Chinkiang dispensary, and during the summer at the hospital at Kiu-kiang.

Early in this year, using the medicines left in our mission by Dr. M'Farland, and others purchased, I opened a dispensary at Wuhu, in a room adjoining our chapel. The attendance for treatment has been from ten to forty persons daily, and these, with their friends accompanying them, and people attracted to the chapel by their presence, gives us a large daily congregation, to whom we preach before dispensing medicines.

NANKING DISTRICT.—Rev. V. C. Hart supplies the following report:

Nanking is the most important city in Central China; politically it is second to Peking; educationally it stands first in the empire. It has a population of several hundred thousand—600,000 more or less—no census tables in China. It is increasing in population every year.

We opened work here in December last. J. H. Worley and wife resided in the city in a native house until spring, when they came to Chinkiang. Mr. Worley sold many books and did some preaching.

I spent a part of the past year there in the "Stella," and "Glad Tidings." Land for dwelling and hospital has been purchased, after many months of anxious hunting and negotiations. It is next to impossible to get a foot of land in Nanking for mission purposes. The officials have notified the people that they will be punished if they sell or even rent to foreigners. I have deeds in my possession of a very desirable location, which have been secured by the utmost secrecy. We hope to commence building early in 1885.

It has been my privilege to mingle freely with the people in all parts of the city and the country around about, and I have met with nothing but fair treatment. The officials are not all hostile, the common people are not all saints. Our work is difficult, and among an ungrateful people. The power of the Divine Spirit is a necessity, our hope alone is in His aid.

We are glad to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Beebe, and devoutly pray that they may realize even more than they hope. No work will tell more directly upon the people of this proud city than that of the medical missionary. When the hospital is reared we shall have an army of sick in sympathy with us.

CHINKIANG DISTRICT.—Rev. M. L. Taft in charge:

As had been anticipated, other missions seeing the desirability of Chinkiang as a mission-center, have now begun work here. The Southern Baptists have just completed the purchase of premises for \$6,000, and the Southern Presbyterians have two missionaries at work. The field is great. Let more come and let us provoke one another to good works.

Since the coming of Rev. T. H. Worley the work has received a perceptible impulse forward. Through his assistance we have been able to carry on preaching in the street chapel to good sized audiences. The school at Pai Wan has received his personal oversight, and has increased in numbers from a few scholars to about 25 or 30. But since writing this report the attendance has diminished to about half that number, owing to hinderances made by a dismissed teacher. For some time, while we had the gratuitous services of a China inland mission native preacher, regular street-preaching was carried on in two places. In the West Gate chapel work was interrupted on account of necessary repairs to the chapel, by which it has been enlarged and made much more inviting.

During the year we were pleased to enjoy the society of Rev. W. C. Longdon and wife. Although appointed to Nanking they have been occupying the premises vacated by Brother Wilcox. Brother Longdon's attention has been naturally given to the study of the language. Some of his time he has profitably spent in selling tracts and Scriptures.

In the early summer our work in the street chapel and Sunday-school was greatly helped by the earnest efforts of Rev. J. H. Worley, of Nanking, who was visiting his brother during the hot season.

Both the Boys' Day Schools have had a good attendance, and the scholars have been examined in the Catechism and portions of the New Testament.

The Girls' School, which had, under great difficulties, been started by Mrs. Dr. White, of England, and which may be regarded as the nucleus of our work at Chinkiang, has been cramped in a low cow-shed sort of building, until our much-needed re-enforcements arrived. On the first of July the school was transferred to Miss Robinson's house. This Girls' School has now such a good reputation that the standard of admission has been raised, and the parents or guardians must provide the girls with clothes, while the ladies claim the right of arranging the betrothal.

Before Miss Dr. Hoag was fairly settled in her home she was interrupted by numerous urgent cases, demanding immediate attention. After opening her dispensary the number of patients has been constantly on the increase. While Dr. Hoag is busy with a patient in the dispensing-room, the other patients and their friends are waiting in the large chapel. To these receptive hearers the matron and student helper are busy telling

about the more fatal malady of sin, and pointing them to the great Physician. From June 1st to Oct. 23d Dr. Hoag reports the number of different patients at Chinkiang, 1,874; number of prescriptions, 2,851.

Our Sunday services have been well attended.

The opportune moment for starting a Sunday-school had at last come. The ladies, Dr. Hoag and Miss Robinson, fortunately arrived in our midst at this juncture.

Rev. T. H. Worley is superintendent. Miss Robinson acts as lady superintendent, giving substantial assistance by her knowledge of the most improved Sunday-school methods, and by her valuable experience in the home-land. Miss Dr. Hoag, assisted by a native woman, has charge of an interesting class of girls. Her familiarity with the Chinese language and customs comes into service at once in our work. Mrs. T. H. Worley, also assisted by a native woman, teaches a class of women, while others of us, foreign and native, take charge of other classes.

The average attendance at the Sunday morning preaching service, and also at the afternoon Sunday-school, is between 100 and 200.

Although money has been appropriated, yet the building of two parsonages and a domestic chapel has been hindered. Yangchow calls beseechingly for our labors, but with the force as at present constituted, we deemed it a waste of mission money to make merely a show of work in that needy quarter.

In the spiritual results we have not been without God's favor. Partly as a result of the special services on Chinese New Year's we have had several accessions. During the year eight persons have been baptized and received into membership, and eleven are now on probation. One of these has served his probation for six months, but, as his character was not considered satisfactory, he was left to serve longer. Four men applied for admission on probation, but an examination into their cases, by both missionaries and Chinese preachers, clearly showing that they desired to join from sinister motives, they were refused admission for the present.

STATISTICS OF THE CENTRAL CHINA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Foreign Missionaries With Families.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during Year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of High Schools.	No. of Teachers in the same.	No. of Pupils.	No. of other Day Schools.	No. of other Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Orphans.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other rented Places of Worship.	No. of Parsonages or Homes.	Estimated Value of Parsonages or Homes.	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospitals, Book Rooms, etc.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
<i>Kluikiang District.</i>																																
Kluikiang City	2	2	..	..	2	4	8	27	17	50	214	8	1	2	1	2	57	2	50	2	185	..	3	\$6,000	..	8	\$15,000	\$8,000	\$15 00	..	..	\$109 00
Hwang-mei Circuit .....	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	25	80	150	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	40	1	80	..	1	200	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shui-chang Circuit .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	40	85	875	100	58	34	..	..	..	..	1	20	1	20	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Chinkiang District.</i>																																
Chinkiang City	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	8	10	50	125	8	8	..	..	..	2	35	1	50	..	..	..	2	2	9,000	..	..	..	..	7 77	
<i>Nan-chang District.</i>																																
Nan-chang District .....	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	8	12	100	40	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	1	20	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Wuhu District.</i>																																
Wuhu District	2	2	..	..	1	2	1	3	3	15	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	18	1	15	..	..	..	2	2	8,000	..	15 00	..	..	..
<i>Nanking District.</i>																																
Nanking District	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	..	..	..
Total	9	8	2	3	4	13	8	111	107	740	579	72	43	8	1	2	57	11	178	7	270	..	4	\$6,300	8	7	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$35 00	..	..	\$118 77
Last year	8	7	1	..	4	9	0	68	6	157	199	17	15	7	1	2	30	8	188	8	115	5	3	6,000	7	6	19,400	2,500	60 00	\$10 70	\$65 00	200 00

NOTE.—In the Hwang Mei and Nan-chang Circuits we have followed the statistics of last year. There has been an increase on the Hwang Mei Circuit.

III.

NORTH CHINA.

Commenced in 1869.

HEAD-QUARTERS, PEKING.

HIRAM H. LOWRY, *Superintendent.*

Missionaries.

H. H. Lowry, <i>Peking,</i>	Wilbur F. Walker, (in U. S. A.)
George R. Davis, <i>Tientsin,</i>	James H. Pyke, <i>Peking,</i>
Leander W. Pilcher, (in U. S. A.,)	William T. Hobart, <i>Peking.</i>

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. P. E. Lowry,	Mrs. W. F. Walker, (in U. S. A.)
“ M. B. Davis,	“ B. G. Pyke,
“ M. H. Pilcher, (in U. S. A.,)	“ E. M. Hobart.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.

Miss Clara M. Cushman, (in U. S. A.,)	Miss E. U. Yates, <i>Tientsin,</i>
“ Annie B. Sears, <i>Peking,</i>	“ L. E. Akers, M. D., <i>Tientsin,</i>
	Mrs. C. M. Jewell, <i>Peking.</i>

Native Ordained Preachers.

Elders.

Chen Ta Yung, Te Jui.

Native Preachers, Unordained.

Wang Cheng Pei, Shang Ching Yun, Wang Ching Yun.

Native Local Preachers.

Acting as supplies.

Yang Chun Ho,	Wang Chih Ho,	Chou Yen Fang,
Li Shao Wen,	Wang Ching Yu,	Sung I.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884-1885.

HIRAM H. LOWRY, *Superintendent.*

PEKING DISTRICT, J. H. Pyke, Presiding Elder.

Peking: Asbury Chapel, to be supplied; *Fen-chen Tang,* Chen Ta Yung. *Southern City Circuit,* W. T. Hobart and Wang Ching Yun. *Chang-ying Chou Circuit,* to be supplied.

Training School and Boys' Boarding School, J. H. Pyke and Shang Ching Yun.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.—*Girls' Boarding School and Woman's Work,* Miss A. B. Sears and Mrs. C. M. Jewell.

TIENTSIN DISTRICT, G. R. Davis, Presiding Elder.

Tientsin: Wesley Chapel, W. F. Walker; *East Gate*, Li Shao Wen, *Tsang-chow*, to be supplied. *Nanking City*, Yang Chun Ho, Ching Ho, Wang Ching Yu. *An-chia*, Wang Chih Ho. *Tai-an* to be supplied.
W. F. M. SOCIETY.—*Medical Work*, Miss L. Estelle Akers, M.D.
Training School for Bible Women, Miss E. U. Yates.

TSUN-HUA DISTRICT, H. H. Lowry, Presiding Elder.

Tsun-hua and Liang-tzu-ho Circuits, Te Jui. *Yu-tien*, Chou Yen Fang. *Feng-jen*, to be supplied. *Sau-chow*, Wang Chen Pei, Sung I.

The following is the report of the Superintendent :

We have many causes in the work of the past year for encouragement and thanksgiving. The reports from the various departments indicate faithfulness and devotion in the workers. There has been an increase of 101 members and 7 probationers during the year. Besides this, a large number of inquirers are reported in connection with some of the appointments, many of whom will be received as soon as a missionary can visit them.

Our working force has been greatly diminished during the past year. Soon after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, Brother Willits, because of sickness in his family, had to return to the United States. Later in the year Brother Pilcher also returned to the States, and with him went Miss Cushman, after several years of successful labor. Brother Walker and family are still absent. And in this connection we can but regret that a name that has been for several years among the most honored of our number is to be no longer enrolled among our working force. Dr. Howard has ceased to have any official connection with our mission, but the influence of her work will remain. We wish her every possible blessing and happiness in her new responsibilities and labor.

It would not be fitting in this report to write all my heart would indite in reference to other changes which, although not affecting the work of the past year, will be felt all through our coming history. In obedience to the call of the authorities of the Church, Brother and Sister Gamewell leave us for West China. The large place thus left vacant in our work can only be equaled by the vacancy their departure leaves in our hearts. Our prayers and sympathy will certainly follow them to their distant field.

The increase in the collections for current expenses, for self-support, and missions, marks an increased interest in the cause of the truth.

The various departments of the work have been reported by those in charge, and need not be repeated here. The record of another year has been closed; its mistakes cannot be remedied; its lessons are part of our experience; its work will confront us in eternity.

PEKING DISTRICT.—G. R. Davis reports :

The number of appointments on this district remains much the same

as last year. As Brother Pyke has been in charge of the Northern City work and Brother Hobart of the Southern City Circuit, and will report those charges, I will confine my report mainly to the Tsun-hua and Liang-tzu-ho Circuits. During my first visit, in October, our new chapel in Tsun-hua City was dedicated. It was a very interesting occasion. Church members from all points on this and three adjoining circuits were present to the number of about 70. A two-days' meeting had been arranged, and was well attended. It was a joyful time to all who love the Lord throughout that section of the country. The chapel is a very convenient structure, built after the native style of architecture in the main, capable of seating several hundred, and so arranged that it can be used in the more quiet services of the Sabbath or thrown open for street-preaching. The location, just within the south gate of the city, is very fine for gathering large audiences on the oft-recurring market-days. Should we be able to carry out our present plans with reference to foreign residence, then this location will be found admirably adapted for dispensary and other medical purposes, while a more pleasant and convenient site for missionary homes could not be desired than our plot of ground just outside of the south gate of the city. This year we have put up one small building with a good wall.

At Wang-shu-chuang-tzu, on the Tsun-hua Circuit, a small chapel has been put up sufficiently large to meet all present requirements. The local church is very poor and required outside help in the erection of their buildings.

Several of our school-boys are most active and consistent members of this class. At this point eleven were baptized and received into the Church during the year, and the helper reports a few probationers. At Hsin-tien-tzu several were baptized and received; the first for several years.

At Liang-tzu-ho the helper, Wang Ching Pei, has been faithful in his work among the members, and diligent in his preaching in the region round about. While but two have been baptized and received, a large number of probationers have been added. At Lin-pei-ying, a point twenty miles west of Tsun-hua, a new class has been formed and connected with the Liang-tzu-ho Circuit. The place has been visited several times by foreigners. While some of the inquirers are not very promising, yet in the others we hope we have found earnest men, and rejoice that another door is opened to the influences of the Gospel, and another link added to our chain of churches in that region. Still another link, we hope, is to be added on the western end of the chain in the person of a promising inquirer at Chi-chow. He is the result of Brother Yang's work on the Feng-jen Circuit. We have long hoped to see the work spread to this city.

God has blessed the work in this our eastern field, and there is promise of greater blessings to come. God grant that efficient workers be sent to the harvest and no hindering causes arise.

J. H. Pyke reports the work in Peking, Asbury Chapel, as follows :

The past has been one of the best years in the history of Asbury Chapel, where services have been maintained with interest throughout the year. This chapel, being situated in the compound where the members of our mission in Peking reside, enjoys more of the presence and labors of foreigners. During the greater part of the year the congregations are largely increased by the pupils from the boys' and girls' boarding schools and the training schools, making it the largest and most intelligent audience in the bounds of our mission. A very interesting revival service was held during the winter that resulted in 20 conversions. There was seen the same deep conviction of sin, confession of secret sins, distress, and earnest prayer, and peace and joy in believing that characterize revivals in the home lands. This is the second work of the kind we have been permitted to see, and we are greatly encouraged to labor for and expect such results in all our charges.

The attendance has been larger than ever before upon the class-meeting, and the service has been both enjoyable and profitable. Here where pastoral visitation is impossible on the part of the foreigner, the class-meeting is doubly important. We have often heard the story of persecutions, trials, and discouragements, and frequently of deliverance and victory. Many of our people are finding it a pleasure and a help to bring the story of their heart's experience where they are sure of an attentive hearing and warm sympathy.

In the Sabbath-school we cannot report any increase in numbers or in efficiency. For some years we have had as many as we could well accommodate. The teachers are efficient and faithful, and the scholars diligent. The Berean lessons are translated and printed each quarter, and a copy is put into the hands of each pupil who can read. The knowledge of the Scriptures possessed by many of the older scholars is quite wonderful. A large per cent. have been converted and added to the Church.

The Street Chapel, Feng-chen Tang, though not connected directly with Asbury Chapel in the appointments, is essentially a part of the work of this charge, and deserves mention in this report. The results of the year's work are quite encouraging. The audiences at the daily afternoon preaching have been large, often crowded. The long years of patient, faithful preaching in this and other chapels is beginning to bear fruit. The people show a more general and accurate knowledge of our doctrines, motives, and work. A large number give intellectual assent to the word preached. Many tell us they have given up idolatry; others, who are unwilling to incur the odium and persecution sure to follow a public profession of Christianity and joining the foreigner's Church, say they believe and pray daily in secret; a few claim to have received answers of peace and help in breaking off their sins, and two profess to have been enabled to break off through prayer the habit of smoking opium, a vice they had in vain tried to rid themselves of before. I cannot vouch for the truth of their statement, but the indication is plain that

there is a growing belief in the true God and the divine origin of Christianity. The numbers of inquirers and probationers from the Street Chapel have been larger than before. Some of these have fallen away, others have been called away on business or to distant homes, and so have been lost to us, though we trust not to the truth. But some remain steadfast, and cheer us by their constancy and faith. The case of one man and his family has been particularly interesting. In going to and from the chapel we observed an elderly man who had a small booth and was engaged in selling various fancy articles, in the intervals of waiting on customers, reading attentively a large book. The book proved to be a copy of the Old Testament which he had bought of a colporteur some time before and was reading in course. He had read as far as Samuel, but did not, he said, understand nearly all. We urged him to come to the chapel and hear the book explained, but he was afraid. Finally he came, but with many misgivings. His interest increased rapidly, and soon he brought his son; then he and his son asked to be received into the church. Then he brought another son, and finally his wife and two daughters, and now the whole family have been received on trial. When his attention was first called to the duty of keeping the Sabbath and giving up secular employment on that day, he and his sons were in much distress. They had been attending all the services, but had engaged in business before and after. To remain away from their usual place of business one day meant the loss of many of their customers. They appealed to Pastor Chen to know what to do, saying that if they gave up their business on the Sabbath they feared they would be ruined, and if they did not keep the Sabbath they feared they would lose their souls. The preacher urged them to pray for light and help, and to decide accordingly. The struggle was severe and lasted several weeks, but resulted in the unanimous firm resolution to keep the whole Sabbath at all hazards. The following Sabbath all came to church and seemed very happy. It was the day for taking up the missionary collection, and the father's joy and faith were so great that he contributed eleven strings of cash (\$1 10), the largest contribution ever made by a native member of this church. On Sabbath, in class-meeting, hearing the experience of one who had found the assurance and joy of pardon, he exclaimed, "Now I know what is the matter with me," and told the story of his own conversion. Another day he said: "When Pastor Hobart asked me one day if I had received the Holy Spirit, I could not think what he meant, but now I understand."

These things are small in the sight of men, but precious in the sight of God, and full of encouragement to us as an earnest of the time when we shall see multitudes of this people converted to God, keeping his commandments with joy, and giving largely to the support of his cause.

Southern City Circuit is reported by W. T. Hobart :

The work to which I was appointed last Annual Meeting consists of our chapel in the Southern City and a circuit of two appointments forty miles south of Peking. In the Southern City the chapel has been open five

days in the week for street-preaching. Soon after the Annual Meeting I commenced to speak in the chapel and have kept it up twice a week most of the time during the year. Our audiences have been usually good.

My country work I have visited six times during the year, and have found it fairly prosperous.

One of our members there has donated a small building for a chapel, and another member at another point proposes to do the same. The work there is new, but doing well. The results numerically are encouraging. There were at the country appointment a large number of probationers ready for baptism at the beginning of the year. So on my first trip I baptized over twenty-five adults and four children. During the year I have baptized forty-two adults and twelve children. There are nineteen still on probation, most of whom will come into the Church.

At the Southern City none have been baptized during the year, but ten have been taken on probation. Among them are two Roman Catholics, and two opium smokers who have quit their pipes. The father of one of our members died last June. He had before his sickness refused to let any one talk to him on religion, but a week before he died he said he trusted in Jesus and wished to be baptized. I reached there the day before he died and baptized him. There have been several sad falls among the members. One probationer at the Southern City, who taught our school there, borrowed money and lost it all gambling. One member who, before he joined the church, had been a gambler, again fell into his old habits; but, after being talked with, he acknowledged his fault and reformed. Then another member got drunk at his own father's funeral and behaved like a heathen. When he became sober he was deeply penitent. The helper at the Southern City who was down there took advantage of the occasion and persuaded all the men to sign the pledge, and thus prevent another such disgrace.

Spiritually there remains very much to be desired. The Gospel does not get hold of the hearts of the people. They accept it as true, but do not know its power; do not understand—some here *cannot* understand—that it is a transforming influence to be felt in the soul. They rest in the letter, and know not the present joy of sins forgiven, or what it is to be new men in Christ Jesus. What we need is a baptism of the Spirit on our own hearts and on theirs, leading them to see that this religion we preach is a transforming power working in the heart and life; that the first thing for them is to experience its power, and afterward practice its precepts.

TIENTSIN DISTRICT.—O. W. Willits in charge.

Soon after the last Annual Meeting Brother Willits was obliged to return to the United States. Brother Pilcher, who looked after a part of his work, also returned to the United States in the spring, so that no report was made of the district.

Tientsin. In Wesley Chapel and East Gate we have been barely able to hold what we had in membership, while there is some decline in financial matters and religious interest.

Yu-tien. Here there has been considerable interest; several have been baptized and received into the church, and a small number taken on trial. There has also been severe persecution. Chou Yen Fang has been in charge, and has done faithful work.

Feng-jen Circuit. Yang Chun Ho has been in charge. He is not deeply learned in the Chinese classics or foreign books, but he knows the Scriptures, and is pious, devoted, and successful. There has been very encouraging growth in the Church, and much interest outside. Preacher Yang has not confined his labors to his own circuit, but has gone into surrounding regions, besides spending a part of each month on the San-chou Circuit. Wherever he goes he talks the Gospel, and men hear and are convinced. This year he again made a large contribution (\$5) to the missionary cause.

San-chou Circuit. This is a new field, and this is the first year it has been cultivated. It did not have the services of a resident preacher, but Brother Yang spent a part of each month there. Three colporteurs spent some time in it and the surrounding region, and met with encouragement. Brothers Lowry and Pyke made two tours through the region, selling books and preaching in many places. They found the people friendly everywhere, and in some places interested. The sales of books were very large. Between Tsun-hua and the sea there are eight large walled cities, and towns and villages without number. The people are intelligent, enterprising, and friendly, and are ready to hear the Gospel.

TAI-AN DISTRICT.—L. W. Pilcher in charge.

This district suffered for want of missionary supervision and visitation. Brother Pilcher, being left alone in Tientsin, could not leave the city, and other duties prevented a visit being made by those in Peking until spring. In March Brothers Lowry and Davis made a visit to Tsang-chou, Nan-kung, and Ching-ho Circuits. Also Brother and Sister Gamewell were there in June. Little interest is reported in any of these charges, except the An-chia and Ching-ho Circuits. Wang Chi Ho, in charge at An-chia, reports some fifty inquirers, many of whom are ready to be taken on probation as soon as a missionary can visit the work.

Ching-ho, Wang Ching Yu in charge, has begun to recover from the disaster that befell it last year, and reports a considerable increase.

SCHOOLS.

The following are from reports presented to the Annual Meeting:

The Training School. Only three pupils were enrolled during the year, the smallest number we have had for some years. Two have completed their course, and will engage in some kind of active work. They have been diligent in their studies, and give promise of becoming earnest, successful workers. The third is in his first year, and, while not so promising in some respects, is, under persecution from his own family, manifesting a quiet, determined, Christian character. Since his return to his home he has made himself useful to the Church by taking charge of the services in the absence of the native preacher.

Boys' Boarding School. F. D. Gamewell, principal, reports :

During the past year about thirty pupils were enrolled. At present the sleeping accommodations of the school limit us to this number, though the main school-room has a seating capacity for sixty pupils. Since the completion of the dwelling adjoining the school building we have had better access to the boys. This has made possible a much more satisfactory management of the school, which has also been further facilitated by foreign supervision in the school-room, morning and afternoon, Mrs. Gamewell taking charge of the afternoon session.

Naturally, biblical studies have had the first place in the curriculum. The Gospels, Bible history, the words and acts of Jesus, and the Gospel of Mark, in English, occupied the daily attention of pupils.

In addition to biblical studies, mental arithmetic, written arithmetic, geography, and singing by note, with the study of the Chinese classics, formed the work of the year.

Self-support, of importance in every department of mission work, seems especially important in a boys' school, whose object should be to train up intelligent, *manly* Christians. Formerly, board, clothing, books, and traveling expenses were provided by the school. During the past year the pupils were required to provide their clothing, and, in returning this fall, except in the case of those from a great distance, they will be expected to meet their traveling expenses.

During protracted meetings in the winter a number of the professing Christians among the boys were led to a clearer experience, which has borne visible fruit in their daily lives. The Sabbath services, with the thorough preparation of the Sunday-school lessons, the daily chapel exercises, and the Thursday evening prayer-meetings, together with the daily study of God's word, ought to exert an influence on these young lives, which, in turn, should radiate in influence throughout North China.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

School for Training Bible Women, Mrs. M. P. Gamewell in charge, reports that the school opened in September with five women, who had previously been in the school; three more came in during the year. The text-books of the year were Catechisms, Acts of the Apostles, Bible history, and Words and Acts of Jesus. We endeavored to teach the women the *spirit* of the books they studied. Our constant endeavor has been to make the work of the school a development of *hearts* rather than of *heads*, of *spirit* more than of *intellect*.

In May the women returned to their homes; they went back to their usual life. We gave them no money to feed any flame in case love's light went out, or proved never to have been lighted. We sent them out with only an admonition: "Freely ye have received, freely give." In the early autumn the women and I went each Saturday outside the Sha-kuomen, to talk with any one we might meet in the fields or among the trees. Only one family invited us into their house, so with cold weather we ceased our visits. In December, Miss Sears and I made a visit to the

Yang-chia-ying Circuit. After our return, we sent two women down to live there for one month. The helper reports them as having given him much assistance, and asks that other women be sent on the return of the first two, so that he may always have such help.

Girls' Boarding School. Mrs. C. M. Jewell reports :

School opened in September, 1883, with 42 pupils. During the year the number was increased to 48. Two of the newly-received pupils were dismissed, because unpromising, and two others, with a hope that a year or two at home may give them a keener relish for the advantages here offered. One pupil has been obliged to leave us on account of ill health. For the second time in the history of the school, death has visited our number. While the girls were at their homes during the summer, fever took hold of one, and after a few weeks she was gone—Where? In answer, we recall the closing of that weary struggle with disease. When nearing the "River" she remarked that it thundered; then asked her mother to pray, which she did. Shortly after she repeated the request, and again the mother prayed. A third request was made and faithfully fulfilled; then the dying girl seemed herself to be in prayer. Afterward she said, "It is all light now," and soon after her heart was still.

Instruction has been daily given in arithmetic, geography, physiology, Evidences of Christianity, History of the Life of Christ, Old Testament History, music, and Chinese classics. Also, during the year, pupils have each committed to memory portions of the Gospels and Epistles, varying from five to twenty-five chapters, according to their ability.

Two day schools have been maintained during the year; one, in the Southern City, was organized and maintained by Miss Sears, with an average attendance of ten pupils. The other day school has added some new pupils to its former number, making an average daily attendance of about fourteen. This school, and the Monday afternoon meetings for women, were conducted by Miss Cushman. Her departure in the spring greatly weakened our working force, hence for the present the women's meetings have been suspended. The school is now in my care.

The Medical Work was reported by Miss L. Estelle Akers, M.D. :

During the past year the dispensary of the Isabella Fisher Hospital has been opened daily, Sundays excepted. The attendance has been about the same as last year. The average daily attendance for the months which I have been in charge has varied from 12.44 in July to 21.7 in September; the greatest number seen in one day, 47; the smallest, 1. The care of this class of patients has been shared with Miss Yates, who has tried to bring them to desire spiritual healing. In the wards there have been fewer patients than last year, perhaps owing to the wars and the rumors for wars. Among those who have been with us Miss Yates has worked faithfully, and I am sure some have believed to the saving of their souls.

All out-cases have been shared by Dr. Howard and myself. There are a few families where we are called when the patient is taken sick, but more frequently all the Chinese doctors are tried first.

The Temple Dispensary, at Tientsin, under the patronage of Lady Li, was opened in November by Dr. Howard, and work there under her care continued till the last of June.

Both physicians having been appointed to Tientsin, that one might be free for touring, I seized the first opportunity, and accompanied Mr. Davis and Miss Yates on a visit to Tsun-hua Circuit, in November and December. Two more trips were made to the east in April and June, in company with Miss Yates.

On the day before our arrival in Tsun-hua, in April, Helper Te had given notice that a foreign lady physician would be at the Mission Compound on the three days following, and would treat all sick women and children who would come. During the two days and a half we could spare for the work there were 110 patients treated. As the most of the patients had friends with them, it is reasonable to suppose that from 150 to 200 women and children, old enough to understand, listened to the Gospel preached to them by Miss Yates. At Liang-tzu-ho, Hsiu-tien-tzu, Chia-chuang-tzu, and even at little Hang-shu-chuang-tzu, there were many patients, all of whom were talked to plainly about the most deadly disease that is eating at the heart of all men, and the only remedy was offered and urged upon them.

Superintendent Lowry closes with the following words concerning Bishop Wiley :

The past has been a good year, and the Annual Meeting just closed will be a memorable one in the history of our mission. Revival services were held nightly, and a deeper feeling of devotion pervaded this meeting than we have seen before. But above all were we blessed in the presence and words of counsel and encouragement of our dearly-beloved Bishop Wiley, who came to us this second time "in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ." He was with us in much physical weakness and suffering, but full of the Spirit. All wept sore as he told the Conference of his great desire to see his brethren in China once more before he went "home," and now that his work was about done, he was ready to depart, and we should see his face no more.

STATISTICS OF THE NORTH CHINA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.	Asiatic Missionaries.	Foreign Missionaries. Wom. For. Miss. Society.	Nat. Workers, W. F. M. S.	Native Ord. and Pr. Chrs.	Nat. Unord. and Pr. Chrs.	Native Local Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Foreign Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during Year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Instructed.	No. of Theological Schools.	No. of Teachers in same.	No. of Students.	No. of High Schools.	No. of Teachers in same.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Orphan.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	No. Parishes or Homes.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Value of Schools, Hospitals, and other Property.	Debt on Churches, Parsonages, and other Property.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.	Volumes Printed during the year.	Papers Printed during the year.						
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WEST CHINA.

Commenced in 1881.

HEAD-QUARTERS, CHUNG-KING.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL, *Superintendent.***Missionaries.**

Spencer Lewis,

G. B. Crews, M.D.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. M. P. Gamewell,

Mrs. Spencer Lewis,

Mrs. G. B. Crews.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.

Miss Francis Wheeler,

Miss Gertrude Howe.

The Rev. Spencer Lewis sends the following report :

As we review the year past our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. Recalling the disappointments and weary waiting in the initial work of our older missions, we naturally anticipated a somewhat similar experience; but God has been better than our feeble faith. So much time was consumed in making our homes comfortable, and fitting up a chapel, that we did not begin the public preaching of the word until February last. The news of the opening was soon noised abroad, and on the second Sabbath several hundred people, led by curiosity, tried to crowd into the little chapel, which would seat only about two hundred persons. Thereafter the crowd was less, but for several months we were seldom able to seat all the women who came. At length we removed a partition, allowing the women to spread out into an adjoining court; yet on the following Sabbath not less than three hundred hearers occupied every available seating and standing space. The extreme heat of the past summer thinned out the congregations somewhat, but with cooler weather the attendance is increasing again.

In the month of March, the mission sustained a severe loss by the return of Dr. Wheeler to America, made necessary by ill health. Plans for mission trips through the province had to be abandoned, as Sabbath and daily preaching, and a boys' school, all begun about the same time, required our whole time and attention. Daily preaching, begun in a room on our street front, was well attended for several months, but the street has proved too quiet for that kind of work, and an opening must be sought elsewhere. At present there is no day preaching, except twice a week to patients waiting to be treated.

A boys' day school was opened in February with an attendance of twenty-four, which afterward increased to over thirty; but extreme poverty compelled some to stay out to seek a living, and others were removed by their parents because of objections to our doctrine, reducing the attendance again to twenty-four.

During the few months the boys have been in the school the most of them have memorized and learned to sing a score of hymns, and have been otherwise instructed in the doctrines. Four or five manifest a special interest in religion. Miss Francis Wheeler has an excellent girls' school begun in October of last year. Hopes are entertained that some of the girls are already being led to the Saviour.

There is a pressing demand for an orphan asylum for the large number of girl babes left at our gates, or brought and given to us. This demand we understand the Woman's Board has decided to meet, yet little can be done till some one is sent to assist Miss Wheeler. Already, within less than two years, fifteen of these little castaways have been received, ten of whom are now living, and are being supported by individual members of the mission, or by friends at home.

An interesting work has been in progress among the women during the year, who constitute by far the larger part of our Sabbath congregations. This is an exceptional experience in China mission work, so far as I know. They have also come in large numbers to call on the ladies of the mission, and have heard the story of salvation through Christ Jesus. A more especial work has been begun among those most interested. Meetings for Scripture study are held on Sabbath mornings and Friday evenings, with a regular attendance of between fifteen and twenty women.

We have no regularly organized Sabbath-school, but four classes, composed severally of men, boys, women, and girls, in all about eighty persons, meet on the Sabbath for the study of God's word. Weekly class and prayer meetings are held, and have a steady and encouraging attendance. Their good results in developing a stable Christian character in the new converts is clearly manifest.

Two short country trips have been made, in which some preaching was done, and a few tracts sold.

One experience confirmed what we had so often heard, that the people of Sz-chuan are, as a rule, friendly to foreigners. In a village where we spent the Sabbath, talking and preaching to people in an inn, several of the leading men offered to assist us if we would establish regular preaching among them.

When we began public preaching we had no trained native assistants. We had two helpers, but they were not accustomed to preaching. They are neither of them men of great talents, but are improving, and, we trust, will become faithful and capable ministers of the word.

Looking at the past, we are greatly encouraged by what God has already wrought among us. The future is hidden from our view. The war cloud looms up darkly on the horizon. Elsewhere we hear of mission work interrupted, chapels destroyed, native Christians persecuted, and missionaries fleeing for their lives. Here, though there are not a few ominous mutterings, we have thus far been able to prosecute our work in peace and apparent safety. The future we leave in the hands of our loving Father, believing that he will surely overrule all for the highest good.

First Annual Report of the Medical Department of West China Mission. G. B. Crews, M.D., in charge.

The following report covers the period from the day of our arrival in Chung-king (Dec. 2, 1883) to October 1st, 1884.

This work, at present, is located at the Mission Compound in Chung-king. The situation of the city is excellent, in a sanitary point of view, occupying the high rocky point of land formed by the union of the Yang-tse and Kia-ling rivers, giving it the advantage of a frequent cleansing by reason of the heavy rains which are so common here.

Excepting what is done by nature, the sanitary conditions in both city and country are deplorable. No attention is paid to either ventilation or drainage. Dwellings are small, dark, and damp, usually crowded both day and night, hogs, dogs, cats, and chickens sharing the house with the people. The natural earth, or a kind of concrete, forms the floor, which is always damp and frequently muddy. Houses are one-story high, roofed with tiles and without ceiling, often but one door, and frequently without any kind of window; consequently they are very close and hot in summer, and in winter they are damp and chilly, as no fire is used for heating purposes.

Streets are about ten feet wide, and sometimes having a shallow surface sewer, which is usually choked up with decomposing garbage, but more frequently having none at all.

In their personal habits the Chinese are uncleanly, and many of them filthy. Very rarely do they take a bath, and they wear their clothing for an indefinite time without change. Rice forms the chief article of food. This, with a few half-cooked vegetables, is hurriedly swallowed without masticating. As a natural consequence of such methods of living, and of the frightful prevalence of the opium habit, sickness and poverty is very common, and the average duration of life much less than in Europe and America.

From data obtained in dispensary practice, I estimate that seven children out of eight die under three years of age.

Most of the people suffer from dyspepsia. Pulmonary consumption and scrofula are very common. Small-pox is endemic, and epidemics of cholera are frequent and severe.

The people have unbounded faith in medicine, and when sick, will employ physicians as long as their money lasts. Their faith in foreign medicine is so great as to frequently put the foreign physician at a disadvantage, as they are apt to expect miraculous and instantaneous cures. Foreign patent medicine is in demand, and large quantities from America and England are sold at exorbitant prices.

Many valuable native drugs are found here, among which are arsenic, nux vomica, gentian, digitalis, mercury, belladonna, ginger, rhubarb, nitrate of potassium, sulphate of iron, and many others, mostly vegetable.

In this city there are four native institutions, corresponding to our dispensaries, where medicine is given gratuitously to the poor. Some of the rich put a large vessel of medicine at their front gate for beggars.

In less than twenty-four hours after our arrival patients presented themselves for treatment, and as no rooms for medical work were ready

the medicines were unpacked and the bottles set on the floor of an empty up-stairs room, where the medicines were prepared for the patients, who were examined in an open court below.

In due course of time a neat and convenient dispensing room was fitted up, with an examining room adjoining. Our supply of drugs and apparatus, though not extensive, were well adapted to the demands. After a few days' experience it became evident that in order to have regular time for the study of the language it would be necessary to open the dispensary only on certain days, consequently Tuesdays were selected for male patients and Fridays for female patients. For three months the work was quite tedious, as all conversation had to be carried on through an interpreter, and the medicines compounded by myself. About this time a valuable assistant was found in the person of one of our teachers, a Christian man, who had some knowledge of written English; he has since proven a very capable and efficient assistant in compounding prescriptions under my supervision.

Patients as they come in are seated in a chapel, where a missionary or native Christian explains the Gospel to them while waiting their turn in the dispensary. During the year quite a number of patients from long distances have come to us for treatment; although the work has been established but a few months, it is becoming quite widely known.

Owing to the fact that dispensary patients are not at all under the control of the physician the treatment is far from satisfactory, and in the majority of cases the results cannot be known; very frequently, if favorable indications do not immediately follow the first dose, the medicine is set aside and another tried. Another common annoyance is the prevalent notion among the people, that if a little of a medicine is good for a disease, more is better. It has frequently happened that medicine intended for seven or eight days, has been taken in as many hours. However, the object of drawing people to hear the Gospel is successfully accomplished, though the medical treatment is somewhat unsatisfactory.

A hospital promises the best results, both physically and spiritually. In a hospital a continued course of treatment can be followed out, and at the same time progressive instruction in spiritual matters can be given, and the power of personal influence be brought to bear more thoroughly and effectually than by any other means. We hope to soon open a hospital here.

SUMMARY AND MEMORANDA.

Total number of cases.....	768
“ “ “ prescriptions compounded.....	1,486
“ “ “ male patients.....	339
“ “ “ female “.....	429
“ “ “ married “.....	261
“ “ “ “ with children.....	220
Average number of children of married parents.....	$\frac{18}{100}$
Total number of patients under twelve years of age.....	231
Average age of all patients.....	$26\frac{1}{2}$
Number of patients from outside Chung-king.....	91
“ “ “ who died while under treatment.....	5

OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS.

Artists, 2; artisans, 54; barbers, 3; boatmen, 2; bakers, 3; cooks, 14; coolies, 33; cotton carders, 2; druggists, 2; distillers, 2; evangelists, 5; gatemen, 5; housewives, 182; inn-keepers, 2; literati, 7; lumber dealers, 1; mandarins, 5; missionaries, 11; merchants, 31; mail-carrier, 1; nurses, 7; officers, 4; peddlers, 19; physicians, 1; photographers, 1; priests, 9; school children, 87; servants, 25; seamstress, 1; soldier, 1; teachers (personal), 11; teachers (school), 7; woodman, 1; washwoman, 1; watchmen, 2; watch-maker, 1; weaver, 1; farmers, 24.

The following observations were taken at Chung-king, beginning February 1, 1884, extending to October 1, 1884. The lowest temperature last winter was 38° above zero :

1884.	Average daily temperature at 6 A. M.	Average daily temperature at 8 P. M.	Average daily variation.	Maximum temperature.	Minimum temperature.	Maximum variation.	Cloudy days.		Clear days.
							Rain.	No rain.	
February....	43	50	7	61	38	10	4	16	8
March.....	49	59	10	72	46	15	8	19	3
April.....	60	64	4	88	51	15	6	15	10
May.....	68	77	9	91	67	12	16	11	14
June.....	77	81	4	93	68	10	4	6	20
July.....	84	90	6	98	77	10	4	7	20
August.....	79	86	7	101	68	14	4	13	14
September...	78	85	7	88	74	8	1	2	27
Gen'l. Ave..	67	74	7	86	61	12	5	11	14

STATISTICS.

CHUNG-KING.—Foreign missionaries, 2; assistant missionaries, 2; foreign missionaries, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 1; native unordained preachers, 2; native teachers, 2; members, 5; probationers, 9; adherents, 35; average attendance on Sunday worship, 160; conversions during the year, 7; adults baptized, 4; children baptized, 9; number of day schools, 2; number of day scholars, 52; number of Sabbath-schools, 1; number of Sabbath scholars, 80; number of orphans, 10; number of chapels, 1; estimated value of chapel, \$1,000; number of parsonages or "homes," 2; estimated value of parsonages or "homes," \$6,000; volumes printed during the year, 580; pages printed during the year, 34,360.

Germany and Switzerland.

Commenced in 1849. Organized as a Conference 1856.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP HURST.

WE are glad to present an unusually complete report from this mission. Both in the written accounts given by the presiding elders, and in the statistical tables, are to be found records of steady progress, as well as appeals for sympathy in trials. Bishop Hurst presided at the last Annual Conference, held in Zurich, on June 26. He was encouraged by the advance in all departments, and noted particularly the number of genuine revivals on many of the circuits. He says: "The members are as much devoted as ever to our economy and doctrine. In their spirit of sacrifice and loyalty they keep right up to the primitive type." Read the reports:

BREMEN DISTRICT, H. GEERDES ODINGA, P. E.

The past Conference year was one full of blessings for this district. In every circuit we have had real awakenings and revivals, and many conversions have taken place in the congregations and Sunday-schools. The contributions for churches and the various benevolent purposes have generally come out well. I am able to give a good report of every circuit under my care—of some I can give a very good one. Not for many years past have we received such rich spiritual blessings as in the year just gone. We thank God for it, and give the glory to his name alone. May He be still more gracious to us in the coming year and build up his kingdom! The pastors are all diligent in their work and show no weariness. May the Lord crown all our labors with true results, is my heartfelt prayer.

Rev. H. Nuelsen, Treasurer of the Mission, and Book Agent, sends the following exhibit of the work in his charge:

At our Book Concern we are busily engaged at this time in selling books. Our printing establishment and bindery can hardly meet the demand. Hands have had to work, for many weeks, several hours extra daily. We have printed several new books this fall, among which is, "The Life of Asbury," a centennial gift, written by Rev. L. Nippert, D.D. We hope this work will sell well. In all, twenty books and pamphlets, and 2,500,000 pages of tracts, have been printed in the course of the present

year. Our "Hausfreund," an almanac for 1885, had an edition of 50,000 copies, and is sold out save about 700, and these will be sold in a few days. At present we print the following periodicals :

Weekly.....	Der Evangelist, with an issue of.....	11,500	copies.
"	.....Der Kinderfreund " "	14,600	"
Monthly.....	Der Botschafter " "	12,000	"
"	.....Sonntagsschule Magazin, with an issue of.....	1,650	"
Quarterly....	Die Wächterstimmen " "	500	"

All these are Conference papers.

Then we publish the following papers of private undertaking :

"Bethanie," by the Board for the Deaconess Society, several hundred copies. This society is organized within the limits of our Church.

"Bannerträger," by the Young Men's Association; also within our Church.

"Freiheit's Posanne," a temperance paper, edited by one of our ministers.

Our Book Concern had a net profit in 1883 of 22,624 $\frac{8}{100}$ marks, and supported our work here with 20,000 marks. But as in previous years 30,000 marks were taken out by the Conference, the working capital has been injured, that sum being more than clear gain. We will be able to create a reserve fund, after having regained our working capital.

BERLIN DISTRICT, E. GEBHARDT, P. E.

According to its geographical situation, and its ecclesiastical relation, the district is divided into four parts. 1. As the first I name *Pomerania*, a Prussian province of North Germany, which is not altogether a region of semi-barbaric inhabitants, as it is supposed to be by many, although there is more or less of a dead Lutheran formalism, on the one hand, and a great deal of worldliness, on the other. Besides the so-called Separatists, Baptists, United Brethren, and other orthodox societies, our Church has raised the banner of the Gospel in Pomerania.

In *Colberg*, a frequented bathing place, we have gained a solid foothold. Our society owns a suitable chapel and parsonage. The preacher, aided by an able exhorter, visits, besides Colberg, five other appointments, the most important of which is the city of *Greifenberg*, where we have good congregations.

In *Belgard* there is also a stationed preacher. He lives in a house connected with the chapel. The property belongs to a brother, who built it for the use of the society, but we have started a building fund, which at present amounts to but 1,200 marks. We hope that it will gradually accumulate so as to enable us to pay for the property.

Besides Belgard, the preacher visits seven other appointments, among which *Koeslin*, the county-seat, is very promising.

2. As the second division of the district, I mention *Berlin* and *New Ruppin*. The latter circuit contains six appointments. The members of our Church are very active and the prospects good. In Berlin, this beautiful imperial city, the metropolis of Germany, with its 2,250,000 inhabit-

ants, we own a property known as the American Chapel, on which, however, remains a debt of 38,380 marks, that ought to be paid.

The meetings in Berlin are better attended than ever before. At our last quarterly meeting, in August, 21 joined on probation. Besides our chapel in Yunker Street, the brethren have seven preaching places in the city, and their labor among the population in Acker Street has already borne precious fruit.

3. As the third division of Berlin District I mention our work in the Kingdom of Saxony. Here we labor under many difficulties unknown in Germany, except in the Kingdom of Bavaria, the Principality of Greiz, and the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg. In *Zwickau*, *Schwarzenberg*, *Plauen*, *Reichenbach*, and several other places, we are permitted to hold public worship, but even here we are threatened with a fine of 60 marks if we admit children of the State Church to our Sunday-schools. Withdrawal from the State Church is connected with many hinderances and much expense. Young people under twenty-one years of age cannot take this step at all. They may join gymnasiums, dancing and other societies, but not the Methodist Church. In places where we have no members recognized by the State we are only allowed to deliver discourses, without singing or prayer. If there are members, we may be permitted to hold so-called devotional exercises, which only members can attend, conducted by men authorized by the State. How easy it is under such circumstances for a pastor of a State Church, assisted by police force, to make us trouble, needs no further evidence. As, for instance, in Berlin, a brother was fined 100 marks and 60 marks cost because he met with members on Sunday, at unauthorized hours, in order to sing spiritual songs. In Schwarzenberg we dedicated a very modest house of worship to the service of God. Here in Zwickau we are at present building another, and in all our circuits, with their numerous appointments, the blessing of God is visible.

4. As the fourth part of our district we designate the circuits *Langwetzendorf*, *Sealfeld*, *Schleiz*, and *Waltersdorf*, situated in some minor principalities. Here we enjoy (except in Greiz, where lately a brother was fined for holding a meeting) religious liberty, of which our brethren make good use. Chapels free of debt are an imperative need for the success and advancement of our work; but how shall we get them? Our preachers and members bring all the sacrifices they possibly can to the support and spread of the work among us. The preachers have to live very economically upon the salaries they get. And in consideration of the present condition of things, they have consented to a reduction of their salaries of five per cent. for the current year. Many will have to suffer thereby. We hope they will manfully bear it and cast their burden on the Lord.

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN DISTRICT, L. NIPPERT, P. E.

This district is in the heart of Germany, extending from Pirmasens, in the Palatinate, to Göttingen, in Hanover, 300 miles long, with 10 circuits and about 100 preaching places.

Cassel Göttingen shows success in every respect. We thankfully record the purchase of a suitable building for a chapel which will seat 300 persons, and a parsonage, with 5 rooms, in a most prominent part of the city, for \$5,000. When the dedication took place we were greatly rejoiced to have Bishop Hurst with us, who preached an excellent sermon in German and dedicated the chapel to the service of God.

Biedenkopf Traysa has been a part of Dillenburg Circuit, but was set off for itself at our last Conference. In the first named place we had great opposition. The authorities sent policemen to expel women and children from our meetings, and to forbid our Sunday-schools; on appeal, the higher court relieved us of such lawless oppression. We look for a good revival, our meetings being well attended, and already a number of persons seeking salvation.

Dillenburg Giessen. Since Conference eight preaching places have been added to the twelve old ones. In one of the villages a number of persons have been converted in the course of the last four months.

Büdingen Circuit has not come up to our expectations, but there are signs of improvement. The services are better attended.

Frankfurt-am-Main and *Friedrichsdorf* have had a successful year. Protracted meetings, held by Brother Schell, were much blessed, both in the city itself and on the country appointments, last winter. In the cities of *Mainz* and *Weisenau*, near by, a number of persons were converted and joined our Church, among them men of influence and means, who pay all the expenses and rent of the two halls for service and Sunday-school.

I cannot omit mentioning the *Bethanien Verein* in the city of Frankfurt-am-Main, although a private institution called into existence by a number of our ministers, yet it is so closely connected with our Church and Conference that we owe our Church some light on the subject. It is well known what an extensive work the "Deaconess Societies" of Germany are doing in every country by their agents (sick nurses). Many of our younger sisters, feeling called to that work, would have entered those societies if it had not been for the condition that they must give up their connection with the Methodist Church. To give them an opportunity to do this work of love and yet remain Methodists the brethren resolved to found such institutions. Already about 40 of our young sisters have entered the same, and are laboring with great success in Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Berlin.

Kreuznach, Rev. J. Wuhrmann, shows a membership who stand like pillars in the Methodist Church, the Church of their choice. Their chapel, at Mandel, is paid for. They enter this Conference year in strong faith for a successful and happy year, working and praying for a great revival.

Rheinböllen Pferdsfeld. Rev. G. Bubeck, a young man, who has been educated in the Martin Missions Institute by the aid of the Board of Education, was sent to this mission last Conference. He has taken up his work with great energy and faith in God. Our chapel on this circuit is free of debt, and our people most decided Methodists, who cannot be moved, even by those high in authority. They are self-supporting. Our

brother has to walk about 100 miles every two weeks to attend his 10 appointments, and this is done without complaining, and on a salary of \$120.

Kaiserslautern, in the Palatinate. The Palatinate being the home of the ancestors of Barbara Heck and Philip Embury, we feel an especial interest in this country, and have taken pains to find out the old home of these families. There are still a great many Hecks in the Palatinate. As near as it can be ascertained, the ancestors of the Hecks lived in the village of Gleishorrbach, near Bergzabern, about 30 miles from Kaiserslautern. Rev. H. Mann, a native of the Palatinate, has been quite successful in this mission, and is now fully engaged in building the memorial chapel of Barbara Heck at Kaiserslautern. Our centennial offering in Germany, with the aid of our brethren in America, is expected to build this chapel free of debt. How happy will our people feel when they are able to leave their present locality—a large theater and dancing-hall, with a beer saloon connected with it, with all the scent, noise, and the sight of beer barrels connected with it—and move into their own building. All the papers of the city speak favorably of the building, which will be an ornament both to the M. E. Church and the city, and a monument to *Mother Heck*.

Pirmasens is prospering under the administration of Rev. L. Weiss, who brings all his strength and time to bear for the extension and revival of his mission. The members stand faithfully by him in his work of faith. When told that we expected a thousand conversions on this district this year, and they must show a hundred for their part, they accepted the proposal with enthusiasm, ready to pray and work for such a result.

Mannheim and *Speier* has been rather a hard field, but we are gaining ground on nearly all our appointments, even in Speier, where the Reformation was first called Protestantism, we have well attended services and a prosperous Sunday-school. At Mannheim we have good congregations in spite of a most miserable hall, but as no other one can be had, we must wait till we can do better.

As the king of Bavaria has decreed that the M. E. Church has the privilege to be a *Private Church Society in Bavaria*, we all at once have become a kind of State Church in that country. We are now not only permitted to pray, preach, sing, and pronounce the benediction, which was formerly forbidden by law, but the authorities expect us to give those children of our members who are 12 years old instruction in the Catechism, and we are obliged to mark down such children who do not attend, and hand their names to the officials, who must compel them to come. Being thus acknowledged by his majesty, we are also looked upon by the people in quite a different light—not any more as a *sect*, but as an *authorized Church*.

The preachers on this district preach three times on Sunday and have some service every evening, except Saturday; this is connected with much walking, as there is not a horse in the Conference, and all the traveling must be done *per pedes*. And what salary do these men receive for their hard work? Answer: With the exception of two, who have large families, no one with a family of from one to three children receives a larger salary than \$480

per year, and no donations; and this year, for want of means, all of our preachers have to submit to the reduction of 5 per cent. of their quarterage. Can any one in the face of such facts assert that our missionaries in Germany are paid too well? If so, let him come and help us.

Martin Mission Institute, in Frankfurt-am-Main, is still prospering. Four of the students entered the Conference on probation at its last session. Thirteen young men have again commenced their studies since September 1, and, from appearances, we shall have a successful year. Dr. Sulzberger and myself are the only teachers of the 14 different subjects which are taught; the former giving 28 the latter 21 lessons a week; it is evident that we have no time to spare. The Institute, with all expenses, with the exception of the salary of the aforesaid teachers, is carried on for about \$2,600 per year. This sum pays the board of the students, the repair of the two houses, and all other expenses, the students having every thing gratis. The Goucher Fund, which is included in the above sum, is also a great help to keep up and increase our library. Rev. J. F. Mesner, of the Missouri Conference, has, with great liberality, supported a student for three years (included in the above sum), who is now on probation in Conference and was sent to Saxony. He has engaged himself to support another young man for the next three years.

WÜRTEMBERG DISTRICT, J. STAIGER, P. E.

At our last Annual Conference, which was held in Zürich, and had as president our honored Bishop Hurst, I was appointed presiding elder of this district. I may be allowed, at first, to give a short extract from the report to the last Conference of my predecessor, Brother Cramer. This runs as follows: "We have had on the Würtemberg District, with its 24 circuits, on the whole, a blessed year. In 18 circuits there was an addition of 223 members; there was, however, a loss of 152 members in 6 circuits, so that the total gain was 81. An increase of 6,205 marks is reported in 12 circuits above last year, and on 11 circuits a total decrease of 2,973 marks. The increase on the whole district is 3,232 marks. Concerning the condition of the different stations, it may be said, Balingen and Beilstein have been quickened, and received an accession of 19 members; their financial condition, also, is improved. Beitingheim, Heimsheim, and Leonberg have had an ordinarily good year. With Knittlingen and Lahr the condition is unchanged; both need a revival. Calv last year lost their preacher, Brother Zipperer, by death. This sorrow has brought with it a blessing. Brother Hug, the supply, has been much helped by the Lord. Sinsheim has a small but good membership. Ebingen, Herrenberg, Marbach, and Ottmarsheim have had remarkable awakenings, and have gained 54 new members. Ludwigsburg has gained 12 members, and the collection has increased 700 marks. Stuttgart, the capital and court residence of Würtemberg, has received 10 members, but the collection has fallen off 485 marks. Vaihlingen, last year, dedicated its beautiful new church, with parsonage attached, and reports 1,000 marks more than in the previous year. In Karlsruhe the church members bought a house,

with a hall for worship, at a cost of 32,500 marks; adding the cost of alterations, the whole expense amounts to 38,000 marks. In Oehringen the condition is not altered. Freudenstadt has lost 15 members, and reports a decrease of 300 marks in the collection; however, the Conference year will close without a deficit. Nagold has lost 15 members, added 168 marks to the collection, but ends the year with a deficit. Heilbron has lost 64 members, 42 of whom are from the circuit of Sinsheim, the actual loss to Heilbron being 22. Strasbourg has lost 33 and Pforzheim 60 members, many of whom joined the Baptists, consequently reporting a smaller collection. On the other hand Nürnberg adds 570 marks and 75 members to its record. Nürnberg, in common with all our missions in Bavaria, has breathed freely since the king granted the right of existence to 'private churches.' The State authorities, however, seek in every way to trouble us with various hinderances."

The foregoing report, by my predecessor, does not present the work in a rosy light, yet the impression I have received upon my first visit to the district is more favorable. We have had blessed meetings of every kind. Our meeting hall in Nürnberg, with its small, round, ancient window panes, where, in Luther's time, Tetzl sold indulgences—which seats from 400 to 600 persons—began to be too crowded. A larger place has become a necessity. The pastor has asked the magistrate for an unused church, but has been refused. The whole of Bavaria lies open to us, but where shall we obtain the money or the men to possess it? The lack of money is a dark spot in our Conference. The congregations are heavily, too heavily, taxed. The Book Concern in Bremen is also burdened. The yearly appropriation from the Missionary Society is not enough to make up the deficit. The preachers willingly, the poor people with sighs, give five per cent. of their incomes. Still there is lacking another five per cent. Whence shall this come? God alone knows.

SWITZERLAND DISTRICT, A. RODEMEYER, P. E.

At the end of the Conference year we must say: "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us!" The preachers on this district had much to do, and some of them perhaps too much, so that some with broken health did their work. In general this year has been a blessed one. We make a report of every circuit:

Affaltern. On this circuit we have very faithful members and officers of the Quarterly Conference. The preacher in charge writes: "Our work is in a good state, and the members have grown in faith; love, peace, and union are among them and the officers of the congregation." Sixteen persons have joined our Church.

Basel. The work of the Lord on this circuit is generally prosperous, the protracted meetings were very blessed, and 30 persons joined the Church. In Klein, Basel, and Birsfelden we have good meetings, and a small fund for chapel building.

Bern. From Bern Circuit was divided last Conference Lyss, and this is

connected with Biel Circuit. We cannot yet begin the long-desired chapel building, because the lot which we wished to buy cost 20,000 francs, and we could not raise that amount. Other places are not quite suitable. Our members, who collected for this purpose about 19,000 francs, must have further patience. We will wait for the help of the Lord. It is very necessary to have a chapel in Bern, and we hope that the Lord will provide ways and means.

Biel. The services are very well attended, particularly in Biel. Brother Gebhardt was, besides doing his work on the circuit, very diligent on the Switzerland District in giving concerts, by which he was not only a blessing to many people, but helped the collections for the trustees. In Lyss we have a good congregation. In Neuchatel we should have a chapel, but how? The Lord may help.

Bülach. The last year was a very blessed one on this circuit, for many persons were converted. But if the work is to prosper, we should not collect so much money from this poor circuit. Some members withdraw themselves because they believe too much is required in contributions from them. About 3,800 marks is now paid for the small chapel in Rarbas, which cost 6,320 marks.

Chur. It is difficult to work on this circuit, the expense of carrying the pastor to Thusis and Andeer being too great, and the distance, making a walk of from 7 to 8 hours. The preacher in charge made his way generally on foot. In Chur we have on Sunday about 30 to 40 hearers, and in Andeer the same number. In all, we have 70 members there.

Genf. We have here 3 preaching places, and the members are bound together in love. Besides the Salvation Army (French and German), there are 2 evangelists, some missionaries, and 3 German pastors. We have 97 members.

Horgen and Thalweil. During the winter we had on some places of this circuit a very blessed time, and 33 persons joined our Church. We have 447 members. The work is promising. We have on this circuit three chapels, viz., in Horgen, Thalweil, and Adlisweil.

La Chaux-de-fonds. Though during this year a "brother of the *Christona*" was sent to Chaux-de-fonds, who preaches there and also in the environs, where we preach, the work of the Lord in our Church is prospering. Our influence on this circuit is growing, and we have a very good attendance at our meetings. The members of the Temperance Society have meetings also in our chapel, for which they pay rent. In St. Immer Brother A. Hager, a local preacher, has built a chapel, and labors in great blessing. The meetings are attended by 160 persons. May the Lord bless his work in future! Twenty-five persons joined the church in St. Immer; on the whole circuit, 38.

Lausanne. The preacher in charge last year had a great deal of trouble on his circuit; but perhaps his successor will gather what he sowed. There was much done among the German-speaking people by the State Church in Lausanne. We have 76 members there.

Lenzburg. This circuit had a very blessed year. Forty-nine persons

joined on probation ; the members now number 277. In Lenzburg, Ruperswyl, Schaffisheim, and Buchs etc., the meetings are well attended ; but in Aarau we have very small meetings. The preacher in charge and his helper visit 13 appointments, and hope other places will open where they can preach.

Liestal. The meetings here are generally well attended. The preacher in charge must educate the members more and more as good Methodists. We have 224 members. In Sissach we have a small chapel building fund.

Niederuzwil. Progress has been made on this circuit in every way. Mr. Rikli, a member of our Church, gives the chapel and dwelling place for the preacher in charge, gratis.

Rheineck. This circuit also had a blessed year. The preacher in charge has to fill 11 appointments. A new station, Buchs, is very promising ; there we have from 70 to 80 hearers.

St. Gallen. The two last years have been years of sifting, but the last year was a very good one. Twenty-seven persons joined themselves with the Church. Mr. G., a friend of our Church, gave 500 francs for the Louise Burkhardt Fund.

Schaffhausen and Ober Hallan. Though the health of Brother Raith, preacher in charge, was broken, he could do his work, so that he visited all his appointments. The circuit includes 19 stations. The "Chrischona" brethren labored in this field also.

Turbenthal. Since Brother Staiger, preacher in charge, arranged in one of his houses in Turbenthal a hall for preaching, the meetings are better attended than formerly. The circuit includes 9 preaching places.

Uster. The preacher in charge had much trouble this year with some members and some officers of the Quarterly Conference ; but the Lord blessed his work, for 28 joined themselves to the Church. In Uster and Aredshalden we have very good meetings. In the last place we should build a chapel, because it is now a necessity. There are 14 preaching places.

Winterthur. This circuit has 8 preaching places. The work is promising, after two years of much trouble. In Flaach, where we have also a small chapel, our members had some persecutions ; but they remained by the Lord. It is very necessary to have here a helper, particularly for Flaach, Weinfeld, and Frauenfeld, and also to enlarge this field.

Zurich During the year, and particularly in consequence of our protracted meetings in Zurich and Aussersihl, many persons were converted, and 88 joined themselves with our Church. The members are active and joined in love. In Oerlikan there is a chapel consecrated, which cost about 12,000 francs. In Aussersihl we must also build a chapel.

The whole Switzerland District has 4,992 members ; increase, 89. Receipts, 115,386 marks ; increase, 4,561 marks. We have in the district 28 preachers and helpers, about 40 local preachers and exhorters, about 180 preaching places, 8 chapels without dwelling places, 12 with dwelling places, and 4 houses. In view of the whole work, we must be thankful and confess : God is with us ! God has blessed us !

SCANDINAVIA.

Commenced in 1853.

AT the last sessions of the Norway and Sweden Conferences, and the Denmark Annual Meeting, Bishop Hurst was present and presided. The Norway Conference was held in Bergen, July 24; the Sweden Conference met at Upsala, July 9; and the Annual Meeting of the Denmark Mission was held in Frederikshavn, August 8.

The work in Scandinavia is exceedingly prosperous. There is enough encouragement in the situation to inspire the faith and liberality of the Church to lead to large plans for the future. The sessions of the Annual Meetings were characterized throughout by great enthusiasm and deep religious power. Chaplain M'Cabe was present at the Sweden Conference, and says he would rather see that gathering than all the palaces and picture galleries of Europe. The preachers brought reports of blessed revivals every-where. Seventeen hundred souls had been converted, and every financial interest of the mission was reported in a prosperous condition. Steps were taken to secure the building of a theological school at Stockholm. Rev. D. H. Carroll, of the Baltimore Conference, who was also present at the session, led off with a subscription of \$1,000 for this purpose. Now is the time to advance all along the line in Scandinavia.

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NORWAY.

Organized as a Conference in 1867.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP FOSTER.

Bishop Hurst was greatly encouraged by the state of the Church in Norway as represented at the Conference. A great advance over all former years was reported. The deep

spirituality of the brethren manifested itself in all the meetings, and at the closing session of the Conference seventy-five persons rose for prayers.

The Rev. J. H. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Christiania District, sends a full report. He spent a few weeks in America during the fall, and did much to renew and awaken interest in his chosen field of labor. We regret having no written report of the Christiansand District. The statistical tables are presented complete, and show a marked advancement.

CHRISTIANIA DISTRICT, J. H. JOHNSON, P. E.

Peace and unity reign in all our congregations. The missionaries have all labored successfully in their respective charges, and the blessings of the Lord have been attending their work, which is seen :

1. *In the healthy spiritual condition of the mission.* Protracted meetings have been held in nearly every charge in the district ; the blessed Holy Spirit has worked mightily through the preached word of God, so that many precious souls have been converted, and his people built up in the faith and in true holiness.

All the services in our churches and chapels are well attended ; all the means of grace seem to be more and more appreciated by our people ; our membership has greatly increased during the year, and I think it has also grown in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. *The Sunday-school work* is in a prosperous condition.

The preachers, the superintendents, and the teachers have all labored faithfully in this department of our work, and not a few of our larger children have been converted to God during the year.

In this field of labor, as well as elsewhere, we meet with persistent opposition ; but the Lord, whom we desire to serve, has thus far been our great help. Many poor children, that otherwise would be running on our streets on Sunday, have found a home in our Sunday-schools, where the word of God is opened before them.

Our Sunday-school paper, *The Children's Sunday Paper*, edited by Brother Bergh, is constantly enlarging its field of usefulness, and is read with interest by our young people and by the older as well.

3. *With reference to church building and repairs*, we have done considerable.

The church in Tonsberg has been completed and dedicated during the year, and our people there have a very valuable property. The new chapel on the Eidsberg Charge has been finished and dedicated ; the lot, which is a very good one for our purpose, and over two thirds of what the chapel cost, has been given to our Church by outside friends.

The congregation in Frederikshald, where we have a large church,

have bought a suitable lot in Tistedalen, a town of work-shops, about two miles from the city, on which they intend soon to build a chapel.

The church in Sarpsborg, the oldest in the mission, has been painted outside and refitted inside, at a cost of about 500 crowns, all paid for. The church in Frederikstad has undergone similar repairs, and is likewise paid for.

First Church, Christiania, has also been improved to the amount of about 700 crowns, without going in debt.

Both church and parsonage in Horten have been refitted, and thereby very much improved. Here, too, we have very valuable church property.

Our high church pulpits have all become low—where, I hope, they will modestly stay for centuries to come.

I am very happy to say that our church debt has been considerably reduced during the year, and would hereby express my own and our people's thankfulness for the aid received from the Missionary Board. It must also be said that each congregation in my district has, according to its small means, made every effort in order to pay off debts.

Our Conference Church Extension Fund has also assisted several charges to pay on church debts. This fund, though small, is doing a good work.

4. *Regarding the benevolent collections*, it will be seen, by consulting the statistical table, that they are far in advance of last year. I will here notice the steady increase of the missionary collection in our Conference for the last few years.

Collected for Missions in

1881.....	1,996 98 crowns.
1882.....	2,402 33 “
1883.....	2,776 69 “
1884.....	3,014 26 “

A similar steady increase is more or less apparent in every department of the work, and this is, in my view, very encouraging in many respects. It points the right way.

5. *Our publishing interest* is going on with unabated power.

Brother H. P. Bergh, the editor of our weekly paper, “*Kristelig Tidende*,” has, though poor in health, worked both faithfully and successfully with his pen. The paper has increased its circulation during the year, and it is doing a good work among our people wherever they are found.

6. *What the mission work in Norway needs at present is a theological school—a mission school*—where young men, called of God to preach his glorious Gospel, may be suitably trained; and would it seem unreasonable to pray and hope that some true friend of ministerial education in America would, during this centennial year of American Methodism, give \$10,000 to the mission school in Norway?

STATISTICS OF THE NORWAY MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Sch-lars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Parsonages or "Homes."	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Homes."	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.	Volumes Printed during the year.	Pages Printed during the year.	
																				Crowns.*
<i>Christiania District.</i>																				
Christiania: First Church.....	4	..	350	76	15	1	850	1	42,000	..	..	..	6,830	403 00	251 00	1,000 00	707 00	2,510 00	40,850	8,278,990
Second Church.....	1	..	120	35	10	1	290	1	2,700	..	..	..	7,126	63 00	43 50	100 00	41 00	1,458 00	..	..
Odølen and Brandvold.....	1	..	63	15	6	2	40	2	1,900	..	..	..	85	32 00	8 50	100 00	10 00	324 00	..	..
Moss.....	1	..	108	36	10	1	60	1	20,100	..	..	..	5,377	50 00	17 00	60 00	35 00	591 00	..	..
Fredriksstad.....	1	..	334	52	26	6	335	2	80,400	..	..	..	4,300	435 00	176 31	1,000 00	813 60	1,350 00	..	..
Sarpsborg.....	1	..	180	30	11	3	220	1	17,500	..	..	..	200	60 00	56 60	400 00	62 00	853 00	..	..
Fredrikshald.....	1	..	255	40	21	2	250	1	17,950	..	..	..	292	460 00	128 50	1,200 00	446 60	1,456 00	..	..
Holland and Eidsberg.....	1	1	39	7	..	..	..	3	6,000	..	..	..	740	20 00	17 00	100 00	142 00	180 00	..	..
Drammen.....	1	..	75	17	6	1	44	1	50,000	..	..	..	9,550	84 80	87 57	150 00	..	1,243 00	..	..
Kongsberg.....	1	..	140	27	10	2	100	2	9,600	..	..	..	1,900	73 00	126 00	400 00	400 00	133 00	..	..
Hønefoss.....	1	..	100	23	8	2	100	2	10,300	..	..	..	1,307	158 00	96 00	250 00	231 00	1,159 00	..	..
Horten.....	1	..	112	14	5	1	60	1	18,000	1	7,000	..	5,028	127 00	84 00	..	500 00	1,177 00	..	..
Tonsberg and Holmestrand.....	1	..	61	16	8	2	150	1	13,000	..	..	..	7,659	81 00	45 00	225 00	2,450 00	1,139 00	..	..
Thryhjem.....	1	..	74	44	5	1	120	1	20,500	..	..	..	11,800	120 00	105 00	60 00	2,050 00	1,670 00	..	..
<i>Christiansand District.</i>																				
Laurvig.....	1	..	118	32	10	1	110	1	22,000	..	..	..	8,508	127 00	50 00	100 00	..	1,684 00	..	..
Skien.....	1	..	172	9	17	1	110	1	9,400	..	..	..	2,415	70 70	67 00	400 00	..	1,567 00	..	..
Porsgrund.....	1	..	142	8	5	2	118	1	6,000	..	..	..	1,930	146 00	98 00	450 00	198 00	850 00	..	..
Brevig.....	1	..	79	10	11	2	100	1	7,500	..	..	..	5,622	50 00	34 21	200 00	48 00	1,288 00	..	..
Kragerø.....	1	..	28	2	1	1	80	1	2,000	..	..	..	315	27 00	19 00	100 00	..	143 00	..	..
Arendal and Lillesand.....	2	..	252	21	22	1	179	1	80,000	..	..	..	8,629	110 00	73 50	1,050 00	..	1,729 00	..	..
Christiansand.....	1	..	31	5	2	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	29	13	89 86	135 00	..	432 00	..	..
Flekkefjord.....	1	..	27	..	4	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	27	00	23 20	300 00	..	237 00	..	..
Sandnes.....	1	1	40	4	8	1	40	1	2,000	..	..	..	..	10 00	..	300 00	1,507 00	62 00	..	..
Stavaenger.....	1	..	117	8	9	2	150	1	18,000	..	..	..	6,567	115 00	52 80	288 00	150 00	1,598 00	..	..
Haugesund.....	1	..	30	12	8	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	85 00	17 50	60 00	..	576 00	..	..
Bergen.....	1	..	159	60	28	1	300	1	80,400	..	..	..	20,800	200 00	171 00	100 00	564 00	3,190 00	..	..

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Christiania District.....	16	1	2,006	482	141	25	2,149	20	272,800	1	7,000	..	61,537	2,766 80	1,192 07	5,045 00	8,027 00	14,739 00	40,850	8,278,990
Christiansand District.....	12	1	1,255	171	110	15	1,282	9	127,900	..	..	..	55,056	946 88	640 57	3,453 00	2,467 00	13,308 00	..	..
This year.....	28	2	3,261	603	251	40	3,431	29	400,700	1	7,000	..	116,623	3,018 63	1,832 64	8,525 00	10,494 00	28,047 00	40,850	8,278,990
Last year.....	27	8	8,004	674	208	43	8,881	26	394,040	2	19,920	..	127,659	2,777 00	4,277 00	29,860 00	15,900 00	..	12,000	4,654,900

* The crown is worth 56.8 cents.

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SWEDEN.

Organized as a Conference in 1876.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP ANDREWS.

All points of the work in Sweden will be found fully represented. Stockholm District rejoices over a marvelous work of grace within its bounds. The increase of 589 members in one year, and upon one district, is cause for gratitude to the Saviour of souls. The Holy Spirit has descended upon all our churches in Sweden in answer to the prayers of the brethren.

STOCKHOLM DISTRICT, J. P. LARSSON, P. E.

The year gone has been one full of blessings. Revivals have taken place in most of our stations, and sinners of all ages have been brought into the way of life.

The brethren, our preachers, have been laboring earnestly for the success of the cause, and God has granted health and strength unto them. I am obliged to record that Brother C. A. Stenholm, after a sickness of three weeks, died in peace on February 22 last. As is known, the deceased was one of our most gifted preachers, perhaps the most gifted one. By his gifts and grace of manner he gained many friends, who will mourn and bewail the loss of this brother.

As a peculiar circumstance, it is notable that the number of members in the congregations, and that of the children in the Sunday-schools, have been almost the same. As the increase of the congregations for this year is about 600, so the increase in the Sunday-schools is about the same. That God has blessed the economical branch of the work may clearly be seen from the fact that 56,048 crowns have been collected in this district alone, this year, being almost 10,000 crowns more than for the last year.

Revivals and conversions have taken place during almost the whole winter, both in Arboga and Köping. In the town last named, the prospect of success is good. Though a large hall is hired, yet all cannot get a place that are coming to hear the word of God, but must go away for lack of room.

The state of the congregation in *Borlänge* is extraordinarily good, which is the result of the members following holiness earnestly. The number of the Sunday-school children has been more than doubled. Some brethren belonging to this congregation, and living about three and a half miles from the place, have built a chapel this year, dedicating it on the day of Pentecost last. A great part of the work on this chapel was performed by friends who do not belong to the congregation as yet. And it is remarkable that many, to whom large wages were offered in other places, preferred to work on the chapel without wages. Besides, a great many

materials are given. The small debt still left, the brethren in this place have themselves promised to pay.

Eskilstuna. This congregation has had an increase of 67 members this year. Now it is next to the largest Methodist congregation in the country. During the time of protracted meetings sinners of every kind were saved: old persons and children, deeply fallen and self-righteous, men and women. We have here a good singing society, doing much comforting in the congregation. Eleven preaching places belong to the circuit, and many local preachers and exhorters are working zealously there. Besides, the congregation has paid a salary to an assistant, great blessing resulting from his work.

The work of grace has been going on steadily in *Filipstad* during the year, and 20 persons have been received on trial, 40 conversions being reported.

Fagersta and Högfors. In this large field two chapels are being built; one of them at Högfors, where a brother has given a lot and some building materials. Probably this chapel will be dedicated in the autumn. At Fagersta, another large iron works, the other chapel is being built, which, probably, will not be ready until next year. At Bjurfors, another station, the company has opened a hall for our meetings. At Afocsta, large iron works, of 1,700 inhabitants, it begins to be light in the darkness. In Hordal we have some good members laboring zealously. The state of this large field is very good.

Gefle. The state of the congregation is very good, according to the unanimous testimony of the brethren. This congregation was suddenly struck by a heavy blow, not only unexpected to them, but also to us all, when death, unawares, carried away the pastor, who is named above. The congregation has not been left alone. God has blessed it abundantly.

Heby. During the year a little chapel has been built, and was dedicated last midsummer-day. Though it rained, yet the hearers were more than the chapel could hold. In the afternoon, also, the places were all filled. Many outside of the congregation have contributed to the building, and for this we feel very thankful.

Kungsör. It is pleasant to say that the cause has the esteem and confidence of the people. The preacher who has labored here during the year has contributed very much to this. Many people attend all our meetings now; this was not the case a year ago. The Sunday-school work in particular has been enlarged; the number of the schools has increased from two to six, and that of the children from 50 to 200.

Lindesberg. The economy of the congregation has been very much better during the last year, and for that we are very thankful to God.

Malmköping. Properly speaking, we have had no increase here; on the contrary, the congregation has rather decreased. According to the report of the preacher in charge, peace and union are prevailing in the little congregation.

Mora and Orsa. This is a hard field. We have had no increase. Many hear the word of God, but very few unite with the congregation.

Nyby. Our editor has attended to this congregation during the year, and again commenced the work in old Sigtuna, and visited the estate of Nyborg. Some have been converted, and the congregation has had an increase of 20 members. According to the information received, the prospect for success is greatest in Sigtuna.

All is well in the congregation of *Nyköping*. The debt of the congregation is paid, and a little sum collected for a chapel in time to come.

Odensvi. We have had no increase in the number of members, but the chapel debt is diminished, and in consequence of this the economy is somewhat better. The number of the Sunday-schools is doubled, and that of the children tripled. In this circuit we have had success.

Some time after Christmas a great revival broke out in *Ransäter*, going on for a long time. Very many were converted to God, and 32 united with our congregation. A very large and fine chapel at the iron works of Munkfors was dedicated on New-year's-day. Under God we are indebted to the manager of the said works that we now have this house to come together in.

In *Sandviken* our excellent brother, A. Flink, has had great blessing in his work this year. This brother, who, besides attending to his temporal business, has had the charge of the congregation for many years, continues to be very much beloved, both as leader and preacher, and has rejoiced in great multitudes of hearers during the whole year.

The congregation in *Larsnäs* has had, during the year, many troubles to endure, yet God has kept it together, helped his cause, and blessed it with success. Praise to his name!

Stockholm, South. To the glory of God we are glad to be able to say, that there has been a greater liveliness in this congregation during the year past than we have witnessed for many years. The prayer week was prolonged, so that meetings were held every night during the whole of January. Ninety-five have been received on trial. The number of the children in the Sunday-school has been almost doubled.

Stockholm, North. A very lively spirit has been prevailing in this congregation since the watch-night of this year. Protracted meetings were held for four weeks. Sinners were saved, backsliders restored, and the people of God blessed abundantly. There is one thing troubling our friends here, namely, that their preaching hall cannot hold all that wish to hear the word of God. The thronging is insupportable, and many must go away for lack of room. Yet this trouble will soon be lessened, because the hall will be enlarged before autumn.

If we had a proper preaching place in *Sundsvall*, the success would be greater. At a large saw-mill, Sund, one Swedish mile away (between six and seven English), we have a good congregation. A chapel has been built here and dedicated during the year.

The work in *Upsala* has been successful this year also. The meetings have been well attended, and the word of God has worked powerfully, so that many have been converted.

The congregation of *Oregrund* has built a proper house of prayer, which

was dedicated at New Year. Since then the meetings have been well attended. The class-meetings have not been neglected. The willingness to contribute has been great: every member has given according to his power. Besides, many out of the congregation have supported the economy of the congregation bountifully. May God reward them!

Finland. The people of this country hear the word of God readily. Though many prejudices prevail against a free religious movement, yet our meetings are well attended, and the word of God often works powerfully, and sinners are converted. Brother Wagnsson being stationed in Vasa, has rejoiced at success, both there and in Kristinestad. Though the distance between those cities is 10 Swedish miles (60 to 70 English), yet he has visited the last named city every month and preached there.

Gamla (old) Karleby. Here the work was commenced about a year ago, and we have now 38 members in full connection and 17 on trial. The congregation has already bought a lot for a chapel in time to come, and paid for it also. This proves that they are zealous for the success of the cause, and that they are working for it.

Now it seems to be the due time for opening a mission in Helsingfors. May God give the proper man!

STATISTICAL STATEMENTS.

Congregations.....	23
Preaching places.....	118
Members of the district in full connection.....	3,285
Members of the district on trial.....	1,239
Increase in full connection.....	501
Increase on trial.....	88
Total increase.....	589
The greatest increase of members that we have had for one year in any district since the mission was commenced in Sweden.	
Number of chapels.....	21
Built and dedicated this year.....	5
Besides now being built.....	3
Value of the chapels.....	Crs. 287,639
The increase.....	" 28,602
Collected during the year.....	" 56,048
The sum, which the congregations have promised to contribute to the preachers' salaries in the district, for the year to come, amounts to.....	" 8,050
Increase over last year.....	" 2,237
Number of Sunday-schools in the district.....	52
Increase during the year.....	9
Number of children.....	3,269
Increase.....	549

Three young men who have had instruction in the preachers' school for some two years, have undergone their examination with good testimonies, and have also been recommended for reception into the itinerant connection on trial; so we have a prospect of being able to fill some of the vacant places; and we hope that these youths will be men adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Our periodicals, by which, without doubt, much good is done, have had this year a far larger circulation than before. As to the Book Concern, I will mention: A little book has, indeed, been published by the Concern this year, but we wish that our book publications might be improved. Our old books are so universally known now, that we cannot expect any larger circulation for them. It is necessary that new and good books be published, and it is very desirable that those brethren who have some literary power would do their best in supplying this demand.

We will thank God that he has supported his servants and his cause this year as a faithful Father, that he has blessed and protected the congregations, and turned every thing to the best for us all. Nor may we forget our benefactors beyond the ocean; let us remember them in love, respect, and thankfulness. The Lord reward them for their offering for the good of our country! May God be with us continually, so that we, in the name of Jesus, may work for the promotion of his kingdom, and the glorifying of his name, and that we for another year may have to rejoice at still greater things! May it also be granted unto us, that when our day of labor has an end, we then may get the rest of Sabbath that remaineth to the people of God!

KARLSKRONA DISTRICT, N. M. LILJEGREN, P. E.

Just after the Conference I sailed for *Gottland*. At the same time I visited our congregations. We have seven good chapels and five faithful preachers. There are about 50,000 inhabitants on the whole island, including 6,000 in the old *Wisby*. One thousand belong to our Church, but Methodism influences more or less the whole population. There was no change among the preachers on *Gottland* this year.

In *Smaland* we have nine chapels, and the same number of preachers. No change in *Kalmar*, *Mönsteras*, and *Oskarshamn*, but a change was made in every other place. Brothers Johansson, Gustafsson, and Sigurdsson are men of true holiness. The latter has built up a good and fine chapel without pressing debts—a marvelous work in that way. Brothers Norström, Uppling, Albrektsson, Wik, and Lindborg are all young men, but earnest, indeed, and with good education. The latter has been employed in *Finland* for some years, and really started the work there. He was stationed in *Emmaboda*, but has also visited *Wexio*, an important place, where the Gospel was preached first, perhaps.

In *Ostergotland* there are four chapels, also four preachers. We are doing a grand and good work here. Brother Andersson was moved from Stockholm District to *Linköping*. Brother Sandell in *Waldemarsvik* was moved from Goteborg District. He is also working in another town, called *Soderköping*, a fine bathing resort. Our friends are building a chapel there. Another chapel in *Boxholmn* is nearly ready to be dedicated. A young man is employed there.

In *Karlskrona* and *Karlshamn*, situated in *Blekinge*, we have two chapels and able preachers. Blessed be the Lord, who so wonderfully preserves his humble servants, and fills us with joy in faith!

GOTEBORG DISTRICT, B. A. CARLSON, P. E.

In *Goteborg* we have our principal congregation of the district. During the year gone we have had greater success than in any preceding year since the mission was commenced. But the need of more laborers in this large city, the second of the kingdom, is greater now than ever before.

In *Walda* and *Släp* our work has been standing still for several years. We have had this year a very good spiritual movement, and not a few have been converted; consequently, we hope now for success.

In *Warberg* we have now a good little congregation, with very good prospects. It is wonderful to see what a change has taken place in this community. Now, it cannot be compared, as before was done, with *Siberia*. Not many years ago our people at this place were stoned, and a preacher of ours was put in prison, but during this year the inhabitants of the town, by a large number of votes, have tried to make the Methodist preacher, now stationed there, a deputy of their town. Brother Rabe has visited *Falkenberg* during this year also, and formed a little society there.

In *Halmstad* a good work is commenced. Our congregation there is not yet much more than a year old, but for all that has already begun to show faithfulness to God and the Church, and she has gained victory after victory.

In *Laholm* a door has been opened to the Gospel this year. The preacher in charge at Halmstad has visited this town, and the first to open her house to the preaching of the word of God was a doctress. Some of the most eminent men of the town have promised to provide a preaching house, and pay for it, if the Church will station a preacher there.

In *Lidköping*, and *Axvall* the prospects for the future are very bright. A peculiarly honorable feature has been shown this congregation by caring for its preacher in a tender and praiseworthy manner. The congregation and the Sunday-school are increasing, and an excellent lot for a chapel is secured at Axvall.

Sonstorp and *Lotorp* are very hard fields, yet the labor has not been without fruit. A new chapel has been built during the year, and was dedicated September 23 last. It ought to be a real pleasure for us all to hear that so poor a congregation has been able to do this without contracting a debt of more than 500 crowns.

In *Orebro* a great work of God is done. During the year they have had to rejoice in receiving many newly converted members into the congregation, and, besides, they have had large repairs done on their church without increasing their debt, even in the smallest degree. During this year we have received as many as 127 new members into full connection.

In *Halsberg* we have had a good and much needed awakening work. The circuit is large, and our members are separated several Swedish miles from each other. This increases the labor not a little.

Hardemo and *Laxå* are also a large circuit—too large for one preacher to attend; but our brother laboring there has done his work with great success. Our congregation during the year has more than doubled, has

struggled and prayed for a general awakening among the people for a long time past, and now God has answered their prayers evidently ; yes, indeed, in so high a degree, that many of those who are without have said that there are few souls in Hardemo parish who have not, more or less, been moved by the preaching of the Methodists. In the circuit there is one chapel, with parsonage, and the other chapel is being built in *Kumla*. Since the last Annual Conference 215 persons have been received in the congregation on trial. Laxa society still belongs to Hardemo, though it has long been needful to divide this circuit. Laxa society should have a preacher of its own, because the members have shown their faith by their works, and when they the last autumn legally organized themselves, almost every one separated from the Swedish Church, which was an honorable example, every just person must give his approbation.

Lerbäck is a poor place, and in general there prevails much ignorance, yet the little Methodist congregation is alive and hoping in the Lord.

Skyllberg, a factory, is a place belonging to *Lerbäck*. Our friends there have, indeed, made powerful efforts during this year to pay off *all* their church debt, and they have succeeded perfectly.

Lekhyttan. This place is very poor, as is the last named, with small prospects, but our beloved people are rich in their poverty, because they are faithful in the least, and wholly devoted to God and the Church.

Karlskoga and *Degerfors*. Here the word of God has penetrated to the very depths of the people, and gained the approbation of all. In the circuit there are three chapels, and two of these are free from debt.

Atorp Methodist congregation is in nowise the least among her sisters. During this year she has rejoiced in receiving a good supply of new members, and the state of the society is good.

Kristinehamn. During the last year this congregation rejoiced in the reception of more than 200 members on trial, and during this year most of them have been received into full connection. Indeed, a little cleansing has been needful, but the congregation is well cared for, and our people know that heaven is their home, and that their destination is to have fellowship with God and his holy angels.

Karlstad is a newly opened place, but the congregation already numbers about 200 members, and has a Sunday-school of 80 children. A collection for a new chapel is going on, and most of the pews for the new church are already made, and are used in the hall occasionally hired.

In *Grums* and *Nor* we have one of our best country societies. In *Nor* a new chapel has been built, and it was dedicated at Christmas. The congregation is now in possession of two chapels and an excellent parsonage, with a fine little park belonging to it.

In *Seffle* and *Fröskog* it seems to be natural among the people that they, after having received the true religion and become Methodists, must separate from the State Church. The society at *Fröskog* has built a new chapel, now ready to be dedicated, and a third chapel in the *Seffle* Circuit is being built in *Hillingsberg*, a place not far from the town of *Arvika*. We are told that when the first Swedish church was built in America the

Swedish women brought building stones in their aprons (an example of the Swedish woman's resolution). Our sisters in the faith in *Seffle* have not brought stones to the church indeed, but they have been good and faithful stewards in collecting means, and we say, "Honor to these women!"

Bengtsfors and *Fröskog* were united, and had a preacher of their own till last year, when *Fröskog* was added to *Seffle*, and a local preacher was appointed to *Bengtsfors*. As a proof of their faithfulness, they have begun to build chapels in both the societies, and have not yet incurred any considerable debt.

In *Strömstad* it ought to be better than it is.

Landskrona, *Bjuf*, and *Raus* constitute too large a circuit for one preacher, but hitherto we have not been able to regulate it better. The brother laboring there in the service of our Church has, through the grace of God, been able to keep up the cause, though he has had to labor hard, travel much, preach and hold meetings almost every day throughout the year. His labor has prospered exceedingly.

In *Lund*, the academical city, the little Methodist congregation must struggle as did the Methodism of old. Though little and feeble, yet she is keeping her ground against Pharisees and scribes. The enmity of the Lutheran ministers is unlimited. They have even been shameless enough to send a petition to the king, asking that he would in *grace* limit the legal rights given to the Methodist Episcopal congregation in *Lund*.

Malmö is still a hard and stony ground, but our little congregation there, having many severe trials to endure, is not indolent. Hitherto, however, the Lord has helped, and he will help us after this, too.

In *all the district* it is well, upon the whole, and a lively spirit is prevailing among young and old. The Sunday-school work has had an astonishing success this year. A brother, having traveled as an evangelist throughout the country, holding revival-meetings, has had a wonderful blessing in his work, which is worthy of our acknowledgment.

For our economy we ought, indeed, to have done more than we have done; but, if we consider that both we and our people must give toward the salaries of the Lutheran ministers, then we must wonder that our people in this matter have been able to do what they have done. And as for the money which has been collected for the mission, we have to remember that these means have been given by a people who must labor hard for their daily bread, but who, however, rejoicing, and with thankfulness to God, have offered their farthings to the mission.

III.

DENMARK.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP BOWMAN.

Missionaries.

Karl Schou, C. F. Eltzholtz, H. Jacobsen.

Ordained Preachers.J. J. Christensen, P. M. S. Jensen,
H. Hansen, Chr. Thaarup.**Unordained Preachers.**

J. Nielsen, S. K. Johansen.

Local Preachers Acting as Supplies.

A. Christensen, J. Markussen, L. Christensen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884-1885.

KARL SCHOU, Superintendent. P. O., Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, P. M. S. Jensen, (P. O., Copenhagen,) one to be supplied.*Odense*, S. K. Johansen.*Svendborg, Faaborg of Trolleborg*, Chr. Thaarup. P. O., Svendborg.*Langeland*, J. Nielsen.*Veile and Eukelund*, C. F. Eltzholtz. P. O., Veile.*Horsens and Hornsyld*, H. Jacobsen. P. O., Horsens.*Aarhus*, supplied by J. Markussen.*Aalborg*, to be supplied.*Asaa*, supplied by A. Christensen.*Lokken*, supplied by L. Christensen.*Frederikshavn*, J. J. Christensen.

J. J. Christensen, Editor of "Dansk Kristelig Talsmand."

Karl Schou, Editor of "Søndagsskolen."

The Superintendent presents the following report :

It is just 25 years this 9th of December since Brother C. Willerup, after having preached somewhat over a year, received the first members into the Methodist Episcopal Church. Three of those are living still, namely, Brother L. Olsen and wife, and Sister Thyra Larsen, and have remained faithful to the Church of their choice until this day. These "have been with us from the beginning," and have borne their part of the burden and had their share of the sorrows and the joys which have befallen us as a Church here in this country. They have seen persons join us and leave again to be our enemies, and they have seen many depart triumphantly to the blessed home above. We honor and respect them and pray God to bless them abundantly, and give them at last to dwell with him for ever.

Their old and first pastor, Brother W., is still with us, but he is very feeble and weak, and can take no part whatever in the services. He is longing for the rest above.

Great changes have taken place in that period of time here in the country, also in the religious condition of the people. That great instrument of good, the Sunday-school, which was scarcely known twenty years ago, is now an acknowledged power even in the Lutheran Church. The employment of lay workers in spreading the Gospel message, which was despised and scorned, has also become a powerful instrument for good; so much so, that a proposition has this year been made by a number of Lutheran pastors that laymen, upon certain conditions, should be admitted as preachers and pastors. Though such a proposition could not for a moment be entertained by the higher powers, still it shows the tendency.

As to our own dear Church, what we are we have become in these 25 years. We are preaching the Gospel in more than 60 regular appointments here in Denmark. Though our loss of members has for many reasons been great, we have reached 1,000, with as many adherents, and over 2,000 regular attendants. In our 22 Sunday-schools we teach over 1,400 children, and who can tell the influence of the word upon these young hearts?

The state of the Church is, as far as I can learn from the report of the brethren and from personal observation, good. In the beginning of the year there were powerful revivals in several places, especially *Copenhagen* and *Veile*, though the other stations had also their visitation of the Holy Spirit. I have made it an object to inquire in our quarterly meeting about the rate of attendance on class-meetings, and find in some societies one half of the membership attending, at others three fourths, and in one or two places the whole membership attend class. At present special seasons of blessings are experienced in *Copenhagen* and *Frederikshavn*.

The Sunday-schools continue to prosper. Two new schools have been opened this year, one in *Varde* and another in *Lokken*, and have been quite successful. In *Varde* one of the results of our school has been, as in most other places, that the Lutheran priest had to start a school also to prevent people from sending their children to ours. When the summer excursion for this school was held, several of the citizens came forward with their gifts to help in giving the children a happy day. In *Copenhagen*, where we have four schools, three of them are very good; the fourth has met with so much opposition from the parish priest that it at times seems doomed. Any Methodist influence upon the children seems to be feared more than any thing else. We bless God for the Sunday-school work; it gives control over our own children, and helps us to do good for others besides.

The church property has been increased with a church in *Lokken*, about which I spoke last year. It was dedicated November 16, and is a handsome and convenient church, with a good room for school purposes in the rear. The debt amounts to 3,500 crowns, or about \$1,000. An addition has been built to the church in *Svendborg* to give room for our

day school, and a similar addition was finished early in the year in Frederikshavn. The next place where we must have a church is *Odense*. Here we have a good lot, excellently situated, but our society is poor; so that we do not see our way clear for the undertaking yet. A church is greatly needed here in this the third city in Denmark. O, that some man of means who reads this may get it in his heart to send us a gift for that enterprise, and great good will doubtless be the result. Collections this year for church purposes, improvements, and building amount to 4,363 crowns.

Our missionary collection amounts to 1,945 crowns, which, added to the other collections, as the statistical table will show, amounts to 17,000 all told.

It being the *centenary year*, and also our quarter centenary year, we intend to follow the advice of the Bishops and General Conference and have special services during Christmas week, and endeavor to raise a fund for school purposes, of which we feel the need as much, perhaps, as any part of the mission field. At present three young men are preparing for the ministry in Copenhagen and two elsewhere, but without a school the instruction necessary is deficient.

Our missionary force has had an addition of one this year and a loss of two. Able and well-educated men are what we need more than any thing else, but until we can get such we must do the best we can; and we thank God for the men we have working faithfully and earnestly for God and the Church. We have had two preachers' meetings this year, both of which were of great blessing to us and the Church. At the Annual Meeting it was decided, among other things, not yet to make use of the privilege granted by the General Conference to organize our work here into an Annual Conference, as we were but small in numbers, and the present way of administering the affairs of the mission were perfectly satisfactory.

Three day schools have been established this year, one in Odense, one in Frederikshavn, and one in Svendborg; schools are wanted very much in Lokken and in Eukelund Circuit.

Our publishing interest is steadily progressing. We continue to publish a "Christian Advocate" semi-monthly; it has 650 subscribers at 55 cents a year, and pays its own way. Our Sunday-school paper, which is closing its 19th volume, is published weekly, nicely illustrated, at 37 cents a year, has not been able to bear expenses before this year. It has 1,300 subscribers, and I expect the accounts will show about an even balance at the close of the year. Rev. C. F. Eltzholtz is publishing a temperance monthly which is doing a good work. A new edition of Catechism No. 2, with notes consisting of questions and answers from No. 3, has also been published, and a volume of sermons is in the press. Besides these several tracts have been published also; and we endeavor to spread the truth by circulating our periodicals and books.

STATISTICS OF THE DENMARK MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.		Native Ordained Preachers.		Native Unordained Preachers.		Native Teachers.		Other Helpers.		Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Average Attendance on Sunday.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	Parsonages or "Homes."	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Homes."	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospitals, Book Rooms, &c.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.	Volumes Printed during the year.	Pages Printed during the year.			
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Copenhagen	1	1	197	48	275	500	70	14	4	523	1	292,000	4	11	10,000	9	19,200	4	1	18,500	17,635	202	58	112	00	537	00	916	00	453	00	1,500	600,600					
Langeland Circuit	1	1	57	1	140	150	8	2	3	72	1	10,000	9	19,200	4	1	18,500	17,635	202	58	112	00	537	00	916	00	453	00	1,500	600,600								
Svendborg Circuit	1	1	110	8	150	203	20	3	121	2	149	1	10,200	4	1	18,500	17,635	202	58	112	00	537	00	916	00	453	00	1,500	600,600									
Odense Circuit	1	1	70	14	50	160	43	6	114	1	35	1	26,000	4	1	18,500	17,635	202	58	112	00	537	00	916	00	453	00	1,500	600,600									
Vejle Circuit	1	1	137	63	100	275	70	20	143	3	196	1	26,000	4	1	18,500	17,635	202	58	112	00	537	00	916	00	453	00	1,500	600,600									
Eukeland	1	1	43	5	50	50	5	3	65	1	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5	1,200	5		
Horsens Circuit	1	1	45	11	90	125	35	4	2	80	1	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	
Hornsylde Circuit	1	1	82	2	30	103	2	1	30	1	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250	4	11	8,250
Fredrikshavn Circuit	1	1	86	27	50	251	65	11	118	1	95	1	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11	15,000	11
Lokken Circuit	1	1	21	18	80	100	14	1	51	1	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5
Varde	1	1	12	14	40	115	18	1	59	1	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5	8,500	5
This year	3	4	4	5	2,810	2,025	550	2	51	4,962	22	1,846	8	818,150	62	4	18,500	3,200	42,860	1,943	03	1,056	00	5,075	00	4,863	00	4,581	00	1,500	845,400							
Last year	4	4	5	1	1,724	1,995	347	1	86	1,873	30	1,066	7	307,450	57	4	13,500	3,200	37,035	1,869	01	1,101	00	4,957	00	694	00	5,027	00	1,500	629,500							

* The crown is valued at 25.3 cents.

† Value of parsonage included in church value.

‡ Building lot for a church.

§ 1,000 crowns as a legacy from the late Mr. Spauger to the Sunday-school.

NORTH INDIA.

Commenced in 1856. Organized as a Conference in 1866.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP HARRIS.

THE prosperity of the work within the North India Conference, as narrated in the following reports, will be matter of increased joy to all who love the kingdom of Christ. Much as we have lamented the absence of Messrs. Parker, Johnson, Badley, Dr. T. J. Scott, and J. E. Scott, from this work, their presence and that of their wives among the churches of the United States has bound the Church at home as never before to the great missionary fields. The visit of Dr. Wm. Butler and his wife, "the father and the mother" of this mission, was of extraordinary interest to the Methodists of India. Everywhere these honored visitors were welcomed with tears of gratitude and joy, with songs and triumphal arches, and all other possible testimonies of gladness. In our own country their visit led to a careful looking into the achievements of a brief twenty-five years. Thousands have gratefully exclaimed, "What hath God wrought!" And no one can doubt that this mission, at least, has paid.

Missionaries.

J. L. Humphrey,	B. H. Badley,
S. Knowles,	J. E. Scott (in U. S. A.),
E. W. Parker,	G. H. M'Grew,
J. W. Waugh,	H. F. Kastendieck,
J. H. Messmore,	M. B. Kirk,
Henry Mansell,	C. L. Bare,
D. W. Thomas,	S. S. Dease,
T. J. Scott (in U. S. A.),	F. L. Neeld,
T. S. Johnson,	J. C. Lawson,
R. Hoskins,	F. W. Foote,
J. T. M'Mahon (in U. S. A.),	J. Baume,
P. M. Buck,	A. J. Maxwell,
J. H. Gill,	W. R. Clancy,
T. Craven,	N. L. Rockey.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. Emily J. Humphrey,	Mrs. Mary Gill,
“ Isabella Knowles,	“ J. W. Craven,
“ Lois S. Parker,	“ Mary A. Badley (in U. S. A.),
“ J. T. Waugh,	“ E. M. Scott (in U. S. A.),
“ E. H. Messmore (in U. S. A.),	“ J. L. M'Grew (in U. S. A.),
“ N. Monelle-Mansell,	“ Emma A. Neeld,
“ Mary A. Thomas,	“ S. W. Bare,
“ Mary E. Scott (in U. S. A.),	“ N. I. Lawson,
“ A. R. Johnson,	“ J. Baume,
“ C. L. R. Hoskins (in U.S.A.),	“ A. J. Maxwell,
“ S. D. M'Mahon (in U. S. A.)	“ W. R. Clancy,
“ C. M. Buck,	“ N. L. Rockey.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.

Miss Isabella Thoburn,	Miss Phoebe Rowe,
“ C. A. Swain, M.D.,	“ Esther J. De Vine,
“ F. J. Sparkes,	“ Laura Hyde, M.D.,
“ L. E. Blackmar,	“ Mary M'Kesson,
“ S. A. Easton,	“ Harvey,
“ M. E. Layton,	“ M. C. Hedrick,
“ A. N. Budden (in England),	“ Hettie Mansell,
“ Luella Kelly,	“ Mary Christianity, M.D.,
“ Florence M. Nickerson,	“ English,
“ Emma L. Knowles,	“ Downey,
“ Harriet Kerr,	“ Read,
“ Ellen H. Warner,	“ Sarah W. De Line.

ROHILKUND DISTRICT, D. W. THOMAS, P. E.

(P. O. Bareilly.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

BAREILLY.—*Missionary*, S. S. Dease, M.D. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Thomas. *Native Pastor*, I. Fieldbrave. *Theological and Normal High School*, H. Mansell, Principal.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionaries*, Miss C. A. Swain, M.D.; Miss F. J. Sparkes, Miss L. Kelly.

FATEHGUNGE.—*Minister*, A. Solomon.

KHERA-BAJHERA.—To be supplied.

AONLA.—*Minister*, Silas.

SHAHJAHANPUR.—*Missionary*, C. L. Bare. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Bare. *Orphanage Pastor*, W. R. Bowen. *Jalalabad*, B. F. Cocker.

PANAHPORE.—*Minister*, H. J. Adams.

BUDAON.—*Missionary*, R. Hoskins.

KAKRALA.—To be supplied.

BILSI.—*Ministers*, Mahbub Khan, James Jordan.

BISAULI.—*Minister*, Antone Dutt.

CHANDAUSI.—*Minister*, G. Bailey.

MORADABAD.—*Missionary*, J. H. Gill. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Gill. *Native Pastor*, J. T. Janvier.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionary*, Miss De Vine.

BIJNOUR.—*Minister*, H. A. Cutting.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionary*, Miss Kerr.

MANDAUR.—*Minister*, Yakub Shah.

NAJEEBABAD.—To be supplied.

NOTE.—We regret the absence of the usual detailed list of appointments for Rohilkund District. Many names of native workers of both societies are missing, and the above is made up from an imperfect list, sent immediately after the Conference of 1884.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. D. W. Thomas, writes :

I am impressed more and more with the magnitude of the work and weight of responsibility of those in charge. It will be seen from the accompanying statistics that on this one district there are 6 foreign missionaries and 4 assistant missionaries of the parent Society, and 5 foreign missionaries of the W. F. M. Society. There are 16 ordained native preachers and 50 unordained, 46 exhorters or other helpers, and 235 native teachers, all connected with the parent Society, while in the work of the W. F. M. Society, not including the 5 American ladies, there are 132 assistants and teachers.

There are 222 day schools, with 5,254 scholars; 233 Sunday-schools, with 8,520 scholars; one Boys' Orphanage of 158 orphans, and one for girls with 282 orphans; Theological Seminary and Normal School of 60 students, 30 in each department; also 3 boarding schools, containing about 250 girls, supported by the W. F. M. Society. There are now about 60 primary schools in the district supported by the Rev. J. F. Goucher, he having given Brother Hoskins permission to open 10 this year in addition to the number he had formerly promised to support. There have been 34 poor boys supported in the Moradabad School, also by Brother Goucher.

This same gentleman has given this year 3,000 rupees toward the purchase of land and erection of dormitories for the 100 poor boys whom he proposes to support in our Moradabad High School. Several boys and young men belonging to the Goucher Primary Schools have been converted this year, and others are hopeful inquirers.

These schools are all taught by Christian teachers, and are mission schools in the strict sense of the term, the Holy Scriptures, Church Catechism, Christian hymns, etc., being taught in each school daily.

In regard to contributions from our native churches for the support of their pastors, and for other benevolent objects, considering the great poverty of nearly all our members, they have done quite as well as members of the Church in America do on an average.

The amount given for self-support, that is, the support of native pas-

tors, is 851 rupees, and for other benevolent purposes, 18,670 rupees, including "Grants in Aid" from government.

The plan inaugurated last year for "*kauri*" collections in the Sunday-schools has been pursued this year with increasing success. The Hindu and Mohammedan children bring their *kauri* or *paisa* every Sunday, and sometimes they send them, when they are not able to be present themselves.

To think of 8,520 Sunday-school children in this single district who are learning the way of salvation, singing our Christian hymns, and acquiring a love for them, is certainly very cheering, and promises a glorious harvest. The *spiritual* condition of our native churches is decidedly improving.

At our Annual District Conference and camp-meeting, held at Chandausi, last December, where there were about 800 native Christians present, some heathen improprieties, to which a few still cling, were thoroughly discussed, and the following resolution or report was adopted, namely:

"Among some Christians who are weak there are the following irregularities:

1. "Parents marry their children when they are mere children.
2. "Sometimes they practice certain objectionable heathen customs or ceremonies.
3. "They take money for their girls, which is tantamount to selling them.
4. "Receiving presents in an improper manner, with invitations to marriages, etc., and resenting it as disrespect if not given.

"We, therefore, recommend:

"1. That, when there is an attempt to solemnize marriages in the above manner, the pastors and preachers exercise great firmness and diligence in preventing it, and, if any will disregard our rules, and insist upon marrying their children according to their old heathen customs, then our pastors and members of the Church are not to have fellowship with them, or to take part in any manner in the ceremonies.

"2. Boys under sixteen and girls under thirteen years of age should not be espoused to each other.

"3. Marriage according to the heathen custom of espousal should never be allowed.

"4. If any espousal according to heathen custom has taken place, then such an espousal should not be considered real marriage, but, whenever it may seem proper, such espousals should be canceled. Persons in debt should not borrow money and expend it in marriages, but those brethren who are poor should be made to understand that they can cheerfully, and without the slightest discredit, marry their boys without incurring any expense.

"5. At times of *espousals* it is not proper for any member to accept fees, but the pastors may do so at times of marriages."

Notwithstanding the above action, soon after the close of our Annual Conference, quite a large community of native Christians in the Bijndour Circuit were found guilty of their old heathen practices. I went into their

vicinity myself, a long journey of over one hundred miles; I had the delinquents called together in the village chapel, where our native preacher resides, and, after a short sermon and a long plain talk on the difference between heathen and Christian customs, etc., they all, without one exception, confessed their sins, and solemnly promised to henceforth follow Christ and forsake the foolish sinful practices of their fathers. We then administered the Holy Sacrament, in which all communed together, and a blessed spiritual influence was felt in every heart.

In one of my itinerating tours in Bisauli Circuit I had the pleasure, early in the year, of baptizing twenty men, women, and children; others in that vicinity are also coming to Christ. In some villages nearly all the inhabitants are inquirers.

The preachers in charge of *Jalalabad* and *Aonla* Circuits have failed to send me written reports in proper time. *Jalalabad* is a new circuit, set off from Shahjahanpur last Annual Conference, and B. Cocker, a probationer of Conference, was appointed preacher in charge. A good work has been done as a commencement; there is one promising Goucher school in the town, and several hopeful inquirers in the town and adjacent villages. It is a good field, and we may expect to hear of a rich harvest at no distant day.

Aonla is a circuit which was set off from the Bareilly Circuit last Conference. Silas, a graduate from our Bareilly Theological Seminary, is preacher in charge, also a probationer of the Conference. He has worked mostly under the direction of Dr. Dease, missionary of Bareilly, and will, undoubtedly, gain more confidence after he has had experience. He reports forty-three men baptized and twenty more who are waiting for the opportunity for baptism, when an ordained preacher can visit the station. The schools, eighteen in number, are reported in good working condition, and the work generally very encouraging.

The number of conversions reported on the district during the year is 334; number of adults baptized, 318. The Church members have increased 351, making now 1,505 full members and 1,161 probationers. The attendance in the Sunday-schools is 8 520, an increase over last year of 380. I mention the above items from our statistics, because they briefly and clearly show the advancing condition of the work.

The following are the reports from the missionaries and native preachers in charge of the different circuits:

BAREILLY CIRCUIT.

The Rev. S. S. Dease, M.D., Missionary in charge; Rev. I. Fieldbrave, Native Pastor.

This circuit comprises a number of smaller circuits, in all of which work is being carried on. *Aonla*, a large district, formerly belonging to Bareilly Circuit, was this year made a separate charge, the increased work there calling for such action; this will account for the numbers in the report of statistics being less than last year. *Philibhit Circuit* has also

grown so rapidly that the question of its separation will have to be taken into consideration at the next Annual Conference.

The work in *Jahanabad* is especially worthy of note. Two years ago this town was entered and soon there were a number of inquirers, who have all been baptized, and show great interest in the religion of their adoption. Work was begun this year in Richab, one of the largest towns between Bareilly and the foot of the mountains. School work is being carried on there, and a number come regularly to the teacher to make inquiries about Christianity. Two men have expressed a desire to be baptized.

The work in *Buhari* has not progressed as decidedly as it ought to have, but this is due to the impossibility of getting a house for the native Christian teacher. Efforts are still being made, but the residents are determined not to have a native Christian live among them. *Faridpur*, which was abandoned some years ago as being an unfruitful field, was taken up again last year, and already there is a small Christian community there, most of whom have been baptized this year.

Bheesalpur is not far behind *Philibhit* in the rapid growth of the work. A former attempt to open the work there was prevented by a mob driving the preachers out of town.

Nawabgunge, a large town on the road to *Philibhit*, presents a favorable opening, and an effort is being made to get a suitable person to do the pioneer work there. After two years' labor among the Tharus, the race to whom reference was made in last year's report, two came to Bareilly this year and received baptism. They are now under instruction, intending as soon as possible to return to their country and labor as evangelists.

This year more Mohammedans have received baptism than has been the case in other years. Some very interesting discussions with Mohammedan gentlemen, conducted by the Rev. I. Fieldbrave, have been held in the City church. They undoubtedly did good and were much appreciated.

Large numbers of the poor have received medical attention during the year. The class of young women studying medicine have received daily instruction. The state of the church in Bareilly is, on the whole, good. There have been no church trials. This is due to the careful and loving oversight of the pastor of the native church.

Bareilly Theological Seminary and Normal High School, Rev. H. Mansell, M.A., Principal. The Theological School has held on its way uninterrupted during another year. Only two new features have been introduced, namely, a change of principal, and a small debt. The debt has accumulated on account of the unexpected decease of the "Baltimore friend," Mr. Frey, who was supporting *twenty-seven scholarships*. We were obliged to refuse some new scholars, and to send some out as teachers who had not yet finished the Normal course, and to return some of the least promising ones to their homes. By practicing the strictest economy we have prevented the accumulation of a heavy debt. Yet this small debt of two or three hundred rupees may keep out some worthy

students next year. It is hoped, however, that as soon as the Frey estate is settled, seventeen of the twenty-seven scholarships will be again available.

The change of principal has caused no change of plans or general management, as the present incumbent has been a member of the Board of Trustees almost from the opening of the school, and has also delivered several courses of special lectures to the students, and even before the foundation of this seminary had taken a deep interest in the work of training an efficient native ministry and evangelizing agency for the salvation and elevation of India's millions.

The half-yearly examinations were, with but few exceptions, very satisfactory, and we expect the annual to do better.

The general conduct of the students has been better than usual. No one has been disciplined for immorality. Being obliged to live so frugally has tried their religion to its utmost tension. It is worthy of record that not a single case of insubordination has occurred either in the Theological School or in the Normal department.

The courses of study are far from perfect, but are being improved from time to time as fast as proper text-books can be procured.

We graduate this year a class of twelve, which is the largest ever sent out, except that of 1880. There have been instances of better scholars and abler men, but, as a class, the average attainments are higher than that of any previous one. Four of the men are from the Himalaya Mountains, and we hope to hear good reports of them in the future.

The students have carried on an evangelistic work in Bareilly, preaching in seven mohullahs (wards) weekly, during the school-year, and visiting adjacent villages during the cold season. Many who have been baptized in this district, decided to become Christians through the instrumentality of these students. Our students work in the several Sunday-schools as teachers or as superintendents. Nearly five hundred children are assembled in these schools for instruction in the Scriptures. They also keep up two weekly prayer-meetings among themselves, and for awhile they assembled daily to pray for rain, and it came; they continued their meetings to pray for the Holy Spirit.

The library fund has been increased this year by a donation of *three hundred rupees* from J. R. Reid, Esq., C.S., secretary to the government of the North-western Provinces, and has also received a copy of the "Critical English Testament" from J. W. Westlake Esq., of the Bombay Civil Service. The library is thus growing gradually into a very fine auxiliary to the schools. It does and will increase the desire for knowledge. Every one of even the smallest observation must have noticed that the natives, even the very best educated among them, are not readers. We hope it will not discourage the friends of the library to know that but *fifteen* books have been drawn from the library during the year by the students. The chief benefit derived from the library is the better preparation of the teachers.

The literary societies of the Theological and Normal School are kept up

with increasing interest and profit, and nothing is more beneficial to the students.

The special lectures were very interesting and instructive, and much appreciated by the students. Baba Andrias's was especially so, as he depicted most graphically his methods of winning the heathen to Christ.

The Normal High School graduates its first class this year. They have all been applied for as teachers in our mission. One of them seems drawn toward the ministry, and has been recommended for the Theological School next year. Other missions frequently apply to us for teachers, and in the crippled state of our finances, we have been compelled to allow them to go out before they have completed the course. We have heard very good reports of their work.

We have had no class in Hebrew or Greek this year. John Solomon, who is a Hebrew by birth and prepared to teach it practically, has had no application for instruction in this language. We hope next year to give some time to Greek and Hebrew, as also to vocal music in the schools.

KHERA-BAJHERA CIRCUIT.

Rev. H. Mansell, Missionary; Rev. Fazl Ullah, Local Preacher.

Another year's work has been done, but no fruit has been gathered in the way of baptisms from heathenism or Mohammedanism. The preacher is from a high caste of the Hindus, and I think consults and works with the higher castes more than with the lower, and the former are harder to win, as they lose all—sometimes even life itself—by becoming Christians.

The Christian community of 32, large and little, is doing well, and I hope will all be proselyters in the best sense of the term.

The schools are well taught and well managed, and are, indeed, a great boon to these villages.

General Gowan has done a great and good work by endowing these schools. Two new Goucher schools have been founded, and are doing well. They are for the children of the lower castes, and we are of opinion, promise better fruit than the others; one of them has boys and girls both in attendance.

The girls' schools are about as usual. One of them is a very good one, taught by James Briscoe's wife. At my last visit (Oct. 23) there were 18 scholars present, and 23 names on the register. Six girls could read, write, and sing very well, and some were learning to knit and to sew.

FATEHGUNGE CIRCUIT.

Rev. A. Solomon in charge.

Notwithstanding I have been sorely afflicted this year, my beloved wife having died, yet I thank God that he has called me to preach to the people the glad tidings of salvation.

There are in this circuit 12 separate stations, where we have native preachers and teachers at work. I have made 90 itinerations in the villages and baptized 83 persons from among the heathen. There are 338 members now in the Church, including 123 probationers, and 46

boys and 37 girls. These reside in 32 different villages, mostly cultivators and poor, but they are making good progress in religious truths and spiritual attainments; and they also are learning to give for the support of the Gospel according to their ability.

Work has been opened in two large stations, where 20 persons have been baptized, namely, in Mohammed Gunge, 9 persons, and in Jogitar, 11.

There are 11 day schools in the circuit for boys and 2 for girls. Five of the boys' schools are supported by the Rev. J. Goucher, of America. The number of boys is 350, and girls, 28. There are 15 Sunday-schools of 430 boys and girls, and in all the day schools the Holy Scriptures are taught.

In the Nawab of Rampur's estate there is promising work; several men have been baptized, and several inquirers are nearly ready thus to confess Christ.

CHANDAUSI CIRCUIT.

Rev. George Bailey, Preacher in charge.

At the latter end of January I relieved Rev. J. T. Janvier, and took charge of the work here.

This place has a population of about 3,500 souls. There are 11 different places where I hold religious services, prayer-meetings, preaching, and Sunday-schools.

There are 20 full members, 5 probationers, and 15 children; making a total of 40 souls under my pastoral care.

The members and probationers are punctual in attendance upon the services and class-meetings. Prayer-meetings are held in their houses, where many heathen avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of becoming acquainted with the mode and spirit of religious worship. I have one local preacher as my assistant, 3 teachers in Goucher schools, 4 Bible women of the W. F. M. S., 2 teachers for Hindu girls' schools, and others, making a total of 15 helpers. On my taking charge I found a total of 6 schools. I have now 10 schools, namely, 6 Goucher schools among the low caste, 2 among the high caste, and 2 Hindu girls' schools.

Beside muhallah (ward) work I have bazar preaching, and the people hear the Gospel truths with great interest.

There have been 4 baptisms this year. The uncle of one of the converts is a leading man in the town, and is much opposed to Christianity; and especially since the conversion of his nephew there has been great excitement and opposition. Many adherents have been by this deterred from embracing Christianity, and have discontinued their attendance upon the services. However, like Nicodemus, a very few come to me during the night for instruction. When this agitation subsides I think they will all come forward for baptism.

The visits of the 4 Bible women include 62 houses. There has been, however, a marked decrease in this branch of the work since 1882. About 500 houses were visited by the Bible women in those days. This decrease has been simply on account of the indiscreet talk of my local

preacher, speaking before other helpers, saying that it was against the dignity of his wife to go through the streets walking, and he would not demean himself by allowing her to go about without a conveyance. Others followed his example, and hence the decrease.

Sunday-school Work. From 500 to 600 men, women, and children attend the 11 schools regularly. Among these, there are 2 for Hindu girls, 1 for Christian women and girls, and 8 for boys and men. It is most satisfactory to report that this work has increased during the year. In the principal day school there are 80 boys on the roll, including 6 who are Christians, but the Sunday-school attendance in this school is from 100 to 200. The branch school, which is a feeder of the main school, contains 28 boys. The 6 Goucher schools contain respectively 14, 10, 16, 15, 12, and 10 boys, and are taught by only 3 teachers, each one teaching 2 separate schools daily, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. The grand total of boys and girls in the schools is 223; the average attendance is 175.

The non-Christian children of both high and low castes, including the heathen girls, take great pleasure in singing our Christian hymns and *bhajans*, learning the Sunday-school lessons, Catechism, and repeating the Lord's Prayer. The boys of the main school are so interested in their Sunday-school that, during a very heavy storm, when I thought no one could be out, and I remained at home, they came, and sent for me.

These boys also contribute small amounts of money toward the support of the school every Sunday, and they seem to take pleasure in doing so.

My first itinerating tour this year was to a large town about nine miles from Chandausi. With the aid of my magic lantern, splendid preaching, which lasted from four to five hours, was kept up for two nights at this place. From 300 to 500 women, the wives of all the most respectable landlords, attended the meetings, and from 2,000 to 3,000 men daily flocked to hear the Gospel. Brother Andrias was my guest for ten days, and rendered me valuable service.

MORADABAD CIRCUIT.

Rev. J. H. Gill, Missionary; Rev. J. T. Janvier, Native Pastor.

"A little one shall become a thousand" has been literally fulfilled here. The original circuit in the civil district of Moradabad—population, 1,095,300; area, 1,574,871 acres—has parted with territory enough to make one other pastoral charge, and also a presiding elder's district (Amroha). We still have left a large field, with a small church of 423 souls, including the children. During the year we had only 23 baptisms, of which 4 were adults. We had 14 deaths, of which 5 were adults, 2 of them from cholera.

Our day schools lack but 3 of having 900 pupils. The Sunday-school attendance is 1,671. The agents of the mission of all kinds number 75; one W. F. M. S. lady missionary, 4 European and Eurasian assistants, 1 ordained native minister, 6 unordained, and two unpaid preachers, 34 native workers of the W. F. M. S. Society, of whom 11 are non-Christians;

23 native teachers of the parent Missionary Society, of whom 10 are non-Christians, 1 colporteur, and 2 others.

Bazar preaching has been kept up twice every week. Bazar visiting and muhallah work has been as regular as our helpers could make it. Inquirers are reported in several directions. Preaching on the Sabbath in the city, and also in the cantonment chapel, has been uninterrupted. Sunday-school work has not been neglected. In a single Sabbath we touch the outside world at no less than thirty different points. Our little Sunday-school paper is widely distributed. Our colporteur attends all public fairs, and itinerates the year round from village to village, and, when in town, daily exposes his wares for sale in the streets. He has sold some Bibles, more Testaments, and a multitude of books and tracts. The Church membership is divided into classes, which meet weekly in different places and under suitable leaders. The classes for the instruction of our youth are full of special interest. The regular church collections have been taken. For the Missionary Society we received 80 rupees. On "Children's Day," for North India Tract Society and Sunday-schools, fair sums were given. Our sacramental collection amounted to 39 rupees. The sum total collected in India by us was 4,122 rupees, of which nearly one half belongs to the W. F. M. Society. This sum includes government Grant in Aid for school purposes. The subcircuits have been visited several times, and the preacher in charge is satisfied that the brethren working there are doing as well as they can. Our village Christians are as yet very poorly instructed, but they are not unmindful of advice. The Sikhs are often wanderers, and, while they continue so, it is hard to induce them to break away from the heathen rites they so long have practiced, especially at times of marriage, or of death.

Gulab Singh, with his blanket on his shoulder, makes long tours over his field on foot. On the new line of railway two stations, distant respectively six and fifteen miles from Moradabad, have just been opened in Bahrapur Circuit.

Prabhu Das has had charge of Mausampur and of Haraura. The Christians there are very poor but teachable people. They rejoice in the arrival of a Christian petty magistrate, called a munsif, who resides at Belari.

The training of our helpers of all grades has been specially in mind during the year.

The Monday preachers and teachers' meeting has been profitable. Rev. Joel T. Janvier, although completely blind, has done excellent service in this work. He has a superior knowledge of the Scriptures, and God has given him a very clear insight into their meaning. He might yet, if the opportunity offered, do long service in a professor's chair. Brother Janvier has a class of teachers twice weekly, and preaches regularly in the church, alternating with the missionary.

The monthly Stewards and Leaders' Meeting has done great good. Through discussion in it an excellent training in discipline comes to all our official members. Some of our people during the year have offended.

Sabbath-breaking, tippling, and lying have been the chief causes. In several cases penitence has followed punishment, and finally the restoration to church relationship of the forgiven one. (Ezek. xxxiii, 11.) The church here now is more of a hospital than a museum.

Our Temperance Society has done some good during the year. We have the names of Christians, Hindus, and Mohammedans on our roll. Good public addresses have been delivered by various speakers at our monthly meetings.

Brother Andrias, at the beginning of this year, *voluntarily gave up his salary*. Dressed in the garb of a religious devotee, he continues to itinerate, preaching Christ crucified; at the same time, he entirely trusts his countrymen for his support. He took this step against the advice and without the moral support of his own brethren; but he did it, beyond doubt, under the quiet leading and influence of God's good Spirit. In his last tour, just finished, he spent five weeks among a group of Chumar villages, where he was well cared for, and in presents of money he received from the people seven rupees and a half. Often he sat up until midnight telling the story of the cross. Long after midnight earnest listeners refused to leave while they could persuade him to explain, to preach, and to sing. He assures me that time and again he had to stop, because his voice was entirely exhausted after his protracted efforts in speaking.

He says with joy, "*We'll rest when we get to heaven.*" In his presence a heathen altar was thrown down, the people declaring they would use it no more; henceforth the Lord Jesus Christ would be their object of adoration, and the offerings given to idolatrous priests should henceforth be given to the disciples of Jesus. Andrias has developed quite a skill of late in the use of medicine. Many have taken it from his hands and have been cured. He always accompanied his prescriptions with prayer. All our native preachers cannot imitate this man, but we wish to see a few more such scattered over our Conference.

Two Christian boys, orphans, were, about one year ago, cunningly won over to Mohammedanism. They had an allowance of seven rupees per month settled on them by a wealthy Mohammedan in Rampur.

A good deal of time and care has been spent in the purchase, securing deed, and settling disputed boundaries of the land on which we have begun to erect the Goucher Boarding-house. The buildings and a part of the wall of inclosure have been finished. A paling of bamboos and grass completes temporarily this needed protection.

The mission furnishes altogether better advantages (through the work of the W. F. M. S.) to girls than to boys. This ought not to be. Both should have equal advantages.

We have about 40 boys now in the Goucher Boarding-house, and altogether we have 69 Christian boys in our central school.

The missionary has made these Christian boys a special object of solicitude; their private preparation for school, their cleanliness and deportment, and their spiritual life have all been a subject of anxious study.

No services of the week have been more interesting than those with the Christian youth.

Three young men have been lately recommended for the Theological School, two for the Normal School. A good manager and a good teacher, both of whom should give all their time to and with the boys, are a necessity. Some manual labor should be begun.

Our central school, after being for three years in the charge of a Hindu, is this year favored by the presence of Mr. J. R. Mosscrop, a Christian head master, well and favorably known in Bareilly. In addition to other qualifications is his fluency in English and the vernacular. His religious influence is very good indeed. A "Sunday-school" is held every Saturday at the close of the day school, thus securing a full attendance of non-Christians, which was impossible before.

Two boys received first grade certificates from government for passing the Anglo-vernacular middle-class examination; another, a similar certificate, which had been delayed, for passing in a previous year.

Eight boys of this city gave examination for Scripture scholarships. Six were successful, of whom three belonged to our school, and they received the highest marks. The other three, who got the money prize, had formerly been taught in our school, and were only more favored on account of the peculiar rules of the committee, which give an advantage to students of non-mission schools. The purpose of this partiality is for encouragement in studying the Bible where the matter is optional.

We have never known a year of more sickness than the one just closing; no epidemic, but extremely severe malarial fever, prostrating the people by multitudes. I cannot sufficiently thank those who night and day were ever ready to help at this time. I rejoice in the proofs abundant that the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is spreading, and that beneath many a dark skin are human hearts where he is enshrined as a precious Saviour.

BUDAON AND KARRALA CIRCUITS.

Rev. R. Hoskins, Missionary in charge.

Our solution of the Sunday-school problem for India is worth mention. In places where we have no house, and no hold on the community, we engage a small boy to collect the children of his neighborhood, and pay him, at the rate of four annas per hundred each Sunday, for all who attend. The school is held at his house, or in some open place which he points out. In some places as soon as the school is established we hire a house, or put up a cheap grass roof. At first, the collecting boy should receive his pay each week, so as to feel the full power of this stimulus. As soon as it is known that a boy has earned two annas, other boys will come forward to do the same. With many people the difficulty has been to secure good teachers, but usually in every mission the spirit of the workers depends much on the spiritual state of the native church. The missionary should take the lead in this work, and call his people to follow him. At all the social meetings the Sunday-school work is fully noticed, special

prayer offered for the workers, and frequent reports given by them of their work. Many of our teachers take one school on Saturday, and two on Sunday; every youth is urged to take some part either as teacher or as assistant.

Our training school for Christian boys has done excellent work. No compulsion is put upon them in the matter of religion, though we do not take a boy who clings to caste. We gather children from all castes, and keep them in communication with their friends by frequent visits. Each boy receives his scholarship, and buys and prepares his own food, or makes other arrangements as suits him. They live in houses along-side the other Christian workers, and are not kept in restraint by high walls. The unworthy ones who feel the restraint of Christian instruction quietly disappear, or are sent away. Funds are available and pupils can be found, but the difficulty has been to obtain suitable teachers. We have secured the first fruits of an endowment for our Christian Boys' Training School. Shops worth 2,000 rupees, and yielding yearly 150 rupees, have been erected and are rented for a term of three years. This school should be furnished with an endowment large enough to support an efficient staff of teachers, and to help deserving Christian boys.

Music. For a long time we have thought that music could be much more utilized for evangelistic purposes, but how to do it has been the problem. During the past eighteen months a daily class for instruction in the elements of vocal music has been maintained, and, gradually, those who had no special aptitude fell out, and we have left, five young men and three girls. The young men have made fair progress, one sustains the tenor very well, one is well adapted to take treble, the others do moderately well in bass. The leading treble singer has begun to play the organ, and he will, probably, become an excellent player. A long time is required to properly drill these pupils, as they have had no preliminary training in vocal music at home; but the seven little boys who have been under training during the latter part of the year, give much more promise of becoming good musicians, their voices are flexible and easily trained. For some reason, the girls do not make much progress, perhaps, because they do not have freedom, like the boys, and there is a lack of ambition and vivacity.

Chumar Work. One eighth of the whole population of this district is Chumar; they are nearly equal in number to the Mohammedan community. During the past seven years, from this caste, about one hundred persons have been baptized, and now, as the result of our special effort among this people, we have inquirers in a score of villages. Forty persons are candidates for baptism, and during this camping season we shall spend several days in each village and hold protracted meetings. We have in various parts of the district, eight workers derived from the Chumars, and these eight persons have relatives in two hundred villages.

Sweeper Work. The whole of this class of people are slowly, but surely, drawing toward Christianity. There are some social questions that have to be settled, but the difficulties have greatly decreased, and the

Christian element is exercising a valuable influence on these non-Christians. In the woman's work, one obstacle has been the want of some cheap mode of conveyance for the Bible women who visit the Zenanas, as they cannot walk alone and unprotected through the streets. After many experiments we have worked out a light hand-carriage, which is pushed by a man, and is very comfortable for the Bible reader. The women prefer this mode of conveyance, and it is especially useful for those voluntary women workers who teach in Sunday-schools. The Zenana visitor, Mrs. Butterfield, and four Bible women, have daily carried the good tidings to all parts of this city, and in Datagange, Kakrala, and Kasgange.

Daily Bible Class. A daily Bible class has been kept up during the past seven years, and the students have been encouraged to ask every question they may desire on any topic connected with religion and the Bible. This class has been a miniature theological school; frequently the discussion of a single question fully occupies the two hours allotted. Our best workers have received their training here.

Goucher Schools. We have had thirteen of these schools, and have been enabled to greatly increase our work among those people who are inclined to Christianity.

Open-air preaching has become much more interesting and profitable, there is a genuine wide-spread spirit of inquiry, and at our preaching place in the center of the city our congregations frequently number 300 persons who listen attentively for two hours. The preaching place is well located on an open veranda raised three feet from the ground. This year we have been enabled to put in charge of the three remaining out-stations three men of good caste origin—one is of native Christian parentage, the second a Mohammedan, convert, the third a Bairagi convert—and, in consequence, inquirers from all classes are appearing. Heretofore most of our helpers have been derived from the Sweepers, and their work has been confined to their own people.

Christian Literature. The demand for Christian books and tracts steadily increases. Three men are employed as colporteurs. Frequently the people seek the colporteur at his own house and purchase books. The demand for these books being so constant (and evidently increasing) has prompted us to open a book-store in our city school-house, a qualified Christian man has been employed and a good stock of books and stationery supplied.

BHILSI CIRCUIT.

Rev. Mahbub Khan, Minister in charge; Rev. J. Jordan, assistant.

There are 305 Christians in this circuit, 85 of whom are full members and 98 probationers, and 122 children. They reside in 36 different villages.

The work among the Chumars this year has greatly increased, several of whom have become Christians, and a large number are hopeful inquirers. One difficulty, or hinderance, is the fact of their being dependent upon the landlords, who are opposed to their becoming Christians. However, they are coming to Christ, even with the prospect of the loss of all things.

There are, also, several inquirers among the Mohammedans and Hindus. During the year a Hindu landlord and his wife have become Christians, and their son is soon to be baptized. Their relatives are becoming greatly interested in the Christian religion. In one village there is a band of about 200 Mohammedans who are separate from the others, and are all inquirers; and they having requested a citizen to be sent to teach them the Christian doctrines, one of our helpers has been regularly teaching them.

Among the Thakurs, a high caste of the Hindus, a good work is going on; they are leaving their old heathen customs, and several of them who are not employed by the mission are assisting in the support of the work. There is no large school in this circuit, but eight small ones, which are not only attended by a poor class of boys, but also by many of all castes, all of whom are learning Holy Scriptures.

The principal work in this circuit is itinerating in the villages. The people of all castes in this way are learning the doctrines of Christianity.

BISAULI CIRCUIT.

Rev. Antone Dutt, Preacher in charge.

In this district there are 90 full members and 125 probationers; total, 277 Christians. They are scattered about in 21 different villages. During the year there have been 50 baptisms. There are 7 day schools in which there are 90 boys, and 7 Sunday-schools in which there are 180 men and boys assembled every Sunday. There are now 80 inquirers who, we have good reason to believe, will soon become true Christians. A large number of religious books are circulated, and the Christians are becoming more and more anxious to learn to read, especially in the Holy Bible, and to have their children taught both secular and religious books; in fact, compared with the past, our Christians are showing a much greater interest in every good thing. These people are mostly cultivators, and poor, but they are forming the habit of giving something toward the support of the Gospel either in grain or money, according to their ability. They are improving in their worldly affairs and condition, so that we have good grounds for believing that the next generation will be able to nearly, if not quite, support their pastors.

The Chumar caste (leather workers) in the circuit are showing an unusual interest in the Christian religion, and I feel certain that, by the grace of God, many of them will soon come to Christ.

BIJNOUR CIRCUIT.

Rev. H. A. Cutting, Preacher in charge.

Since Najeebabad and Mandaur were taken from Bijnour Circuit, there remain only two out-stations, Bashta and Nehtaur, and the villages surrounding these stations. The principal success in the work of this circuit during the past year has been in the Bijnour school.

Through the efforts of the presiding elder, a Grant in Aid of 20 rupees per month was obtained from government, which has enabled us to in-

crease the efficiency of the staff of teachers, and hence the number of boys has increased from 50 to 105.

The teaching in this school is now so much superior to that of the government schools, that nearly every month eight or ten boys join our school, leaving those under the supervision and support of government. A teacher is employed to teach the Scriptures and religious books exclusively.

Sunday-schools. In these schools there has been progress, not only in the numbers in attendance, but also in the influence of the Gospel upon their hearts. Several boys of Christian families have been converted, and one teacher, of the Brahman caste, from having regularly attended Sunday-school, has become an earnest and sincere inquirer, and I have strong hope that in a short time he will become a true Christian and member of the Church.

In the schools of the out-stations, both in day and Sunday schools, there has been encouraging improvement.

In the Goucher schools there are several young men nearly ready for baptism.

Support of the Gospel. Although the most of our native Christians are very poor, and some really in needy circumstances, yet in all the villages where Christians reside, the habit of giving something for the support of the native pastor is being formed.

The Christian girls of the Bijour Boarding School, though having no money to give, at the suggestion of their superintendent, saved a little of their daily food, which was sold and the avails given for the support of the Gospel, and when the amount was announced on Sunday, their countenances shone with joy. They esteem it a pleasure to endure a little hunger for the glory of Christ.

Preaching. This I understand to be my principal work, to preach to the church, and in the streets and market-places of the city and villages, and I and my helpers give our time and earnest thought to this. Brother Dand, who is a local preacher, and set apart to preach in the villages around Bijour, has been faithful in spreading the good tidings during the year.

There have been several discussions with the merchants from the Punjab, who come here frequently to buy and sell goods. Some days ago, after a long discussion, the head secretary among them was fully convinced of the truth of the Gospel. He is a Brahman, and for several days came to me to learn more of the word. I sent him home after praying with him, and have received from him the following letter :

“DEAR SIR: I am very thankful to you and your assistants. May the Lord reward you for preaching the Gospel to me. I am fully convinced that salvation can be had only by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified, and my desire is to go to my home and give this news to my wife and relations.”

We are certain that Jesus is at the door of his heart, and is telling him to return to his home and do whatever he may bid him to do; and especially to tell all what work has been done in his heart.

There have been several very encouraging openings in the villages and towns. An old man of Daranagar has become very deeply impressed with the preaching in his village, and recently stated to one of the local preachers at Nehtaur, that at the market preaching his heart was broken to pieces, and that he will certainly become a Christian and give us great assistance in our work. If we will send a preacher to his village to reside, and a teacher for their boys, he will furnish houses for them to live in, and forty families within one or two years will become Christians. It is my desire to obtain for next year several new preachers to enable me to open new work.

MANDAUR CIRCUIT.

Rev. Yaqub Shah in charge.

There are four large villages and several small ones in which we have mission work. There have been 19 baptisms, and there are several other inquirers who will soon be ready for baptism.

About fifteen miles from Mandaur a new work has been opened among about forty persons; in another place, Kiritpur, where there are a few native Christians, a man has recently been baptized who had been an inquirer for about eight years. He is from among the Chumars, and is very firm, and gives great promise of becoming useful among his caste. In Mudafre, where there is a large population of Chumars, there is also a very encouraging work; numbers are earnestly inquiring the way of salvation.

In this circuit there are 5 Goucher schools, in one of which two boys have recently been baptized, and others will soon follow.

There is daily preaching in the mohullahs (wards) and in the market-places of the towns and villages of the circuit, and all over this large territory there are marked indications of many souls soon becoming Christians.

NAJEEBABAD CIRCUIT.

Rev. B. M'Gregor in charge.

In this station there are 2 day schools, one large and one small, in both of which there are about 180 boys. Notwithstanding the boys are Hindus and Mohammedans, yet they are all reading the Scriptures and learning the way of life and salvation through Christ, and there is good reason to hope and believe that the influence of the truth upon their young hearts will lead many of them to become true Christians, as some from this school have already done.

Sunday-school. Every Sunday 125 boys are present in the Sunday-school, and they regularly contribute something, according to their ability, for the expenses of the school.

From the 1st of April we have received a Grant in Aid of 24 rupees per month from government, and on account of this the school has made great progress. We hope this aid will be increased next year.

There are also 2 girls' schools in the Mohammedan wards of the town, in which a good work is being done.

There is regular preaching both in the town and heathen festivals (melas), also every Sunday evening among the Christians. There are a few inquirers. During the year several native Christians have died, but it is gratifying to be able to say that they were happy in the dying hour. Although we have no regular colporteur, yet about 10 rupees' worth of religious books have been sold.

As the preacher in charge is head master of the school, but very little opportunity has been found for preaching in the adjacent villages, yet even the people in the villages get to hear the Gospel occasionally as they come to the town and markets.

SHAHJAHANPUR.

Rev. C. L. Bare, Missionary; Rev. W. R. Bowen, Native Pastor.

There have been 28 accessions from Islamism and Hinduism this year, 21 of whom were adults, and, while a few have proved faithless, almost all have remained firm, and shown a readiness to learn that is commendable.

A school for colporteurs and evangelists has been formed. These come in from the district, and meet on the veranda of the mission bungalow, from the 1st to the 5th of each month, for prayer and the study of the Scriptures. They are also taught to read and write well, and especially to study those books that are to be offered for sale by them. Then they disperse to travel through the villages, and visit melas, and to preach and teach and sell and distribute Scripture books and tracts. This school has become very popular and useful in the work.

The Sunday-schools have continued to prosper, although they have suffered some reduction in attendance, owing to a carefully-prepared system for collecting monthly statistics introduced this year, but due chiefly to the prevalence of cholera this summer, during which the schools had to be closed. There are 42 Sunday-schools, taught by 33 teachers, and attended by 1,650 scholars. The plan, introduced about a year ago, of taking a weekly or monthly collection in each school, has succeeded admirably; over 17 rupees have been collected in this way. A great point in popular esteem has been gained when Hindu and Mahommedan children contribute their pice and *kauris* toward the support of Sunday-schools.

Bazar preaching is giving way to direct personal visitation and appeal in mohallahs, and in places here and there, where the people can conveniently meet and converse on religious subjects.

Orphanage. We have cause for devout praise and thanksgiving to God for his blessing upon the Orphanage this year. First, the health of the boys has continued remarkably good, through a long, hot, disagreeable, rainy season, during which cholera raged very severely in the city, and came even into the village of Lodipur. Yet not a case occurred either in the Orphanage or among the native Christians, some of whom live quite near the village. Secondly, the Orphanage and native church were visited, during June and July with a most gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The whole church was quickened. The interest grew steadily and deeply among the orphan boys to the close, when some 75 testified

to having received either a change of heart or additional strength during the meetings. One noticeable result of the services was a strong moral sentiment among the large boys against sin of every kind. Many of these are earnest in shaping and giving direction to this sentiment among the smaller lads.

There are 158 boys connected with the institution, 11 of whom are blind in one eye, 2 almost blind, 2 entirely blind, 1 blind and lame, and 1 deaf and dumb. Steps have been taken to teach the blind boys to read by raised letters. They are very desirous to learn how to read the Bible. These also work in the twine and rope making department. Twelve boys have been sent to Cawnpore during the year, and placed in the cotton mills and shoe factory. Two young shoe-makers have gone out and engaged in independent business of their own. One young man entered the Theological School at Bareilly; two have been employed at the mission schools. Puran still continues his studies in the medical college at Agra, though at present engaged, under appointment, in the government hospital in this city. Several boys are learning trades, principally those of shoe-making and carpentering. They work most of the day in the shops; and, besides an hour or two in day school, attend the night school. Special pains have been taken to impress the boys with the importance of being honest and industrious. There are evidences that our efforts have not been in vain. Regarding the Orphanage, to which both the day school here and the one in the city hold important relations, it may be interesting to quote from the last report of the Inspector of Schools for Rohilkund: "This is a useful institution, consisting of an Anglo-vernacular middle-class school, an industrial school and workshops, all accommodated in splendid, spacious, and suitable buildings, with a vegetable and flower garden attached to them. I am glad to see that the institution is doing an immense deal of good. Even the blind and cripples, who cannot be much benefited by education, learn some work or other, such as Ban-twisting, shoe-making, gardening, etc., etc. Carpentry and iron-work are also taught to able-bodied youths, who pursue various subjects in school also." As last year, I have been greatly aided in the general work of the district, and that of the schools and Orphanage, by all the native brethren; and also by the native doctor in the general and special welfare of all the boys and native Christians. I wish, also, to acknowledge, with gratitude, much substantial aid received from the civilians of the station, and also for their kindly interest in our mission work.

PANAHPUR.

The management of the village has continued much the same as begun last year. Five resident cultivators of the place provide seed for sowing to the people, and collect and pay over the annual rents to the superintendent of the Orphanage. The year has been a good one, and they have succeeded reasonably well. The village suffered a serious loss by fire early in the year. It was, without doubt, the work of an incendiary, and might have been prevented by certain parties in the village if they had

done their duty. The repairs of the buildings burned have been charged to the village account. The result is that it will take another year to clear the account of all indebtedness. Yet, in spite of this misfortune, the affairs of the village are in a prosperous condition, and ere long there will be money in hand with which to make many improvements that are needed.

PANAHPUR CIRCUIT.

Rev. H. J. Adams in charge.

This year there have been 15 baptisms in this circuit, 4 adults and 11 children. The Gospel has been regularly preached in the adjacent villages and at the markets, and both Hindus and Mohammedans have given thoughtful attention to the truth. The people generally are seeking a knowledge of the Christian religion, and I have strong hope that many will soon believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

This year 8 persons have joined the Church as full members, and 12 on probation. Now there are 110 full members and 34 probationers in this Christian village church.

There is regular preaching in the church each Sunday, and Sunday-school and class-meetings. Besides the Christian boys' and girls' Sunday-school, there is also one for Hindu boys and men, and they are learning the Holy Scriptures with much interest. There are 3 day schools, 1 for girls and 2 for boys, and all read the Bible and learn the Catechism. Mrs. Adams holds class and prayer meetings among the women, and teaches them the Bible, and two Bible-women, Rani and Ada Smith, go from village to village teaching the Scriptures and Christian hymns to the heathen women, and Haidri daily visits the Christian families, and holds prayer-meetings with the women. Although the most of the Christians in this village are poor, and some of them very ignorant, unable even to read, yet their children are learning. There are 46 Christian boys and girls in the school here, and several in the boarding schools at Moradabad, Budaon, and Bareilly, and some in the Bareilly Normal School.

KUMAON DISTRICT, P. M. BUCK, P. E.

(P. O., Almora, Kumaon.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

NAINI TAL.—*Pastor English Church*, J. Baume. *Native Work*, supplied by M. B. Kirk. *Native Pastor*, John Barker. *Teachers*, Chanfin, John Dougherty. *Colporteur*, Chiddu.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionary*, Miss E. L. Knowles. *European Assistant*, Mrs. Moore. *Teachers*, Saruli, Baisaki, Saruli II. *English Girls' High School*; *Principal*, Miss E. L. Knowles. *Teachers*, Miss King, Miss Hunter, Miss Wadley. *Matron*, Miss Austin.

BHABAR CIRCUIT.—*Minister in Charge*, Thomas Gowan. *Haldwani*, Edward Indarman. *Dhapla and Kotah*, Prabhu Das, Bija Singh, *Isainagar and Devi Dhura*, Dharm Das.

W. F. M. S.—*Workers*, Florence Gowan, Charlotte Indarman, Fanny Peters, Tulsi.

EASTERN KUMAON.—*Missionary*, J. L. Humphrey. *Native Pastor* Patras. *Native Doctor*, Amos Miller.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionaries*, Miss F. M. Nickerson, Miss Phebe Rowe. *Matron Girls' Boarding School*, Martha. *Teachers and Bible Women*, Ellen Hayes, Lois, Ilaichi, Hira, Rudha.

DWARAHAT.—*Missionary*, P. M. Buck. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. P. M. Buck. *Native Pastor*, Charles Shipley. *Native Doctor*, Harkua Wilson. *Compounder*, John Abraham. *Head Master Boys' School*, Sabine Mansell.

W. F. M. S.—*Medical Bible Woman*, Emma Shipley. *Teachers*, Bella Mansell, Bella Abraham.

GURHWAL.—*Missionary*, J. H. Messmore (P. O., Paori, Gurhwal). *Native Minister*, F. W. Greenwold. *Colporteur*, Sundru. *Head Master Boys' School*, Mr. M' Mullens. *Native Doctor*, Edward Thomson. *Srinagar*, Muhammad Todd. *Head Master Boys' School*, H. P. Alexander. *Kandarseyun*, Khiyali. *Gurarseyun*, Mangal Das. *Bidolseyun*, Gasper Benschoff. *Khatseyun*, Patras. *Ajmir*, Bhajui.

W. F. M. S.—*European Assistants*, Mrs. Whitby, Miss Maude Cumberland. *Teachers*, Chontai Greenwold, Phulmani Thomson, Thagli, Alice, Sundri, Reshmi, Sarah, Hester Todd.

The following report is presented by the Presiding Elder :

At the last session of Conference changes were made in four out of the six appointments in the district. Brother M. B. Kirk, formerly a member of the South India Conference, now a local preacher, has had charge of the native work in Naini Tal. One of the most promising phases of our work is found in the increased number of Christian children under instruction. Half a dozen years since there was not far from 35 girls and 25 boys of the school age under our care. Now there are about 80 girls and 60 boys. From these are to come, we trust, a goodly number of the much-needed helpers for our work.

During the year we have lost, in a measure, the help and influence of our old-time and honored friend and supporter, the Hon. Sir Henry Ramsay, C.B.K., C.S.I., who retired from the Commissionership of these mountain provinces in May last. It was at his instance our work in Gurhwal was opened, which has proved thus far our most fruitful field, and from the beginning scarcely any new work has been opened or new enterprise undertaken without his counsel. At the opening of the work in Gurhwal he gave 3,000 rupees, and other donations have not been infrequent or small. Besides these, his regular subscriptions have amounted to hundreds of rupees per annum. The London Mission, carrying on work in this same mountain field, has received like liberal support. Few, indeed, have been the friends of missions in India so wise in counsel, so earnest in sympathy, and so liberal in support. We earnestly pray that God may

give him a quiet and happy evening of life and an abundant reward in the resurrection of the just!

NAINI TAL.

Rev. J. Baume, Pastor.

English Work. This department of our work in Naini Tal is carried on under peculiar difficulties. The membership of the Church is small, the congregation transient, and made up, in the main, of members of other Churches, who prefer to attend our independent service during their stay in the station.

The work among the soldiers has been of special interest. Some have been converted and others have renewed their covenant with God.

The services maintained are as follows: Preaching twice on the Sabbath with Sunday-school, and communion on the first Sabbath in the month, meetings of a social character on almost every evening of the week, including two preaching services in the Ramsay Chapel in the Cantonments.

Financial. We have sustained a great loss in our financial support in the retirement of Sir Henry Ramsay, a faithful friend and liberal supporter of our work for nearly thirty years. Also several other generous friends of our English work have left the station and the country. We shall not be able therefore to make our usual showing in the support given to our general work, nor shall we be able to realize the hope of reducing the debt on the church property to the amount named in the last report. The debt, however, will be reduced by at least 1,500 rupees.

The Boys' High School. It is proper to say frankly that this institution, so full of promise as to our common work, has been lost to our Church, and has no longer any official connection either with the North India Conference or the Methodist Episcopal Church in Naini Tal. The school, however, still sustains a nominal relation to the congregation worshipping in the M. E. Church. The principal and teaching staff with the boys attend our services on the Sabbath, including Sunday-school.

The Girls' High School (Miss E. L. Knowles, Principal,) is in a flourishing condition. This school, thanks to the ladies, wise in their generation and appreciating a good thing in hand, is an institution of the North India Conference and a Methodist school. Under the guidance of its present principal, should her life and health be spared to the work, it is destined to become an institution of high character.

A most eligible property in the central part of the station has been purchased for the school by the W. F. M. S. There it is proposed to erect at an early day suitable buildings which are much needed. The girls attend our Sabbath services and Sunday-school. Number of pupils this year, 27.

Extending the work. As the Mission Boys' School is to go into new quarters, we have rented the school-house for social and Gospel temperance meetings. This will help to meet a felt want in giving us a place to hold meetings at the other end of the station.

Native Work. Rev. M. B. Kirk, Supply. The greater part of the work

of this station is done during the summer season, when large numbers of Europeans from the heated plains resort to this cool mountain retreat for health and comfort, and give employment to crowds of natives from both the plains and interior of the mountains. The only part of the work regularly carried on throughout the year is the Anglo-vernacular Boys' School, and during the winter months its numbers are much reduced. During the year now closing the work of said school has met with more than usual success, under the superintendence and teaching of Brother Kirk. The largest number yet registered has been in attendance during the present year.

The Christian congregation is small, but the services have been regular, the preaching being done by the native pastor and missionaries who have come to the Sanitarium for health or rest. Brother Kirk, being as yet but slightly familiar with the language, has been unable to take part in this or bazar preaching. The latter has been pressed with more than usual zeal, mostly under the leadership and with the valuable assistance of Brother Hoskins, whose health has compelled him to spend a large portion of the season in the station.

In addition to the regular work of the station Brother Kirk has kept up at his own expense, several small schools of a primary grade, in part for girls and in part for boys. The support of this and similar work has involved the use of the major part of his salary, and rare self-denial has been exercised to enable him to do so much.

BHABAR CIRCUIT.

Rev. Thomas Gowan, Native Minister.

The population in the Bhabar proper—a bit of land skirting the lower range of the Himalayas—is rapidly increasing. It is comparatively but few years since, by a system of canals, this region was open for cultivation, and large tracts are still unoccupied. During the hot season most of these villagers keep their families in their old homes in the mountains, while the men and larger boys divide their time between the two regions, as their work requires or permits.

Thirteen schools have been under our charge, which, with one exception, are supported from funds provided by the local government. Most of these are only kept open during the winter months, while the villages are full. For nearly a month, early in the year, the presiding elder and the workers of the circuit conducted tent-meetings at the principal centers, which were attended by large numbers. The native minister in charge has given much of his time during the year to itinerating.

There are over a hundred in this native Christian community. While during the year there have been some unusual trials in training this native Church, there have also been some excellent meetings held, and God has shown favor in the work.

The number of Christian children is increasing, and care is being exercised to give all a secular and religious training.

DWARAHAT.

Rev. P. M. Buck, Missionary.

The present is the building era in the history of this charge. Early in May a new hospital and dispensary, containing six rooms, was finished and occupied. This will suffice for the medical work for years to come. For this building a grant of 500 rupees was made by the local government. About the same time a comfortable house for the native doctor, and another for an assistant in the Girls' Boarding School, were also completed. Later in the year a new school-house was begun, which is still in process of erection. This building will have a central hall 22 by 40 feet, with a wing on either side, each containing two class-rooms 12 by 14 feet, with veranda front and rear. A grant of 1,300 rupees was made by the government of India for this house. The hall will be a great boon to us for preaching services, lectures, etc.

At the beginning of the year a Christian head master took charge of the boys' school in this place. This being an advance step, it met with some opposition from our Brahmin neighbors, but the subsequent success of the school has already justified the wisdom of the arrangement. With a new building, this school will rise to a higher plane as an evangelistic agency. The four primary schools reported last year have been kept up, but to make them the agency for good we desire to see them, we must have Christian teachers, which are not yet available in the hills. We have had 16 boys in the Christian department of our new boarding house, or provided for in the Christian families near by. They have made very good progress in their studies. Three of this number have come to us this year from heathen homes, and have been baptized recently, another has just been made over to us for a Christian training. Thus we are gaining a hold on families by degrees. A very bright and promising boy, who has been with us for about two years, is desirous of being baptized, but for the present is kept back by his mother.

Two girls in the Girls' Boarding School, from heathen homes, also have been baptized, and one man has recently come who is waiting for a sister before being baptized. All who thus come to us are carefully trained in Scripture, and enjoy the advantages of the means of grace afforded by the usages of Methodism. Not one of these children has yet failed under this regime to lose all faith in Hinduism, and to accept, in theory at least, the teachings of Christianity.

Our Sunday-school work, owing to peculiar circumstances, which, it is trusted, will prove temporary, has not been what we have desired to see it, and the attendance on our Sunday services from without has not been of late so large as formerly, owing to the want of a central place for meeting. This difficulty will cease with the completion of the new school-house.

A colporteur has divided his time between this region and Naini Tal. Much itinerating and almost daily preaching has been done in the more accessible villages. Our Christian community now numbers nearly 50.

GURHWAL.

Rev. J. H. Messmore, Missionary; Rev. F. W. Greenwold, Native Minister.

The Gurhwal Circuit comprises: 1. Paori, occupied by a missionary, a native minister, and the W. F. M. S. assistants; 2. Srinagar, occupied by two native preachers; and Ajmir, Retagurh, Bhawain, Dekhwali, and Than, each occupied by one native preacher. There are 3 schools in Paori, 2 in Srinagar, 2 in Dekhwali, and 1 in each of the remaining stations, with the exception of Ajmir. There are 6 other schools within ten miles of Paori, which are visited by the missionary and native preachers, and in nearly all of which there are Sunday-schools. The missionary, the native minister, and two of the other native preachers, do teachers' work in the Paori and Srinagar schools. There is bazar preaching in Paori during the rains, in which nearly all the preachers take part. The time of the preachers in the out-stations is supposed to be spent among the villages in their respective circles. The amount of work they do is not easily ascertained, and it is yet more difficult to measure its quality and results. It requires a rare combination of gifts and grace to do village work well; and, as the helpers in these village circuits are men of little education, and less experience, it would be unreasonable to expect them to do much. There have been no converts from heathenism during the year, and, excepting from Ajmir, no inquirers have been reported. Several families in Ajmir have said they would become Christians if they could get land to work instead of their farms, which they would lose should they change their faith. The land was not given for several reasons, and these people are still Hindus. It is now reported that some are willing to be baptized without getting the assistance they first asked for. Their sincerity will be tested in a few weeks. There are 18 boys in the Orphanage at Dekhwali, and 40 girls in the Paori Orphanage. The Paori Boys' School passed 3 in the middle-class examination. Through governmental changes in time of examination, there is none this year. There is a large and promising class for 1885. The native Christian community in Gurhwal is weak in numbers, in influence, and, with few exceptions, in Christian experience and character. It is yet the day of small things. It will be time enough to describe its future when it shall have become history.

EASTERN KUMAON AND TARAI SCHOOLS.

Rev. J. L. Humphrey, M.D., Missionary.

This work can be most conveniently reported under the following heads, namely: 1. Medical work. 2. Schools. 3. Village preaching.

1. *Medical Work.* The number of hospitals and-dispensaries is three, located at Pithoragarh, Dwarahat, and Paori. The building and arrangements are most complete at Pithoragarh, where more patients are treated than in either of the other dispensaries. The native doctors in the various places have done very good work. In addition to the work done in the dispensaries, many cases have been treated by the superintendent while traveling in various parts of the district. The statistical form given below

indicates that 12,500 cases have been treated, and 130 surgical operations have been performed in the three dispensaries.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED FROM JAN. 1 TO OCT. 1, 1884.

DISPENSARY.	Males.	Females.	Children.	Total.	SURGICAL CASES.		
					Minor.	Major.	Total.
Pithoragrah ..	4,997	1,551	581	7,129	60	11	71
Dwarahat.	2,040	899	902	3,841	50	9	59
Paori.	767	280	483	1,530	..	..	..
Total.	7,804	2,730	1,966	12,500	110	20	130

2. *Schools.* The first few weeks after Conference was spent by the missionary in the Tarai, visiting the schools and Taroo villages. There are about 1,700 of these people living in the eastern part of the Tarai Circuit. They are excellent cultivators. Their villages are clean, and their houses neat and comfortable. They claim to have come originally from Chitoor. One story is that the rajah, for some cause, turned one of his wives out, or that she fled with one of her attendants, whom she married, and settled in the wilds at the foot of the mountains. There is a village right in the heart of the Tarai, called Ranipur. This, they say, is where she lived. These people, with many more extending down through the Tarai of Nepal nearly to Goruckpur, are, they claim, descendants of this Rani and her followers.

They claim, also, that they were originally high-caste Hindus, but were thrown out of caste because of their love of strong drink, a vice to which they are still much addicted.

There are a dozen or more schools among them, supported by public funds. Most of these were visited, and the missionary was enabled to introduce a large number of good and religious books. The Mohammedans are said to be very much on the alert, trying to prejudice them against us, and to win them to Islam.

There has been some falling-off in the school at Pithoragarh; also of the Sunday-school in the same place. It is, however, a mere fluctuation, common in such schools. It will, doubtless, soon fill up again. There are 6 schools in this region. They are low-grade vernacular village schools, suited, however, to the demands of the people, and are good of their kind. The Catechism is thoroughly well learned in some of them, and the Scripture read. The teachers regularly attend the Sunday-school at Pithoragarh, and in this way prepare to teach religious truth in their schools.

3. *Village Preaching.* This work has been carried on by the missionary when in Pithoragarh, and by the native preacher. Miss Rowe and her assistants have carried on the same work among the women and girls. The people listen usually with a good degree of interest. There is, however, much vice among them. Whole villages are said to be given up to gambling, and other forms of wickedness are said to be very prevalent.

The most of our success in this field thus far has been among the women and girls, but with similar zeal and efficiency there seems no reason why equal, if not greater, success should not result among the men and boys, as it is commonly less difficult to reach the latter than the former. The only hope of success, however, must be based solely on the power of the Gospel and of the Holy Spirit. The missionary here needs to be full of strength, vigor, and zeal for souls to meet the physical, moral, and spiritual difficulties so abundant in this field.

AMROHA DISTRICT, REV. ZAHUR-AL-HAQQ, P. E.

(P. O., Sambhal, Zila, Moradabad.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

SAMBHAL.—W. S. Plumer, Jumman Lal. *Teachers*, J. Ariel, Pohpe, Dindayal, Rahn Singh, Giyan Masih, Silas. *Colporteur*, Isa Das. W. F. M. S.—*Workers*, Isabella Plumer, Mary Cocker, Martha Pohpe, Kazaya.

SHAHPUR.—Muasi Singh. W. F. M. S.—*Workers*, Martha Manosi, Emy, Lachchmi.

RASULPUR.—Francis Peter. *Teachers*, Gangu, Samuel. W. F. M. S.—*Worker*, Carrie.

SHARIFPUR.—Bhola Singh. W. F. M. S.—*Workers*, Nathiya Bhola, Florence.

GANGSRI.—Yaquab Cornelius. *Teacher*, Baldeo. W. F. M. S.—*Worker*, Gomti.

HASANPUR.—C. Luke, W. M. Scott. *Teachers*, A. Solomon, Raja Ram. W. F. M. S.—*Workers*, Rebecca, Jane, Phulmani.

NARAINIYA.—Gurdial Singh.

DURALLA.—Manphul Singh. *Teacher*, Sakkha Singh.

RAIPUR.—Prabhu Das.

DHANNOURA.—H. B. Mitchell. *Teachers*, Nattha Singh, Ragubar. W. F. M. S.—*Worker*, Eliza Mitchell.

AMROHA.—Peter Merrill, Dulla Singh, Ummed Singh. *Teachers*, Jhabba, Chote, Moti, Mapiya, P. P. Stone. W. F. M. S.—*Workers*, Josephine, Lucy.

BABUKHERA.—Kullu Singh, Ballu Singh. *Teachers*, Lalji, Muasi Singh. W. F. M. S.—*Worker*, Raikaur.

JOA.—C. White. W. F. M. S.—*Worker*, Elizabeth.

SAMBHAL CIRCUIT.—W. S. Plumer, Local Preacher.

Religious services are regularly carried on in the chapel and in various parts of the city. The Sunday-school work is in good condition. There is an Anglo-vernacular school in the city, with an attendance of 60 boys. The work in it for the year has been satisfactory. At Derasarae is a school for Chumars (or leather workers) of 14 boys. At Muhalla Bhardera is a community of 16 Christians. A Goucher school is kept up at this point. A very good school-house has been erected here, in which preaching services also are regularly held. Alam Sarae has also a small school. Six of the boys give special attention to Scripture study. A few

Christians live at this point. They are as yet weak and inexperienced, but an earnest effort is being made to help them. At Datam Sarae is an excellent Christian family, and there are three girls' schools in the vicinity, with an attendance of about 70, all Mohammedan children. In Sirsi, six miles from Sambhal, are two girls' schools, with an attendance of 55. This work is carried on as yet from Sambhal, and is doing well.

BAHJOI CIRCUIT.—Jumman Lal, Local Preacher.

In this region those who become Christians are able to remain among and to eat, drink, etc., with their people, who are still Hindus. This is an encouraging feature in the work. In Bahjoi is a Goucher school, and there are several Christian families in the surrounding villages.

SHAHPUR CIRCUIT.—Muasi Singh, Local Preacher.

The Church in this circuit is thus far composed entirely of converts from the Chumars. Two families have recently gone back to their former religion. The others are doing very well. One of these converts, by the name of Janhari, though he has very little education, spends much of his time in going from village to village testifying to the truth of Christianity, and his words occasion no little astonishment. People often ask how he comes to know so much of the Gospel. The head men of the villages sometimes call him to expound the Gospel, and he is able to give some assistance in preaching in the bazars and fairs. He has taught numbers of the boys to sing, and as they follow their herds in the jungles they are often heard singing Christian hymns and songs with loud voices.

RASULPUR CIRCUIT.—Francis Peter, Local Preacher.

This charge has a Christian community of 55. A Goucher school and regular village preaching is kept up.

SHARIFPUR CIRCUIT.—Bhola Singh, Local Preacher.

The Church does not seem to grow in this charge, though considerable effort has been made to build up the work.

GANGISRI CIRCUIT.—Yaqub Cornelius, Local Preacher.

The Christian community in this circuit numbers about 90. The Sunday-school at Gangisri is doing a good work. On each Sunday there is a fair held in the place, and numbers come to the chapel services, and preaching is regularly carried on in the fair to large numbers of hearers. There are a good many inquirers here. May they soon be added to the Christian community! Numbers from the other side of the Ganges come to the weekly fair in this place, and some have expressed a desire that work may be opened among them.

HASANPUR CIRCUIT.—Charles Luke, Native Preacher.

This is a thickly populated region, and in a good number of villages Christians are found. Much time has been spent in itinerating, and careful attention has been given to the training of the Church. Twelve persons have been baptized this year. There is a school for both boys and girls in Hasampur in which the children are well instructed in the Bible. Often in their preaching the workers make good use of a concertina in gathering a crowd. An English doll is also sometimes taken along, and

its beauty excites no little astonishment, and good numbers collect to see it. When thus assembled they listen with interest to the Gospel. One family from among the Chumars has been baptized this year. There is at this point an Anglo-vernacular school, a primary one for the Chumars, and another for the Sweeper children. There are five Sunday-schools in the circuit, with an attendance of 225. The heathen children are taught precisely as are the Christian children, and join in the Lord's Prayer as well as in the lessons. There is a Mohammedan girls' school, attended by 16 children. The preachers here have access to the best families of the place and preach to them as opportunity offers. At one time a discussion was held with a Mussulman teacher in the presence of the leading people of the place. Before said discussion was concluded the teacher, in the presence of his co-religionists, acknowledged the truth of Christianity, and though blamed and cursed by them, he still stands firm in his confession, and there seems good hope of his conversion to Christ. The W. F. M. S. workers are doing good among the women and girls.

BABUKHERA CIRCUIT.—Kullu Singh, Local Preacher.

There is a Goucher school at Babukhera, with about 25 children. Work in the usual lines is being carried on. Two children have been baptized.

AMROHA CIRCUIT.—Peter Merrill, Native Minister.

The Christians are quite numerous in this charge. Three schools are kept up. Much care and effort have been given to the training of the Church and improvement is manifest. The most of the Christians are cultivators, and at harvest time give cheerfully a portion of their grain for the support of the Gospel.

JOA CIRCUIT.—C. White, Exhorter.

The brother here gives much time to itinerating among the villages. There is a Sunday-school kept up and work is being done among the women.

NARAINYA CIRCUIT.—Gurdial Singh, Local Preacher.

There are here 12 children under instruction. Three of these, who are Chumars, come from an adjoining village and join the Christian children in their studies and worship. Their fellow-villagers try to dissuade them from going and learning among Christians, but all in vain. There is a good number of Christian families, and the helper here has done a very good work among them. The Sunday-school is doing well.

DURALLA CIRCUIT.—Manphul Singh, Local Preacher.

The usual methods of work are observed here. A number of both adults and children are learning of Christ with a good prospect of fruit.

DIHANNOURA CIRCUIT.—H. B. Mitchell, Local Preacher.

A Goucher school is kept up at this charge. Several boys have gone from it to the High School in Moradabad. Christian services are regularly held and attended by Hindus and Mohammedans as well as by Christians. Village preaching is regularly kept up.

RAIPUR CIRCUIT.—Prabhu Das, Local Preacher.

This brother has been put to no little inconvenience for a place to live in. He has lived in several of the villages at different times, and has done what he could in carrying on the work. The Christians in this circuit are few in number.

ROUDH DISTRICT, REV. T. S. JOHNSON, P. E.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

LUCKNOW.—*Missionaries*, J. W. Waugh, T. Craven. *Ministers*, Matthew Stephens, Chinman Lal. *Local Preachers*, R. C. Bose, P. Andrews, Jhabbu Singh, *Exhorters*, C. E. Saville, H. Angelo, Orange Judd, Ajudhya Parshad. *Mission Press*, T. Craven, Superintendent. *Centennial High School*, J. W. Waugh, Principal. *Teachers*, S. S. Day, G. C. Day, A. Forbes, J. Barron, Thomas Barron.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionaries*, Miss Thoburn, Miss Blackmar. *Assistants*, Miss Hemming, Mrs. Jarbo, Miss Porcina, Miss Baggat, Miss Fitzpatrick, Miss H. Singh, Miss L. Parshad, Mrs. Crawshaw, Matron. *Teachers*, Mrs. Chuckerbutty, Miss Robertson, Miss Connally, Miss De Casto, Miss French, Miss Osman, Mrs. Burnside, Matron. *Bible Women*, Caroline Richards, Ellen Richards, Somera John, Mary Lal, S. Chatterjea, Peggy Barrow, Grace Falls.

ENGLISH CHURCH.—*Missionary*, W. R. Clancy. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Clancy.

SITAPUR AND LUKIMPUR.—*Missionary*, J. C. Lawson. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Lawson. *Minister*, Peter B. Gray. *Local Preachers*, Kanhai Singh, S. Jacob, Nabi Baksh. *Teachers*, G. Mayal, Sadal, J. M'Gee, Mathias, Yakub, Chhoti Lal, S. A. Judson, W. Peters.

W. F. M. S.—*Bible Women*, Victoria Gray, Caroline, Anne Jacob, Mary Ram Sukh, Nannie Singh, Elizabeth Rahiman. *Teachers*, Jane Jacob, Victoria.

GONDAH.—*Missionary*, S. Knowles. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Knowles. *Minister*, Stephen Paul. *Local Preachers*, Wilbur Fisk, Behari Lal, Sadlu, Pliny Nickerson. *Exhorters*, H. C. Sigler, Pitambar, J. R. Downey.

W. F. M. S.—*Bible Women*, Harriet Fisk, Betsey Paul, Nettie Sigler, Pirania, Minerva Nickerson, Hattie Pitambar, Prem Dasi (Mrs. Behari Lal).

BAHRAICH.—*Minister*, W. Peters. *Local Preacher*, Baldeo Parshad. *Exhorters*, Chattar Singh, Itaqad Masih.

W. F. M. S.—*Bible Women*, Nellie Peters, Lukhi Mohni, Rukhmani Susannah.

ROI BAREILLY.—*Missionary*, H. F. Kastendieck. *Local Preachers*, L. Cutler, Isa Das, J. D. Ransom, Behari Lal. *Exhorter*, J. Higgenbotham. *Teacher*, Nanab-ul-Haqq.

W. F. M. S.—*Assistant*, Mrs. Clara Grant. *Bible Women*, Susan Lal, Dalayar Joel, Faith Elliott, Naomi, Grace Haqq, Rhemi Barkett, Salome Das, Jesse Ransom.

HARDUI.—*Minister*, Enoch Joel. *Local Preachers*, Ghasi Ram, Chuni Lal. *Exhorters*, Wazir Singh, Keshan, Ranbahadar. *Teacher*, Mohan Das.

W. F. M. S.—*Bible Women*, Libbie Joel, E. Angelo, Maina Lal, Jane Ram, Matilda. *Teachers*, Phula, Sundar.

BARABANKI.—*Minister*, A. C. Paul. *Local Preacher*, Jukhan Lal. *Exhorters*, Nicodemus, J. D. Flint. *Teachers*, I. Das, Mohun.

W. F. M. S.—*Bible Women*, Harriet Paul, Mary Flint, Bholi Lal, Eliza Das.

CAWNPORE.—*Missionaries*, G. H. M'Grew, F. L. Neeld. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Neeld. *Local Preachers*, E. T. Farnon, Kanhai Singh, Zabardast Khan, G. H. Frey, Bhikha. *Teachers*, S. Tupper, Hasnu.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionary*, Miss Hyde, M.D. *Assistants*, Miss Mispelar, Mrs. Smith. *Bible Women*, Fancy Fray, Lauri Bekhari, Anne Martin, Dinah Habil. *Teachers*, Anne Joseph, Eliza. *School Inspectress*, Mrs. Raphael.

NATIVE CHRISTIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—*Superintendent*, F. L. Neeld.

ENGLISH CHURCH.—*Missionaries*, A. J. Maxwell, F. W. Foote. *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Maxwell. *Local Preacher*, Dr. J. H. Condon. *Memorial High School*, F. W. Foote, Principal. *Teachers*, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Parker, Mr. Everett.

W. F. M. S.—*Missionaries*, *Girls' High School*, Miss Easton, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Jackson, Matron. *Teachers*, Miss De Souza, Miss Tyman, Miss Heymadenger, Miss Hanna.

UNAO.—*Minister*, Enoch Burge, supply. *Local Preacher*, J. W. M'Gregor. *Teacher*, Paulus.

W. F. M. S.—*Bible Woman*, Clara Paulus.

The Presiding Elder reports:

The general outlook in this very populous district is encouraging. The hopeful spirit of the workers, the increasing numbers of inquirers, especially those who are brought under deep pungent conviction of sin, willing to come at once to Christ for pardon—indicate the near approach of a glorious harvest.

A number of native brethren are growing rapidly in grace and usefulness, and are sanguine that we are upon the eve of a great religious revolution. In a number of instances men have been so wrought upon while listening to preaching in the streets and *melas*, that they have at once come forward, and, after declaring their faith in Christ, received baptism.

In the busy bazar or noisy *mela*, in the presence of great multitudes in solid opposition to this blessed name, they acted promptly and continue firm.

Let God's people pray for the laborers among these millions, that such faith and power may be given them, that speedy and complete victory may crown their efforts. "The morning light is breaking," Praise the Lord!

LUCKNOW.

J. W. Waugh, Missionary; Matthew Stephens, and Chimman Lal, Ministers.

The year 1884 has been a good one in the history of our Lucknow Mission. We do not record quite so many baptisms as last year; in all, 28,

of which 16 were from heathendom, and 12 were infants, showing an increase and accession nearly as large in number from within as from without.

There are many interests represented in our mission work in this station. The details of some of these will be found in the reports of my colleagues. Brother Craven speaks for the mission press and publishing interests; Miss Blackmar, the home for homeless women and Zenana visitation; Miss Thoburn, the girls' high school and the city girls' schools, and girls' Sunday-schools; while Brother Clancy represents the English work.

The native brethren have done their full share, and have been untiring and successful in their preaching and visitation. Brother Matthew Stephens is a most excellent native pastor, and has labored indefatigably for the upbuilding of the native Church.

Brother Chimman Lal has, with his usual energy, sought out many who were willing to learn of the way of life, some of whom have fully accepted Christ and have been baptized; he has also supervised the primary schools, known as Frey schools, and visited the Sunday-schools held in each of them. The pastor has during the year begun prayer-meetings in several wards of the city where native Christians live, meeting and leading one each evening of the week, except Thursday, when the general prayer-meeting is held in the Hindustani Chapel. These cottage prayer-meetings have been well attended, and have already resulted in much good to the native Christian membership. There are 90 members and 71 probationers on the Church register, but the attendance on the Sabbath services is much more than this, and the native Christian community is still larger.

Once a month an evening is devoted to the interests of the Anjaman-i-Tarraqqi, a literary improvement society; in the meetings of this society, opened with singing and prayer, essays are read and discussions follow upon many live topics, interesting and profitable to all who attend; the members are, for the most part, from the Native Church, augmented by many students from the girls and boys' high school. By means of all these meetings, as well as the usual church services, there is noticeably a marked advance in all that goes to make up the life of a Christian Church in this land.

Although a very favorable report of all the schools, including the Centennial High School, was made last year, showing a marked advance, this year shows a still further advance. The gratifying success of the Nakha's main school, and the High School, in passing several boys in the government middle-class examinations, and the additional success of the latter school in passing five candidates in the Calcutta University matriculation examination, two of these passing in the first or highest division, while the large Canning College and La Martiniere College, richly endowed, did not succeed in passing a single student in the first division, have contributed not a little to the good name of our schools and our educational work.

Another matter worthy of note is the amount of fees received for tuition.

Not less than 1,800 rupees have been thus received, principally from Hindus and Mohammedans, willing and anxious to have their boys educated in Christian schools, where the Bible is taught daily, and Christian truth instilled with almost every lesson.

The new building for the Centennial School, to which reference was made in my last report, has just been entered, the Commissioner of Lucknow, the Rev. Dr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Johnson, and others taking part in the opening services

The new clock from America is in its place in the tower, and is giving time to many thousands residing in and passing through this part of the city. We greatly need a good bell for the clock, and we live in hope that some good friend or friends will see that our clock has a bell by which to tell the hours.

The primary or Frey schools have done good work throughout the year, though it has been found difficult to secure a good teacher on so low a salary as 6 or 7 rupees, say \$3 a month, and "find himself." Still, we have had very fair success. The Sunday-schools, which were fully reported last year, are one of our most hopeful and interesting departments of work. About 1,500 children are taught in them weekly in the city of Lucknow.

The annual Christmas fete came off on New-Year's-day, and was a grand gathering, with its retinue of cleanly-clad scholars, its array of elephants, banners, noise, etc. The Rev. Dr. Butler, who had come 12,000 miles to see this, said he was more than repaid for all his trouble.

ENGLISH CHURCH, LUCKNOW.

W. R. Clancy, Missionary.

Our work has principally been among English-speaking people, and, though at first they seemed different from Americans, we have learned to love them. During the hot season we have only one evening service on Sabbath, but in the cold season two. The congregation has increased so much that on Sabbath evening every sitting is taken. Preaching and prayer service is held regularly on Wednesday evenings, and class-meeting on Friday evenings. On Mondays and Thursdays we hold cottage prayer-meetings. All the services are well attended.

Our Sabbath-school numbers 100 members, and is held throughout the year. The Berean Lesson Leaves are used, and quarterly written examinations held. The merit-card system has been introduced, and is working successfully. At the close of the year prizes will be awarded on the bases of the year's work. We have purchased a new library, at a cost of \$24, and \$60 additional have been raised by collections in the Sabbath-school. I have a Bible-class of 26 men and women of all ages. Our staff of officers and teachers is good.

Our first convert in India was a high-caste Hindu, a young man about 27 years of age. He had been very carefully brought up, and had studied the sacred books, but after attending the government school he lost faith in Hinduism, and became an infidel. He frequently heard the Gospel

preached in the bazar, but listened only to scoff. The life of Dr. Duff came into his hands, and through that he became convicted of sin. He was greatly troubled, and began to pray, but no peace came. He bought a Bible and began to read, but the more he read the greater he felt his sins to be. After a time he came to live in Lucknow.

While passing our church, one day, he was feeling very miserable, and inquired for the missionary's house, resolved to ask him where he might find peace. He came in very humbly, and told me his errand.

I read to him, and we prayed together, but he did not find rest. For several days he came, and at last realized pardon. I found that he had been trying to reason out how Jesus Christ could be God's son and die. When he believed the great truth, Christ spoke peace to his soul. His wife is still a Hindu, but is being taught by her husband. She says she will soon be baptized. They have a bright little girl, and the father is teaching her to pray. It is nine months since that young man was converted, and he is still faithful. His friends have disowned him, and for a time his wife threatened to leave him, but he has continued trusting in God.

We have had some remarkable conversions this year. Men who for years had lived in drunkenness and crime are now faithful servants of Christ.

A good work has been done among the soldiers, many of whom, though they have their own chaplains, attend our service. Our Church membership has not increased in proportion to the number who profess to have been saved, as a large number were nominal members of other Churches, and preferred to retain their membership; but they are doing good work.

The Daserah meetings were very helpful to our Church. Dr. Thoburn had charge. The doctrine of holiness was clearly and forcibly presented, and a goodly number professed to have been cleansed from sin; others sought and obtained the blessing. We hope to make the Daserah meetings still more successful in the future. A committee has been formed to solicit subscriptions, and to arrange with the railways for reduced fare, for the meeting of 1885. A considerable amount has already been subscribed. It is a cause for gratitude to see people of various denominations meet once a year to worship God together.

One service daily during the series was conducted in the vernacular, and in all the other services the native Christians took part.

The Church is doing good work on the temperance line. Three months ago we organized a Blue Ribbon Gospel Temperance Union, and have about 130 members. Many others have taken the pledge and ribbon. Monthly meetings are held, in which the temperance question is discussed, and reports of pledges secured by the visiting committee are given. The temperance reform is common ground, on which Hindus, Mohammedans, and Christians meet. The importance of the English work in India cannot be estimated. Its influence on the native church is quite perceptible. There are many English-speaking Hindus and Mohammedans who cannot

be induced to attend the Native Church, but will attend an English service. We have such men in our congregations nearly every Sabbath.

We are very grateful to God for the measure of success he has given us as a Church, and pray that still greater glory may be ascribed to him through this Church.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESS.

T. Craven, Superintendent.

The labors, difficulties, and disappointments of the year have been especially trying, but through them a kind Providence has brought us.

We returned to our work—full of hope and plans, and with much energy—in the beginning of the year.

We set about to improve the building, and provide for the improved machinery we wished to introduce. A new building has been erected at a cost of 10,000 rupees, and machinery costing 6,000 rupees has been received and set up. A very fine Cottrel machine is a present from C. D. Cooke, the Sunday-school publisher, of Elgin, Illinois. So we have expended 16,000 rupees in the extension and improvement of our publishing business. Great as this amount seems to us—who took over the press without a building or a machine, but in debt for what it did have, twelve years ago—it is paltry when considered in the light of *what is to be done*, and what the press is capable of accomplishing, if well equipped and vigorously managed. Our plans did not stop at a commodious building and improved machinery; they provided, also, for the skill necessary to utilize these. We were happy for months in the consciousness that the best lithographer to be had was with us. We saw all our Sunday-school requisites, cards and pictures, produced in colors, and in the most attractive form, when once the machinery was in operation. From the hand-press a class of work has been produced under his direction which promised greater success to come. When all was complete, our hopes at the highest, in the twinkling of an eye, the good skilled workman, John Martin, died. Cholera, with a relentless grip, carried him off. God disposes, we do not know the *why*. It has been dark since the 14th of August. We want to know and do God's will.

As we are sure it will be for His glory to have our mission printing done in an attractive manner, we must have skill. But this requires money, and we do hope that our Missionary Society, or some private individual, will give us a degree of encouragement. As the action of the General Conference sanctions the formation of the Central Committee, and as, perhaps, the most important work which will come before that body will be our publishing interests, we are, perhaps, on the eve of some changes. Calcutta, Bombay, and cities of the south of India are well known to have large numbers of English-speaking natives. Our agents are everywhere. They are men who believe in the power of the tract, and it behooves us to see that the blessed doctrines which have been the life of the Church in America may be made every-where known in this land, and become the life and power of the Church in India.

Some important books have been completed the past year. . Dr. Scott's Commentary on Luke and John is in the hands of the preachers. The "Science of Logic" is passing through a second edition. This work is indispensable for the Theological School. Second editions of other small books have been issued.

There are evidences that the "Star of India," our church weekly, has grown in favor. It costs much more as a weekly than it did as a fortnightly, but many more now read it.

The Sunday-school papers have been published as before, with a slight increase in the number issued.

We are still planning to bring out Sunday-school requisites free to our people. There are no funds but the missionary's private funds from which to pay for these. Still, they are wanted more here than they are in America, for opposition here is greater, and the obstacles in the way of securing attendance are more.

In regard to theological books, there is great demand. In the capacity of book agent, we have just visited two of the four District Conferences, and met in them 170 of the workers. These brethren, who receive \$4 to \$7 per month, paid 30 cts. for the Commentary of Luke and John in Roman-Urdu, and also for Matthew and Mark in lithograph-Urdu. This was the price placed on the books for ready cash. These same books, publishing as we have done, 500 copies of each, cost \$1 to \$1 25. We have in our own mission 250 workers, who are exhorted to prove themselves workmen that need not be ashamed; and yet what helps have they? They are lamentably few. We want to put into the hands of these men books with burning words and thoughts that, through them, will reach the millions to whom they preach.

SITAPUR AND LUKIMPUR.

J. C. Lawson, Missionary; Peter B. Gray, Minister.

That the work on Sitapur Circuit has been on the advance during the past year, and that we have great reason to return thanks to our heavenly Father, whose the work is, the following will show:

1. *Itinerating.* The months of February and March were mostly spent in itinerations to Lukimpur, Misrikh, and Gola Gokra Nath. At Lukimpur 2 adults and 1 infant, at Misrikh 3 adults and 1 boy, and at Gola Gokra Nath 1 adult received baptism. At each of these places many tracts and copies of the word were sold, and the big drum and magic lantern were used to advantage. At the Misrikh *mela* there were 12 or 15 workers, all told.

2. *Sunday-schools.* This feature of the work is very encouraging. Thousands of Scripture texts and lesson and picture papers are distributed every month among the children who attend these schools. Thus, hundreds of homes are supplied, in part at least, with the word of God. These schools now number 60, with 2,054 scholars, and the interest and attendance are greatly increased. Each worker has at least two, and in some cases as many as four, schools under his or her charge, the schools

being held anywhere and every-where. Every available helper has a hand in this work, hence no wonder it progresses. The following is an instance of how Sunday-schools are commenced, translated from the account given by the native Christian teacher himself :

“ On the 1st of August I went to a village called *Kanjarpurmá*, and said to the inhabitants, ‘ If you will let me teach your children the word of God it will be very beneficial to them and you.’ Hearing this, the people said, ‘ If you were to give us 10 rupees a day we would not send our children to your school, for we have never heard of such a thing as a Kanjar (a string-seller and snake-eater) being able to read.’ After telling them I simply wanted to teach them about God and his love toward man, they still refusing to send their children, with a heavy heart I turned away, yet with faith in God that he would make known his word in this village. The next day I went again to the village, on the way praying God to help me. As I neared it I met a leper, who asked me why I was coming there. I answered, ‘ Friend, I have brethren living in this place, and I rejoice that I may be able to impart to them some instruction.’ The leper said, ‘ What are the names of your brethren ? ’ to which I replied that I did not know their names. He said, “ You must have queer brethren that you do not know their names ! ’ to which I again replied, “ Nevertheless, you and all the people who live in this village are my brethren.’ He still further said, ‘ Only those people are brethren who are children of the same father and mother.’ But, after I told him that God, through Christ, was the Father of us all, he seemed greatly pleased, and said, ‘ I like this new word; I have never before heard about it.’ ‘ Very well,’ said I, ‘ if you will call the children of this village together, I will instruct them.’ He agreed to this, telling me to come in the evening. I then went to my home, where at midday I asked God’s special blessing upon the people. At the time appointed I went to the village, praying all the way, ‘ O Lord, go with me to this village; as thou wast with the children of Israel, so be thou with me.’ Arriving at the village, I found that the leper, according to promise, had gathered some children together. These I told about Jesus and his love, and so greatly pleased were all that the men told me to come again, and many boys and young men enrolled themselves as members of my Sunday-school. Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ this work was accomplished, not through my strength. Praise the Lord, who does hear and answer prayer ! ”

3. *W. F. M. S. Work.* This is carried on at the five principal points, and with its various departments—Zenana work, boarding school, Sunday and day schools—forms no small part of the work of the circuit. The boarding school especially is a recognized power in the community, many of the civilian and military residents aiding liberally in its support.

4. *Conversions.* A large number have professed conversion during the past twelve months. When the missionary and his wife came here, in the latter part of January, they asked the Lord for at least 100 souls, and it looks as though that many may be reached before the close of this Conference year. Twelve of these conversions are from among the heathen,

seventeen native Christian boys and girls, and a large number of soldiers. At Hazipur, a Chumar village, near Sitapur, there is great hope of a break. The Chumars are more numerous than any other caste in Sitapur Division, and when a beginning is made among them many will come to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is manifestly at work.

GONDAH.

S. Knowles, Missionary ; Stephen Paul, Minister.

As it is impossible to write in the space allowed of all the work done in the charge during the year under review, we must confine ourselves to mentioning, as simple specimens of the work done, the account of a tour made to the Devi Patan Mela in April last, and the record of the baptism of the leader of an important body of Hindus in this district. The number of members in the Church here, the number of baptisms performed, the number of day and Sabbath scholars in our schools—all these are to be found in the statistics of the charge, and need not be particularly mentioned in this place. We, therefore, pass on to mention

The *Devi Patan Mela*. It is the month of April. The harvest is all gathered and stacked on the threshing floors, under the shady trees outside the villages, and the people have both time and money to enjoy a holiday, and take a trip to the Devi Patan Mela, on the borders of the Nepal jungles. Hence the roads leading to the *mela* are covered with these holiday-making rustics, tradesmen, and officials. Here we see a crowd of pedestrians—men, women, and children—carrying their sleeping and cooking arrangements, and leading or dragging the doomed he-goats, forcing their crowded, eager way. Here stout, self-satisfied officials, on their well-fed, ambling ponies, urging their not over-courteous way through the dusty groups of travelers. Here, too, in the deep ruts the rough, slow-going country carts, with their screeching wheels, that set your teeth on edge, and each filled with a peasant family, including the devoted he-goat, the women singing a monotonous song in praise of Sita Ram, that somehow makes the heart feel sad. It is through these motley crowds, and clouds of ever-rising dust, some eight of us are pressing on our way to the first camping place, at Maharaj Gunge, sixteen miles on the Balrampur road.

After our usual preparatory services in the afternoon, with united faith we marched to the front of a shop belonging to a vender of spirituous liquors, situated at the head of the village. The expressive sign of this reeking, foul-smelling shop was a long pole, with a broken bottle hanging by the neck. We found about twenty men and women sitting on one side of this den, drinking and quarreling together. We soon collected over a hundred persons. After our customary service of prayer and song and preaching, we gave our invitation for any impressed by the truth to come forward and acknowledge it. The *kalhar*, or liquor-vender, was himself the first to respond to our call. He promised he would give up his unholy trade, worship God in and through the name of Jesus Christ, and, as far as he knew it, always walk in the truth. On this con-

fession we baptized him. He has since separated himself from the liquor traffic, and gone back to his village to cultivate the land. After we had received the *kalhar* a poor blind man cried out, "These men speak the truth, and from this day I am also a disciple of Jesus Christ." With his sightless eyeballs turned to the setting sun we received him as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day we reached Balrampur, ten miles farther on our way to the *mela*. Here we found a heterogeneous mass of people crowded into the many groves of mango trees that surround this capital of the first Tallaqdar in Oudh; for, though Deq Biseq Singh is dead, having lost his life two years ago from a severe fall from his elephant, when attacked by a wounded tiger, Balrampur is still the abode of his widow, Maharani, and called by his name. Here we have a native preacher, Bihari Lal, and a number of our new converts baptized last year. We had the pleasure of partaking of the hospitality of the former, and the delight of seeing and instructing and encouraging the latter. In the evening we marched to the center square of the city, and gathered over 500 listeners. Ten persons—two Brahmins and eight Koris—believed the word preached, were received, and placed under the instruction and care of Brother Bihari Lal. Most of these converts live in villages round about Balrampur, so can be easily looked after.

The next day, re-enforced by brethren from Balrampur, we started for the *mela*, eighteen good miles toward the misty mountains seen in the distance. After a most trying march in the heat and blinding dust, we reached the beautiful banks of the refreshing Rapti River. O, how grateful we felt as we bathed our fevered limbs in its cool, clear waters, and drank in new life. After luncheon and a reviving siesta in the acceptable shade of a large Indian fig-tree, we started again in the dusty track of the devotees for the *mela*. Just as we reached the bridge of boats, a number of people stopped us, and requested us to preach to them. We were not slow in holding forth the word of life, and pressing our willing hearers to come to Jesus. One Brahmin's heart was touched, and he came forward, confessing Christ to be the only Saviour of men. We led him down to the river and gave him the Christian sign of discipleship, and then broke the bread of fellowship, of which he willingly partook. Thirsty, tired, and full of dust, we entered the grand grove of tamarind trees that surround the gloomy temple of the blood-deluged idol goddess, and were soon enjoying an agreeable rest in the cool of the evening.

The *mela* partook more of a migratory character this year than last, still there were never less than 22,000 present as long as it lasted. The first impression you receive as you approach this *mela* is that you are entering an immense slaughter-house, for the odor and sight of blood are every-where. We always wisely pitch our tents to the north of these cruel shambles, and are thus saved from the horrible effluvia so fiercely carried to the east; but the temple of the female deity and its vicinity are only equaled in butchery and gore by the tomb of Mirza, a few yards off, daily washed with pig's blood. Both together form a complete *aceldama*.

At the former, relays of sanguinary priests keep severing, with their sharp, heavy-bladed knives, the heads from the quivering bodies of the he-goats and male buffaloes from morning till evening. This sickening carnage takes place over a sand-pit, which is emptied and filled with fresh sand every morning. The devotee first takes the animal to be offered to an adjacent tank, and dips it three times in the polluted water. At the latter, or Tomb of Mirza, another awful destruction of animals is witnessed. A number of blood-stained priests stand behind a black stone in front of the tomb, in readiness to relieve him who takes the sucking-pig from the devotee, dashes its head upon the stone, and hands it back to the offerer, who rushes with the bleeding victim into the building, to let the blood drop on the dishonored shrine. In the evening heaps of dead sucking-pigs, of a thousand each, may be seen, said pigs being auctioned off to the low-caste Hindūs, who swarm the place of sacrifice. It was calculated that one animal a minute was sacrificed from sunrise to sunset of every day for a week: thus no less than 5,040 animals were cruelly and uselessly immolated during the time we were present at this great pandemonium.

Our mode of operation was the same this year as last. We rose in the gray of the morning to our bugle-call, and met for prayer and consultation and for spiritual strength: and then, when our hearts were strong and our faith as one man's, we sallied forth, assured of present victory. We chose a convenient place, where we could operate without fear of being molested, and at the same time reach the great mass of the people. There we spread our carpet, conducted our services, and invited the worshippers of a gory deity to the loving arms of the Great Father. Sometimes we would march round and through the fair, among the crowds who had come with a view to the worshiping of Mammon as well as to the worshiping of one particular deity. Then we would be greeted with cries of "Here comes the Padri, that fascinates and then makes the people Christians."

Time and space will not permit me to write a detailed account of each day's work. Enough if we say that we had never less than 500 people at any time at our services conducted in the open *mela*; that perfect order reigned throughout, and that the best attention was given from beginning to end. At one time the people were so moved that they shouted as one man, with all the enthusiasm of devotees, "Isa panth ki jai!" ("May the religion of Christ prosper!") and kept prolonging the shout for some time. The women, too, this year found their way into the listening crowds, and after the services were closed would bring their children, place them at our feet, and ask for our blessing. At the close of every service one or two would respond to our call, come out and be received before the whole assembly, either as disciples or inquirers. One noted Faqir, of the *Kabir Panthi* sect, named Mangal Das, pressed out of the crowd, threw himself at our feet and said, that he surrendered body and soul to Jesus Christ. We baptized him and broke the bread of holy fellowship together in the midst of the astonished people. Thus we received as disciples of Jesus

Christ in this fair seven persons, one Faqir, two Brahmins, and four Koris. We also took the names of over fifty inquirers.

Nothing to me showed the power of the Gospel at this *mela* of blood more than the words of the Kabir Panthi Faqir, whom we baptized, and met at Balrampur on our way home from the fair. "Sir," he said, "I went to the *mela* a Hindu, I have returned a Christian."

Let me now record the baptism of a leader of an important sect of Hindus, called Satya-nama, or The true name. This man heard the Gospel preached for the first time in the above-mentioned *mela* last April, and confessed that Jesus Christ was the "Spirit of goodness in the divine essence," and promised always to approach this "divine essence," which he calls God, in the name of this same Jesus, but he then refused to be baptized. About a month ago he was laid on the floor of his hut in a supposed dying state. He sent for our native preacher from Balrampur and said he wished to identify himself more closely with the people who called themselves by the Satya-nama (The true name) of Jesus Christ. He meant by this that he wanted to be baptized. Our native preacher faithfully attended and instructed him, until his health was recovered, and he was able to go into Gondah. On the 7th of October we assembled our Church in a large tent, and there in their midst we baptized him in the Satya-nama (The true name) of the true God. After his baptism he presented me with the steel chain he had worn for years on his right ankle, saying: "This chain falsely represented all my passions bound by the spirit of goodness I tried to adore in the divine essence; but now I know the only power to subdue self is the divine essence and spirit of goodness which I find in Jesus Christ."

The open declaration of this man's faith in Christ has opened a door of helpful usefulness among his many disciples in the district, and has greatly encouraged our other new converts, scattered among the villages near Balrampur, to stand firm in their saving faith.

In concluding this report I may say that during the year we have preached the Gospel in 300 villages, 7 *melas*, 62 bazars, in as many cities, and to over 20,000 souls.

BAHRAICH.

Wm. Peters, Minister.

I render God a thousand thanks that this year has closed prosperously and healthfully for us and our work. We continued to feel through the year the Holy Spirit working in us, and we have not been left without the fruit of our labors.

I give below in detail an account of the work done by the several workers in connection with the mission here.

Public Worship has been held regularly, besides prayer-meetings in the houses of the brethren. The desire of every member of this little Church is to present a good example to the heathen around, and thereby glorify our Father in heaven. We are 35 souls here in all, and, thank God, we live in peace and brotherly love. Class-meetings have also been held from time to time.

Preaching in the bazar has been carried on without any intermission three times a week. Our hearers were, on several occasions, apparently much moved; many accompanied us home for a more quiet talk on the subject of religion, while some professed to believe in Jesus as the Saviour from sin, but were afraid to acknowledge him publicly.

Mohullah work has been going on as usual. There has been nothing new or remarkable in connection with it, except that two or three persons have given up idolatry, and join us in our public worship now and then.

Preaching tour. During a portion of every year we go out to distant villages as well as those situated within a radius of five miles of Bahraich; we find the simplicity of villagers one of the most pleasing features of their character. They are more impressible and less captious than the inhabitants of towns and cities, receiving the truth readily and gladly.

Sunday-schools. The number of Sunday-schools is less by one this year, but the number of boys and girls remains the same, and there has been an improvement in the average attendance. Our pupils are very fond of the *bhajans* (hymns) taught them; so that we can truly say, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise."

The Vernacular Schools. There are 140 names on the rolls, of whom 22 passed the upper primary examination, and 45 the lower primary. Mr. Nisfield, the Government Inspector of Schools for Oudh, has made a very favorable report, and it is hoped that our Grant in Aid will be increased.

The Frey Schools. The number attending is small, but much good has been done and might be done in the way of imparting Christian instruction by means of such schools.

Colportage. There is no colporteur attached to this mission station, still we have been able to sell books worth about 25 rupees this year.

Zenana work has been carried on with credit to those engaged in it.

ROI BAREILLY.

H. F. Kastendieck, Missionary.

One convert and ten sincere inquirers are the fruit of our work since the session of Conference, in January. Two additional inquirers, who have been such for several years, are under instruction. We have had a few whose purpose proved to be to get money or service; two men wanted Christian wives, two women wanted Christian husbands. Many readily admit that their religion fails to do what it ought; that they are none the better in heart for observing its requirements, but they will not practice what they are convinced is true; the earthly cost seems too great.

Bazar preaching is regularly maintained. One evening at bazar preaching, one of the speakers used the expression of the "kingdom of God." A Mohammedan interrupted him by saying, "So God is a king, and the Christians are his kingdom. . . . Once the king of Oudh ruled here, but the English became displeased with his reign, and deprived him

of his lands and authority. How do you know that one day some of the English in heaven will not become dissatisfied with God as their king, displace him, and appoint one of their own number in his stead?" Hindus rarely interrupt us. Mohammedans seldom fail to do so.

Schools. We have 17 Sunday-schools for boys, and 13 for girls and women. Of the ten day schools for boys six show very satisfactory results. Last June a leading man (writer caste), in a village where we have a good school, appeared at the school-room several times, and after much abusive language threatened to beat severely every one who should attend the Christian school again. In addition he told the Christian teacher that he must not draw water from the village well again, or he would be soundly beaten, if not killed. The teacher came for advice, for the man had seated himself at the well, and, bamboo in hand, had threatened to beat him should he approach. He was told to return and conduct his school, and quietly but firmly to insist upon drawing or having drawn what water was needed for himself and family, and to report the result on the following morning. His account led me to bring the case to the attention of the officiating district superintendent of police, who ordered inquiries to be made. The villagers testified in behalf of the teacher. "What," said the officers to the accused, "you not guilty? your own people testify against you in favor of the Christian who has been among them only 7 months." He was arrested and fined 20 rupees. Shortly after he begged pardon of the teacher, and is now one of his best friends and a better man. The village Sunday-schools and day schools at Dariba are making very good progress.

Collections. There has been a slight decrease in the amount received for the support of the native pastor. This is owing to the fact that since July money for this account has been collected from natives only. The missionary collection, 26 rupees, is nearly twice the amount obtained last year. A collection is now taken in a few of our Sunday-schools. The amount received is very small, but it is a beginning.

HARDUI.

E. Joel, Minister.

Praise God, who has spared his servants and given them strength for another year's work! Wherever we have gone to preach the Gospel the Lord Jesus Christ has been with us and blessed the word spoken. We have received help from on high, and been kept happy in the love of Jesus. His word has been with power to many of the people; some have accepted Christ, and many more soon will. The district is very large, and the laborers few, but the Holy Spirit is being poured out upon us, and we look for great things. The Church consists of 31 members, 5 probationers, and 19 children, and growth in spiritual life is steady. There is some increase in the day and Sunday schools; many of the children commit to memory Scripture verses and the Catechism, and sing the *bhajans*.

In the woman's work, also, there is much to encourage, and our prayer to God is that his kingdom may come and the people be saved!

CAWNPORE.

G. H. M'Grew, F. L. Neeld, Missionaries.

The working force has been increased by one native preacher, a graduate in last year's class of the Theological School, and a very efficient preacher and pastor.

The lines of work are mainly the same as were followed last year; but much more attention has been paid to mohullah work, and less to bazar preaching. On the whole our attention has been directed more to the native Christians than to the heathen. A large number of baptized Christians have been drawn from different missions into Cawnpore by the prospect of finding work. In only a few cases have they brought certificates of church-membership. They are scattered in all parts of the city, and are not easily visited. To induce them to attend service, and to adjust the hours of service so that all could attend has been no easy task. The native brethren have labored incessantly with this in view. I am sorry to say that our efforts have not been very successful. Not a few persons relieved from the restraining influences of their own mission have engaged in such employment as requires their attendance on Sunday, or have thrown off all Christian association, and relapsed into open immorality or simple godlessness.

We have a growing number of adherents, that is, persons who have come from other missions to Cawnpore, and who fellowship with our Christian community, attend our service, but do not formally unite with our Church. What to do with such persons, particularly where they are married to our members, is a perplexing question. The Christian settlement in the city is growing rapidly, and is unquestionably a most orderly and prosperous community. The people living there have taken an important step toward self-government, by electing a number of their most intelligent and experienced men to adjust the difficulties which arise among the members of the community. Thus far the plan has worked well. This committee has kept the peace, and satisfactorily solved many practical difficulties without plunging the missionary into the depths of that unfathomable mystery—a Hindustani quarrel.

The attendance in the Sunday-schools has diminished somewhat, but it is believed that the instruction has improved and that the schools are in a more healthful condition than before. The number of little girls who attend these schools is steadily increasing.

The new church, which was mentioned in my last report, is slowly approaching completion. I have spent so much time this year in trying to push on the work, and have accomplished so little, that the less said about the time of its completion the better. The school building is finished; the tower is up to the base of the spire; the roof is on, and the interior plastered. The bell and clock have been waiting for months until the tower should be ready. When completed this will be by far the finest native church in Northern India. The people in the city manifest a lively interest in the enterprise, and a few Hindus offered to subscribe toward its erection.

Work has been opened at Sheorajpur, 23 miles west of Cawnpore. The native brother stationed there reports a good Sunday-school and a number of interested hearers, but only one pronounced inquirer, who is waiting until death puts him in possession of his paternal acres before being baptized.

Cawnpore English Church. A. J. Maxwell, F. W. Foote, Missionaries.

The English work has enjoyed a year of steady advance. The congregation, of which about 100 are soldiers, have filled the church, even during the hot months. The weekly prayer-meeting has had an average attendance of 125. The pastor has led a large class in the study of the Bible on Monday evenings. A Bible-reading circle of twenty has been formed; the object being to read consecutively a chapter in both the Old and the New Testaments daily. Monthly reviews are held. The women of the congregation, to the number of 35, are organized into a Home Missionary Society, with monthly meetings. The members agree to devote a portion of every week to mission work among natives, or in the study of the vernacular, with this end in view. In most cases the work is done among servants and their families. The children have been formed into a similar society.

The temperance cause has received much attention. The work is carried on according to the methods of the Gospel Temperance Union. Fully 200 have taken the pledge.

The pastor has undertaken the publication of a small religious paper, for gratuitous distribution throughout the station. It is also circulated by the respective pastors of Lucknow and Allahabad.

The people have been thoroughly visited. The pastor and his wife having made upward of 700 calls during the last 9 months. The decrease in the members reported is owing in part to a revision of the roll, and in part to the removal of several soldiers who were on probation. The actual membership is no index of the strength of the Church. Many of its best moral and financial supporters belong to other denominations. The uncertain stay of Europeans in Indian stations keeps many from transferring their membership from place to place.

Already 20 proprietors and mill-masters are connected with our congregation. Not a little of the success that has attended the experiment of putting boys from the Orphanage into these mills and factories has been due to the personal interest taken in them by some of the masters.

Not less than 300 heathens and Mohammedans are at present receiving religious instruction from lay members of this congregation.

Memorial High School, Cawnpore. F. W. Foote, Principal.

This institution, founded in 1874, furnishes English-speaking boys and young men with a good education. There are three departments: Primary, Middle, and High School. In the high school boys are prepared for matriculation in the University of Calcutta. The requirements for this entrance examination are a knowledge of the fundamentals, a portion of algebra and Euclid, English and Indian history, and two languages, one of which shall be English. From this year's entrance class of four, three

will go up for matriculation, and one will take the secretarial examination.

The number enrolled for the past year has been 82, while the average attendance has been 55. The total number of boys who have attended the school since it was founded is 510.

The current expenses during this year have been met. There is still a debt of 4,015 rupees remaining on the school, which should be raised. Aside from the principal's salary, the school receives no aid from the Missionary Society. Government gives a liberal Grant in Aid. Under the operations of the new educational code, which provides that Grants in Aid be given according to the number of students who attend and who pass prescribed examinations, the income from this source may be very much reduced. A small endowment would do much for a school in this country, where the necessities of life are so cheap. Twenty-five thousand dollars would place the institution on good footing, and extend its influence in a wonderful degree.

Boys are growing up here who are soon to go out into the active duties of life. Great are the opportunities for mission work, and it is the constant aim of the institution to train its sons to realize the demands which the Great Head of the Church has upon their hearts and lives.

Native Christian Industrial School. F. L. Neeld, Superintendent.

We began the year with 80 boys on the roll, but a sifting process has been going on, so that our average number for the year is only 70.

I presume that there is not a place in the mission where the boys work as hard or steadily as they do here. I presume, also, that there is not a place where they can earn so much money and become so established in a good trade.

If these boys have the grace of perseverance, and "stick to the last" and to the loom, there is every probability that they will become contractors and *mistris* (overseers). The mill boys are taught by thorough-going English masters, and are not permitted to either shirk or do bad work.

A number of the boys have become able to earn their own living, and ten of them have begun making monthly deposits with me. When their wages come in I deduct enough to pay for their living, and hand them over the balance. There was trouble at first to get them to use their earnings wisely. I opened an account with each one of ten boys, and receive as much of their surplus money as they wish to deposit, and go through the regular bank form of giving them pass-books. After six months of receiving deposits and cashing drafts, I have a balance in hand for these ten accounts of 92 rupees, 4 annas, 9 pice. One boy has a bank balance of 36 rupees. With this amount he could rent one of our eight anna houses for more than six years.

In our Sunday-school we took up a collection on Children's Day, after clearly telling them for what purpose the money was to be used, and received over 7 rupees.

During the past statistical year the total earning of the boys has been 2,446 rupees, 10 annas, 9 pice. From this amount I have built five new

houses in the Christian settlement, made extensive repairs on the property here, and paid off the remaining debt, including the interest, amounting to 1,636 rupees, 4 annas.

Though the industrial affairs occupy our chief attention, yet book education is not neglected. Our small boys work half a day in the mills, and attend school for two hours; the large boys work full time, and attend night school for two hours. None of the boys are ignorant of reading, writing, and arithmetic. We teach Urdu, Hindi, and English. English is optional, but one of the other languages is required.

In *Sunday-school* regular and systematic instruction in the Scriptures is given, and the boys thoroughly drilled in the Catechism.

During the year we had a series of special meetings, from which there was much spiritual benefit. Three boys were clearly converted to God, and nearly all manifested a change of feeling, as shown by their behavior.

One boy has rendered very efficient help in the Sunday-schools in this city. One of the large boys has become a colporteur. He feels called to preach, and we can find out his qualifications by trying him in this work before recommending him for a course in the Theological School.

Just a word about the Christian settlement in the city. I have taken in several new families lately from Budaon, Bareilly, and Shahjahanpur, and the houses are all occupied but one. The men are all at work, and most of them doing well. The able-bodied women who can leave home work in the mills, and thus help their families. We have at present 70 persons; 18 of them are boys and girls, and 52 are men and women. These people are self-supporting. We are now trying to teach them the doctrine contained in the last clause of Eph. iv. 28: "Let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

UNAO.

E. Burge, Minister.

Thank God for his mercies during the year, and the favor which he has caused to be shown to us. Preaching in the city and villages has been continued throughout the year to large and interested crowds. At the gatherings on market and *mela* days thousands gladly hear the word. At the Takkia *mela* the Rev. Mr. Lawson joined us in cordial help in preaching, for which we were very grateful. There are four *tahsils* (subdivisions) in the district. The population of the district is nearly a million; the average to the square mile is nearly 600. Though mission work here has but recently been begun, five primary schools have been opened, in which the children are learning not only to read and write, but the word of God as well. The wants of the district, or circuit, are many. More men and more money are urgently needed, that work may be opened in other parts of the Zillah.

STATISTICS OF THE NORTH

INDIA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Foreign Missionaries, Wm. For. Miss. Society.	European and European Assistants.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Miss. Society.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Foreign Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Teachers in same.	No. of Students.	No. of High Schools.	No. of Teachers in same.	No. of Pupils.	No. of other Day Schools.	No. of other Day Scholars.	
<i>Oudh District.</i>																									
Lucknow: Native Church.	3	2	6	10	1	4	68	16	90	71	321	265	23	16	12	4	4	1	12	329	21	1,248			
English Church.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sitapur and Luckimpur.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Gonda.																									
Bairach.																									
Roi Bareilly.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hardoi.																									
Barabanki.																									
Cawnpore: Native Church.	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
English Church.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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<i>Rohilkund District.</i>																									
Bareilly.	3	2	3	29	2	7	53	11	209	240	659	900	40	11	46	1	1	2	40	1	3	21	859		
Fatehgunge.																									
Amia.																									
Khera-Bajhera.																									
Budaon.	1	1	1	9	1	13	33	11	170	163	550	409	15	10	7							31	600		
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Bisauli.																									
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Chandausi.																									
Bijnour.																									
Mandaup.																									
Najeebadad.																									
Shahjahanpur.	1	1	1	12	1	5	24	2	49	7	82	214	8	6	275	15	23					28	935		
Panahpur.																									
Jalalabad.																									
<i>Amroha District.</i>																									
Sambhal.				9	1	1	9	2	37	27	81	50	2	3									9	225	
Rasulpur.																									
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Rajpur.																									
Joan.																									
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Durala.																									
<i>Kumaon District.</i>																									
Naini Tal: English Church.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	175	200	175	3	1	3	27									
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Bhabar.																									
Eastern Kumaon.																									
Dwarahat.																									
Gulwal.																									

No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Orphans.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	No. of Parsonages or "Houses."	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Houses."	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospital, Book Rooms, etc.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Reparing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.	Volume Printed during the year.	Pages Printed during the year.	
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ALLAHABAD DISTRICT, D. Osborne, P. E.

Allahabad: English, A. Gilruth; *Hindustani*, C. H. Plomer. *Agra*, A. T. Leonard. *Roorkee*, C. W. D'Souza. *Mussoorie*, D. Osborne. *Philander Smith Institute*, D. L. Tompkins. *Lahore*, G. K. Gilder.

BOMBAY DISTRICT, George Bowen, P. E.

Bombay: Grant Road, Fort, and Masagon, J. S. Stone, J. A. Northrup, W. H. Stephens, and W. W. Bruere; *Marathi*, George Bowen, G. O. Carroll. *Baroda*, to be supplied. *Igatpuri and Bhosawal*, L. R. Janney, Dyanoba Khundajee. *Karachi*, W. Bowser. *Poona*, J. Blackstock. *Poona School*, A. S. E. Vardon, W. E. L. Clarke. D. O. Fox, agent of Poona School, member of Poona Quarterly Conference. W. E. Robbins, Book Agent, member of Poona Quarterly Conference.

BURMAH DISTRICT, John E. Robinson, P. E.

Rangoon: English, John E. Robinson, S. P. Long; *Tamil*, to be supplied. *Singapore*, W. F. Oldham.

CALCUTTA DISTRICT, J. M. Thoburn, D. D., P. E. (also Conference Evangelist).

Calcutta: English, J. M. Thoburn, Jr.; *Bengali*, J. P. Meik; *Hindustani*, F. J. Blewitt; *Seamen's Mission*, B. T. Eddy, one to be supplied. *Assensole*, W. A. Thomas.

CENTRAL DISTRICT, C. P. Hard, P. E.

Jabalpur, T. E. F. Morton. *Khandwa and Harda*, C. P. Hard. *Mhow*, E. Jeffries. *Ajmere*, J. D. Webb. *Nagpur*, A. G. Fraser, D. D.

MADRAS DISTRICT, A. W. Rudisill, P. E.

Madras: Vepery, A. W. Rudisill, J. H. Garden; *Blacktown and Bellary*, A. H. Baker. *Bangalore*, R. E. Carter, B. Peters; *Baldwin School*, I. A. Richards. *Chadarghat*, J. Lyon. *Secunderabad*, W. F. G. Curties.

Telugu Mission, to be supplied. *Lingsugur : Canarese Mission*, S. P. Jacobs, D. O. Ernsberger.

LAY MISSIONARIES.—*Calcutta : Girls' School*, Miss M. E. Layton, Miss M. C. Hedrick; *Boys' School*, Edward S. Busby, Augustus Meyer. *Rangoon Girls' School*, Miss E. H. Warner, Miss M'Kesson. *Bombay*, Miss Sarah W. De Line. *Madras : Vepery, Tamil*, Miss E. Chase; *Zenana Mission*, Mrs. E. Freeman. *Bangalore : Baldwin School*, Miss G. Oakes. *Allahabad : Cannington Girls' School*, Miss S. B. M'Neal.

THE South India Conference met November 20, 1884, at Chadarghat, Nizam's Dominions. Bishop Hurst presided. Several changes were made, with a view to the extension of the work. The Conference reached out its hand to our China Conference and missions by occupying Singapore, which is 2,850 miles, in a straight line, from the most northern station yet taken. Bishop Hurst expressed his faith for this year's advance thus: "Another year I shall look to see 5,000 new members reported." The practical working of the changes inaugurated will come properly into the report for next year. It is sufficient to say that the outlook for successful work was never more encouraging.

The Rev. Dennis Osborne, having attended to his duties as a delegate to the General Conference, in May, traveled extensively through the United States, preaching every-where, and speaking on missions, greatly interesting the people and profiting the work in India.

A remarkable re-enforcement, both as to numbers and character, went out during the year. The appointment of six new members of the Conference will be noticed in the above list. A. W. Rudisill was made P. E. of Madras District; J. H. Garden is associated with him in the city of Madras. The other members of this company were D. L. Tompkins, J. M. Thornburn, Jr., S. P. Long, and W. F. Oldham; the latter returned to work in India, after years spent in study in America. Three ladies have also gone to engage in mission work of this Conference: Miss Sarah W. De Line, Miss M. C. Hedrick, and Miss S. B. M'Neal.

The following are the statistics that have reached us :

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Probationers.....	617
Full members.....	1,295
Local Preachers.....	57
Deaths this year.....	33
Baptisms of children.....	170
Do. of adults.....	29
Churches.....	29
Parsonages.....	15
Sunday-schools.....	55
Officers and teachers.....	319
Scholars.....	2,882

Probable value of Churches.....	302,426 rupees.
Probable value of Parsonages.....	77,325 "
Paid for building and improving churches and parsonages.....	19,025 "
Paid on old indebtedness on Church property....	13,211 "
Present indebtedness.....	29,025 "
Paid for current expenses.....	30,854 "

Raised for Missions :

1. Churches.....	4,518 rupees.
2. Sunday-schools.....	1,114 "
Total for missions.....	5,632 rupees.
Tract Society.....	29 "
Board of Education.....	47 "
Bible Society.....	70 "
Woman's Missionary Society.....	233 "
Other collections.....	6,270 "
For support of pastors, presiding elders, and bishops	42,623 "
Conference claimants.....	227 "
Estimated for pastor's claims, including rental—value of parsonage, or house rent.....	44,120 "
Collected on above.....	48,967 "
Estimated for presiding elders' claims.....	1,846 "
Collected on above.....	1,588 "

Number of schools... English, 12 Vernacular, 20 Total, 32			
Christian girls.....	663	45	708
Non-Christian girls... "	4	149	153
Total girls.....	667	194	861
Christian boys.....	489	72	561
Non-Christian boys... "	23	593	616
Total boys.....	522	665	1,187
Total girls and boys. "	1,189	859	2,048
Teachers.....	57	32	89
Expenses of schools... "	49,087 Rs.	3,184 Rs.	52,271 Rs.

BULGARIA.

Commenced 1857.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP WALDEN.

Missionaries.

Dewitt C. Challis, J. S. Ladd,
Elford F. Lounsbury, Addison R. Jones (in U. S. A.),
T. Constantine.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. Irene L. Challis, Mrs. Rosa D. Ladd,
Mrs. Adelia Lounsbury, Mrs. Emma K. Jones (in U. S. A.),
Mrs. T. Constantine.

Missionary of the W. F. M. S.

Miss Linna Schenck.

Native Ordained Preachers.

Stephen Thomoff, Elder, Gabriel Eleiff, Elder,
J. I. Economoff, Elder, Stephen Getchoff, Deacon.

Local Preachers Acting as Supplies.

Yordaky Tswettkoff, Harlambi Demetroff.

APPOINTMENTS for 1885.

D. C. CHALLIS, *Acting Superintendent.* (P. O. *Loftcha.*)

Rustchuk, E. F. Lounsbury, *Pastor*; J. S. Ladd, in charge of publishing and book-selling department.

Sistof, S. Thomoff, *Pastor*, and in charge of Upper Danube District; and *Principal of Theological School*; J. I. Economoff, *Teacher in Theological School.*

Loftcha, S. Getchoff, *Pastor*; Miss Linna Schenck, *Principal of Girls' School.*

Varna, T. Constantine.

Orchania, H. Demetroff.

Selvi, G. Elieff.

Plevna, Y. Tswettkoff.

THE Annual Meeting of the Bulgaria Mission was held in Rustchuk, October 1, 1884. Bishop Hurst was present, and presided, much to the satisfaction of the brethren. He re-

ports the members of the mission as united in spirit, and having reason for their undiminished faith in the final success of their labors. It will be seen, from the accompanying report of the Rev. D. C. Challis; that many of the grounds for discouragement have disappeared.

The year has been one of varied and oftentimes trying experiences, but notwithstanding serious losses from our working force, we are rejoiced to be able to report a sensible increase in the number of communicants, and a generally more hopeful prospect over the whole field.

The important work of securing permanent hold upon real estate in the principal cities has gone on without interruption. Congregations are increasing, and the influence of the Gospel is becoming more apparent.

The sickness of Brother Jones and his return to America seriously embarrassed us, and has greatly impeded the progress of the school of which he had charge.

The death of Brother Naidenoff, of Orchania, was a loss which it seems impossible to repair. His circuit, of fully 200 miles and 30,000 inhabitants, was all traveled over by him several times during the 9 months before his death, and he seemed to have fully won the affection of the people in all these places, so that he could collect an audience in any of the numerous villages on his round. His sudden death produced a profound impression upon the people of Orchania, and it may be that an abundant harvest will yet be gathered by those who are permitted to enter into his labors.

Rustchuk, Sistof, and Loftcha have held their own, and made some advance. Plevna, Orchania, Selvi, and Varna have shown decided increase of interest.

The Upper Danube district has been traveled over by Brother Thomoff and the book-sellers with good results, in the increase of friendship for our workers and inquiry for the way of life.

In the Lower Danube district, perhaps the villages around Rasgrad, hitherto the seat of the most violent persecution, have shown the most real interest in the truth. Legally, there is no hinderance to the propagation of the Gospel, but in fact, the whole power of State and Church can be used to embarrass us. It is but a few years since the "Orthodox" Church was the only *Bulgaria* that had legal existence, and to its functionaries the people looked for help in all times of need. Its bishops were the Bulgarian statesmen, and inside of its churches was the only ground that they might say was not Turkish. It is not strange, then; that the people do not at once become accustomed to the idea of a political existence apart from the Church, nor is it to be expected that those who then ruled a willing people should be easily dispossessed of the idea of political leadership. The result is, that as soon as a work begins to attract attention it is possible to use a great deal of power, often more than sufficient, to frighten the ignorant peasants into submission. How much they can do is manifest in the case of our brother, the converted priest. The civil authorities forbade his living in his own village, and no appeal to the gov-

ernment, or even to the prince, has been able to move them from that decision, made by order of the bishop; and the villagers who were largely disposed to follow their pastor were cowed into submission.

In the circulation of religious literature there is no abatement of interest. During the year just closed Brother Ladd reports the sale of 2,371 vols. of Scriptures, 3,600 religious books, and 5,199 tracts, making a total of 11,170, for which the mission has received 6,420 francs, equivalent to \$1,239, which is about two thirds of the total cost of running the book department.

The American Bible Society grants \$1,000 a year to assist in the work of distributing the Scriptures.

The work of the Press was interrupted by the departure of Brother Jones, and we were obliged to have some of our work done in another office. About 400,000 pages have been printed, at a total cost for printing and binding of \$255, or for about one cent for 16 pages. The "Life of John Wesley" will be ready in a few weeks. Eight theological students are now out for the fall vacation, "two by two," selling books. They do effective work as evangelists for three months every year, and earn enough to pay half their expenses in school. Thus the money we pay them for wages secures us the work we need, and over half of it comes back to the treasury through the schools, while half their expenses as colporteurs are borne by the American Bible Society.

The Girls' School has continued through the year with no outside trouble, and generally all has gone pleasantly within. Fifteen boarding pupils were in attendance through the past year, and the new year has opened with 18 boarders and 5 day pupils. We have been made very glad by the coming of a lady appointed to take charge of the school. To this and our Boys' School we must look for effective agents for carrying on our work in the future. The mission is unanimous in the opinion that our native agents, in order to the highest degree of efficiency, must be trained on the field. Our theological students are engaged in real evangelical work three months of every year, and will enter their work after graduation, with heads unturned by foreign notions, and hearts in full sympathy with the work into which they will have been already fairly initiated. Of course all must be tried before they are put into the ministry, and approved by the votes of the brethren with whom they are to labor, before they can be admitted to Conference. Fifty dollars will pay the entire expenses of a young man for the year. To properly educate a young man in America costs at least \$200 a year. Why not spend the same amount in educating *four* young men here, and at the same time add to the *prestige* of the mission by maintaining a first-class school among the people we propose to benefit? Allow me to urge, then, the importance of a strong support for the Theological School, if our friends mean to give Bulgaria a fair trial. Only be patient; the Bulgarians are not quick to move, but under the influence of the right spirit they are capable of moving strongly.

Lend a hand, dear friends—you, who sent us here—and Bulgaria shall be added to the cirlet of stars that adorns the brow of modern evangelism!

STATISTICS OF THE BULGARIA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Foreign Missionaries, Wom. For. Miss. Society.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Miss. Society.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Foreign Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during year.	Children Baptized.	No. of Theolog. Schools.	No. of Teachers in same.	No. of Students.	No. of High Schools.	No. of Teachers in same.	No. of Pupils.	No. of other Day Schools.	No. of other Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	No. of Enfranchises or "Homes."	Estimated Value of Enfranchises or "Homes."	Value of Trappings, School Materials, Book Rooms, etc.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.	Volumes Printed during the year.	Pages Printed during the year.	
Rustchuk	2	2	..	1	1	1	1	9	12	50	28	2	8	..	..	..	..	1	25	1	15	1	15	..	..	1	2	\$5,500	..	\$1,497	\$24 00	\$1 93	\$2 00	..	..	..	..
Sistof .....	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	8	16	6	25	18	..	1	2	9	1	1	2	1	15	1	15	1	\$2,500	..	1	300	\$1,800	..	5 79	8 86	7 72	..	10,000	400,000		
Loftcha	1	1	1	8	1	..	3	3	10	1	20	20	..	1	..	..	..	1	8	19	1	5	125	..	..	1	2	8,000	4,500	..	11 54	1 93	5 00	..	..	..	..
Orohania .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	11	80	20	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selvi .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	7	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	2 00	1 35	1 40	\$1 85	..	..	..
Plevna .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	3	1	4	4	3	6	4	10	45	31	137	96	2	6	1	2	9	2	4	21	3	45	4	64	1	\$2,500	3	5	\$9,000	\$6,335	\$1,497	\$48 33	\$9 07	\$16 12	\$1 85	10,000	400,000
Last year	4	4	..	1	4	2	4	3	10	29	21	94	81	9	6	1	1	7	2	5	22	2	22	5	55	1	2,500	4	8	8,300	6,560	..	80 69	14 97	12 58	..	5,000	185,600

ITALY.

Commenced in 1872. Organized as a Conference in 1881.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP FOSS.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884-85.

LEROY M. VERNON, Presiding Elder.

Rome: St. Paul's, Alceste Lanna, Francesco Vizzone. *Piazza Esquilino*, Giovanni Gattuso. *Naples*, Domenico Polsinelli. *Foggia*, Pietro Tagliatela. *Venosa*, Gaetano Conte. *Terni*, Ettore Ageno. *Perugia*, Guido Palmieri. *Arezzo*, Giovanni Cavalleris. *Florence*, Teofilo Gay, Nicodemo Nardi. *Pisa and Pontedera*, Eduardo Stasio. *Bologna*, Daniele Gay. *Modena*, Federico Cruciani. *Alessandria*, Silvio Stazi. *Asti and S. Marzano*, Giacomo Carboneri, Amedeo Guigon. *Turin*, Bernardo Brachetto. *Milan*, Emilio Borelli. *Venice*, Costantino Tollis. *Forlì and Dovadola*, Crisanzio Bambini. *Faenza*, Enrico Borelli.

J. Hepburn Hargis, Missionary; member of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference. Enrico Caporali, Editor of *La Nuova Scienza*, and member of Perugia Quarterly Conference.

BIBLE WOMEN OF THE W. F. M. S.—*Rome*, Mrs. Elvira Mondö. *Perugia*, Mrs. Clemenza Palmieri. *Arezzo*, Mrs. Rosa Cavalleris. *Pisa*, Mrs. Emilia Stasio. *Bologna*, Mrs. Viola Lopa. *Modena*, Mrs. Emilia Cruciani. *Alessandria*, Mrs. Camilla Stazi. *Turin*, Miss M. Monta, Mrs. Lavinia Marini. *Milan*, Mrs. Giuseppina Campari. *Venosa*, Mrs. Clorinda Conte.

Various circumstances have made the year 1884 one of trial and of difficulty for the mission in Italy. The necessary absence for some months of the presiding elder (at the General Conference) proved a greater disadvantage than could well be foreseen or apprehended; the cholera scourge and other different but scarcely less disastrous visitations threatened our people with decimation and disorder. All these adverse facts more or less diverted the undivided attention and strength of our ministers from courageous, self-forgetting, aggressive work, and led them in more or less agitation and apprehension for their own security and the stability of their work to assume an attitude and bearing fitted to withstand threatening affliction and to preserve the work intact, harmonious, and hopeful under unforeseen and untoward visitations.

1. In one or two stations, such as *Arezzo* and *Faenza*, the struggle has been hard even for existence. The powers of darkness have seemed in these cases to gather all their malicious resources and to concentrate

them in an effort at our destruction. But we do not believe that the "gates of hell shall prevail" against the truth, its advocates, and adherents, even in these most difficult positions. The recent extravagances and fanatical assaults of the priests at Arezzo have turned the students of the city into open hostility to the stupid Romanist teachings and ceremonies, and made them for the present, at least, in a measure, our friends and allies; they having solicited our minister to help them in the organization and direction of an *Anticlerical Society*.

2. In *Turin, Milan, Forli, Asti, San Marzano, Perugia, Terni, and Venosa* our work has gone forward regularly and with fair and encouraging progress. We have every reason to believe we are laying foundations and preparing the way in all these fields for a much broader, more vigorous, and blessed work at no distant day.

3. *Venice*, after some unfortunate experience and vicissitudes, has entered upon a period which gives every appearance of being of real and permanent progress. The congregations are large and attentive, and scarcely a week passes without encouraging additions to the Church. Some of these conversions are deeply interesting. A letter lies before me from a man seventy years old, recently brought to Christ, which expresses, in genuine Methodistic and emphatic terms, his new-found experience and joy and the glorious sunset light of his declining days. Members of other churches there find great interest and comfort in our services, and are frequently present; thus we influence in no small degree all the Protestant element of the city. Our pastor, Brother Tollis, is a man of fine ability, once a professor of theology in the Roman Church; he is clear, exhaustive, and evangelical in his preaching, and of unusual spirituality.

4. Our church at *Bologna* continues prosperous and successful. All parties are full of joy and expectation at the prospective speedy completion of our new church there. The new church is much discussed by the general public, is universally admired, and conceded to be one of the neatest and most tasteful edifices in the city. Altogether our work there is inspiring great respect, and perhaps in no place is our influence on the public more manifest and salutary than in this venerable university town.

5. *Pisa*, besides maintaining its ground well as a station, has gained much by the purchase there of a well-located chapel, long used as such by the Roman Church. This was secured to our cause by the kind and timely generosity of T. B. Cope, Esq., of Philadelphia, a personal friend of Rev. J. H. Hargis. Brother Cope gave a part and loaned, without interest, the rest of the money necessary to secure this chapel. The Missionary Society accepted the property thus saved to us, with the remaining responsibilities therefor, and very soon it will be repaired and opened for our services. No one at a distance can appreciate how such a fact changes the face, force, and fate of our work.

6. *Florence* continues to be in many regards our banner station, if not, indeed, the banner Protestant Church of Italy, of which fact its versatile and popular pastor, Dr. Gay, may well be proud. The congregations are

large for Italy and enthusiastic, and our people take a lively and helpful interest in every thing that relates to the well-being of the Church, to the conversion of sinners, and to the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

7. At *Naples*, not only have we held our own, but have made some progress, which is much under the circumstances. For several months that city was scourged and harassed by the cholera; because of their peculiar character, their ignorance and superstition, multitudes of the population suffered as much from alarm and apprehension as from the ravages of the epidemic. The derangement and stagnation of business added other sufferings to those caused by disease, especially among the thousands of poor people. Our people and work necessarily suffered greatly from all these unhappy conditions. Several of our members and Sunday-school children died of cholera; our pastor's wife was also attacked by it, and Dr. Polsinelli was overwhelmed with labors and care for his suffering congregation, and with calls for assistance on every hand. Dr. Polsinelli's fearlessness, his energy, and humane and Christian offices, opened up new relations to him, and procured him and our cause increased confidence and respect among the people.

8. *Foggia*, one of our youngest stations, has grown in numbers, influence, and favor in rather a remarkable manner. The place was deemed very difficult and unfavorable for evangelical work. Indeed, there seemed for a long time more or less peril of violence in various ways—even of a riotous tumult or mob. But the fearless bearing, the clear, eloquent preaching and expositions, and the happy, good-natured, and gallant spirit of our preacher, even in the sharpest controversy, unmanned fanaticism, turned the scowls and mutterings of prejudice and hatred into smiles and laughter, compelled the respect of opponents, won friends and sympathizers every-where, and continually increased our recruits for the army of Christ. In no field, perhaps, has our presence ever in Italy produced so sudden, so radical, so manifest a revolution, and against such obstacles, nor have we elsewhere witnessed more thorough conversions.

9. This year Children's Day was observed in some of our churches, and we hope the satisfaction with the beginning may lead to its general and successful observance. Services have also been held in several of our congregations in celebration of the *centenary* of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This occasion at Florence was especially enthusiastic and imposing. At Venosa our pastor, Brother Conte, prepared and published a paper—of but a single number, of many copies—called JOHN WESLEY, in commemoration of the occasion. This anniversary has been duly commemorated also by our weekly paper, *La Fiaccola*.

10. The question of *self-support* has had special attention this year, and the immediate financial results are very considerably in advance of any heretofore attained. The pressure, however, upon this subject, in some places, has been temporarily more or less detrimental to other primary and vital interests; but we sincerely hope these effects may speedily disappear, and that steady progress may be made in the efforts of our people to meet the expenses of their own religious services. To plant a new re-

ligious life, and secure a new ecclesiastical institution with solidity and strength for vital action and fruitfulness, requires the maturing warmth and nurturing culture of a long and patient summer. "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the early and latter rain." Besides, impatience, battering and badgering the plants will never brighten or better the season nor hasten the harvest. But as to the teachings and practice of the home Church on *self-support*, as on the Gospel itself, we faithfully follow the godly admonition of the fathers.

11. *The Press.* Our little weekly journal, *La Fiaccola*, under the editorship of Dr. Gay, has done good service in its way; it is a little unduly burdensome to the Conference, however, as we have no aid in its publication, except the casual assistance of some friend now and then. The *Quarterly Review*, published this year by the generous and timely help of the Tract Society, has done grand service in its line, has won golden opinions among some of the first intellectual authorities of Italy, as also of other realms and states. It has evidently also seriously disconcerted the infidel writers, teachers, and their followers, who were endeavoring to pull themselves together into a party. The editor, Dr. Caporali, and the Church are to be congratulated on the character and achievements of this *Review* during its first year. During the year Rev. Dr. Teofilo Gay has published two stout volumes of nearly 300 pages, 8vo each, the one being a "Life of Christ," and the other a "Life of St. Paul." And while I write, the Rev. Dr. Polsinelli's version, in Italian, of our German brother Dr. Sulzberger's "Notes on the Articles of Religion" is in the press.

12. The ten Italian Bible women, sustained in this Conference by the W. F. M. S., have labored as best they could under so many hinderances. In several places their labor has been a very helpful influence on the work of our stations—especially in connection with Sunday-school interests.

13. We report this year an unprecedented and encouraging event for our Conference, associated with Naples, where we have encountered our severest trials. Our honored and beloved brother, Chevalier Varriale, official member of our Naples church, and lay delegate from Italy to the General Conference, resides a couple of miles out of the city, at a village called Soccavo, on the borders of the bay. Here he owns a modest home, with orange gardens and other contiguous grounds and plain, substantial buildings. This property, Chevalier Varriale has left by will to our Missionary Society (on the death of himself and wife), the income therefrom to be used for the support of the Gospel at Soccavo and vicinity. He has also left to our church a beautiful little cemetery, well walled in with stone, and containing a little mortuary chapel, beneath which is the tomb for himself and wife. The income, thus to be perpetually administered by our Church for work under our own ministry, will be nearly \$1,500 annually. The Chevalier's faithful man-servant, also a member of our Church, has made similar disposition of his possessions, some hundreds of dollars.

STATISTICS OF THE ITALY MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Miss. Society.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	No. of Parsonages or "Homes."	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Homes."	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Self-support.
Rome: Saint Paul's	2	2	1	3	..	..	103	16	100	88	18	2	1	64	1	\$20,000	..	1	\$3,500	\$5,400	\$141
Plazza Esquilino	1	1	..	..	86	19	50	40	15	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	
Naples	1	..	..	73	19	100	80	30	..	1	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	
Foggia	1	..	..	81	13	65	90	14	3	1	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	
Venosa	1	1	1	1	85	8	50	40	9	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	
Terni	1	1	..	..	80	25	87	97	10	..	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	
Perugia	..	2	1	1	..	..	29	5	40	50	7	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Arezzo	..	1	1	1	..	..	157	66	225	100	42	1	3	30	1	8,000	..	1	3,000	..	184
Florence	1	1	..	..	26	10	60	40	8	..	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	
Pisa and Pontedera	..	1	1	1	..	..	53	5	80	60	11	..	1	20	1	5,000	..	1	3,000	..	45
Bologna	..	1	1	1	..	..	12	4	45	30	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Modena	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	5	20	82	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alessandria	..	1	1	..	..	..	41	13	110	73	9	..	1	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Asti and S. Marzano	2	..	..	..	125	6	150	85	7	..	1	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	98	
Turin	..	2	1	..	..	..	85	3	74	40	5	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Milan	..	1	1	..	..	..	22	13	50	90	8	..	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Venice	1	..	..	41	9	60	58	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	
Foarl and Dovadola	1	..	..	..	11	8	20	25	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	
Bsanza	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
This year	2	2	12	17	7	1	663	241	1,966	978	222	1	21	14	840	3	\$33,000	19	4	\$9,500	\$5,400	\$721
Last year	1	1	10	15	9	..	683	282	..	954	19	14	863	3	85,500	19	3	8,500	8,000	466

JAPAN.

Commenced in 1872.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP WILEY.

R. S. MACLAY, *Superintendent.*

Missionaries.

J. C. Davison,	L. W. Squier,
M. C. Harris,	James Blackledge,
I. H. Correll,	C. W. Green,
M. S. Vail (in U. S. A.),	W. C. Kitchin,
Charles Bishop,	D. S. Spencer,
C. S. Long,	J. O. Spencer,

H. W. Swartz, M.D.

Lady Missionary.

Miss Jennie S. Vail.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. Sara A. Maclay,	Mrs. Lizzie M. Squier,
“ Lizzie S. Davison,	“ Kitty Blackledge,
“ Flora B. Harris (in U. S. A.),	“ Sallie Q. Green,
“ Jennie L. Correll,	“ Fannie B. Kitchin,
“ Olive W. Bishop,	“ Mary E. Spencer,
“ Flora I. Long,	“ A. R. Spencer,

Mrs. Lola M. Swartz.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.

Miss Matilda A. Spencer,	Miss Emma J. Benton,
“ Mary J. Holbrook (in U. S. A.),	“ Anna P. Atkinson,
“ E. Russell,	“ R. J. Watson,
“ Jennie M. Gheer,	“ F. N. Hamisfar, M.D.,
Mrs. Carrie W. Van Petten,	“ Emma Everding,
Miss Minnie S. Hampton,	“ Ella J. Hewitt.

Ordained Japanese Preachers.

S. Kurimura, Elder,	S. Matsumoto, Elder,
Y. Aibara, Elder,	K. Kosaka, Elder,
K. Asuga, Elder,	Y. Honda, Elder,
B. Onuki, Elder,	T. Kawamura, Deacon,
T. Kikuchi, Elder,	C. Nakayama, Deacon.

Unordained Japanese Preachers.

Y. Takahara,	H. Yamaka,	S. Yamada,
G. Yamada,	K. Nakada,	H. Kimura,
J. Honda,	H. Hirata,	S. Tanigawa,
T. Yamada,	C. Iwai,	S. Chinda.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

EAST TOKIO DISTRICT, M. C. Harris, P. E.

Tsukiji, Aibara Yeiken. *Asakusa*, to be supplied. *Shimosa*, Honda Itsuke. *Yamagata and Tendo*, Kosaka Keinosuke. *Sendai*, to be supplied.

WEST TOKIO DISTRICT, R. S. Maclay, P. E.

Akasake, supplied by Ishikawa Kishiro. *Yotsuya*, Kawamura Tenjia, James Blackledge. *Azabu*, Yamada Genjiro, J. O. Spencer. *West Tokio*, to be supplied. *Foshin*, to be supplied.

NORTH TOKIO DISTRICT, Charles Bishop, P. E.

Kanda, Yamaka Hatanoshin, D. S. Spencer. *Kumagome*, to be supplied. *North Tokio*, to be supplied. *Kitsuregawa*, supplied by Takeshita Masakichi.

YOKOHAMA DISTRICT, J. C. Davison, P. E.

Yokohama, Kurimura Sayehachi. *Nagoya*, Kikuchi Takuhei. *Nish-iwo*, supplied by Nakane Gishichi. *Toyohashi*, supplied by Kudo Mitsunobu. *Ehimura*, to be supplied.

NORTH YOKOHAMA DISTRICT, I. H. Correll, P. E.

Kanagawa, to be supplied. *Matsumoto*, Nakagawa Ichiji, *Matsushiro*, Yamada Toranosuke. *Iida*, Hirata Heizo. *Nagaoka*, to be supplied. *Takato* and *Sakashita*, Onuki Bunshichi.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT, C. S. Long, P. E.

Nagasaki, supplied by Tanigawa Shoken. *Deshima*, Kimura Hichijuro. *Kagoshima*, Takahara Yasutaro. *Kumamoto*, Asuga Kenjiro. *Fukuoka*, Tanigawa Soga. *Agune*, supplied by Tomita Seme. *Sendai*, supplied by Kubota Yoshitaku. *Yanagawa*, to be supplied, *Cobleigh Seminary*, W. C. Kitchin, Principal.

YEZA DISTRICT, L. W. Squier, P. E.

Fukuyama, Iwai Chinkichi. *Hakodati*, Matsumoto Soga. *Mombetsu*, Yamada Shumpachi. *Otaru*, to be supplied. *Yesast*, to be supplied.

NORTH HONDA DISTRICT, C. W. Green, P. E.

Awomori, Nakada Kinkichi. *Hirosaki*, supplied by Honda Yoitsu. *Kuroishi*, Chinda Suteki, and one to be supplied. *Morioka*, Nakayama Chinjo.

ANGLO-JAPANESE COLLEGE.

Tokio, R. S. Maclay, General Director; M. S. Vail, I. H. Correll, James Blackledge, D. S. Spencer, J. O. Spencer, Jennie S. Vail, and Sara A. Maclay, instructors.

WORK OF W. F. M. S.

Hakodati: *Caroline Wright Memorial School*, Minnie S. Hampton, Principal; Ella J. Hewitt, Assistant. *Medical Work*, F. A. Hamisfar, M.D. *Tokio*: *School Work*, Anna P. Atkinson, R. J. Watson; *Woman's Work*, Matilda H. Spencer. *Yokohama*: *Training School for Bible Women*, C. W. Van Petten; children, in day schools, E. J. Benton. *Nagasaki*: *School Work*, E. Russell, Emma Everding, Gertrude Howe; *Woman's Work*, Jennie M. Gheer.

The past twelve months will take rank with the most successful years in the history of the Japan Mission. The steady increase of converts, the development of our churches, the extension of our itinerant system, the initiation of our educational enterprise at Aoyama, Tokio, the preliminary visit to Korea, and the organization, by Bishop Wiley, of the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are some of the more prominent events of the year. The Japan Conference moves into line among the hosts of Methodism, and hopes to give a good account of itself during the coming years. We solicit for our work in Japan an abiding interest in the prayers of God's people.

EAST TOKIO DISTRICT, M. C. HARRIS, P. E.

This district embraces a large territory lying in north central Japan, peopled by vast populations. Thus far only a few of the large towns have been occupied. The preachers have labored with unusual zeal and success. All of them have felt the quickening influences of the revival of 1883. The members also study the word with interest, and are worthy of comparison with the noble Bereans, for "they search the Scriptures daily." The church at Tendo, in Yamagata Prefecture, suffered a great loss in the death of their pastor, Doi Totaro, in the early part of January. He was a member of the first graduating class of our Theological School, and greatly beloved by all. He died in peace and triumph, and his death made a profound impression on the church and community. The baptisms for the year number 82 adults and 14 children, a considerable increase over the previous year. The entire membership is 237.

The contributions for various purposes amount to \$261 04. Self-support is making advancement, and there is no doubt as to the future—the Japanese will sustain their pastors, and bear all their financial burdens so soon as

their numbers and ability are such as to make it practicable. I have labored with them joyfully in building the kingdom of Christ, and take pleasure in recording my sincere esteem and love for them as fellow-laborers together with me.

Rev. Charles Bishop reports, as follows, for the work in Kanda, Tokio :

“ I was appointed at our Annual Meeting in August, 1883, with M. Hirata, to the Kanda work, in the north part of Tokio. The Tokio schools are mainly in that part of the city, there being in the Kanda District, alone, about twenty thousand students.

“ An interesting feature of our work there has been the Sunday-school, in which we have been assisted by Mrs. C. W. Van Petten, and two or three of the older girls, from the school of the W. F. M. S. in Tokio, who taught the women and children. Revs. M. C. Harris and David S. Spencer assisted, also, for several months of the year.

“ This work was, at our late Conference, in September, assigned to Brother Spencer and Mr. Yamaka, a graduate of our Theological School. It is now the most promising work we have in Tokio.”

Rev. D. S. Spencer reports :

“ We landed in Yokohama September 23, 1883. Soon after my arrival I took charge of a class of young men at our Kanda church. These young men came for the special purpose of studying the Bible in English. I doubted somewhat the expediency of this work, since their only object was to get the language. But I determined to make their thirst for English the means of bringing the Gospel to bear upon their hearts, and already a number of them have been converted and joined our Church, while nearly all the rest are earnestly seeking the true light.

“ Since the 1st of April last I have been teaching in our Anglo-Japanese College, mostly in the theological department. This work lies very near my heart. One of the great wants of the hour is a small fund from which we can assist worthy and promising theological students.”

Miss Watson reports for the work of the W. F. M. S. in Tokio, as follows :

“ Though there has not been such a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit as during last year, steady, silent influences have been strengthening and building up the work so auspiciously begun last year. The progress of the girls in their studies has been very satisfactory to us. Two of them, having completed the required course, received diplomas from the school last May, and both are now employed as teachers. All of the older girls are willing helpers in every possible way, which does much to cheer and lighten our labors. Four of the girls are able assistants in Sabbath-school; others give valuable assistance as interpreters, also in our woman's meetings and other outside work. The day school at Tamachi is very prosperous, having increased so as to make a second teacher necessary. We have moved into new and more commodious quarters, where there is room for a still larger increase. The Sabbath-school here is interesting and beneficial. It is now in charge of Miss Atkinson, assisted by two of the girls from the Boarding School.

"Our Boarding School has enrolled 70 pupils, with an average attendance of 68. Two have married; two, whose term of contract expired, returned home; two were graduated; leaving us 64. Five teachers have been regularly employed, and some of the girls have helped as pupil teachers. At Tamachi we have 45 pupils, and at Kanda 25."

WEST TOKIO DISTRICT, I. H. CORRELL, P. E.

In the city of Tokio the only church on the above district at the beginning of the year was Azabu. This part of the city is well occupied by other denominations, and as during the year our Canadian brethren established their educational work only a few rods from the house we had rented for a chapel; and further, as we had little to lose here, but much to gain if we were to take up work in another portion of the city, we concluded that for the present, at least, it was advisable for us to change the center of our operations. We selected Yotsuya, a district in which several attempts at opening work had been made, but strongly resisted by a certain class of citizens. The Lord favored us in the selection of a house, and Brother Kawamura has, under the blessing of God, succeeded in creating quite a different sentiment among the citizens with reference to the religion of Jesus.

The removal of the Anglo-Japanese College to Aoyama brought to this place a number of Church members, and with these we were enabled to organize a church from the beginning of the work.

The country circuits on the district, with one exception, have had a prosperous year. The exception referred to was Iida. The pastor sent to Iida at the last Annual Meeting proved himself entirely unworthy of the high position in which he had been placed, so that I was compelled to recall him after he had been there about six months. His unfaithfulness, of course, disturbed the infant church there very much, but, under the blessing of God, it will come out of this trial stronger and better.

Matsumoto and Matsushiro have both done well. Neither one has had any large number added to its membership, but the spiritual growth of the members is very gratifying.

During the year we were permitted to organize two new churches in the country, one at Sakashita, the other at Takato. Both these towns are between Matsumoto and Iida, in the province of Shiushiu, and now form the nucleus of a good circuit. These churches started out very encouragingly on the self-support question. They both determined to rent their own place of worship, pay all incidental expenses, and also pay some portion of the pastor's salary. The number of members is not large, but they have the true spirit. Encouraging progress is visible throughout the district with respect to self-support.

* YOKOHAMA DISTRICT, J. C. DAVISON, P. E.

After an absence from Japan of twenty months, I found on my return, in December, 1883, that I had been appointed to succeed Rev. W. C. Davison, then in charge of the Yokohama District, but who, with his

wife, was then about to return to the United States. During the month of May following I made my first tour of the district, a trip of over 500 miles, and found the stations to be as he had reported them the year before, namely :

Yokohama Circuit. Tenando, Furoecho, Onoyecho, Kanagawa, and several preaching places in private houses in Yokohama, Nagoya, and Nishiwo. At the Conference session just past, Kanagawa was taken from the Yokohama Circuit and added to a new district—the North Yokohama District—under the care of Rev. I. H. Correll.

Ebimura, a new station opened during the year by the pastor of the church at Nishiwo, was included in a new circuit to be called the Toyohashi Circuit. Toyohashi is a large town on the Imperial highway between Tokio and Kioto, situate about 200 miles west of Yokohama. The Greek Church has a man there, but no Protestant work had been opened previous to our entering the field. The work at Ebimura grew out of the persistent faithfulness of a young man who had been obliged to leave our Training School in Yokohama, and return to his home, on account of sickness. He "*let his light shine,*" and has brought quite a number of his native villagers to a knowledge of the Saviour.

Nagoya, about 250 miles west of Yokohama, has raised over \$100 during the year toward church building. This money is now on interest in the Imperial P. O., and will be available on call. They need a house of worship very badly, and are working hard to get it. Numerically the church is not strong—about 30 members. Nagoya, doubtless, has many souls yet to be counted for Jesus, but over its 250,000 people Buddhism now holds almost undisputed sway.

Nishiwo, 25 miles east of Nagoya, is also so overwhelmed by Buddhism that our work seems slow to start, yet it lacks not faithful witnesses for Christ. Five adults and four children were added on my visit in May.

Yokohama Circuit has done nobly since the last report was made. Notwithstanding she parted with her most successful pastor at the late session of our Conference, as well as lost the thriving station of Kanagawa by transfer, to say nothing of the damage done to the church building during the late typhoon, she bids fair to continue her record of the past year, which has been one of untiring effort to bring the community into a saving acquaintance with the truth as it is in Jesus.

Besides the work of general supervision, and preaching every Sabbath in some one of the appointments on the circuit, I have spent the months of my connection with the district upon the revision and enlargement of the Church Hymnal, which, I am glad to say, has been put into the printer's hands to-day.

The work of the W. F. M. S., which until Conference had been carried on by Misses Benton and Watson, has been all that could be desired; faithful and laborious services have been regularly and cheerfully performed in the oversight of day and Sunday schools, located far and near, besides prayer and Bible meetings, held at various points, among the

women of the church and their unconverted friends. These services have very materially added to the general interest of the church.

Since Conference a training school for women has been opened, under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Van Petten, who was transferred from the work in Tokio, exchanging with Miss Watson, who took her place in the school there. The first term opened most auspiciously with a class of 6. More students are expected soon, and we shall await with great interest the results of the first year's labor in this long wished for department of work, now for the first time attempted in connection with the missions of our Church. May God abundantly bless the effort!

NAGASAKI DISTRICT, CARROLL S. LONG, P. E.

The Nagasaki District comprises the entire island of Kiushiu. This large, important island is the most southern and western of the Japan group, and is separated from the main-land on the north by the Shimono-seki strait, and on the north-west from the island of Shikoku by the Bungo Channel. Its length is 225 miles; greatest width, 150 miles, with an area of about 16,000 square miles, or more than one third as large as the State of New York. The natural features of the island are unsurpassed anywhere in the "land of the morning" in beauty and variety, being interspersed with picturesque mountains, grass-covered hills, broad and fertile valleys, and traversed by seven dashing rivers that pour crystal waters into the great blue sea, from every direction. Four towering, active volcanoes add solemn grandeur to the scene. As the name indicates, the island contains nine provinces, in three of which, namely, Heizen, in the north-west, Satsuma, in the extreme south, and Higo, near the center of the island, we have 5 organized churches, three good schools, and a number of preaching stations, where the prospects for building up strong churches are encouraging.

During the year God has wonderfully blessed his husbandmen. Some of our native preachers have been severely persecuted by their countrymen, but in every case have they stood firm and unshaken, evincing, amid showers of stones and the bitter denunciations and vile insults of infatuated mobs, their unyielding faith in the truths of the Gospel, and their determination to seal them forth with their blood, if need be. At Kumamoto, where our chapel has been stoned four times during the year, a Buddhist priest was arrested by the city police as the chief offender, and lodged in jail. Brother Asuga, the pastor, requested the court to deal as mildly as possible with him, and loaned him a blanket to protect him from the cold during his imprisonment. This Christian act made a deep impression upon the people of the city and the fellow-priests of the unfortunate man. Three of them came to the chapel after the prisoner had been tried and fined a small amount, to thank Brother Asuga for his kindness to their brother when in trouble. He replied that he was only putting into practice the doctrine he had been preaching, and for which he had been persecuted. They expressed deep regret for what their brother

priest had done, and promised that it should not occur again. The affair was a splendid advertisement of our Church, and the result is a much larger congregation, an increase of members, and a larger and growing number of earnest inquirers after the truth. Brother Asuga has also a class of 5 Buddhist priests, who are studying the Bible with great earnestness and enthusiasm. Another indication of the spiritual growth and true Christian development of one native ministry is seen in the unusual interest they have manifested in *true missionary work*. They have not been contented to labor in one place, but have gone out in every direction, with Bible and hymn book in hand, and have preached and sung the Gospel to hundreds who had never heard of the way of salvation before. Many of the members go from house to house, and read the word of God to those who do not attend the chapel services. Largely increased amounts are contributed to the missionary cause. Encouraging progress has also been made in the line of self-support. Our members take well to class-meetings and Sunday-schools. Every church is divided into two or more classes, presided over in most cases by native leaders, who show remarkable aptitude for holding such meetings. Each church has also a well-regulated Sunday-school, attended by nearly all the members of the Church, old and young, and many who have not yet become Christians. The weekly prayer-meetings are well attended, and are often occasions of rich communion with God and one another. The abstinence from intoxicating liquors and the observance of the Sabbath are strongly insisted upon by all the pastors, and, it is safe to say, with more success than is obtained by any other Church on the island. During the year I have traveled about 3,000 miles, visiting nearly all the important towns and cities on the island, and preaching to immense congregations all over the country. I have baptized over 70 persons, received an equal number into the Church, and many more on probation. A few have been expelled. *Cobleigh Seminary*, which was also under my care during the year, has had a hard but not unsuccessful struggle. At our last and *first* Conference Brother Kitchin was appointed principal, and he has since had the buildings put in excellent repair, and is now devoting his full time and splendid abilities to the management of the institution. The fall term has opened encouragingly, and the prospects for a large successful school were never better.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

No better work is being done in Japan than that accomplished by the agents of this society, and none is more wisely nor more judiciously managed. The work done in the school at Nagasaki is of the highest type, and is destined to produce golden fruit. Miss Russell has been ably assisted by Miss Everding in the management of the school, and also by Miss Howe during a part of the year. They have girls from all parts of the island who receive thorough instruction in the Japanese, Chinese, and English languages. More than two thirds of a school of 80 have already become Christians. Miss Gheer has been in charge of the woman's Bible work. She has an interesting class of Bible women under her instruction,

some of whom are almost ready to go out into active service. Through the aid of these women Miss Gheer has reached the *homes* of many of the best families in the city and surrounding villages, to whom she has given the first information concerning the way of life.

Rev. W. C. Kitchin reports for his work in Nagasaki :

“My work for the past year has been one of preparation rather than active missionary labor. The Annual Meeting of 1883, at my request, relieved me from all responsible work in the mission, in order that I might devote myself the better to the acquisition of this crooked language. My time for the year has been, therefore, principally occupied in study. I have also, however, taught two hours daily in the school, and as I gradually made advancement in the use of the Japanese I have taught in the Sabbath-school, taken the leadership of a class-meeting, conducted prayer-meetings, preached a few times, and done some evangelistic work in the villages round about Nagasaki.

“Early in the summer it was decided that I should resume my former position as principal of the Cobleigh Seminary. Both Brother Long and myself were unable to devote the time and attention to it necessary to insure success, and the school ran down in consequence, and the interest in it well-nigh died out among the Japanese. The past few months have been filled with the labor of preparing for the opening of the new year. The school-house has been repaired, a regular course of study in English, Japanese, and Chinese laid out, also, a course of study for theological students in the Japanese instituted, a neat catalogue printed, advertisements put in the newspapers in all the principal cities in Kiushiu, and every thing done that could be devised to lift the school again to the place it occupied a year ago. The task, however, will be most difficult and slow of accomplishment. We opened the 22d of September with 7 students ; the number has, up to the present time (Oct. 4), increased to 11, and nearly 200 letters of inquiry have been received from all parts of southern Japan. The teaching force for the present year is as follows : W. C. Kitchin, principal ; C. S. Long, Mrs. Kitchin, Mrs. Long, S. Kimura, Y. Ikebe, T. Sadakata, K. Tanaka, teachers.”

HAKODATI DISTRICT, LEE W. SQUIER, P. E.

We are able to report no loss to our missionary body in numbers, strength, or efficiency. The dwelling destroyed by the typhoon of Oct. 9, 1883, through the kind and prompt action of the society, on the one hand, and the careful planning and close attention of Brother Green, on the other, has been replaced by a model of convenience and comfort in missionary life.

The work of direct evangelism has been carried forward with energy. All over the district attention has been given to public lectures, sermons, inquiry meetings, prayer-meetings, visiting from house to house, selling Bibles, and distributing tracts. Churches, chapels, shops, houses, theaters, have been filled to hear Christ's Gospel. Souls have been awakened, convicted, and converted as powerfully during the year on this district as ever in any land.

In Aomori Prefecture a gratifying feature of the work has been the preaching in the prisons. The superintendent of prisons, during a friendly call, volunteered the statement that for years no effect had followed regular preaching by Buddhist and Shinto priests; but the most noticeable result of a few weeks of Christian preaching was a change in the character and bearing of the most hardened convict so complete that it was like a lion becoming a lamb. In this prefecture our local preacher, Brother Y. Honda, although president of the government assembly, not only continues to act as pastor of the Hirosaki Church, but spends considerable time in traveling, lecturing, and preaching the glad tidings for which service to the Church he draws no support from the society.

In several places persecution has been severe. Bodily inflictions have in some cases been followed by disinheritance and ostracism, punishments which mean much in Japan; and yet only one instance of apostasy, that of a youth of 16, has come to notice. Two points especially, Aomori and Kuroishi, seem to thrive best under severe trials.

While our spiritual progress has been considerable, material progress has been manifested, namely, in self-dependence and self-support. In the typhoon of October, 1883, the church in Hirosaki was unroofed, and the membership immediately provided the amount necessary for repairs. Our Hakodati Church bears the banner of the Conference in self-support. During the year the membership paid the pastor the full amount of salary prescribed in the schedule adopted by the mission; toward the end of the year they voluntarily increased this amount and paid his expenses to Conference. This year Bishop Wiley has sent them a man full of grace and zeal, and, though the undertaking is difficult, yet they will pay him nearly twice as much as they gave last year. The custom here is the good old-fashioned Methodist custom: every one gives something, and some one-tenth of their income.

Educational work has received attention. Under Rev. J. F. Goucher's auspices, Brother S. Chinda continues to occupy the position of English teacher in the large Daimio School in Hirosaki, and devotes some time to evangelistic effort. A night school, attended by a large class of young men, has been conducted in Aomori, almost entirely at the expense of the church there. In Hakodati a primary school has been carried on, and at the opening of the new year promises a more successful development.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Our sister society has shared in the general blessings mentioned above. The school building has been increased by a \$5,000 addition, thus giving the Caroline Wright Seminary a place among the best institutions under the auspices of this society. About 100 boarding scholars, and at least fifty day pupils, can now be accommodated with comfort. Miss Hampton has been abundant in patience and perseverance, and success is beginning to crown her efforts. An assistant for her, Miss Ella J. Hewitt, now under appointment and expected soon, will receive a hearty welcome.

Heretofore attention has been confined entirely to this seminary work ; but arrangements are now being made to give employment to Bible women, and to open day schools, the first one in Hirosaki.

Last year the society established a medical mission here, and Miss Florence N. Hamisfar, M.D., arrived about Christmas, 1883, to take charge of the new work. Opportunities for doing good in her profession have constantly increased, and thus far success has attended her. A suite of rooms in the new building has been placed at her disposal for dispensary work, and both here and among the people in their homes her practice keeps her time occupied. Her advice and skill are also in requisition among foreigners, from Hakodati on the north to Nagasaki on the south. A hospital for women and children is desirable and almost indispensable.

TOKIO ANGLO-JAPANESE COLLEGE, R. S. MACLAY, GEN. DIRECTOR.

This institution has just completed a successful year, which commenced with 47 students and closed with over 90. During the year Rev. M. S. Vail returned on furlough to the United States, and Revs. D. S. Spencer and J. O. Spencer, together with Mrs. Maclay and myself, were added to the corps of instructors.

Religious services, comprising reading a portion of Scripture, singing, and prayer, are conducted daily at 8 A. M. in the school dining-room, as we have no chapel building. Immediately following these services, each class has a Bible lesson for twenty minutes before commencing the recitations of the day. Every Sunday there are public preaching and Sunday-school exercises, attended by all the students held in the dining-room of the school. Prayer-meeting is conducted in the same place every Sunday evening. On a public street, in close proximity to the school, is a small chapel under the care of our mission, where religious services are held three times each Sunday, and on two evenings during the week. The Christian students of our school attend some of these services, and take an active part in them. They also conduct religious exercises at other places in the vicinity, under the presiding elder of the district.

The school, as now organized, comprises three departments—theological, collegiate, and academic. To the present time the great part of the students have been in the academic department, 9 were in the theological department during the past year, while college work proper has only just begun. The theological students are the only ones receiving financial aid from the mission ; all the others pay their way.

The mission property at Aoyama consists of 25 acres of land, purchased and improved with Rev. John F. Goucher's donation of \$5,000 for this purpose ; one dormitory building, containing rooms for about 100 students, valued at \$3,000 ; and four parsonages, worth, \$12,000. The buildings were erected by the Missionary Society, and are in good condition. Aoyama, the portion of the city of Tokio where this property is situated, furnishes an admirable site for our educational enterprise, and also a desirable center for our evangelistic operations. Brief reports from some of the teachers of the school are herewith presented.

Rev. James Blackledge writes :

"During the year I have been engaged in the Tokio Anglo-Japanese College. As the students of the theological department are not as yet prepared for the study of the biblical languages, I have occupied the chair of apologetics ; and, as there were only two classes during the year, namely, the first and second year's classes, I have been enabled to assist in the English department, having in all 23 recitations per week. I superintended the Sunday-school in the college chapel, and taught a Bible class of about 25 or 30 young men, principally students.

"I preached and lectured before the school several times during the year, also once or twice in the Native Church, and two or three times in the English Church, Tsukiji. In addition to this I have re-arranged, for the use of Japanese students, the first part and a portion of the second part of 'Barrow's Introduction to the Study of the Bible,' and, with the aid of my teacher and a graduate of our Theological School, have translated it into Japanese. We have also translated into the spoken language the 'Acts of the Apostles.'"

Rev. J. O. Spencer writes :

"I have been teaching in the above-named school since Oct. 1, 1883, and am much pleased with my work, both present and prospective. The Anglo-Japanese College, with wise management, is destined to be a great power for Methodist Christianity in Japan."

Miss Jennie S. Vail, who has given to the school nearly five years of faithful and successful labor, says :

"Looking back over the past five years of the school's history, I can plainly see that an all-wise eye has been watching over it, and lovingly directing its growth.

"One of the first things which struck me in the spring of 1880 was the smallness of the school building, and the lack of sufficient playground. We could only accommodate 39 boarders and 11 day students. In the fall of 1882 our school was moved to Tokio and united with the boys' school there. This year was quite successful. During this winter a number of the students were converted. One of these has just entered the first year of the college course. Another is rendering us good service as a teacher. Both are exerting a decided influence for good over the school. The others are, for the most part, in the various government colleges. When, in the autumn of last year, the school was opened on the fine lot of ground purchased with Mr. Goucher's gift, our hearts were made glad by the feeling that our students had plenty of fresh air, plenty of exercise ground, and that they were near us where we could have a greater influence over them. The influence of the school is not confined to the students alone. The young men who leave us for the government schools seem to retain their affection for this school, and come back to visit us from time to time. Students from the University, from the Agricultural College and from the College of Engineering, attend my Bible class—some regularly, others only occasionally ; still they come."

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Samuel W. Siberts,	Emilio Fuentes y Betancourt,
	Lucius C. Smith.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. C. W. Drees,	Mrs. J. M. Barker (in U. S. A.),
“ J. W. Butler,	“ A. W. Greenman,
“ S. P. Craver,	“ D. Kemble (in U. S. A.),
“ S. W. Siberts,	“ L. C. Smith.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.

Miss Mary Hastings,	Miss M. Hugoboom (in U.S.A.),
“ Susan M. Warner,	“ Eleanora Le Huray,
“ Mary F. Swaney,	“ Mary De F. Loyd,
	Miss Laura M. Latimer.

Mexican Traveling Preachers—Ordained.

Augustin Palacios, Elder,	Simon Loza, Deacon,
Felipe N. Cordova, Elder,	Conrado A. Gamboa, Deacon,
	Justo M. Euroza, Deacon.

Unordained.

Abundio Tovar,	Severo I. Lopez,
Pedro F. Valderrama,	Benjamin Velasco,
	Francisco Cordova.

Local Preachers.

*Prudencio G. Hernandez, Elder,	George Lopez,
Jacinto Hernandez, Elder,	José Chavez,
Joaquin Hernandez, Elder,	Roman Medina,
Camilo Arrieta,	Manuel Fernandez,
Sixto Bernal,	Crescencio Ramirez,
Nicolas Guevara,	Santos Benitez.

*Died February, 1884.

English-speaking Local Preachers.

William B. Rule,	Edward J. Davey,
Walter Rule,	Thos. H. Dunstone,
Richard Stribly,	John Gundry,

John Crocker.

Exhorters.

Nabor Aguilar,	Doroteo Garcia,
Adelaido Bribiesca,	Francisco Moran,
Ignacio Chagoyan,	Antonio Orozco,
Marciano Morales,	Josi Rumbia,
Leoncio Yanez,	Paulino Martinez.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884.

CHARLES W. DREES, *Superintendent and Treasurer.*

MEXICO CITY CIRCUIT.—J. W. Butler, Missionary in charge; Emilio Fuentes y Betancourt, A. Palacios, C. Arrieta, G. Lopez.

MIRAFLORES CIRCUIT.—J. W. Butler, Missionary in charge; A. Tovar, C. Ramirez.

PUEBLA CIRCUIT.—S. W. Siberts, Missionary in charge; Felipe N. Cordova, F. Cordova, R. Medina, N. Guevara.

ORIZABA CIRCUIT.—S. Loza, Preacher in charge.

PACHUCA CIRCUIT.—J. M. Barker, Missionary in charge; L. C. Smith, J. M. Euroza, W. B. Rule, A. Orozco, S. Bernal, Jacinto Hernandez, Joaquin Hernandez

QUERETARO CIRCUIT.—A. W. Greenman, Missionary in charge; B. Velasco, P. G. Hernandez, M. Fernandez.

GUANAJUATO CIRCUIT.—S. P. Craver, Missionary in charge; C. A. Gamboa, S. I. Lopez.

LEON CIRCUIT.—D. Kemble, Missionary in charge; P. F. Valderrama.

ENGLISH WORK, PACHUCA.—W. Rule, R. Stribly, T. H. Dunstone, E. J. Davey, J. Gundry, J. Crocker.

MISSION PRESS AND BOOK DEPOSITORY.—J. W. Butler, Publishing Agent; C. W. Drees, Book Editor; E. Fuentes y Betancourt, Editor of "El Abogado Cristiano Ilustrado."

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, PUEBLA.—S. W. Siberts, President.

Appointments for Work of W. F. M. Society.

MEXICO CITY.—Misses M. Hugoboom, E. Le Huray, and M. De F. Loyd.

PACHUCA.—Misses M. Hastings and L. M. Latimer.

PUEBLA.—Miss S. M. Warner.

QUERETARO.—Miss M. F. Swaney.

THE close of the twelfth year from its commencement marks an epoch in the history of the Mexico Mission. The organization of the Mexico Annual Conference, which was authorized by the late General Conference, and will be effected under the guidance of Bishop Harris, now on

his journey to this land, will lift this mission out of its first period of childhood and tutelage, and concede its position, rights, and dignities as a co-ordinate member of the great family of Methodist Conferences.

The year just closing has been one of great financial embarrassment in Mexico. Hence the greater number of our people, always at a disadvantage on account of their profession of faith, have been subjected to great distress, yet cases of apostasy from this cause have been so rare (if, indeed, any such have occurred) as to excite no remark whatever.

There has been during the year quite a general renewal of violent persecution, from the effects of which we as well as others have been made to suffer. Brother Montes, a colporteur in the State of Vera Cruz, was set upon by enemies, who tried to throw a lasso over his neck and then drag him over the stony road. Providentially he succeeded in evading the rope, and by running into the thickets of the mountain, where he wandered all night, escaped from his pursuers. Brother Manuel Fernandez, a local preacher employed on Queretaro Circuit, had a much more narrow escape, his horse and outfit being taken, and he himself eluding his pursuers by favor of the darkness.

Brother Greenman's account of the painful occurrences at Celaya will be found in his report of Queretaro Circuit.

Since the data for this report were collected, another painful affliction has befallen our mission in the person of Brother Gamboa, of Guanajuato Circuit. On the night of December 7 our services in Silao, under Brother Gamboa's leadership, suffered such molestation from three well-dressed persons in the street, that it became necessary to remonstrate with the latter. At last they went away, breathing out threatenings. Monday, the 8th, Brother Gamboa, accompanied by Donaciano Saldana, the chapel-keeper, set out at four o'clock in the morning for Cuernavaca, to hold service there. A little more than a mile from the city they were set upon by three armed and mounted men, who commanded them to halt, and immediately fired upon them, killing Saldana instantly. Brother Gamboa was shot through the right lung. Help sufficient to bring him back to Silao was not afforded for more than three hours, when he was brought, apparently in a dying condition, to Brother Kemble's house. Though his wound seemed of such a nature that three surgeons gave no hope of recovery, Brother Gamboa still lives. It seems that God, in answer to our prayers, has had mercy upon him, and upon us, also, lest we should have sorrow upon sorrow. It was at first supposed that this assault was for purposes of robbery, and had no connection with the religious question, but more recent developments have led not only ourselves, but many in no way connected with our work, to the conviction that the assassins were the same men who interrupted the church service the previous night, and that their motive was no other than fanatical hatred and revenge.

During the year the number of members in full connection has risen from 399 to 611, an increase of more than fifty per cent. We have now 623 probationers, as against 536 last year, an increase of sixteen per cent.

An encouraging growth is also shown in the average attendance upon Sunday services and number of adherents.

The number of pupils in attendance upon Sabbath and day schools is in advance of last year.

Collections reported show in every column but one the proof that our people are growing in the grace of Christian liberality, and this notwithstanding the pecuniary distress through which most of our churches have been called to pass. There have been several cases of special liberality. The Coatlinchan people—all Indians—have raised liberal collections for their church building. In Cueramaro a single friend has given the land for a church site. In Xochiapulco ground and sufficient materials are assured for the erection of a large place of worship. In Zautla a building, formerly a Romish chapel, is offered on condition that we repair it so as to make it available for worship.

Better than all, there has been in several of our churches a great quickening of spiritual life and fervor. The Spirit of the Lord has been graciously poured out in Salamanca and in other places.

The following are the reports rendered by the several missionaries in charge :

MEXICO CITY CIRCUIT.

J. W. Butler. Missionary in charge.

The statistics for the year show encouraging improvement in some departments of the work. The Mexican congregation in Trinity gives signs of steady growth. Special interest is taken in a series of talks I am giving Tuesday evenings on our Articles of Religion ; on two occasions the chapel has been full.

You will notice that a considerable number of adults have been baptized in this congregation. This is largely due to the fact that our observation and experience with Romanism lead us rather to encourage than to discourage rebaptism, though in every case we leave it to the individual conscience. As far as our own action in these cases is concerned, it would seem to be sustained by the decision of our late General Conference in refusing to recognize Roman Catholic orders.

The Boys' Day School has proven a success. It was opened soon after our last Annual Meeting, and, though a month later than all city and other mission schools, it soon received its complement of students, and has had as high as 83 boys on the list during the year. The allowance made by the Board not being sufficient to cover the expense of fitting up the school-room, we availed ourselves of the visit of Bishop Warren, who kindly consented to give us one of his excellent lectures. From this lecture we cleared \$67, which was devoted to this purpose.

The Bible women and the Woman's Mutual Aid Society continue to do good work among the women of this city.

Early in the term Miss Hugoboom, of the Girls' Orphanage, returned to the United States, and was superseded by Miss Le Huray, who arrived in March. In the last week of September she was joined by Miss Loyd, formerly of Hillsborough (Ohio) Female College. These two ladies, assisted

by Miss Anna Wilson, are doing excellent work in the school. One of the girls has been received into full membership in the Church, and five others have joined on probation. The one who was received into full membership has since been appointed teacher of our girls' school in Queretaro, from which place the pastor sends cheering words concerning her usefulness.

The English preaching service, which was held once a month last year, is now regularly organized with weekly preaching, prayer-meeting, and Sabbath-school. The attendance upon the first is about 35, upon the second 12, and upon the third 25, with a membership of over 30. The three items in the statistical table make a total of \$315 81 contributed by the English congregation, which amount will undoubtedly be larger the coming year with the regular weekly services.

Our Mission Press has never done more important work than during the past year. For the first time, we issued the Minutes of our Annual Meeting, besides 2,000 copies of our Methodist Year-Book, 3,000 copies of our Calendario, 30,000 copies of our "Abogado Cristiano Ilustrado," 19,200 copies of our Berean Leaves, 2 different pamphlets of a controversial character, growing out of the necessities of Brother Greenman's work in Queretaro; 500 copies of Beaudry's "Spiritual Struggles," 27,000 copies of "The Religion of our Fathers," prepared with special reference to our peculiar field; and 20 numbers—13,800 copies—of a weekly paper for Brother Smith's controversy with the clergy in Tulancingo.

We have also stereotyped all of the First Catechism, issued a large number of marriage and baptismal certificates, circulars, posters, invitations to church services, cards, etc., giving a total of 102,650 volumes, and a grand total of 1,626,646 pages printed during the year.

Ixtacalco, as will be seen, shows some little improvement, the attendance on one or two occasions reaching nearly 30.

Arroyozarco. The work in this field has been greatly interfered with by the suspension of factory and mill work. Hundreds of families have had to go elsewhere to seek employment, among them two thirds of all our people. This, we hope, is only temporary, and we look for better things within a few months.

San Vincento, Chicoloapam, shows marked improvement in the school, which has increased during the year from 17 to 42.

In *Coatlinchan* we have begun a church edifice. Bishop Warren laid the corner-stone while here last winter, and on this occasion over \$50 in cash were raised, \$20 being the gift of an American lady accompanying us that day. We are also happy to record the gift of \$125 from Mr. Niedringhaus, a well-known Methodist, of St. Louis, U. S. The walls are up, the roof on, and over \$50 in hand toward the floor. We have preferred to go forward in this matter according to the means raised. Brother Craver received 36 into full membership, and organized the Church on the 24th of June.

In *Otumba* we have a few friends, though they lack sufficient courage to enter into public services.

In *Miraflores* the school continues to be the interesting feature, numbering at present 163 pupils. The highest attendance in one day was on October 21, when we had 62 boys and 80 girls, making a total of 142 present.

Our new school building was begun in the month of May. It will probably be ready to open during the approaching visit of Bishop Harris. It contains boys' and girls' departments, with accommodation for nearly 200 children, and will have no superior as a school-room in all the mission.

Tlalmanalco lies about two miles above Miraflores. Quite a number of our children come daily from this place. The preacher makes visits and holds occasional services.

Ayapango is manned, as last year, with a teacher and a native local preacher. With over 60 children in our school, receiving, in addition to the common branches of a school education, daily instruction in the Scriptures, we are laying sure foundations for the future.

Zoyatcingo is occasionally visited, when the preacher goes out from Mexico to Ayapango, to which place it is near. We hope to give personal attention to this place early in the new year.

The finances of the district merit special mention in this report.

A glance at the statistical table gives the following result for the year :

Collected for Missionary Society.....	\$88 82
“ “ Self-support.....	1,132 29
“ “ Local Benevolent Purposes.....	559 24
“ “ Church and School Building.....	720 78
“ “ Other Local Purposes.....	115 10
Total raised.....	\$2,616 23

A gain of nearly 25 per cent. over the collections of the previous year. This is a matter of great encouragement to us when we remember that the past year has been a very severe one financially for Mexico. On two points of our district, where the people depend largely upon factory and mill earnings, the depression has been especially noticeable. It can readily be seen that, under such circumstances, our people cannot contribute largely to benevolent and Church purposes.

PUEBLA CIRCUIT.

S. W. Siberts, Missionary in charge.

The work in Puebla Circuit has been carried on during the past year regularly and without interruption. Every year the growing demands of the seminary have made it more difficult for one missionary to direct both school and circuit work successfully. This fact was fully recognized by the Rev. Bishop Warren when here last year, and a plan, which has just been carried out by the superintendent, was made, by which the Rev. A. W. Greenman is to take entire charge of the circuit work, thus leaving the second missionary free for the laborious duties of the seminary.

The change of property, the removal of the seminary to its new locality, the irregularity caused by the illness of both the native preacher and his wife, and their final retirement from the mission, have somewhat impeded the march of our work here. Still, the examinations at the end of the school year were very satisfactory.

In *Apizaco* there has been some advance ; 35 have been received on probation. This work has been conducted from Puebla, and services have been held every Sabbath, one only excepted.

In *San Martin* an adherent of our cause has offered a hall free of rent for a school and for public services. The place is central and well adapted for our work at the beginning. The owner of this hall has been a Protestant for years, and although he knows that it will ruin his trade, yet he desires to be the first to profess Protestantism publicly in his town.

Our work in *Tetela* is of such a peculiar nature that it is hard to describe. Owing to the impossibility of leaving the school alone, I have made but one visit to the Tetela District during the year, and that was in vacation. In all that region the interest in Protestantism is universal. In Tetela we have opened a school this year with 20 pupils. In one place in the district, called Xochiapulco, we held a service with 350 hearers. The superintendent of the mission, during a visit he made to the same place, preached to a congregation of not less than 1,000 souls. The entire territory known as Tetela District, and inhabited by pure-blooded Indians, is well prepared to receive the Gospel, and it is not too much to expect that the most blessed and abundant fruits will be reaped there.

The work of the W. F. M. S. in Puebla has been very successful. From a small beginning it has grown to be a flourishing school. At the close of the school year there were 42 girls present, who passed satisfactory examinations in the various branches they have studied this year.

ORIZABA CIRCUIT.

This work has been during the year under the responsible administration of Brother S. Loza, the first of our Mexican ministers to receive such a trust. Well and faithfully has he fulfilled his mission. The following is a full and exact translation of his report :

The present year the writer was placed in charge of the mission in this district, and his first care was to cultivate the necessary union among the families composing the congregations, developing that fraternal spirit, of which there was considerable lack. In the next place he sought to awaken the spiritual consciousness of the people by bringing before them a clear and full knowledge of duty. Finally, constant effort has been made to extend instruction to the fanatical and credulous, and to the skeptical and unbelieving of the Roman Church.

The result of these labors has been in a good degree favorable to the cause of Christ, and is shown in the Orizaba church by the greater activity of believers in religious service, by the reception of 20 probationers and 15 full members, by 10 baptisms of infants and 6 of adults, by the solemnization of 1 marriage, by the manifest conversion of 12 persons,

and by the edifying and glorious death of 4 of our members, two women and two girls, belonging to our day and Sunday schools.

In the Orizaba church three weekly services are held, with an attendance of from 50 to 100 persons. We have a Sunday-school with 30 devoted members. There is also a day school for girls (under the patronage of the W. F. M. S.), with an attendance of 15 pupils, three of whom are from Roman Catholic families, yet receive, with all the rest, religious instruction. Orizaba is the place of residence of the preacher in charge, and consequently is the field of the greater portion of his labors.

During the present year the work of rebuilding the mission house purchased last year has been continued, and at this writing is almost concluded, affording a commodious hall for services and two dwellings.

The church in *Cordova* holds a weekly service, with an attendance of from 10 to 30 persons. The lack of a minister resident in that large city renders the progress of the Church and its due organization very difficult. During the present year there have been 4 baptisms, and 2 persons, formerly skeptical and indifferent, have been converted.

In Atzacan, Ingenio, Maltrata, Nicostla, Aculcingo, Coscomatepec, Huatusco, and Atoyac, we have endeavored to form and extend evangelical circles, which soon or later will become a part of the Church of Christ.

PACHUCA CIRCUIT.

J. M. Barker having been compelled to return permanently to the United States on account of the continued ill health of his wife, Lucius C. Smith, formerly connected with Bishop Taylor's work in South America, and appointed to this field at the beginning of this year, remained in charge of the work of our mission in the State of Hidalgo, with center of operations in Pachuca. His report is as follows:

"We arrived in Pachuca on the 25th of February, of the present year. A residence of several years in the Republic of Chili had given us a familiarity with the Spanish language, and so we were enabled to enter upon our work at once. Previous to our coming a large amount of preparatory work had been accomplished in the way of providing places of worship, and beginning services at several points. The two points most lacking were ecclesiastical organization and spiritual Christian experience. We have, therefore, preached as well as we have been able, the practical duties of the Christian in the exact fulfillment of the moral law, by the aid of regenerating grace and the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit; and also the privilege and necessity of a positive Christian experience. We have organized class-meetings in which we have studied the doctrines and rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and endeavored to promote inward and outward holiness. A series of meetings which we held in the month of September contributed considerably to the spirituality of our people. In Pachuca our congregations have steadily increased, and frequently our little chapel is too small to contain the people.

"*Tulancingo* is a city of perhaps 15,000 inhabitants, 40 miles from

Pachuca. It is the seat of a Catholic bishopric, and therefore of strong Roman Catholic feeling. It is a little more than a year since services were planted there, and as they began to attract attention this year, the Catholics started a little weekly paper for the purpose of abusing and slandering us. We promptly began the publication of another in which, in a calm and friendly manner, we showed the fallacy of their charges against us, and refuted such errors as they endeavored to propagate. The controversy on their side was conducted chiefly by the capitular vicar, who supplies the place of the bishop since the late bishop died. He is reputed to be a sharp and learned man, but surely his paper has shown a vacillating policy. He has alternately abused and slandered us, and, then admitting his respect for us, has proposed to discuss in good faith the questions at issue, and then, finding himself in a corner, has again substituted abuse for argument. About three months ago he challenged us to a *bona-fide* discussion of the infallibility of the pope. We quietly took up the gauntlet, and began writing a series of articles on the subject. Our antagonist replied by praising our fairness, and promising to answer us in a future number. These promises were respectfully repeated two or three times, and then came the answer, which consisted of a storm of out-and-out falsehood and abuse, and the "Catholic Propagator" (the name of their paper) died under the effort. We have continued for three or four weeks longer, and have concluded what we have to say about the pope's infallibility; and so with this week's number conclude our paper. The result of the controversy has been undoubtedly to gain many friends for our cause in Tulancingo, and the work there is prospering.

"In some of the other points progress has been made. In all, 38 persons have been received into full membership this year. In the year to come we hope to establish work in a number of new places. In the northern part of the State of Hidalgo the prospect is especially inviting. More than once, also, delegations have come to Pachuca from Huanchinango, in the edge of the State of Puebla, to inquire what this thing is, and have gone away seemingly well satisfied."

QUERETARO CIRCUIT.

A. W. Greenman, Missionary in charge.

Notwithstanding numerous embarrassments, there has been an increase in our numbers, and a steady spiritual growth throughout this circuit.

Queretaro. Though some of our members have been obliged to move elsewhere, there has been an increase in the attendance at services and in the membership. The Boys' School, opened in July of last year, and sustained to this time by the contributions of the missionaries of this city, has enrolled over 30 pupils, and has greatly helped to sustain and increase the interest in our work. The Girls' School of the W. F. M. S. held its own, under the faithful care of Miss Swaney till she was called to Puebla. Could it have been moved, as was desired, to better quarters, and away from the mission home, the attendance would probably have been increased.

Early in the year the Catholic curate of the city challenged the missionary in charge to a public printed discussion, and consented that his people should have full liberty to read it. Some have thus obtained a little knowledge of evangelical doctrines, who otherwise would not have done so. Friends have been gained, and many of the better classes have increased respect for the work.

In *San Juan del Rio*, one or two private services have been held every week. On account of insufficient police protection it has not been thought prudent to attempt to establish public services. Señor Fernandez, the native minister, has made repeated visits to adjacent villages. In one, Tecozautla, he had begun to hold regular private services, when one afternoon in the midst of a meeting an angry mob set upon the friends, dispersed them, and compelled Brother Fernandez to flee to the mountains for safety; his persecutors followed him with torches long after dark, but he was able to elude them, and after traveling all night reached a place of safety. In Cadeyreta, another town near by, where we have a few friends, our Bible colporteur was also hunted out one evening by a mob and compelled to disguise himself and travel all night to escape his pursuers.

At the Annual Meeting, in January, Señor Prudencio Hernandez, one of the oldest and most experienced Mexican ministers, was appointed to *Celaya*, and we had good hopes that under his judicious care the work there, which presented fair prospects, would soon be publicly organized. But on the way to his field of labor Brother Hernandez was suddenly stricken down, and died in Queretaro, Jan. 29. The services were then kept up by regular visits of the other ministers of the circuit, till June 10, when Señor O. Torres was sent to take charge as supply. Severe opposition was at once encountered; the worst passions of the people were excited by the inflammatory appeals of the priests; and the authorities not only refused protection, but insulted the ministers who asked it.

At about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of June 24 matters culminated in a most severe attack by a mob of two or three thousand, and lasted for two full hours. A few friends and the missionary in charge were with Brother Torres and wife when the trouble began. Finally, the doors and windows being battered to pieces, all within were compelled to seek safety in flight. The missionaries retreated to a small room of a neighboring house; this refuge was also broken into and the inmates were stoned and fired upon, till, as a last resort and in self-defense, they fired in return, killing one and wounding two of the rioters. This brought the troops, who, with difficulty, rescued the missionaries and removed them to a place of safety. On the following day they went to Mexico City. Brother and Sister Torres suffered some severe injuries, but have recovered. Their servant, while trying to escape, is said to have been shot in the arm, and died the same evening from the effect of the wound and fright. No others of our friends were hurt, though the mob searched the city for them that night and the next day. Most of them had to leave town. The State and Federal governments, though appealed to, have failed to take any energetic measures for the punishment of the ringleaders of the mob.

Brother Chavez has taken Brother Torres's place, but up to date has been unable to do any thing except in the most private and cautious manner.

In *Cortazar*, a small village near *Celaya*, we have made several visits, and arranged for regular services. The mayor was present at the first meeting and assured us of protection whenever we could secure a suitable place for public worship.

Three hundred New Testaments and over 30,000 pages of tracts have been distributed within the bounds of the circuit during the year, thus preparing the way for future work.

GUANAJUATO CIRCUIT.

Duston Kemble, Missionary in charge.

In January last the circuit of Leon was united to that of Guanajuato and Brother Kemble put in charge, with residence at Silao, Brother Craver going to Mexico City. Brother Gamboa remained in Guanajuato, while Brother Lopez, our efficient helper in Leon last year, was now stationed at Salamanca. The extent of the new circuit made it impossible for the missionary to visit some of the appointments very frequently, but the work has prospered.

The only exception is the city of *Leon*. The pastor first sent there was compelled to give up the work on account of illness of himself and family. His successor has likewise been embarrassed by affliction. Meanwhile, our little circle there has been completely scattered by the removal of most of our best friends to other towns and other congregations. The missionary has visited *Cueramuro* nearly every month, and finds the people there are beginning to comprehend the Gospel a little better, and while some have lost interest, there are several new adherents. The ex-priest, Padre Husgado, continues faithful, and is endeavoring to get a small chapel ready for public services. A building plot, worth perhaps \$75, has been donated by one of the leading men in the place.

In *Irapuato*, the services have been continued in a private house every two weeks. The attendance is about the same as formerly, but some have moved away this year.

At *Silao* there is not much change, except that our people are progressing in the knowledge of the truth, and in the practice of Christian duties.

We have started a fine work at *San Pedro Filmonene* among the miners. The congregations are good, and there is considerable enthusiasm.

Salamanca is doing splendidly. Congregations are fine, and there is an excellent spirit instead of the old divisions and jealousies that existed there. The school is doing well.

In *Guanajuato*, the attendance on our services has about reached the old number again, and confidence is restored in the future of our work. We hope to see a great development in enthusiasm and spiritual power during the coming year. This place must be in future, as it has been in the past, one of the chief centers of this mission.

KOREA.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP FOWLER.

At its session in 1883 the General Committee of the Missionary Society, in order to open a mission in Korea, added to the appropriation for Japan the sum of \$5,000. Of this, \$2,000 was to be a special donation from the Rev. J. F. Goucher. Since that time the subject has been under careful and prayerful consideration both at home and abroad. Dr. Maclay, Superintendent of the Japan Mission, during the year 1884 made an exploring journey, to "spy out the land," and judge of the possibilities for Christian work. He sailed from Nagasaki, Japan, June 13, and arrived at Fusan, Korea, on the 20th, where he was cordially received by the Korean and Japanese officials, upon whom he called. He sailed the same day for Chimulpo, the port of Seoul, arriving at the latter place, the capital of Korea, on the 24th. Dr. and Mrs. Maclay were made welcome at the United States Legation by Minister Foote and his wife, to whose wise efforts much of the encouraging aspect, both political and religious, in Korea is due. The visit of Dr. Maclay fulfilled the highest expectations of those interested, and made the way clear for the early establishment of a mission in that country. A paper setting forth the desires and object of Christian missionaries was sent to the king, who returned a cordial acknowledgment with permission to open work, especially medical and school work, so long as it was *Protestant*. The distinction between Protestantism and the form of Christianity already known in Korea seemed to be quite clear in his mind, and we have no need to fear any opposition from the government. Commerce, in Korea, is naturally in its infancy, and the country and government are poor. Dr. Maclay believes it better to begin in educational and medical work, using no disguise as to the ultimate object being evangelization. Schools would be wel-

comed, and hospitals are a necessity. Introducing wisely these means, we can confidently look forward to such success in this untried field as has attended no other of the missions in Eastern lands.

At the close of the year Rev. Wm. B. Scranton, M.D., was put under appointment, and at a later date Rev. H. G. Appenzeller. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society also appointed, for the opening of woman's work in this land of woman's almost entire seclusion, Mrs. Mary F. Scranton, the mother of Dr. Scranton. As our report is passing through the press these pioneers are preparing to sail on the steamer which leaves San Francisco February 3, 1885. They will tarry for a time in Japan, and, as soon as events may favor them, will enter Korea. After they were chosen for the field the cable brought us tidings of the sudden *coup d'etat* in which the king was driven into exile, and the various ministers and consuls fled for their lives. We trust in God, however, and the missionaries will go forward, assured that He will open their way before them.

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DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Commenced in 1812.

OUR Domestic Missions are of two classes. Eight are administered as Foreign Missions, and receive their appropriations directly from the office. They are also superintended from the office instead of through the Bishops.

The arrangement under heads of nationalities is simply one of convenience. All are of the same general character—truly missions. Impressed with the great importance of this field, the General Conference has made several requisitions, two of which we subjoin :

1. Each superintendent of missions, and, where there is no superintendent, each missionary shall make a quarterly report to the Corresponding Secretary at New York, giving information of the state and prospects of the several missions under his care.

2. Each missionary shall report to his superintendent once a quarter in writing the state and prospects of the special work in which he is engaged.

We will also call attention to ¶¶ 81 and 82 of the Discipline as very important :

It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to examine strictly into the state of the Domestic Missions within its bounds, and to allow none to remain on the list of its missions which, in the judgment of the Conference, is able to support itself.

Each Annual Conference shall report through its secretary, annually, to the Secretaries of the Missionary Society at New York, the name of each district, circuit, or station, within its bounds, sustained in whole or in part by said Conference as a mission, together with the amount of missionary money appropriated to such for the year.

The needs of our Domestic Missions increase rapidly each year ; the interest in them should keep pace with their growth. The following reports show the great strides taken during 1884, both in enlarging the fields and adding to the number of really heroic workers :

MISSIONS TO AMERICAN INDIANS.

Commenced in 1814.

WE have more than a score of missions to the aborigines scattered among ten Annual Conferences. These missions, like other of our domestic missions, are administered by the Conferences within whose bounds they are respectively located. As a general thing, they cannot be regarded with much enthusiasm. They may be considered as our contribution toward the salvation of a poor, broken-spirited race. Scattered as they are, and reporting chiefly to the Conferences, and not fully to us, their condition and statistics must, of necessity, be imperfectly represented here. The one exception to this is the school at Poplar Creek, Fort Peck Agency, Montana. This is carried on by contract with the government. During the year a complete change has taken place in the corps of teachers and matrons. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Doud form the teaching force, and have opened their work hopefully. The latest reports of the school represent it as exceedingly hard work, but growing in encouragement.

The Sunday-school numbers about 100; the inmates of the school proper, including teachers, number about 75. Mr. Carpenter writes:

"We have more and more faith in these Indian children, and in their being brought into civilized and Christianized lives; they are far ahead of their parents. We can hardly realize that their fathers have scalped many white men. The boys are taught at home to do just what we teach them not to do."

During the recent cold weather the thermometer ranged from 47° to 62° below zero, and the entire supply of water for this large household had to be drawn a distance of two miles, in the form of ice, by the boys of the school. All the clothing used by the girls, and much of that needed for the boys, is made by the girls and their teachers. These children have scarcely any amusements; their sitting-room is a bare room of four walls and two windows; their days are filled with work and study. A few stray copies of illustrated papers and *one* book form the library, and it is pathetic to see the eagerness

they show, crowding to get a glimpse of these meager sources of pleasure. This school is near us, and should certainly appeal strongly to our sympathies, and receive our cordial support.

The following extract is taken from the report of the Rev. B. I. Ives, P. E., concerning the *Onondaga Indian Mission* :

A good work has just been done in improving the missionary property at the Onondaga Indian Mission. An additional parcel of land has been given, and is now nicely fenced in together with the church and parsonage grounds. The church (which has been in use nearly 40 years) was in great need of repairs. The Missionary Committee, at their meeting last November, made a special appropriation of \$280 for that purpose. Brother Lane, the missionary, has since thought best to make more extensive repairs and improvements than were at that time contemplated. The church has been raised up so as to put a furnace underneath, and now stands upon a good stone foundation. Twenty feet has been added to the length of the church, so as to have a good vestibule and a larger auditorium, both of which were very much needed. The whole house has been newly plastered and painted. New seats and new windows have been put in, and the house newly furnished throughout. Brother Lane has succeeded in getting the windows all put in by different persons or churches as memorial windows. Many of the Indians have taken a great interest in these improvements, and have given in one way and another about \$200 to help pay for them.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS BY CONFERENCES.

Central New York.	Genesee.	Northern New York.
Bennett's Corners, Oneidas. \$200	Gowanda \$300	St. Regis Indian Mission... \$320
Onondaga Castle, Onondagas, 800	Mission, 1; Money, \$300.	Superintendent 30
Missions, 2; Money, \$1,000.		Mission, 1; Money, \$350.
Columbia River.	Michigan.	*Oregon.
Simcoe, Yakima..... \$300	Big Rapids District..... \$150	Klamath Indian Mission... \$300
Missions, 2; Money, \$800.	Isabella Indian Mission.... 175	Mission, 1; Money, \$300.
	Riverton 100	
	Grand Traverse District... 100	
	Indian Mission Circuit.... 200	
	Northport..... 75	
	Missions, 6; Money, \$800.	
Detroit.	Montana.	Puget Sound.
Taymouth \$150	Fort Peck School..... \$2,500	Indian Work..... \$250
Kewawenon 50	Mission, 1; Money, \$2,500.	
Munising..... 50		
Hannahville 50		
Marquette District..... 100		
Sagaming and Pineconing.. 150		
Sault Ste. Marie District.. 100		
Iroquois 50		
Missions, 8; Money, \$700.		
		Wisconsin.
		Oneida Indian Mission.... \$200
		Mission, 1; Money, \$200.

*The balance of the appropriation to Oregon was distributed in Puget Sound Conference.

WELSH DOMESTIC MISSION.

Commenced in 1828.

THIS mission has work in two stations, Remsen and Utica, within the bounds of the Northern New York Conference. The Rev. W. R. Griffith supplies the statistics given below,

and represents the church in Utica as in a very encouraging condition. During the past year many new members were received from the "old country"—8 were received from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 2 from the Methodist Church of Canada, 6 from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, 3 from the Welsh Congregationalists, and 9 were received on trial; 17 removed by letters, all of whom, except one, have joined the Methodist Church in different parts of the Union. The great disadvantage consists in the small church building, which affords but a cold and poor shelter to the congregation; however, in the poor outward building, souls are being prepared to be living stones in the great temple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The statistics given include those of the church near Remsen, where there are 6 members, 20 Sunday-school scholars, and a church valued at \$800. It is proposed to organize an English church in that place, as the Welsh population is leaving the district.

STATISTICS.—Missionary, 1; Members, 110; Probationers, 6; Average attendance on Sunday worship, 180; Adults Baptized, 3; Children Baptized, 7; Sabbath-schools, 2; Scholars, 89; Churches, 2; Estimated value of Churches, \$3,400; Collected for Missionary Society and Benevolences, \$70; Self-support, (up to December,) \$400; Church Building, \$45.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Utica and Remsen	\$200
Missions, 2; Money, \$200.	

GERMAN DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Commenced in 1836.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS BY CONFERENCES.

<i>California, (German.)</i>	Lawrenceburg	45	Göshen	140	
Oakland District	\$450	Springfield	200	Charlestown	50
Oakland	350	Canal Dover	150	Golconda and Metropoli.	225
San Francisco: Folsom-st.	800	Cleveland: Seoville Ave.	125	Jeffersonville	50
" St. Paul's	400	Delaware	100	Louisville: Jefferson St.	70
Santa Cruz	500	New Knoxville	150	Nashville	60
Santa Rosa	450	Pittsburg: 1st Church	150	Salem and Henderson	130
Stockton	350	" 2d Church	100	Terre Haute	100
Missions, 7; Money, \$2,500.		Berea	175	Missions, 34; Money, \$4,506.	
<i>Central German.</i>		Ann Arbor	200		
Aurora and Dillsborough.	\$125	Bay City	150	<i>Chicago German.</i>	
Brookville	50	Detroit: 16th Street	250	Paulman	\$50
Blanchard Chapel	150	Caseville	175	Cedar Lake and Roselawn	100
Greenville	225	Grand Rapids	100	Champaign and Monticello	150
Hamilton and Mt. Healthy	150	Marine City	50	Ebenezer	130
Higginsport and Fairview	150	Montague	100	Immanuel	100
Indianapolis: 2d Church ..	100	Toledo: Segar Avenue	125	Lake View and Farwell ..	800
		Perrysburg	150	Grand Ridge	50
		Petosky	250		

Long Grove and Elk Grove	75	Beaver Falls	75	Big Springs	185
Melvin and Roberts	90	Dover and St. Charles	75	De Soto	25
Michigan City	200	Mankato and Dunville	200	Farmington	80
South Bend	175	Mountain Lake and Lamberton	100	Jamestown	40
Valparaiso	75	Owatonna	50	Jefferson City	100
Burlington	75	Rochester	75	Morrison	80
Fort Atkinson	100	Waseca	50	Mt. Vernon	220
Farmington	65	Winona	50	New Melle	100
Madison	100	Upper Iowa District	100	St. Charles	45
Milwaukee: 8d Church	100	Alden and Webster City	150	St. Louis Mission	150
" Immanuel	225	Algona	150	Warrenton	175
West Bend	65	Eldora and Tipton	150	Missions, 88; Money, \$4,000.	
Fond du Lac District	100	Fort Dodge	200		
Brillion	200	Glad Brook	150	Southern German.	
Clayton, Eureka and Rush Lake	50	Nora Springs	100	Houston District	\$600
Fond du Lac and Forrest	100	Sheldon and Spencer	150	Belton and Bartlett	475
Green Bay and Pensaukee	50	Sioux City and Rosbach	200	Brenham	300
Kewanee	100	Storm Lake	100	" Prairie	475
Main and Merrill	100	West Side and Ida	200	Dallas, Palmer, and Denton	100
Marion	100	Dakota District	850	Houston	350
Menomonee	100	Ada and Crookstown	150	Lexington and Caldwell	185
Neshkora	100	Ash Lake	100	New Orleans:	
Oshkosh	100	Big Stone City	150	First Church	175
Sheboygan	75	Blurt	100	Second Church	375
Wausau and Stettin	100	Faulkton	200	Third Church	8-5
Missions, 82; Money, \$3,500.		Frederick	50	Perry	200
		Grand Forks	100	Rocky	200
Columbia River, (German.)		Morris	75	Spring and Bear Creek	180
Walla Walla	\$400	Mt. Vernon	100	Waco and Moorsville	250
Spokane	400	Parker	125	San Antonio District	600
Missions, 2; Money, \$8.0.		Tedfield	100	Anstin	400
		Valley City	50	Cibola	200
		Wadena	100	Fredericksburg	175
East German.		Watertown	100	Hoehheim and Lavaca	275
New York District	\$450	Missions, 47; Money, \$5,500.		Paige	200
New York: 56th Street	475			Rutersville	265
" " 114th Street	200	Oregon, (German.)		San Antonio	300
Brooklyn: Wyckoff Street	300	Portland District	\$200	Schulenburg	175
William's Bridge and Yonkers	100	Tacoma	400	Fommersett and Medina	160
Mount Vernon and New Rochelle	200	Seattle	300	Missions, 24; Money, \$7,000.	
Bridgport	140	Spokane, Walla Walla, etc.	600	West German.	
New Haven	250	Missions, 4; Money, \$1,500.		Missouri District	\$100
Hartford	250	Southern California.		Atchison	225
Greenfield and Turner's Falls	800	Los Angeles District	\$550	Boonville	200
Philadelphia District	900	Los Angeles	300	Brunswick	50
Girard Ave.	825	San Luis Obispo	400	Cameron	75
York St. and Vineland	200	Selma	250	Graham and Whitecloud	100
Baltimore: Penn. Avenue	100	Missions, 4; Money, \$1,500.		Higginsville	100
" Light Street	300			Lexington	100
Elizabeth	250	St. Louis German.		Nebraska District	200
Newark Mission and Paterson	300	Alton	\$90	Benyar Creek and Oxford	275
Hoboken	350	Bible Grove	40	Custer	200
Hudson City and Tappan	575	Brighton	140	Frontier	200
Jersey City	425	Highland	80	Lincoln	200
Buffalo	200	Pinkneyville	150	Nebraska City	150
North Buffalo and Sweet Home	100	Burlington: Locust Street	130	St. James	225
Dunkirk and Silver Creek	200	Davenport	175	Omaha	200
Missions, 24; Money, \$6,000.		Des Moines	85	St. Paul	75
		Flint Creek	80	Sterling and Wymore	200
		Geneseo	100	Stuart	175
		Illinois City	25	West Point	150
		Keokuk	100	Valentine	100
		Mt. Pleasant	40	Wahoo and Arlington	200
North-west German.		Newton	120	Kansas District	175
Decorah	\$200	Ottumwa	120	Argentine	140
Dubuque	150	Rock Island	110	Chase and Peace Creek	40
Galena	50	Victor	150	Cherry Vale and Chanute	240
La Crosse	100	Iowa City	50	Clay Center	100
Tomah	100	Wilton	80	Council Grove	280
Brown and Benton	50	Franklin and West Point	110	Great Bend	175
Clear Water	75	Beardstown	150	Halstead	100
Crow River	50	Hannibal	275	Lacrosse and Hays	150
East and North Minneapolis	100	Pearia Mission	890	Lawrence	150
Menomonee	100	Quincy: Jefferson-street	80	Salina	150
Minneapolis	100	Secor and Strawn	40	Kingman and Harper	125
Stillwater	50	Springfield	210	Topeka	125
West Saint Paul	200	Berger	80	Kansas City	600
				Missions, 36; Money, \$6,000.	

SCANDINAVIAN DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Commenced in 1845.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS BY CONFERENCES.

Austin, (<i>Swedish</i> .)		North Cape and Oconomowoc	Des Moines, Iowa	\$150
Austin	\$100	Stoughton and Primrose	Galva and Wutaga	110
Brushy	150	Wausau and Merrill	Keokuk and Melrose	250
Decker	100	Westby and Richland	New Sweden and Mucha-	
Galveston	500	St. Paul District	100 kinoch	50
Waco and Bosque	150	Argo and Montevideo	460 Red Oak and Essex	125
Fort Worth and Dallas	800	Brighton & Scandia Grove	120 St. Louis	850
Missions, 6; Money, \$1,600.		Danville & Baybrook	140 Sheldahl	150
California, (<i>Scandinavian</i> .)		Dear Park	150 Kansas District	500
Oakland Norwegian	\$700	Forest City	80 Axtell Circuit	150
San Francisco Swedish	1,500	Grand Meadow and Lanes-	70 Clay Center	75
Missions, 2; Money, \$2,200.		borough	Kansas City	150
New York East, (<i>Scandinavian</i> .)		Lansing & Round Prairie	150 Lindsburg	150
Norwegian Mission, B'lyn		Minneapolis	40 Omaha	350
and New York	\$1,200	Plain View	140 Randolph	150
Danish, Perth Amboy,		Red Wing and Josco	70 Saronville and Fillmore	75
N. J.	400	Sioux and Omaha	100 Scandia and Seapo	100
Swedish, Brooklyn	600	St. Paul	250 Stromsburg, Neb.	100
Swedish, New York	500	Red River Valley District	140 West Hill and Looking	
Swedish Ass't Dover, N.		Atwater, Hutchinson, and	575 Glass	100
J., Bridgeport and Meri-		Lake Lillian	St. Paul District	400
den, Conn.	500	Beltrami, Glyndon, and	120 Carver and East Minne-	
Norwegian, Brooklyn	400	Lake Park	apolis	175
Missions, 6; Money, \$3,600.		Crookston and St. Hillaire	120 Center City and Marine	125
Colorado (<i>Scandinavian</i> .)		Coopertown	150 Clear Lake, and Scandia	
Scandinavian (Special)	\$500	Duluth	180 Grove	160
New England, (<i>Swedish</i> .)		Fergus Falls	200 Escanaba	125
Gloucester	\$500	Granburg	150 Kandiyohi & New London	70
Worcester	800	Hillsborough & Blanchard	100 Maiden Rock	110
Boston	900	Moorhead and Fargo	275 Marquette and Michi-	
Missions, 3; Money, \$2,200.		Missions, 36; Money, \$6,500.	gamme	150
New England Southern,		Wilmington (<i>Swedish</i> .)		
(<i>Swedish</i> .)		Wilmington Swedish	Minnekaune, Menomonee,	
Providence	\$500	Mission, 1; Money, \$300.	Norway, & Iron Mount-	
Brockton and Quincy	500	North-west Swedish.	ain	150
Missions, 2; Money \$1,000.		Chicago District	Minneapolis	80
North-west Norwegian.		Chandler's Valley and War-	Murdoek and Ortonville	150
Chicago District	\$375	ren	Eed Wing	200
Maplewood Ave.	265	Chesterton, Ind.	St. Paul	120
De Pere and Sturgeon Bay		Chicago: Atlantic Street,	Stillwater and Afton	175
Bau Claire	200	and Englewood	Trade Lake & Grantsburg	70
Evanston	110	Chicago: Fifth Ave.	Vasa and Goodhue	115
La Crosse	265	Geneva and Batavia	Missions, 48; Money, \$7,500.	
Manitowish	190	Fullman	*Oregon, (<i>Scandinavian</i> .)	
Milwaukee & Sheboygan		100 Racine, Wis.	Portland and Astoria	\$450
Neenah and Waupaca	16	75 Rockford, Ill.	50 Moving expenses	200
		50 South Chicago	Missions, 2; Money, \$650.	
		75 Burlington District	Puget Sound, (<i>Scandinavian</i> .)	
		300 Bloomington	Seattle	650
		200 Burlington	Tacoma	750
		150 Creston and Spaulding	Missions, 2; Money, \$1,400.	

CHINESE DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

I. CALIFORNIA.

Commenced in 1868.

Missionaries.

Otis Gibson, San Francisco. A. J. Hanson, Portland, Oregon.

Assistant Missionaries.

Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Mrs. N. S. Hanson, Mrs. Jane Walker.

*The balance of the appropriation to Oregon was distributed in Puget Sound Conference.

Teachers.

Mrs. M. F. Burns,	Mrs. J. J. Cleveland,	Miss L. M. Bibbins.
Mrs. M. A. Page,	Mrs. S. C. Russell,	Cheng Game.
Mrs. F. A. Bigelow,	Miss M. A. Gibson,	

Native Helpers.

K. Mieiama,	Tam Hing.
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Places Occupied.

San Francisco,	Oakland,	San Jose,	Sacramento,	Chico.
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The following is the report for the Conference year, ending August, 1884 :

Some idea of the character of our work may be gathered from the fact that, during the past Conference year, we have dismissed by letter 18 of our members. Two have died in the faith, and two have been excluded from church membership. We have received 9 by letter, and 20 by baptism from probation.

Last year we reported 86 members and 25 probationers. This year, after all our losses, we report 92 members and 15 probationers.

SAN FRANCISCO.

In San Francisco the evening schools for men and boys employ five teachers. The average attendance has been about 75 scholars, with a roll-call of about 300.

The regular Sunday and Wednesday evening services have also been well attended, and sometimes have been seasons of considerable spiritual influence. Especially have our quarterly love-feasts, both in San Francisco and San Jose, been interesting and profitable. That the Chinese and Japanese unite thus in brotherly love in building the Church is good evidence that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is with us.

During the year our people have paid \$195 05 class money, which has been applied on the salary of native helpers. To the presiding elder, \$55; for necessitous cases, \$18, to which Brother J. M. Buffington has added \$20; for Bible Society, \$15; Missionary collections, \$134.

The classes in the evening schools, San Francisco, paid for tuition, \$220. The San Jose brethren have paid \$28 35 on current expenses. The scholars at Chico and Sacramento have also helped in the support of the schools. We are trying to teach the duty of self-support as far as possible.

THE CHINESE Y. M. C. A. OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

During the year this society has shown marked improvement in its plans and purposes. It holds quarterly socials, to which the women and children are invited, and the sisters in the church have some share in the programme of entertainment.

A number of young men in this society are probationers in the church.

THE JAPANESE GOSPEL SOCIETY.

This Society has had a year of unusual prosperity. No rebellion, no secession. The number of members has about doubled, having now 40.

Best of all, a blessed spiritual influence has prevailed in the Society nearly all the year round. A number have been converted, and others are seeking the Lord.

NATIVE HELPERS.

As we said last year, so I am compelled to repeat—that the great embarrassment of this mission is the failure, up to this date, to develop *native Chinese preachers who feel called of God to devote their lives to the ministry of the Gospel among their countrymen in America.*

Tam Hing, formerly a missionary colporteur of the Presbyterian Mission, then for certain irregularities suspended, was received from probation into our Church by Brother Hanson, at Sacramento, last year, just before Conference.

He has good lungs, strong voice, and has preached many times on the streets to large crowds of his countrymen.

Chan Hon Fan, who left us last year and returned to China, has accepted a call from Brother Hanson to return to America and join him in the work in Oregon.

K. Miayama, our Japanese helper, has continued faithful, diligent, and obedient in all things. Like Barnabas, he has shown himself “a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost,” and many of his people have been “added unto the Lord.” He has studied nearly all the course for admission to the Conference, has been examined in these studies, and has been recommended by our Quarterly Conference for admission, on trial, to the California Annual Conference.

SAN JOSE.

The history of this class shows how much one devoted, determined Christian can do. Sister Burns has continued her work through clouds and storms, and now rejoices in having been instrumental in bringing more than a score of benighted idolaters into the light of the Gospel, and a well-grounded hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. This class has paid \$24 20 toward the support of the native preacher, and \$35 on current expenses. Missionary money, \$7 25.

OAKLAND.

The Chinese school and class at Oakland has finally proved a most lamentable failure. One or two of the old members now hold church relations with the classes in San Francisco; all the rest have been dismissed, excluded, or dropped. We have now opened a class for Japanese, and are hoping for success.

SACRAMENTO.

Since Brother Hanson's removal from Sacramento our work in that city has been faithfully conducted by Mrs. Fanny B. Bigelow. The attendance at the evening schools has increased, and considerable interest is manifested in the Sunday-school services. There are only a few members, widely scattered, and four probationers. This school and class has raised and paid \$22 50 missionary collection, and \$46 10 on current expenses.

CHICO.

The school at Chico remains quite small, but good impressions are being made by the faithful teacher, Mrs. W. A. Page.

CHINESE WOMEN.

The work of the Women's Missionary Society has been carried forward with the same fidelity, energy, and success that has always attended this exceptionally fruitful field. No better missionary work is done in the Church than these noble women are doing.

II. THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized in 1870.

Mrs. E. C. Gibson presents the following report :

This Society is auxiliary to the parent Society in New York, and all money received by it is credited to the charge from whence it comes as missionary money, and forwarded to the treasury there, while the Missionary Board makes an annual appropriation to our Society.

Our work consists largely of a boarding school and home for girls and women, who find their life of slavery unbearable and come to us for protection and security. Our Society also employs a Bible reader, who visits twice a week among the women who have formerly been in the mission a year, and who have married heathen men who placed them in the school. The work of the Bible reader has not been without fruit. One woman, who left the school nearly four years ago, and whose husband set up an idol and worshiped it, said to the Bible reader (a woman who was formerly in the school) that she did not bow before the idol, that she believed in Jesus. She was stricken with a fatal sickness, and on the last day of her life said she was going to Jesus; she asked that her remains might be taken to the chapel of the mission house and there funeral services held. She also requested to be buried in a Christian burying-ground with Christian services, which was accordingly done. Such an instance encourages us to sow the seed of the Gospel in all hearts, and God, in his own time and way, can bring about results to his glory.

Some fifteen girls and women have been received during the year, and most of the time we have had all that our rooms could accommodate. Two have gone to China, two have married, and one (Sing Choy) has died.

We had thought that after the restriction act was passed, our work would naturally change somewhat, as fewer women would come to this country, and those who did come would be more humanely treated. But we have never had so many applications as during the present year.

I wish to say that we have always found the police department ready to assist in taking these young girls from dens of vice, and to attempt to break up slavery among the Chinese.

The following letter from Mrs. Hanson, of Portland, Oregon, indicates what has been done there during the year :

"During the winter the health of the Bible woman, Mou Tan, was so

broken that she could go out but little, and our means of reaching the women about us were limited. Still, ever since she came we have held a weekly prayer and class meeting, with an attendance of three or four at nearly every meeting.

After Mou Tan went to live with Dong Koke she was in a much more healthful place, and was out of doors so much that she soon recovered. We have several times gone together to visit among the Chinese women, and have prayed with and endeavored to lead them to Christ. The meetings have been continued at the house of Dong Koke, with an attendance varying from three to seven or eight. Some women of other churches have been with us, and some heathen women at different times. Chow Kwai has been with us part of the time, and we have met others who have been in the mission in San Francisco and give evidence that the teachings received there have not been forgotten.

STATISTICS OF CALIFORNIA CHINESE AND JAPANESE MISSION FOR 1884.

STATIONS.	Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Native Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Average Congregation.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Sunday-schools.	Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Mission Buildings.	Value.	Missionary Collections.	Supp't of Native Helpers.	Support of Pres'g Elder.	Current Expenses.
San Francisco..	1	2	3	70	8	13	3	14	2	1	70	2	6	500	100	2	6	120	1	\$30,000	\$104 50	\$170 05	\$55	\$15 00
San Jose.....	1	2	3	10	3	7	4	4	1	1	20	1	1	50	15	1	1	4	1	1,200	7 25	24 20	..	35 00
Sacramento....	1	2	3	17	2	3	4	4	1	1	15	1	1	75	15	1	3	32	1	..	23 50	..	..	46 10
Chico.....	1	2	3	17	2	3	4	4	1	1	15	1	1	30	5	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	1	2	9	117	15	23	14	22	5	4	110	5	9	655	137	5	14	178	2	\$31,200	\$134 05	\$194 25	\$55	\$95 10

The sums of money reported in the above table represent only that given by the Chinese and Japanese members, and do not include what was given by the missionaries and their friends.
Bible, \$15; Necessitous Cases, \$18.

III. OREGON.

Commenced in 1878.

Rev. A. J. Hanson renders the following report :

Previous to the present year missionary work had been done under the patronage of the Oregon Conference at Salem, Seattle, and Portland, at each of which places there was promise of success. These we have continued to occupy up to the present, at the same time adding Astoria and Tacoma to the list of places deserving special attention.

Salem has but a small number of Chinese residents, yet so steady-going and settled did they seem to be, that Christian endeavor could well be put forth in their behalf. A Sunday-school, with an attendance of 15 boys, has been kept up during the year. At the same time a good evening class of 8 to 12 pupils, entirely self-supporting, has been maintained by Miss Lulu Smith, an exemplary member of our church in Salem. Though little

of palpable result has been attained, I am satisfied that deeper consecration, stronger faith, and persistent endeavor will yet secure the precious fruit desired.

Seattle has for a long time been one of the most promising fields for Chinese mission work on the northern Pacific Coast. As a great commercial center and a city of rising importance, it has naturally attracted quite a large population of Asiatic birth. The First Methodist Episcopal Church in the city has exhibited commendable interest in the evangelization of these strangers, having, with some assistance from the Chinese themselves, fitted up the basement of their house of worship as a home for the mission, and having also for the most part met the incidental expenses incurred in the maintenance of an evening and Sunday school. The attendance in both schools has averaged from 10 to 20 pupils, some of whom have pursued their studies with commendable interest.

Late in November the missionary made his first visit to this point, and while present organized a class of 11 from members of the school desirous of receiving special religious instruction with a view to baptism. A leader was appointed and high hopes were entertained of a large ingathering of precious fruit during the year.

But, alas for our expectations! On a subsequent visit, six months later, not one of the class could be found, and but *one* member of the school who was there on the former occasion. All had scattered from the city in search of employment elsewhere, and entirely new elements then composed the school.

Portland has naturally been the great center of our operations in behalf of the Chinese. The population of Chinese is quite large, numbering probably 5,000, and in the winter season is usually augmented to 8,000 or 9,000 by the influx of laborers from surrounding regions.

Three mission schools have for some time been maintained, ours being the youngest. It was begun less than three years ago by certain Christian Chinamen, members of a San Francisco mission. Having spent considerable money in furnishing and maintaining this school, they at length turned over the enterprise to the Missionary Society, under special supervision of the Oregon Conference.

As to the palpable results: On the 2d of December a society and classes were formed by the reception of 9 members by letter, and 7 on probation. Later in the year others were added until our list of probationers numbered 15. Some of these have gone from us probably never to return, but of the original 7, whose time has expired, 4 have continued with us in faithful attendance upon the word of God, and instruction in our doctrines and discipline. On August 10 our hearts were made glad by their baptism, and later by their reception into the Methodist Episcopal Church, they having given good evidence of conversion from heathenism to the religion of Jesus. The occasion was one of great interest, Taylor Street lecture-room being filled by a congregation of Christian spectators, Bishop Fowler kindly assisting in the ceremonies and other esteemed brethren aiding by their presence and words of good cheer. By the ex-

piration of another quarter several more will be ready for the same solemn rite.

Three converts, together with others older in the faith, although poor in earthly goods, have regularly contributed to the support of the mission during the year. They have recently raised a fund of 25 dollars toward paying the traveling expenses of a valuable native helper, now on his way from China, and at the last have crowned the year's work by a missionary collection of \$80. So there are some encouragements vouchsafed us.

Regular religious services in English and Chinese, together with a Sunday-school, week-night prayer-meetings and class-meetings, have been maintained during the year.

STATISTICS OF THE OREGON CHINESE MISSION FOR 1884.

STATIONS.	Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Native Helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Average Congregation.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Sunday-schools.	Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Missionary Collections.	Suppt of Native Helpers.	Current Expenses.
Portland	1	1	1	10	10	4	8	2	15	1	1	150	30	1	1	20	\$30	\$18	\$103
Seattle .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	15	..	..	10	..	..	20
Salem .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	20	5	..	..	10	..	..	55
Totals	1	1	2	10	10	4	8	2	15	3	9	270	54	3	10	40	\$30	\$18	\$288

IV. NEW YORK CITY.

Commenced in 1879.

The General Committee made an appropriation of \$500 to the Chinese work in New York East Conference, which has been used within the city of New York.

The following report is furnished by Miss Lathbury, secretary of the Chinese Sunday-school in the 18th Street Church :

A Chinese school was organized last August in the 18th Street Methodist Episcopal Church by Mr. C. C. Woo. During the first weeks of the school it was in a very promising condition, from 35 to 40 scholars in attendance; but this was found to be largely from the fact that other schools were not in session. At the re-opening of the various schools the number decreased to an average of 12. After Mr. Woo was called to Peru by the Chinese ambassador, his friend, K. P. Lee, took charge of the school, and filled the office of Mr. Woo with marked acceptability, until he also was called to Washington by the ambassador. His friend, Mr. Yung Kwai, is now filling the place of Mr. Lee in the school, and also at the Consulate. He is a recent graduate of Yale College, and is peculiarly adapted to a work among his own people.

An evening school was opened for the Chinese, but was discontinued

after the opening of the reading room and classes of the Chinese Sunday-school Union.

The Sunday-school has had many things to contend against in becoming established, but the work becomes increasingly interesting to the teachers as they come to know their pupils. We find them teachable and childlike, loving the Bible before any other book, and the singing of hymns before any other exercise. At a late social gathering at the house of one of the teachers, we found them a delighted and delightful little company socially, entering with a graceful tact and thorough courtesy into the customs of a strange people.

The Seventh Street Chinese school is still superintended by W. H. Orton, and is about the same as at the time of the last report. The largest number present at one session has been 20; average attendance for the year, 14. Two of the oldest and most faithful pupils have returned to China. The greatest difficulty in connection with this school is in securing permanent teachers. A much larger number of pupils would attend if this want were supplied. This is a kind of foreign mission brought to our own doors, and there ought to be a willing response from church members in New York city to this call for teachers.

	California.	Astoria.....	\$270
Chinese Mission.....	\$9,000	Tacoma.....	240
Mission, 1; Money, \$9,000.		Native Evangelists, Helpers, etc.....	1,100
	Oregon, (<i>Puget Sound</i> .)	Missions, 4; Money, \$2,360.	
Portland.....	\$535	New York East.	
Seattle.....	170	New York city.....	\$500

ARIZONA.

Commenced in 1869.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP MALLALIEU.

Missionaries.

G. H. ADAMS, *Superintendent*.

(Post-office, Tucson, Arizona.)

Benson, To be supplied. *Clifton*, to be supplied. *Flagstaff and Holbrook*, J. T. Pierce. *Globe*, F. W. Johnson. *Mineral Park*, to be supplied. *Phoenix*, D. W. Calfee. *Phoenix Circuit*, to be supplied. *Pinal*, to be supplied. *Prescott*, to be supplied by N. L. Guthrie. *Prescott Circuit*, G. L. Pearson. *Tombstone*, David M'Fawn. *Tonto Basin*, to be supplied. *Tucson*, J. W. Robinson.

The Superintendent writes :

The last Annual Meeting of the Arizona Mission was held at Phoenix, and convened October 9, Bishop Foss presiding. It was our misfortune that the session was held in a charge which at the time had no pastor, but it was a meeting of great interest to us all. Every minister answered to his name when the roll was called except one, Brother G. L. Pearson, who was detained in the mountains by an accident which resulted in a broken limb.

This Territory has had a checkered history since it came to be occupied by white men. For a long time it was almost inaccessible to the outer world, and until quite recently no railroad penetrated its borders. The only way to reach it was by stage-coach, over deserts, mountains, and vast stretches of plain, for a distance of from 500 to 1,000 miles. Then, too, it was the favorite resort and home of the Apache Indians, the most bloodthirsty savages ever known on the continent. Some of our own ministers have, since my coming, stood through the whole night, gun in hand, guarding the town in which, on the following Sabbath, they preached to the people. Under these circumstances the growth of Arizona has been necessarily slow. But her wealth of gold, silver, iron, copper, lead, and coal, are attracting a larger population. Arizona has large forests of superior timber, which aggregate an area larger than the whole State of New York. She has vast tracts of land extremely fertile for producing every crop known in agriculture.

For the coming tide of immigration that these attractions will bring, we have been endeavoring to prepare in building houses of worship and parsonages for our ministers. Our churches are substantial and neat. Our parsonages are comfortable and well built. Our property is all that we could wish for. What we want is to see the conversion of souls. We were blessed with a gracious visitation of saving power last year in one of our charges, but it has only made us all the more eager for God's salvation to come in greater measure.

The following extract from my annual report to the mission at its recent session, expresses what we all feel in this respect:

"But the most painful feature of the work is the apparent barrenness of results. Most of us have been accustomed to seeing the fruits of our ministry appear in the way of actual conversions before our eyes. And how we do long for them now at times. The heart grows faint for the encouragement that comes from the knowledge that some one has been brought into a new life directly through our agency. We try to have faith in God and in his cause as it lies in our hands, and we do have faith in Him, but sometimes "our feet are almost gone," sometimes our souls cry out, "Hath God forgotten to be gracious?" and, in spite of our utmost confidence, we anxiously inquire, "Where is the promise of his coming?"

This is the severest deprivation to which we are subjected. We are willing to be put on short rations as to our tables, to select our food with reference to its cheapness, and forego the luxury of fruits, which at 15 to 25 cents per pound are generally outside the purchasing power of our purses; but this longing for the communion of saints is the most intense hunger we experience.

Traveling throughout this mission as superintendent is very fatiguing. Of all the charges in the Territory, Tucson is the only one on a line of railroad. In every other case it requires the most exhausting methods of travel to reach the different towns where our churches are located. The roads are, many of them, about as bad as they can be, and allow the passage of a vehicle at all. I doubt if a worse road can be found on the face of the

globe for the passage of wheels than the one to Prescott. And be it remembered that during my four years' residence there I passed over its whole length to the railroad, 140 miles, not far from thirty times. But we are promised a speedy change. Already two new lines of railroad are projected through our Territory from the north to the south. Other lines are projected and will be built soon. This will change the condition of my work and make it at once easier and far more effective as well as less expensive.

Our work for the current year as arranged by Bishop Foss is briefly as follows :

Benson, to be supplied. A man will take the work early in January.

Clifton, to be supplied. If a man without family could be found with courage and zeal to take this charge and work it vigorously, good results would follow. I hope to find such a man ere long.

Flagstaff and Holbrook, J. T. Pierce. This is on the line of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. We have good church lots in Flagstaff and a small parsonage.

Globe, F. W. Johnson. A good church is there, free from debt, and Brother Johnson has come among us with a fine record. We expect success.

Mineral Park, to be supplied. Brother J. T. Pierce visited the place occasionally last year.

Phoenix, D. W. Calfee. We have a beautiful church and a comfortable parsonage in this charge. Brother Calfee has large audiences.

Phoenix Circuit, to be supplied. I have obtained a supply who will assume the charge early in January.

Pinal, to be supplied. I expect a man from Michigan in a few weeks for this charge. We have a good church entirely free from debt.

Prescott, to be supplied by N. L. Guthrie. The pastor is at work vigorously on his second year and every interest is being well promoted.

Prescott Circuit, G. L. Pearson. This circuit had a fine revival last year and is doing well in every respect.

Tombstone, David M'Fawn. Brother M'Fawn is in the third year of his pastorate. We have a good church and parsonage with no debt. Congregations are large.

Tonto Basin, to be supplied. A man has just gone to the field and will do the work well.

Tucson, J. W. Robinson. Brother Robinson is in the second year of his pastorate. We have a fine property here, church and parsonage worth \$15,000.

Our working force will be larger than ever before by at least three or four men. We have the churches and parsonages—the tools to work with—and we propose to labor with a zeal that knows no diminution and a fervor that knows no chilling, until we see the work of salvation among the people.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent.....	\$1,500	Pinal.....	\$450	Traveling expenses of	0
Prescott.....	800	Globe.....	600	Superintendent.....	\$214 90
Flagstaff and Holbrook ..	600	Tucson.....	500	Traveling expenses of	
Phoenix Circuit.....	100	Tombstone.....	700	Missionaries.....	126 35
Phoenix.....	600	Mineral Park.....	200	Moving expenses of	
				Superintendent.....	185 00

Missions, 10; Money, \$6,849 81.

STATISTICS OF THE ARIZONA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Average Attendance on Sunday Schools.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	Average Attendance at Sunday-schools.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missions Society.	Collected for Self-support.
Prescott.....	1	8	16 5	60	1	70	60	1	\$4,000	1	\$3,000	\$500	\$50	\$2 0		
Tombstone.....	1	8	20 8	80	8	100	80	1	4,000	1	1,000		4	315		
Tucson.....	1	8	30 2	75	1	100	75	1	9,000	1	6,000	1,500	50	295		
Pinal.....	1	12	12	75	1	25	20	1	8,000				20	86.		
Verde Circuit.....	1	1	8 10	50	1	25	20							10		
Globe.....	1	12	12	50	4	70	60	1	4,000					80		
Mineral Park.....	1	1	6	40	2	50	40							20		
Phoenix.....	1	1	80 1	75	1	40	80	1	4,000	1	1,000			80		
This year.....	S	4	134 21	515 12	9	480	385	6	\$28,000	4	\$11,000	\$2,300	\$250	\$1,549		
Last year.....	S	7	148 26	880 20	9	605	425	6	28,000	4	11,000	4,710	200	3,925		

BLACK HILLS MISSION.

Commenced in 1878.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP WALDEN.

Missionaries.

JAMES WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

(P. O., Deadwood, Dakota.)

Battle Creek, Victor Charroin, Central City and Crook, W. D. Atwater. Custer and Hot Springs, H. A. James. Deadwood, to be supplied. Elk Creek, to be supplied. Lead City and Sturgis, to be supplied. Minneola, E. B. Cummings. Rapid City, J. I. Bartholomew. Sun Dance, to be supplied.

The following is the Superintendent's report :

The state of Black Hills Mission is in some things peculiar, and yet satisfactory, taking all things into consideration.

Physically the country has almost boundless natural resources of unequalled variety. The hills proper lie like an island in an ocean of prairie, covered with the most nutritious grasses, but a short time ago the favorite grazing ground of hundreds of thousands of buffalo, and myriads of deer and antelope, but now occupied by the somewhat more domestic herds

of the stockmen. The hills are mostly covered with pine timber, hence the name of "Black," from the exceedingly dark foliage of the pine rising in striking contrast to the light green, gray, or snow-clad plain around. Gold brought the people here. Not all their visions have been realized, but some of the best-paying mines in the world have been steadily worked for years. The Hills are embraced by the two arms of the Cheyenne River. From the Hills to the river, south, east, and north, are valleys filling with settlers who are opening farms and raising stock.

The greatest influx of settlers came in '79; then the disappointed ones began to go away, until our population was greatly reduced. For the past two years there has been some increase, mostly of farmers, but the great Sioux reservation, stretching between us and the railroads, has made the increase slow. With the opening of that, or with the approach of railroads without it, this country will suddenly fill with people to stay, for the advantages of that somewhat magic land of Eastern Dakota are not to be compared with those of this naturally favored country. For making homes we have rich farming and grazing lands, lumber, wood, and inexhaustible veins of coal, some of them twenty-two feet in thickness, gypsum, building, and limestone, besides gold, silver, copper, tin, in paying quantities, and mica enough to put lights in all the stores in Christendom.

Our Methodism has not been idle. While other churches have abandoned work in some instances, our work was never more fully manned than at present, and never has so large a proportion of the population heard the Gospel, and never were as many neighborhoods and nooks sought out by our preachers as now. There are 7 traveling preachers, including the superintendent and 2 local preachers, to supply our work. There are five buildings for church purposes occupied and owned by us, besides the new church in Deadwood, now rapidly approaching completion, and two more buildings, one at Rapid City and one at Minnesela. The preachers are earnestly and faithfully laying foundations for the future, to which they look forward with confidence.

There is a slow but steady increase of membership, mostly by conversion, as there is no large influx of members with letters, as in some other parts of our new West.

We are here to stay, and, by the blessings of God, Methodism will prove the power of God for bringing the thousands yet to come to this land to see the Saviour, and it will be found that the love of the Church for Christ, as expressed in her missionary offerings, will have been the great and most efficient power by which this is brought to pass.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent.....	\$300	Custer City and Hot Sp'ngs	\$400	Minnesela.....	\$600
Battle Creek.....	450	Deadwood.....	300	Rapid City.....	450
Central City and Crook.....	300	Lead City and Sturgis.....	300	Missions, 7; Money,	\$3,600.

STATISTICS OF BLACK HILLS MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages, &c.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Deadwood...	1	46	7	...	1	76	104	1	\$1,500	1	\$800	\$2,000	\$30 20	\$39 70	\$58 24	\$1,925	\$456 81
Lead City...	1	14	4	...	1	30	1	1	2,000	...	...	265	4 00	7 50	484 80	9	154 75
Central City	1	18	2	...	6	50	1	1	3,000	...	1,000	...	5 00	10 00	771 00	15	120 00
Sturgis City	1	14	2	...	...	8	75	104	1,000	1	900	100	10 00	4 00	446 99	173	80 00
Custer City.	1	20	6	...	1	50	1	1	1,200	...	...	...	12 00	3 50	885 00	200	168 00
Crook City.	1	23	7	...	...	8	100	1	1,000	...	...	...	7 00	6 39	450 00	...	40 00
Rapid City.	1	27	1	...	3	90	104	1	1,000	...	...	115	3 80	15 91	440 60	401	200 00
Hot Springs	1	5	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	8	167 89	13 11	14	54	4	10,700	3	2,700	2,376	72 10	86 91	3,436 54	2,818	1,150 06	7,041	.....
Last year.	8	213 17	...	5	11,540	5	10,675	3	2,800	1,840	25 00	60 50	3,016 00	...	...	...	...

DAKOTA.

Commenced in 1873.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP MERRILL.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1884-85.

Missionaries.

I. N. PARDEE, *Superintendent.*

(Post-office, Mitchell, Dakota.)

MITCHELL DISTRICT, I. N. Pardee, P. E.

Alexandria, H. T. Curl. *Bijou Hills*, James Treewartha. *Bridge-water*, J. G. Campbell. *Buffalo County*, C. W. Garlock. *Chamberlain*, to be supplied. *Charles Mix*, J. Q. Swim. *Douglas County*, C. D. Gearhart. *Fairview*, to be supplied. *Kimball and Whitelake*, E. W. Sage. *Litcher and Pleasant Valley*, L. F. Daniels. *Mitchell*, C. E. Hager. *Mitchell Circuit*, S. Washburn. *Milltown*, C. J. Bliss. *Mt. Vernon*, L. W. Miller. *Plankinton*, Wm. Vivian. *Plankinton Circuit*, C. D. Clark. *Wolsey and Wessington*, S. A. French. *Woonsocket*, E. W. Adams.

YANKTON DISTRICT, L. Hartsough, P. E.

(Post-office, Sioux Falls, Dakota.)

Beresford, D. T. Hutchinson. *Centerville*, O. A. Harple. *Canton*, D. W. Chamberlain. *Elk Point*, L. Bradford. *Gayville*, J. A. Sparks. *Hartford*, J. E. Norvelle. *Lennox*, D. Rifembark. *Lodi*, M. E. Nickerson. *Montrose*, J. P. Jenkins. *Parker*, F. A. Burdick. *Palisades*, W. F. Hart. *Richland*, L. B. Wiles. *Salem*, B. D. Dudley. *Sioux Falls*, A. Jamieson. *Springfield*, G. J. Corwin. *Scotland*, to be supplied. *Tyndall*, J. Hughes. *Vermillion*, G. R. Oake. *Yankton*, A. R. Boggs.

HURON DISTRICT, Wm. Fielder, P. E.

(Post-office, Huron, Dakota.)

Aurora, P. L. Hooker. *Brookings*, Edwin Craven. *Castlewood*, A. C. Beavers. *Clark*, J. F. Kemper. *Dell Rapids*, T. H. Walker. *Doland and Frankfort*, T. S. Fowler. *Diana and Carthage*, A. D. Smith. *Egan and Coleman*, R. M. Winmill. *Flandreau*, A. E. Burrows. *Gary*, Jas. Rowe. *Henry and Dixon*, H. M. Springer. *Howard*, Geo. Neville. *Huron*, A. W. Adkinson. *Huron Circuit*, H. St. Clair. *Iroquois*, F. H. Wheeler. *Lake Byron*, S. W. Potter. *Madison*, J. F. Thompson. *Mills Circuit*, H. Locke. *Nordland and De Smet*, J. C. Shelland. *Volga*, J. W. Dibble. *Watertown*, A. D. Traveller. *Waverly*, W. S. Taylor. *Conference Temperance Agent*, W. H. Hoadley. *Conference Temperance Evangelist*, W. H. Hoadley, Huron, Dakota.

ORDWAY DISTRICT, Wm. M'Cready, P. E.

(Post-office, Blunt, Dakota.)

Aberdeen, S. F. Brown. *Alpena*, L. C. Burch. *Ashton and Northville*, W. H. Matson. *Altoona*, J. S. Akers. *Andover*, S. S. Smith. *Blunt*, E. Hoskyn. *Big Stone City*, J. H. Mooers. *Clifton*, to be supplied. *Detroit*, W. F. Minty. *Ellendale*, J. W. Bell. *Forest City*, O. H. Sproul. *Highmore and Harrold*, J. W. Scott. *Howell*, D. Barker. *Ipswich*, O. A. Phillips. *La Grace*, T. S. Hunt. *La Beau*, to be supplied. *La Foon*, P. E. Knox. *Leola*, to be supplied. *Millbank*, J. B. Seymore. *Mellette*, J. Bloomhall. *Ordway and Columbia*, A. P. Jones. *Pierre*, W. H. Selleck. *Port Emma*, J. B. Faucett. *Redfield and Crandon*, A. McClintock. *St. Lawrence and Miller*, O. S. Basford. *Wessington Springs*, W. D. Luther. *Wilmot*, to be supplied. *Webster*, to be supplied.

The Annual Meeting of the Dakota Mission convened at Mitchell, Dakota, October 10, 1884, Bishop Andrews presiding. The appointments given above were made at that session. The accompanying table of statistics is gathered from the printed statistics furnished for the local minutes, and consequently covers the Conference not the calendar year.

The growth of the work in this region is remarkable. As may be seen by the telling figures given in a note in the minutes :

1876, 8 charges, 250 members and probationers, 3 churches; 1880, 25 charges, 1,156 members and probationers, 10 churches, 8 parsonages, Miss. col., \$87; 1884, 86 charges, 4,522 members and probationers, 51 churches, 15 parsonages, Miss. col., \$671.

The following is the distribution of the appropriation made in 1883 for 1884. Subsequent changes in the work rendered it

necessary to make certain changes in the distribution, the details of which we have not at hand :

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent.....	\$700	Sionx Falls Circuit.....	\$160	Big Stone City.....	\$150
Mitchell.....	120	Springfield.....	160	Blunt.....	150
Alexandria.....	100	Scotland.....	100	Columbia.....	150
Alexandria Circuit.....	160	Tyndall.....	100	Clifton.....	250
Bijou Hills.....	80	Vermillion.....	150	Detroit.....	40
Castalia.....	160	Yankton.....	160	Ellendale.....	100
Chamberlain.....	200	District.....	800	Faulkton.....	160
Forestburg.....	123	Aurora.....	120	Gettysburg.....	250
Grand View.....	200	Beotia.....	40	Groton.....	100
Kimball.....	160	Brookings.....	200	Highmore.....	150
Letcher.....	160	Castlewood.....	100	Howell.....	100
Mt. Vernon.....	100	Cavour.....	160	Ipswich.....	200
Mitchell Circuit.....	150	Clark.....	160	Le Beau.....	200
Miltown.....	120	Dell Rapids.....	160	Millbank.....	100
Plankinton.....	100	De Smet.....	100	Miller.....	100
Sulphur Spa.....	200	Dixon.....	100	Northville.....	100
Twin Lakes.....	160	Doland.....	100	Ordway.....	150
White Lake.....	160	Egan.....	100	Oporto.....	40
Wessington Spa.....	100	Flandreau.....	100	Pierre.....	200
Wheeler.....	200	Gary.....	100	Redfield.....	100
Plankinton Circuit.....	160	Henry.....	60	Traverse City.....	75
Aleesta.....	120	Howard.....	100	Welster.....	160
Bridgewater.....	120	Iroquois.....	100	Wessington.....	160
Canton.....	100	Lake Byron.....	100	Wilmot.....	100
Centerville.....	100	Madison.....	100	Ordway District.....	800
Elk Point.....	120	Nordland.....	100	Wolsey.....	160
Hartford.....	100	Roswell.....	100	Alpena.....	120
Lenox.....	160	Spring Lake.....	50	Howell.....	80
Lodi.....	100	Waverly.....	40	Emma.....	100
Montrose.....	100	Huron District.....	200	Yorktown.....	100
Parker.....	160	Aberdeen.....	150	Superintendent 1st quar- ter.....	110
Richmond.....	120	Altoona.....	100		
Salem.....	160	Ashton.....	150		

Missions, 95 ; Money, \$18,475.

STATISTICS OF THE

DAKOTA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath schools.
<i>Mitchell District.</i>							
Alpena.....	1	..	27	..	..	..	..
Alexandria.....	1	..	60	..	..	..	1
Grand View.....	..	1	45	..	..	..	..
Kimball.....	..	1	40	..	..	..	..
Mitchell.....	1	..	107	..	..	..	1
Mitchell Circuit.....	1	..	80	..	..	..	1
Mount Vernon.....	1	..	86	..	..	..	1
Milltown.....	1	..	34	..	10	1	1
Plankinton.....	1	..	101	..	17	7	1
White Lake.....	1	..	38	..	..	..	1
Wessington Springs.....	1	..	38	..	..	..	1
Woonsocket.....	..	..	60	..	..	..	1
<i>Yankton District.</i>							
Beresford.....	1	..	40	..	6	3	3
Bridgewater.....	1	..	75	..	..	..	..
Canton.....	1	..	65	..	..	..	..
Elk Point.....	1	..	41	..	7	2	2
Hartford.....	1	..	44	..	..	..	..
Centerville.....	1	..	12	23	23	..	1
Lennox.....	1	..	33	..	..	..	1
Lodi.....	1	..	34	..	3	..	..
Montrrose.....	1	..	67	..	1	2	3
Parker.....	1	..	48	..	12	4	..
Richland.....	1	..	54	..	..	..	..
Salem.....	1	..	23	10	..	1	..
Sioux Falls.....	1	..	27	10	..	..	..
Sioux Falls Circuit.....	1	..	87	7	..	..	..
Scotland.....	1	..	30	..	..	..	..
Springfield.....	1	..	35	..	..	..	..
Tyndal.....	1	..	20	..	..	..	..
Vermillion.....	1	..	64	14	..	..	..
Yankton.....	1	..	69	9	11	1	1
..	1	..	90	30	12	10	1
<i>Huron District.</i>							
Aurora.....	1	..	51	8	1	1	1
Brookings.....	1	..	32	7	2	4	..
Clark.....	1	..	30	2	..	..	1
Doland.....	1	..	30	..	..	..	..
Dell Rapids.....	1	..	20	..	..	..	1
Dixon.....	1	..	58	10	5	1	2
De Smet.....	1	..	40	5	..	..	1
Egan.....	1	..	44	..	..	..	..
Flandreau.....	1	..	30	80	2	2	1
Gary.....	1	..	50	7	..	..	1
Henry.....	1	..	51	6	4	2	1
Huron.....	1	..	23	..	..	..	1
Iroquois.....	1	..	123	8	..	1	1
Lake Byron.....	1	..	42	6	1	2	1
Madison.....	1	..	48	6	..	..	..
Nordland.....	1	..	68	2	..	..	..
Roswell.....	1	..	43	3	..	..	..
Waverly.....	1	..	81	22	5	1	..
Watertown.....	1	..	25	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	120	15	..	..	1
<i>Ordway District.</i>							
Aberdeen.....	1	..	120	2	..	..	2
Altoona.....	1	..	51	..	..	1	1
Andover.....	1	..	14	6	..	..	2
Ashton.....	1	..	68	..	..	..	3
Beotia.....	1	..	3	..	1	..	2
Big Stone City.....	1	..	75	..	..	..	..
Blunt.....	1	..	16	6	..	7	4
Columbia.....	1	..	113	3	1	..	7
Detroit.....	1	..	37	2	..	3	2
Ellendale.....	1	..	27	12	..	1	2
Harold.....	1	..	30	2	..	2	1
Isiswich.....	1	..	15	..	..	..	1
Milbank.....	1	..	21	4	..	..	..
Ordway.....	1	..	57	16	7	..	1
Oporto.....	1	..	56	4	4	1	1
Pierre.....	1	..	36	15	..	..	3
Redfield.....	1	..	84	6	..	1	1
Wolsey and Wessington.....	1	..	45	..	..	..	1
..	1	..	93	..	..	..	..
Total.....	52	52	3,629	472	153	89	87

No. of Sabbath Scholars.	Number of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages, etc.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Present Indebtedness.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other benevolent Societies.	Collected for Building and Repairing.	Paid on Old Debts.	Current Expenses.	
350	1	\$1,200	1	\$400	\$700	\$5 00	\$4 00	...	...	...
54	1	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	1,800	..	..
37	1	7,000	..	..	750	24 00	47 43	90	\$2,000	\$134
120	1	..	..	..	..	30 00	19 50	1,766	..	30
80	1	3,300	..	..	283	3 00	7 00	..	..	..
50	1	4,000	..	..	..	14 00	18 39	..	..	120
30	1	3,000	..	..	1,500	..	..	..	..	..
30	1	1,600	..	..	..	2 00	11 25	100	..	..
30	1	2,000	..	..	500	4 00	3 00	1,500	..	75
45	1	..	..	..	..	4 00	2 00	..	..	..
75	1	2,700	..	..	800	18 00	15 00	300	500	35
70	1	2,500	1	600	350	10 00	9 00	804	205	100	
82	1	800	2	1,000	53	6 00	24 50	40	77	72	
80	1	..	..	..	..	5 00	19 30	..	..	..
20	2	1,900	..	..	..	2 00	2 00	..	..	..
..	1	1,200	..	..	250	17 00	32 50	120	..	29
75	2	1,500	1	300	96	7 80	15 20	..	..	..
..	1	1,500	..	..	..	4 95	3 76	1,200	..	..
54	1	1,200	..	..	150	6 00	11 75	10	50	50
40	1	..	1	200	..	7 00	4 00	..	..	10
35	1	..	1	1,500	400	2 50	4 50	..	..	..
111	1	6,000	1	1,500	400	23 00	47 00	100	..	251	
50	1	..	..	..	..	5 00	8 00	..	..	..
50	1	3,000	..	..	250	1 46	11 53	800	..	20
85	1	800	..	..	..	..	..	770	..	25
50	2	1,600	1	600	..	4 00	..	250	60	..	
62	1	1,575	1	475	21	12 00	38 50	119	..	78	
175	1	3,700	..	..	350	15 00	42 69	..	..	150
30	1	1,500	..	..	160	20 70	24 90	650	..	15
30	1	1,700	1	600	..	12 23	33 35	300	54	60	
50	1	2,000	..	..	..	20 85	17 51	200	..	60
63	1	..	..	..	..	9 49	2 46	1,200	..	20
80	1	2,000	1	600	400	8 10	10 55	234	50	20	
45	..	..	1	400	..	10 00	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	50	5 00	1 50	350	4	..
40	1	900	..	..	250	4 15	3 40	..	88	..
40	1	2,000	..	..	150	5 00	8 50	350	..	..
50	1	2,500	..	..	500	1 00	17 25	1,200	..	50
25	1	1,500	..	..	500	9 00	..	1,000	..	5
149	1	12,000	1	550	..	..	..	..	..	200
..	1	1,600	..	..	600	5 00	2 00	1,000	..	30
40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
75	100	1,200	..	..	260	4 00	5 00	250	31	120
..	..	1,500	..	..	250	5 00	..	1,250	..	10
..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	5 39	..	..	..
28	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 25	..	..	..
120	1	4,000	1	1,800	768	22 00	41 00	455	245	430	
130	1	500	..	..	..	5 00	4 00	25	225	82
57	1	2,000	..	..	492	12 00	22 50	795	..	50
60	1	250	..	..	..	..	..	250	..	..
68	1	1,800	..	..	150	10 00	15 00	10	225	80
75	..	..	..	..	..	7 19	3 00	..	..	..
58	1	..	..	..	..	6 00	18 00	..	..	50
113	1	4,000	..	..	..	10 00	9 10	2,227	..	..
37	1	..	..	..	..	21 00	5 00	..	..	45
27	1	700	..	..	250	4 00	..	450	..	..
30	1	2,500	..	..	500	2 00	1 00	..	2,000	50
15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
57	1	4,000	..	..	750	3 50	15 08	225	265	177
56	1	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	9 00	..	200
36	1	1,500	..	..	500	..	..	..	..	..
84	1	3,000	..	..	700	8 00	22 60	914	..	515
100	2	3,000	..	..	650	8 25	..	900	..	100
..	2	3,600	1	200	1,050	2 00	..	..	..	..
Total.....	3,885	50	\$123,925	15	\$9,225	\$16,183	\$512 47	\$732 07	\$28,534	\$6,150	\$3,497

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Commenced in 1879.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP NINDE.

J. M. ILIFF, *Superintendent.*

The Superintendent sends the following report :

We are having fair success in the work as a whole, considering the opportunities, and obstacles to be overcome.

Our work at Wyandotte Mission has been attended with some success. While we have not had any general revival, the church is spiritual, and our members generally are faithful.

I have preached every other Sabbath at our church (except when brethren have supplied for me), and assisted in holding class and prayer meetings.

One Sabbath in each month I spent with the Miamis in this agency, but now our society there is broken up. One of our principal members has recently died. The teacher and wife, who were members, have removed, and other members have left, until none remain.

Brother Finity, our local preacher, who is superintendent of the Quapaw Mission school (in this agency), still continues his work there, and conducts services and Sabbath-school.

We have lost 2 members in this agency by death and 8 by removal, and yet report an increase in membership of 4, with 4 conversions and 3 children baptized.

The Grand River Charge among the whites and Indians of the Cherokee Nation has been supplied by Rev. W. J. M'Whirt since the beginning of the second quarter. There are three regular appointments.

At Russell Creek, which is near the Kansas line, he has a congregation of about fifty. A few of these are Shawnee and Cherokee Indians, but mostly white people. There is here a good school-house, which is used for church and Sabbath-school purposes. There are about 10 Christian people here. Seven of that number have united with us; there is no other organization or preaching except by us.

At Hudson Creek school-house, twenty miles south-east of the above place, about 50 attend church, some Cherokees, but the people are mostly whites. The Church South had five members at what was originally Prairie City, but their appointment has been moved to this place. We have 6 members here, and the pastor reports eleven dollars received on salary. This is a well settled portion of the country, with good improvements and near a railroad station.

At Horse Creek, fifteen miles south of the last, is a good neighborhood, with good farms and houses. We have 9 members here. No other organization in this neighborhood. We hold church and Sabbath-school in a private house, but a good church, and school building is nearly completed.

The colored charges have not had their revival meetings yet. A great

amount of sickness prevailed among them during the fall. Two camp-meetings in contemplation were not held for this cause, and they have not had as many accessions as was reported last year. Still there is some gain in membership.

Snow Creek Charge reports a net gain of 9, while 4 members have died.

At Island Ford Charge 14 members died with small-pox last year, and 5 members have died this year, yet the membership has gained 1.

My statistical report will show some gain in every charge, and a membership of 154. 100 of these are colored members.

The pastors are faithful, and I believe in every appointment they have their class and prayer meetings.

The people are probably doing what they can to support their pastors. Nearly all are farming, and only a few have a surplus of either money or produce, but they are getting their farms opened and will soon be in better circumstances.

The Pryor's Creek Charge reports 1 gained in membership. The pastor has been sick at least three months during the year, and his work is small and distant from any other.

I have apportioned to each charge the amount of missionary money to be raised, but the collections have not been taken yet.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

For Superintendent and Quapaw Agency. \$600	Colored Charges.....	\$150
For Grand Riv. Charge, Cherokee Nation. 250	Missions, 4; Money, \$1,000.	

STATISTICS OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Native Local Preachers.	Foreign Local Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during Year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Sch. lrs.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	Parsonages of l. l. l. l. l.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Collected for self-Support.
Quapaw Agency & Wyandotte Mission	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	4	190	4	1	3	1	40	1	\$800	1	\$500	...
Grand River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	4	50	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$11
Snow Creek (Colored).....	..	..	2	..	..	..	69	4	60	10	..	..	..	60	..	400	..	..	63
Island Ford.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	25	3	40	4	..	..	..	35	1	20	..	..	20
Pryor's Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Total.....	1	2	2	2	2	2	154	11	270	31	2	20	5	195	4	\$1,400	1	\$600	\$115

MONTANA.

Commenced in 1864.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP NINDE.

Missionaries and Appointments.

F. A. RIGGIN, *Superintendent.* (P. O., Fish Creek.)

HELENA DISTRICT, George Comfort. P. E. (P. O., Bozeman.)

Billings, to be supplied. *Bozeman*, G. C. Stull. *Fort Benton* and *Judith Basin*, Jacob Mills, J. D. Phinney. *Gallatin City*, and *Mis-*

sionary at Large, W. W. Van Orsdel. *Gallatin Valley*, E. Tower. *Glendive*, W. B. Coombe. *Helena*, J. J. Garvin. *Helena Circuit*, E. J. Bickell. *Livingston*, H. D. Wadsworth. *Miles City*, R. C. Moulton. *Sun F'er*, H. J. Hunter. *White Sulphur Springs and Townsend*, M. J. Hall, D. J. Frew.

BUTTE DISTRICT, F. A. Riffin, P. E.

Butte, J. B. Chynoweth. *Butte Circuit*, J. W. Bennett. *Deer Lodge and New Chicago*, D. Hoskins. *Dillon*, H. J. Norris. *Eagle Rock*, to be supplied. *Glendale and Beaver Head Valley*, Hugh Duncan. *Jefferson Valley*, F. G. Boylan. (P. O., Fish Creek.) *Missoula*, W. A. Shannon. *Salmon City and Junction*, O. W. Mintzer. *Stevensville*, Wilder Nutting. *Virginia City*, Wm. E. King. *Phillipsburg*, F. Flawith. *Corvallis*, to be supplied. *Horse Plains and Flat Head Lake*, to be supplied. *Madison Valley*, to be supplied.

SUMMARY.

	1880.	1883.	1884.	Increase over 1883	Increase over 1880.
Circuits or Stations.....	9	17	25	8	16
Missionaries.....	9	20	25	5	16
Local Preachers.....	2	6	.....	.....	.....
Members.....	307	521	686	165	379
Probationers.....	49	89	114	25	65
Average attendance on Sunday worship..	505	1,500	2,500	1,900	1,995
Adults baptized.....	9	16	23	7	14
Children baptized.....	16	46	66	20	50
No. of Sabbath-schools.....	16	22	26	14	20
No. of Sabbath scholars.....	600	992	1,509	617	1,009
No. of churches.....	8	12	17	5	9
Value of churches.....	\$30,000 00	\$64,000 00	\$78,850 00	\$14,850 00	\$48,850 00
No. of parsonages.....	2	8	8	.....	6
Value of parsonages.....	\$2,000 00	\$8,900 00	\$10,700 00	\$1,800 00	\$8,700 00
Debt on churches, parsonages, etc.....	3,600 00	7,328 00	9,008 16	1,680 16	5,408 16
Collected for Missions.....	79 25	302 04	430 15	128 15	350 90
Collected for other benevolent societies...	126 00	245 13	539 60	294 47	413 60
Collected for self-support.....	2,295 00	5,894 12	9,379 91	3,485 79	7,084 99
Collected for church building and repairing	1,195 00	8,855 50	16,270 15	7,414 60	15,075 15
Collected for other local purposes.....	.....	2,846 16	1,365 50	.....	.....

In the above summary of statistics I have given the figures for 1880, 1883, 1884, the increase over last year, and also over those of 1880. I have drawn the comparison between the first and last years of the last quadrennium, and the first year of the new, that the real and continued success of the mission might appear, and how steadily and surely Methodism is being planted in Montana.

From a careful study of the figures it will be seen :

1. That the number of missionaries has increased to nearly threefold from 1880 to 1884. It is also true that, had the statistics been made out a little later, they could have shown as large an increase of missionaries for the period, as we had, all told, in 1880.
2. Our growth in membership is also large, having more than doubled, and nearly half of the increase was gotten last year.
3. Our church property has accumulated, with other developments, until it now reaches the magnificent sum of \$89,550. We expect, from pres-

ent indications, to run this column up to \$100,000 and beyond by our next annual meeting.

4. Our self-support—in which the Church in older sections is especially interested, not more so, however, than we on the ground—has steadily advanced, and equals dollar for dollar the funds expended by the Board of Missions; this, notwithstanding the fact that our charges raised for churches and parsonages nearly twice as much more.

These statistics, as gratifying as they are from their proper stand-point, do not reveal the true *animus* of Methodism in Montana. I venture the assertion that more thorough, loyal, and constant service never was rendered by so large a number of pioneer workers than is given by the missionaries of Montana. As large as is the area of Montana Mission, stretching from Dakota to Washington Territory, and from the British possessions to the forty-third parallel of north latitude, taking a part of Wyoming and Idaho Territories, a region as large as four States the size of New York, and twenty-five States the size of Maryland, our missionaries are traveling to and fro preaching the Gospel, visiting the sons and daughters of Methodism who have come to this new land, trying to save the wandering ones, seizing every opportunity to get a church site, or subscriptions for a church or parsonage; riding horseback, in a buggy, and sometimes going on foot, even greater distances, and more continuously, than did Freeborn Garrettson to gather the Christmas Conference, and without the world-wide fame attaching to his deed.

GENERAL STATEMENTS.

Our territory as a mineral region is unsurpassed. As an agricultural locality it is extensive. As fertile valleys as are found on earth abound. Large streams of pure water are found in every part of the territory. It is my impression that the water-power of Montana, which is almost inexhaustible, will, of itself, make it one of the most prominent of manufacturing localities. Its climate, though cold, and at times quite severe, is one of its best features. I believe that God has a wonderful future for this great Territory.

A better view of our work can be gotten by a short description of it and our workers:

Helena District. This district has the north-eastern part of the mission, and is presided over by one of our pioneer workers, Brother George Comfort, who is a veteran in the service and is still doing heroic work.

He gives an encouraging report of his vast field. Glendive and Miles City are in good condition. Churches have been dedicated during the year at Livingston and Glendive; the latter without debt. A parsonage is being built at Bozeman, and the society is prosperous. The intention to build a church at White Sulphur Springs will soon be carried out. The church and parsonage at Helena have been much enlarged and improved. A new and fine church has been completed at Sun River, and the charge gives much promise. Benton Charge and Judith Basin are both in good condition; each contains four appointments. Brother Van Orsdel, in the

Gallatin Valley, has had several revival meetings, and about 30 have united with the Church.

The *Butte District* is presided over by the Superintendent.

Butte and Helena, which give their names to the districts, are places of 10,000 inhabitants, and are appointments which would be creditable to any Conference. They are self-supporting.

Butte Circuit is less than a year old, and embraces three appointments and the regions round about. A parsonage is being built at Stuart for our Deer Lodge work. A church will soon be erected at Walkerville. We have a comfortable church at Centerville. Dillon Charge has purchased a parsonage for \$2,000, and nicely furnished the same, and the congregation is too large for the church. The work in Glendale is very prosperous.

Phillipsburg is a new charge, but promising. We have neither church nor parsonage here, though we hope to get one or the other during the year. In Missoula the church debt has been paid, and a parsonage has been erected. Anaconda is about a year old, and now numbers 2,000 inhabitants. The largest smelting works in the United States are located here, and it is one of the most marvelous towns of the West. We have secured a good site, with the privilege of buying additional adjoining ground. We expect to build a parsonage here in the spring, and a church immediately thereafter.

Stevensville. This circuit is fifty miles long, and frequently is stretched across the mountains to isolated settlements for one hundred miles or more. A fine church has been dedicated at Carlton, on this circuit; constant revivals occur here.

Salmon City and Junction lies just across the mountains one hundred and fifty miles from the Stevensville work. Brother B. A. Dell, our lamented missionary, fell at this post, and now lies at Junction, awaiting the morning of the resurrection. He did earnest and faithful work, and left a good record. A beautiful brick church at Salmon City, costing nearly \$4,000, is a monument of his integrity; though the subscription was taken prior to his coming, the enterprise would have failed but for his consistent life and triumphant death. In Virginia City Charge we have two churches and a parsonage.

There are revivals in various places on Jefferson Valley Charge. At Twin Bridges and Waterloo interesting meetings have been held, with good results. At both places they talk of building churches.

With wonderful rapidity all of this western region is settling up. Towns numbering from 500 to 2,000 inhabitants, and cities numbering from 3,000 to 10,000, are already established, and if we are able, with men and means to follow up the work already begun, strong Conferences will be the result, and the Rocky Mountain will not be among the feeblest Conferences of the Church. We need great wisdom and energy with which to prosecute our work. We are looking to Him for aid from whom all of our triumphs in the past have come.

In regard to my labors as Superintendent, I will simply say, they have

increased each year with the growth of the mission, but God has increased my strength in proportion to the demands of the work.

I have written hopefully of our work because I feel so, but it is not all sunshine. Our pioneer experiences are just what they were in all periods of our Church history. Our brethren can tell of swimming rivers, sleeping in drenching rains, on the ground, or hard floors, and of horseback rides of 50 and 75 miles a day. Some of them have frozen themselves, been lost in snow storms, and undergone experiences as thrilling as many we read about; but we have simply this to say concerning them, that the joys of pioneer life are more transcendent because of the sorrows, and, if unappreciated in this life, heaven will be the brighter on account of them.

We have met an irreparable loss in the death of our beloved Bishop Wiley. He said to us on one occasion that he believed, after death, his spirit would hover frequently over the Montana Mission, and witness our triumph from time to time. One thing we know, the inspiration of his grand life will never cease to nerve us for the great struggles of life.

We have gained, however, a powerful ally in Bishop Fowler, whose eloquent lips, we hope, will always plead for all of our western work. Dr. Wm. Reddy and Bishop Fowler wonderfully encouraged us at our last annual gathering. The Bishop's sermon on Sunday, and his address to the deacons, cannot be excelled. We will always hold him in grateful remembrance.

We are very thankful to the Missionary Board and the Board of Church Extension for their kind and continued co-operation. We believe they fully comprehend the importance of our work.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent.....	\$1,000	Miles City.....	\$350	Butte Circuit.....	\$400
Helena Circuit.....	400	Glendive.....	350	Bitter Root Circuit.....	400
White Sulphur Springs...	400	Billings.....	500	Deer Lodge and New	
Fort Benton.....	600	Virginia City.....	400	Chicago.....	400
Sun River.....	400	Ruby Valley.....	400	Dillon and Sheridan.....	400
Bozeman.....	200	Jefferson Valley.....	300	Eagle Rock.....	400
Gallatin Valley.....	400	Glendale.....	300	Leimhi and Salmon City...	300
Livingstone and Upper		Madison Valley.....	200	Judith Basin.....	400
Yellowstone.....	600	Butte.....	500	Missions, 28; Money, \$10,000.	

STATISTICS OF THE MONTANA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Houses."	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
<i>Helena District.</i>																	
Billings	1	16	..	..	..	1	20	lots	\$1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bozeman	2	66	1	..	..	1	65	1	10,000	..	..	..	\$10 00	\$19 00	625 00	..	..
Port Boston and Judith Basin	2	44	..	..	14	2	49	..	..	1	\$1,500	..	48 50	37 70	397 00	\$180 00	\$70 00
Gallatin Valley	2	12	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glendive	1	30	8	1	1	1	46	1	2,500	..	..	\$250	..	..	164 00	1,000 00	100 00
Helena City	1	87	16	4	4	113	113	1	10,000	1	1,500	..	105 00	37 00	993 00	700 00	400 00
Helena Circuit	1	..	6	2	4	4	97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	292 00	..	..
Livingston	1	25	..	5	5	1	36	1	4,800	..	..	1,000	..	..	50 00	1,850 00	50 00
Miles City	1	30	2	..	1	1	46	1	3,500	..	..	400	1 50	..	200 00	1,500 00	100 00
Sun River	1	4	1	1	3	1	34	1	3,750	..	..	628	10 75	..	168 81	8,122 59	..
White Sulphur Springs and Townsend	2	19	6	..	8	3	115	1	2,800	1	1,000	1,200	68 75	40 50	700 48	2,000 00	40 00
<i>Butte District.</i>																	
Bitter Root	1	48	21	9	1	4	120	1	1,500	..	..	600	2 00	2 00	186 60	550 00	..
Butte City	2	55	1	2	15	1	197	1	13,000	1	1,000	3,500	21 10	187 00	572 00	490 00	243 00
Butte Circuit	1	5	..	4	4	118	1	1	2,000	..	..	..	5 00	..	397 00	..	..
Deer Lodge and New Chicago	1	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 00	128 15	..	..
Dillon	1	59	38	8	2	150	8	7,500	1	2,000	..	800	40 00	85 20	575 00	1,600 00	125 00
Glendale	1	27	6	4	2	77	1	2,000	1	1,000	..	..	12 50	12 20	495 70	50 00	100 00
Jefferson Valley	1	34	8	1	2	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 00	37 00	471 00	..	..
Missoula	1	84	4	1	1	75	1	3,000	1	1,200	..	220	20 25	113 75	1,068 77	1,207 56	82 50
Salmon City and Junction	1	36	8	8	1	51	1	3,900	..	..	..	400	8 00	2 50	300 00	2,500 00	25 00
Virginia City	1	87	2	..	2	82	1	7,000	1	1,500	..	10	25 00	5 75	625 00	20 00	..

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Helena District	14	942	96	5	36	16	634	7	\$99,850	8	\$4,000	\$8,478	\$246 00	\$139 20	\$4,569 79	\$10,852 59	\$790 00
Butte District	11	344	78	15	30	20	975	10	89,500	5	6,700	5,530	184 15	400 40	4,810 12	6,417 56	575 50
Total	25	686	114	23	66	36	1,609	17	\$178,850	13	\$10,700	\$14,008	\$430 15	\$539 60	\$9,879 91	\$16,770 15	\$1,365 50
Last year	20	529	89	16	46	22	992	12	64,000	8	8,900	5,729	802 04	149 28	5,894 19	8,855 50	2,846 16

NEW MEXICO MISSION.

Commenced in 1850.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP BOWMAN.

Missionaries.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORK.

THOMAS HARWOOD, *Superintendent*. (Tiptonville, N. M.)

Albuquerque, W. R. Kistler. *Hillsborough, Lake Valley, and Kingston*, J. A. Hardenbrook. *Las Vegas*, to be supplied. *Raton and Blossburg*, J. W. Sinnock. *Santa Fé*, D. M. Brown. *Socorro*, N. W. Chase. *Silver City*, D. W. Potter. *Tiptonville and Springer*, to be supplied.

SPANISH-SPEAKING WORK.

Albuquerque, Benito Garcia. *Albuquerque Circuit*, Juan Garcia. *Anton Chico*, to be supplied by Teodosio Chavez. *Costilla and Taos*, Albert Jacobs. *Doña Ana*, to be supplied by Silvester Garcia. *Coyote, Mora, and Red River*, Lachoneus Frampton. *Espanola*, to be supplied by F. E. Montoya. *Las Cruces*, to be supplied by Marcos Barela. *Palomas Circuit*, to be supplied. *Peralta*, to be supplied by T. M. Harwood. *Santa Fé*, J. Pablo Salazar. *Socorro and La Jofya*, to be supplied by Christobal Salazar. *Taos Circuit*, L. Vargas. *Tiptonville and La Gallina*, to be supplied by Epifanio Flores. *Val Verde*, Blas Gutierrez. *Wagon Mound, Cimarron, and Ciruelita*, Juan Garcia

The following is the report of the New Mexico Mission to the ninth Annual Meeting held at Socorro, New Mexico, October 15-19, 1884:

The work of this mission in its development has naturally divided itself into English-speaking, Spanish-speaking, and the school work.

The English or American work at present comprises the eight following centers, with the adjacent towns:

Raton and Blossburg. These places have been in charge of J. W. Sinnock since the early part of the year. The work has prospered under his earnest, efficient labors. The congregations have been good. The Sunday-schools have kept up, and all the interests of the charge have improved. He has let the contract for the completion of the church building at \$800. This will make a beautiful stone church worth \$6,000.

Springer and Tiptonville. This charge was under Brother A. J. Drury until April, when he attended his former Conference, the Kansas, and took work in the same. We have had no supply for these points the balance of the year, except an occasional sermon by the Superintendent and others who have happened along. The Sunday-school at Tiptonville has been kept up by Mrs. Harwood.

Las Vegas. The congregations, Sunday-schools, and all the interests of the Church are good.

Santa Fé. This place has been without a regular pastor the whole year. The Superintendent, however, has spent considerable time there—six Sundays in succession. The congregations, prayer-meetings, and Sunday-schools were quite hopeful, and much interest was manifested toward the last.

Albuquerque. This place has been in charge of W. R. Kistler. This is his second year. The first year was a success; the second has been more so. Brother Kistler found quite a number of floating debts, amounting to about \$1,000, and an unfinished church. The debts have been paid, the church finished.

Socorro. Our work in New Mexico is all peculiarly hard. There is a line of resemblance in it all, and what I am about to say of Socorro, might be said to some extent of all our work:

First. The migratory character of our people. Like the summer birds, they come and go; but, unlike the birds, they sometimes go more than they come. The latter statement is true of Socorro since Brother Potter took charge in 1881.

Second. A tough undergrowth. In the early settlement of the eastern States our fathers found a heavy growth of timber and a tough undergrowth that had to be removed before the soil could be tilled to advantage and the crops raised. It was not so when their sons settled in the West. Hence the western farmer had the advantage. He could put his plow into the prairie and plant and harvest at once. There is just that difference in our work in New Mexico and much of the work in other territories. We find here the heavy timber of a Roman priesthood and a tough undergrowth of Romish ideas woven and interwoven into the minds of this people. The "fallow ground" is hard to break up. It should not be expected that we can make that rapid progress in this country that our brethren make in those places where the prairie—spiritual soil—is all ready for the "Gospel plow." But, the Lord helping, we will break up this sterile field and sow the "Gospel seed," we'll watch the growing crops, the reaping time will come, and some one will gather the ripened harvest.

Silver City. The people here are anxious for a preacher, but times are hard, and the finances of the church pressing, as they are, more or less, all over the mission,

Lake Valley, Hillsborough, and Kingston. This is new and hard work, in the midst of a mining country. The pastor shows a good deal of energy in walking, much of the time, to his appointments, a distance frequently of 12 and 20 miles.

SPANISH WORK.

Wagon Mound. This work has been in charge of Benito Garcia. He has had good congregations and has added a few to the Church. A few Americans live in Wagon Mound. Brother Benito is building a church, which is nearly ready for dedication.

La Gallina and Ciruelita. The congregations have kept up very well

at Gallina, but Ciruelita has but few families now, and none of them are Protestants. The Protestant families have nearly all moved to Wagon Mound, on the railroad.

Coyote, Mora, and Red River. This work spreads over a vast field, and in addition to this the pastor has crossed the mountains several times during the year and preached in Taos, and even up in Costilla. He has worked hard and had several accessions to the Church.

Costilla and Taos Valley. Like the Coyote work, it is a large field and requires a vast amount of travel.

Taos. Thos. M. Harwood has had charge of this place and also of the school during the year. The people want a good school. They promise to be liberal, and aid all they possibly can. Several have been added to the Church, some thirty in all.

Anton Chico seems like a hard field, and but little progress has been made.

Albuquerque. We are trying to occupy the centers of our Spanish work as well as the English. Brother L. Vargas has had charge at this place. He has not spent the entire year here, but has not been idle. He has preached considerably at Taos, and east of the mountains. Has spent some time at Albuquerque, and had good success, gathering up some 19 members and probationers.

Peralta and Peralta Circuit. This work has been in charge of N. W. Chase and Ambrozio Gonzales. Brother Chase has also had the school at Peralta. He had to preach through an interpreter, and feels that is a great loss. It brings a third person between the pastor and his people, and makes really the *third* person the *first*, and thus much of the pastor's influence and power in the pulpit is cut off.

Ambrozio Gonzales, who has been on Peralta Circuit and proved a great help to Brother Chase, died October 8, in full hope of a glorious immortality. In his dying hour he gathered his children around him, and had each kneel at his bedside, and, beginning with the first-born, like the ancient patriarchs, pronounced upon them his dying blessing. About three hundred of his friends and neighbors attended his funeral.

Las Cruces and Palomas Circuit has had a fair year. Several persons have been taken into the Church. There is a good Sunday-school at Las Cruces.

Doña Ana. This was in charge of Pamphilo Gonzales. He was discontinued, and it was put in charge of Brother Silvester Garcia. He has done well considering all the discouragements.

Val Verde. This place has been in charge of Brother Blas Gutierras. He is still doing a good work, has good congregations, and his work is improving. He probably has the best average congregation in the Spanish work.

Socorro has been unsettled for some years, but recently F. N. Cordova, from Mexico, has been put in charge. He is an elder, a member of the Cincinnati Conference, and has been for some years employed in our Mexico Mission, under Superintendent Drees, who strongly recommends Brother Cordova.

Santa Fé. We have tried, or rather are trying, to open our Spanish work in Santa Fé. Brother J. Pablo Salazar is in charge. It is a hard point for our Spanish work. But the Saviour says, "Go ye into all the world," and this is certainly a part of it.

La Joya. La Joya has been in charge for a few months of Christobal Salazar. We hope he will succeed.

Tiptonville. This has been in charge of the Superintendent. But he has had Brother Epifanio Flores and Samuel Padilla at school at Tiptonville, and they have assisted in the work at this place, more particularly in Sunday-school work and exhortation.

In closing his report Superintendent Harwood referred to the contemplated change in this mission—the separation of the English and Spanish work. This was subsequently ordered by the General Committee at its last session, a month later than the meeting of the New Mexico Mission. Hereafter our work in New Mexico will be known and administered as two distinct missions. Thomas Harwood was returned as Superintendent of the Spanish division, and S. W. Thornton was appointed to superintend the English division.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

ENGLISH WORK.		SPANISH WORK.			
Superintendent.....	\$1,200	Albuquerque.....	\$350	Peralta.....	\$600
Albuquerque.....	775	Coyote, etc.....	800	" Circuit.....	200
Las Vegas.....	600	Costilla, etc.....	900	Las Cruces and Palomas	550
Springer.....	750	Taos.....	300	Doña Ana.....	200
Socorro.....	575	Wagon Mound, etc.....	500	Traveling.....	500
Silver City.....	625	La Gallina, etc.....	200	Schools.....	410
Katon.....	600	Anton Chico.....	300	Missions, 20; Money, 2,900.	
Lake Valley and Kingston	525	Tiptonville.....	200		
Santa Fé.....	740	Vale Verde and Socorro.	500		

STATISTICS OF THE NEW MEXICO MISSION FOR 1884.

ENGLISH WORK.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	American Missionaries.	Mexican Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during year.	Adults baptized.	Children baptized.	No. of Day Sch. schs.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Houses."	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospitals, Book Rooms, &c.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Albuquerque	1	46	200	80	1	1	1	1	1	85	12	1	85	1	\$6,000	1	\$475	\$10	\$2 00	\$247	\$520	\$125
Hillsboro, Lake Valley, and Kingston	1	100	100	75	1	1	1	1	1	49	6	1	49	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	160	.....	.....
Las Vegas	1	59	200	50	2	1	2	1	1	50	8	1	50	1	3,500	1	\$1,500	.....	420	25	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Raton and Blossburg	1	23	300	150	1	1	1	1	1	140	20	1	140	1	6,000	1	.....	.....	1,100	12	3 00	820	900	150
Silver City	1	18	300	80	1	1	1	1	1	50	6	1	50	1	5,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	10	.....	120	.....	.....
Springer and Tiptonville	1	10	150	50	1	1	2	1	1	3	60	4	3	1	5,000	1	2,000	\$3 000	.....	10	4 00	80	.....	25
Socorro and San Marcial	1	19	250	60	1	1	1	1	1	50	8	1	50	1	5,000	1	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	300	80	.....
Santa Fé	1	12	150	45	1	1	1	1	1	45	8	1	45	1	5,000	1	50
Total English Work	7	181	5 1,650	545	2	2	7	11	11	553	72	7	553	7	\$35,500	8	\$5,500	\$3,000	\$2,575	\$107	\$15 00	1,177	\$1,450	\$300	

SPANISH WORK.

Albuquerque	1	8	11	25	20	11	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anton Chico	1	3	.....	20	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coyote, Mora, and Red River	1	15	9	40	70	4	1	1	1	25	1	1	18	1	1,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Costilla	1	14	80	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Doña Ana	1	8	2	30	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallina and Ciudadita	1	82	7	40	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Las Cruces	1	83	15	40	30	8	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palomas Circuit	1	26	11	40	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peralta and Peralta Circuit	1	57	16	100	35	4	1	25	1	40	1	1	40	1	2,500	1	1,000	1,500	.....	.....	.....	150	75	.....
Socorro and La Joya	1	24	14	100	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Santa Fé	1	12	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taos	1	18	14	40	25	14	1	1	1	18	1	1	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tiptonville	1	9	1	40	25	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Val Verde	1	33	15	60	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wagon Mound and Cimarron	1	16	10	60	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Spanish Work	4	11	262	140	765	421	42	8	20	10	335	22	274	18	\$8,800	9	\$6,400	\$1,500	\$200	\$85	\$560	\$375	\$25	\$00	
" English	7	181	5 1,650	545	2	2	7	11	11	553	72	7	553	7	\$35,500	8	5,500	3,000	2,575	107	\$15 00	1,177	1,450	300	
Grand total	11	11	463	145	2,415	966	44	10	27	10	335	22	827	14	\$44,300	12	\$11,900	\$4,500	\$2,775	\$192	\$15 00	\$1,737	\$1,825	825	

NORTH DAKOTA MISSION.

Commenced in 1884.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP FOSS.

Missionaries.

G. R. HAIR, *Superintendent.*

FARGO DISTRICT, G. R. Hair, P. E.

Bismarck, P. Clare. *Casselton*, G. W. Burtch. *Elliott and Burns*, E. P. La Cell. *Fargo*, M. S. Kaufman. *Gladstone and Dickinson*, W. Cooke. *Hudson*, N. D. Witham. *Jamestown*, S. N. Griffith. *La Moure and Yorktown*, to be supplied. *Lisbon*, I. Wilcox. *Mandan*, C. W. Collinge. *Sanborn*, W. M. Spoor. *Steele*, to be supplied. *Tower City*, E. P. Hall. *Valley City*, C. A. Macnamara. *Wahpeton*, H. H. Troy.

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT, D. C. Plannette, P. E.

Bathgate, S. Kerfoot. *Drayton*, J. Woolner. *Ernest*, to be supplied. *Grafton*, to be supplied. *Grand Forks*, F. Doran. *Grandin*, J. S. Bouck. *Hamilton*, R. Hamar. *Hillsborough*, to be supplied. *Inkster*, J. C. Strothers. *Larimore and Devil's Lake*, J. R. Yost. *Minto*, J. B. Monroe. *Ojata*, J. Terwilliger. *Osnabrock*, P. E. Royse. *Park River*, H. P. Cooper. *Pembina*, G. A. Schram. *Saint Thomas*, R. H. Craig.

So much of the Minnesota Conference as was in the Territory of Dakota was, by the action of the last General Conference, detached from Minnesota Conference and constituted a Mission. The first session of this mission was held, under the presidency of Bishop Fowler, in Fargo, Oct. 2, 1884.

The following is an extract from the report presented by the Superintendent at the last session of the Annual Meeting :

In presenting our first report as to the state of the work in the North Dakota Mission, we would first of all devoutly recognize the gracious Providence which has sustained and directed the laborers in this extended and promising field of toil.

In our Territory of 75,000 square miles we have 24 pastoral charges, each having a resident pastor; 19 of the 24 pastors are ordained, and 15 of them are connected with Annual Conferences.

The majority of these charges are circuits, with from 3 to 6 preaching appointments, so that we number from 70 to 75 separate congregations. Our Sunday-school work is developing rapidly. A gratifying increase of our denominational schools can be reported. We have 18 or 19 in successful operation; while our people are a working majority, in several places, in Union schools. These Union schools are a necessity in new communities, until suitable places can be secured for separate denominational work.

Although we have not been able to carry out all our projects in reference to church building, we are happy to report commendable progress in this direction.

The statistics will report quite a large increase in the membership, while the benevolent collections will present a favorable showing, considering the financial pressure of the times. In some places the appropriations have been doubled. We have 18 church buildings and 6 parsonages in the mission; estimated value about \$70,000.

It is pleasing to report that a camp-meeting, the first American Methodist Episcopal camp-meeting in North Dakota, was held near Hamilton, in July last. It was a time of special refreshing. The churches were quickened, some 45 conversions reported, and gratifying additions made to the churches located near the place of meeting. Arrangements will be made in due time to effect a permanent camp-meeting organization.

We call to mind the dying utterances of our sainted Eddy: "*Forward is the word! No falling back! We must take the world for Christ! Say to our people that the Lord strikes the hour of opportunity louder than thunder in the dome of the sky! We must throw down our gold in the presence of God.*"

In conclusion we offer the prayer that the benediction of the great head of the Church may rest upon the North Dakota Mission, organized in this centennial year.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Fargo District.....	\$500	Valley City.....	250	Hillsborough.....	100
Bismarck.....	250	Wahpeton.....	200	Larimore & Devil's Lake.	200
Gladstone and Dickinson.	300	Grand Forks District.....	500	Minto.....	75
Lisbon.....	200	Bathgate.....	75	Park River.....	100
La Moure and Yorktown.	200	Ernest.....	100	Pembina.....	100
Mandan.....	300	Grafton.....	100	Saint Thomas.....	100
Sauborn.....	100	Grand Forks.....	150		
Steele.....	150	Grandin.....	100	Missions, 24; Money, \$4,600,	
Tower City.....	250	Hamilton.....	100		

STATISTICS OF THE NORTH DAKOTA MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.		Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
	Local Preachers.																	
Bathgate and Hamilton	1	3	87	59	..	..	2	62	..	..	..	..	..	\$32 00	\$11 00	\$600 00	..	\$20 00
Bismarek	1	1	68	4	..	4	1	100	1	\$9,000	1	\$500	\$1,060	9 00	26 66	856 00	..	152 50
Casselton	1	1	75	21	1	1	2	120	1	2,500	1	1,000	..	20 00	23 25	1,092 00	..	100 00
Dunbar and Burns	1	..	4	8	..	..	2	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 00	..	..
Drayton	1	3	184	19	..	11	3	190	1	2,000	..	..	500	85 00	18 00	894 00	..	112 00
Ernest	1	..	40	10	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 50	153 00	..	..
Fargo	1	2	193	27	23	6	1	190	1	9,000	..	..	..	100 00	195 35	1,627 00	..	648 50
Gladstone and Dickinson	1	..	19	2	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	7 00	..	451 00	..	..
Grafton	1	2	95	17	11	9	3	100	1	1,700	..	..	..	21 00	17 00	626 00	..	275
Grand Forks	1	..	148	10	1	11	1	150	1	3,000	1	2,000	800	70 90	33 36	1,304 00	..	133 00
Grandin	1	..	64	2	6	18	..	..	..	..	1	800	675	9 00	..	621 00	..	125
Hillsborough	1	..	19	3	..	2	2	90	2	2,800	..	..	700	6 50	8 00	63 50	..	760
Jamestown	1	1	153	9	..	9	1	162	1	8,000	1	2,000	755	35 00	65 65	1,407 00	..	394 00
Kensington	1	3	95	10	..	1	4	90	..	..	..	..	..	15 75	2 85	280 12	..	2 50
Larimore and Devil's Lake	1	1	85	3	1	9	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	15 00	5 00	908 50	..	25 00
Lisbon	1	1	85	4	1	..	1	44	1	2,000	..	..	..	15 00	13 00	729 00	..	2,000
Mandan	1	..	21	3	..	3	1	45	1	2,000	..	..	300	5 54	21 00	622 11	..	900
Minko	1	4	50	1	..	11	1	38	1	2,000	..	..	250	..	..	703 00	..	2,000
Pembina	1	..	54	7	1	7	1	60	1	2,500	1	700	900	50 00	..	768 00	..	10
Saint Thomas	1	..	79	10	1	36	2	59	1	900	..	..	..	34 00	4 50	518 00	..	400
Sanborn	1	..	64	11	1	10	2	64	1	3,600	..	..	1,290	35 00	50 50	481 00	..	40
Steele	1	1	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	191 00	..	..
Tower City and Valley City	1	1	50	1	5	2	2	61	2	5,200	..	..	1,000	2 50	14 00	580 50	..	3,225
Wahpeton	1	1	59	7	..	..	3	95	..	..	..	..	..	4 06	9 90	732 00	..	90
Total	33	25	1,758	253	52	100	37	1,830	17	\$56,200	6	\$7,000	\$8,230	\$492 25	\$535 02	\$16,198 73	\$10,977	\$2,560 25

UTAH.

Commenced in 1870.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP WARREN.

Missionaries.

T. C. ILIFF, *Superintendent.* (P. O., Salt Lake City.)

Salt Lake City, T. C. Iliff, G. M. Jeffrey. *Ogden and Corinne*, A. W. Adkinson, S. J. Carroll. *Provo Circuit*, Erastus Smith. *Tooele Circuit*, J. D. Gillilan, C. E. Copeland. *Park City Circuit*, G. E. Jayne, H. J. Black. *Heber Circuit*, W. W. Glanville. *Beaver and Frisco Circuit*, Francis Brock. *Jordan Valley Circuit*, G. M. Jeffrey. *Chaplain U. S. A., Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City*, J. W. Jackson.

Scandinavian Work.

Salt Lake City, Martinus Nelson. *San Pete Valley Circuit*, P. A. H. Franklin. *Sevier Valley Circuit*, Martin Anderson.

Teachers.

Salt Lake Seminary, T. W. Lincoln, G. M. Jeffrey, Miss A. C. Sowles, Miss M. A. Locke, Miss Addie Gordon, Mrs. E. R. Oakes. *Ogden Seminary*, Mrs. K. Updegraff, Mrs. Martha Skewes. *Provo Seminary*, E. Smith, Miss Ensey, Miss Lois Smith. *Tooele Seminary*, C. E. Copeland, Mrs. J. D. Gillilan. *Beaver Seminary*, Mrs. F. Brock, Miss Woodhouse. *Heber School*, Miss Glanville. *Franklin School*, Miss Sadie Greenbaum. *Park City School*, H. J. Black. *Grantsville School*, Charles Copeland. *Ophir School*, Miss Soule, Miss Anderson.

Scandinavian Schools.

Salt Lake City, Miss E. L. Anderson, Mrs. Oakes. *Mount Pleasant School*, Miss Saugstad, Miss Lawson.

Missionaries W. H. M. S.

Salt Lake City, Mrs. B. Spurlock. *San Pete Valley*, Miss Lisa M. Saugstad.

The following statistical summary for the years 1883 and 1884 will indicate the progress made in some of the important interests of the mission:

	1883.	1884.	Increase.	Decrease.
Missionaries.....	11	14	3	
Teachers.....	24	26	2	
Members in full connection.....	172	224	52	
Probationers.....	41	78	37	
Average attendance on Sunday worship.....	450	614	165	
No. of day schools.....	8	12	4	
No. of day scholars.....	580	948	368	
No. of Sabbath-schools.....	8	14	6	
No. of Sabbath scholars.....	591	1,019	428	
No. of churches.....	7	9	2	
Probable value.....	\$66,000 00	\$68,100 00	\$2,100	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.—*Continued.*

	1883.	1884.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. of parsonages.....	3	4	I	
Probable value.....	\$1,650 00	\$2,000 00	\$250	
No. of "Homes".....	I	I		
Probable value.....	\$10,000 00	\$10,200 00	\$200	
Value of schools.....	\$2,975 00	\$3,500 00	\$525	
Raised for missions.....	\$147 56	\$126 00	....	\$21 56
Raised for other benevolent societies.	\$77 00	\$103 00	\$26	
Collected for self-support.....	\$1,242 00	\$1,418 00	\$166	
Raised for repairs, etc.....	\$4,265 00	\$4,185 00	....	\$70 00
Paid on indebtedness.....	\$2,600 00	\$1,870 00	....	\$730 00
Collected for current expenses for church.....	\$1,386 00	\$1,390 00	4	
Collected for current expenses, teachers, etc., of day schools.....	\$1,904 00	\$2,145 00	\$241	
No. of children in day schools of Mormon parentage.....	350	412	62	

By the grace of God the past year has been the most successful of any in the history of the mission. I have given comparative statistics that the progress of the mission for 1884 may be seen. While these figures show a gratifying increase, they do not tell half the hopefulness and encouragement of the work. Best of all, God has given us revivals. He has put honor upon his word even in Utah, and put many of us to shame for not having taken him at his word, and claimed the promise as ours in this most difficult field.

Salt Lake City. Since our last report 71 have united with the First Church. About 27 of the 38 probationers have already been received into full membership. In addition some 15 have joined the Norwegian Methodist Church. Others have removed by letter.

The following is the report of 1883-84:

	1883.	1884.
Number of members.....	90	138
Number in Sunday-school.....	150	257
Average attendance.....	92	139

The congregation and prayer and class meetings show a proportional increase. The claim for pastor's salary has been met in full. The receipts for other expenses of the church are as follows:

For incidental expenses.....	\$600
For general improvements.....	2,020
By Ladies' Society.....	300
For Conference collections.....	113

Total receipts..... \$3,033

The audience-room has been remodeled, recarpeted, etc., at a cost of some \$1,200, all of which has been provided for by the society.

Salt Lake Seminary. The Seminary is located in the central part of Salt Lake City. It occupies an important position in the educational work of this city and Territory, and is rapidly gaining an influence never

before exerted. The year just closed has been the most prosperous in its history. The number of students has increased, and the general character has advanced to an encouraging extent. Five departments are sustained, with special instruction given in musical and art studies. The building has been remodeled, so that the recitation and department rooms are commodious and very convenient for their purpose. Their seating capacity is almost wholly occupied this year, but there is ample room for enlargement as the school increases in numbers. Its greatest need at the present time are suitable appliances for philosophical and scientific illustration in teaching. The boarding home, known in the city as the Methodist Home, and built by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, is a substantial brick structure, with comfortable apartments sufficient to accommodate 25 pupils, while a number of dormitories have been set off in the seminary building proper for the boys' department of the school.

The need of a school of college grade in this city for the success of Methodism in these Territories is apparent to all. There is a gradual breaking away from the restraints imposed upon the masses of the people here, which is sure to create a greater demand for our educational work than ever before, and it is chiefly through educational influences that the church can reach the people and accomplish its great end.

Provo Circuit. Rev. E. Smith, the pastor, reported the following at our Annual Meeting in August:

Our Church services during the past year have been well sustained, The congregations have been large and attentive. The attendance and interest in the Sabbath-school have been very encouraging.

The day school has grown in favor during the entire year. Some new desks have been purchased and a new floor put in the church, both costing \$150, the most of which has been raised.

Average congregation.....	85
Enrolled in Sunday-school.....	120
Average attendance.....	53
Enrolled in day school.....	61
Average attendance.....	53

Ogden Church. Rev. S. J. Carroll, pastor. During the year the church has enjoyed a good degree of a revival spirit, which has resulted in quite an increased membership. Besides this, such arrangements have been made as to give hope of the liquidation of the entire debt in the near future. Rev. A. W. Adkinson, who had been a most efficient pastor and preacher for over three years, was transferred to the Dakota Mission, thus leaving the church without a regular pastor from October 1 to the last of November, when Rev. S. J. Carroll was appointed. Since his arrival the entire church has been quickened, and the work presents a hopeful outlook. The day school has been in charge of Mrs. Updegraph and Mrs. M. M. Skewes. The present year has been much in advance of last, and in all the work is very encouraging.

Tooele Circuit. Rev. J. D. Gillilan, pastor. This is one of our oldest missions in the Territory. Besides Tooele City, Brother Gillilan preaches

at Stockton and Ophir. For years no advance was seen in the work, but for the past few months there has been a decided change. Congregations, especially at Tooele, have more than doubled—largely Mormon young people. Also some additions have been made to the church.

Grantsville. This is a new work—population, 1,500—almost wholly Mormon. Brother Copeland writes: "I commenced school December 1 with 25 pupils. The present outlook is that I shall have a houseful, which means 70 or 80. The Mormon school has no more pupils than ours."

Beaver Circuit. Rev. F. Brock, pastor, writes: "Our work is more encouraging since the meeting of the mission than previous. The congregations at each appointment are large and attentive; some are seeking the Saviour. We have a very interesting Bible meeting in Beaver every Wednesday evening, already yielding fruit."

Beaver Seminary is in a very hopeful condition, attendance and interest better than last year.

A small chapel, to be used for both school and church purposes, is very much needed at both Minersville and Milford, and teachers to conduct both day and Sabbath school.

Park City Circuit. This is a new field, embracing several preaching places. Rev. G. E. Jayne was sent to this work a year ago. Every thing on the circuit was solid Mormon with the exception of one town. Brother Jayne preached in private houses, saloons, Mormon meeting-houses, etc. Two Methodist churches have been built in six months: one at Heber, valued at \$1,500, where we now have a successful day and Sunday school, and services every Sunday; the other at Park City, valued at \$2,000. Here the day school has reached an enrollment of 85, and the Sunday-school of 125. A revival has been in progress for several weeks. Twenty-five have been at the altar, 14 have been converted, and a society of about 30 organized; and it looks as if the good work had just begun.

Heber Circuit. This is a new work. Rev. W. W. Glanville, pastor, writes: "I am so full of work I scarcely know where to begin. My congregations are a houseful, and I don't know what to do for more seats; all the standing room is taken each evening. We will have a 'Christmas tree' for the school, and we expect a big time. It is some trouble to get a large Sunday-school. The Mormons are afraid for their children to go, but we scatter the good seed in the day school. Our day school is doing finely, having 32 pupils. Many of the people say our meetings are grand and so much better than their own. How does that sound for Mormons?"

Jordan Valley Circuit, Rev. G. M. Jeffrey in charge. This work embraces three points besides Corinne, Bingham, Sandy, and Franklyn. Each point has been visited, and services held as frequently and as regularly as possible during the year.

Bingham being a mining camp and having suffered from a depreciation of stock, its loss in population has materially affected the interests of the church. Notwithstanding this the services have been well attended.

At Sandy, the first half of the year services were held every two weeks, with good attendance and much interest. For the past quarter, on account of special duties elsewhere, it has been impossible to keep up the regular services. Yet the people often ask for preaching, and always give the preacher a hearty welcome.

Franklyn is a new point opened this year, located near smelting works that employ from 250 to 300 men, which, though of a transient character, yet insures a good attendance and furnishes an excellent mission field. We have suffered a great deal from the lack of a suitable place to hold service, having begun in the dining-room of the hotel.

Early in September a room was rented and a school was opened, with Miss Sadie Greenbaum in charge. She has been eminently successful, and now has a flourishing Sunday-school with the warm sympathies of almost the entire community.

Arrangements are being made to erect a building early in the spring. In all the work is very encouraging, and is deserving of the best sympathies and most earnest prayers of our Church at large.

SCANDINAVIAN WORK.

Salt Lake City: Norwegian Church. Rev. Martinus Nelson is the pastor. The debt of \$511 on the chapel has been paid, and some needed improvements have been made. During the past year 8 persons have been received into full connection, and 12 on probation, but during the same time 8 members and 3 probationers have removed, and one of our members has died in the "full assurance of faith." The Sunday-school numbers 40 scholars. The day school is very hopeful. The enrollment last year was 104, and two thirds of the children came from Mormon homes and families that have dissented from Mormonism. Another small chapel ought to be built as soon as possible in the second ward, which is largely Scandinavian.

San Pete Valley Circuit. Rev. P. A. H. Franklin is in charge of the work in San Pete Valley, assisted by Rev. M. Anderson.

Mount Pleasant is the largest place in the county, and has over 2,500 people. The services held there have been well attended, and the outlook is hopeful. Last year 44 pupils were enrolled in the day school and 60 in the Sunday-school. A centrally located lot has been bought, on which we expect to build a church next spring.

Ephraim is a prominent town in San Pete Valley. It has a population of about 2,000 people, of which at least three fourths are Scandinavians, and mostly Danes. Here also a beautiful lot has been purchased and paid for. The erection of a church has been secured by liberal donations from the Church Extension Society, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The lumber is already on the ground. Classes have been organized both at Mount Pleasant and Ephraim. This circuit also embraces Mantei, Springville, Fairview, Moroni, and Fountain Green. At the latter place a school will be started as soon as a suitable building can be secured.

Miss Lisa M. Saugstad, employed by the W. H. M. Society, is doing efficient work in this field as a lady missionary.

Immediately south of San Pete Valley lies the Sevier Valley, with a number of towns that have from 1,000 to 2,000 people. Gunnison, in the northern part of the valley, and Richfield, in the southern part, would make excellent centers for missionary labor. Within 6 to 12 miles of Richfield are the following places: Monroe, Joseph, Elsinore, and Glenwood. Within this radius the population is probably 5,000, two thirds Scandinavian.

Cache Valley Circuit. This is new work in the northern part of the territory. Logan is the principal town, with over 3,000 inhabitants. Not far from Logan are other important towns, such as Brigham City, Hyrum City, etc., all largely Scandinavian.

There is a vast Scandinavian population in the Territory of almost 40,000, and our meager force of workers among these people ought to be augmented at once.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent.....	\$ 300	FOR SCHOOLS.	Scand'ap Ch. and Schools.	\$2,300
Salt Lake City.....	1,000	Salt Lake Seminary.....	" " Missions	6,000
Ogden.....	750	Ogden.....	" " Schools	3,325
" Church Debt.....	200	Tooele.....		
Provo Circuit.....	700	Provo.....		
Beaver Circuit.....	600	Beaver.....		
Tooele Circuit.....	500	Heber School.....		
Park City Circuit.....	850	Grantsville and Ophir		
Jordan Valley Circuit...	300	School.....		
Cache Valley Circuit....	600			
Total.....	\$6,000	Total.....		\$8,325

STATISTICS OF THE UTAH MISSION FOR 1884.

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.		Teachers.		Other Helpers.		Members.	Proslaves.	Average Attendance on Sunday Morning.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	No. of "Homes."	Probable value of "Homes."	Value of Schools, Hospitals, etc.	Debt on Churches, Parsonages, and other Property.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self support.	Collected for School Building and Repairing.	Current Expenses—Insurance, Church, etc.	Current Expenses—School Teachers, etc.	Children in Day Schools of Mormon Parentage.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.
	Missionaries.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.																											
Salt Lake City.....	4	7	2	180	12	175	7	6	1	180	1	255	1	\$50,000	1	1	\$10,000	\$600	....	\$60	\$400	\$700	\$500	\$600	\$1,100	100	\$450			
Ogden.....	2	4	2	48	10	65	4	7	1	115	1	100	2	8,000	1	300	....	2,000	\$2,000	82	75	460	400	250	400	40	800			
Tooele Circuit.....	2	4	..	6	3	40	..	6	4	162	8	90	1	1,800	..	..	..	300	....	6	....	25	100	50	250	60	2	
Provo Circuit.....	1	4	1	18	18	80	..	1	1	61	1	120	1	2,000	1	500	..	100	1,500	10	....	100	100	125	225	44	....			
Park City Circuit.....	2	2	3	14	14	100	2	6	1	80	1	125	1	2,000	..	..	..	100	150	2	....	175	400	50	200	20	....			
Beaver Circuit.....	1	8	1	12	1	70	1	2	1	78	2	110	1	2,500	1	100	..	..	75	....	1	....	92	..	100	200	55	....		
Jordan Valley Circuit.....	1	1	1	150	..	1	1	22	1	40	15	..	125	..	10		
Heber Circuit.....	1	1	1	4	..	50	..	..	1	85	1	25	1	1,400	..	..	..	..	50	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	80	....		
Salt Lake City—Norwegian	1	2	2	20	12	50	..	15	1	104	1	35	1	2,200	..	..	..	..	100	....	4	....	85	100	25	75	98	....		
San Pete Valley— “	2	8	8	4	15	60	..	2	1	44	1	60	..	..	1	300	..	..	50	..	5	....	50	50	60	..	40	....		
Total.....	17	31	16	256	80	840	14	50	13	881	18	960	9	\$69,900	4	\$1,200	1	\$10,000	\$9,415	\$8,650	\$120	\$475	\$1,967	\$2,650	\$1,355	\$2,450	407	\$752			
Last year.....	11	24	11	172	41	450	1	19	8	580	8	591	7	66,600	8	1,650	1	10,000	2,975	4,100	147	77	1,242	3,265	1,356	1,984	850	....		

WEST NEBRASKA.

Commenced in 1850.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF BISHOP MALLALIEU.

Missionaries.

T. B. LEMON, *Superintendent.* (P. O., Kearney, Neb.)

NIORRARA VALLEY DISTRICT, George W. Martin, *Presiding Elder.*
(P. O., Ainsworth, Neb.)

Atkinson, Peter De Clark. *Ainsworth*, T. W. Owen. *Arnold*, N. English. *Broken Bow*, Wm. Esplin. *Brewer*, Evi Fuller. *Berwick*, Richard H. Friggans. *Cedarville*, J. A. Stevens. *Delight*, D. M. Ellsworth. *Gorden*, D. L. Hayward. *Johnstown*, A. J. Calvert. *Kirkwood*, Joseph L. Dawson. *Keya Paha*, Chas. E. Campbell. *Long Pine*, L. L. Robinson. *Loup City*, Asbury Collins. *Ord*, R. B. Williams. *Nordon*, M. Mapes. *Plain Valley*, Wm. R. Phelps. *Stuart*, to be supplied. *Sargeant*, Benj. F. Hilton. *Taylor*, E. B. Crippen. *Valentine*, J. A. Scamahorn. *West Union*, R. Randolph. *Westerville*, C. A. Hale. *White River*, to be supplied. *Yale*, J. B. Gorham.

PLATTE VALLEY DISTRICT, T. B. Lemon, P. E.
(P. O., Kearney.)

Armada, Clay Cox. *Antelopeville*, to be supplied. *Cozad*, (P. O., Gould,) T. H. Thurber. *Camp Clark*, to be supplied. *Elm Creek*, C. H. Savage. *North Platte*, W. G. Vessels. *Ogalalla*, to be supplied. *Pleasant Hill*, M. R. Pierce. *Plum Creek*, M. W. Smith. *Sidney*, Leslie Stevens. *Gibbon*, C. A. Mastin. *Kearney*, W. C. Wilson. *Lodge Pole*, to be supplied. *Sharon*, A. C. Spencer. *Shelton*, H. C. Harmon. *South Loup*, to be supplied.

REPUBLICAN VALLEY DISTRICT, P. C. Johnson, P. E.
(P. O., Tecumseh, or Oxford, Neb.)

Arapahoe, G. W. Boswell. *Alma and Republican City*, Joseph Buckley. *Axtell*, J. H. Carmichael. *Beaver City*, F. F. Thomas, *Culbertson*, to be supplied. *Cambridge*, to be supplied. *Franklin and Bloomington*, Chas. E. Fulmer. *Hartzell and Newark*, J. E. Mowate. *Holdredge and Oxford*, W. S. Wheeler. *Hornersville*, to be supplied. *West Beaver*, D. S. Morris. *Indianola*, J. M. Mann. *Keystone*, to be supplied. *Minden*, L. H. Eddleblute. *M'Cook*, to be supplied. *Macon*, J. A. Kleeburger. *Orleans*, Isaac S. Carr. *Riverton*, Jacob L. Vincent. *Ringgold*, J. L. Helm. *Stockville*, Welcome Smith. *Blenkleman*, A. Bartley.

Report of the Superintendent of the West Nebraska Mission for the Conference year ending September 3, 1884 :

The late General Conference, in answer to the prayer of the Nebraska Annual Conference, at its session at York, when the division took place, and which was repeated by the two Annual Conferences at their last session, made the line across the State, north and south, by the 12th range—the west boundary of the two Annual Conferences, and the east bound-

ary of the West Nebraska Mission, by this division a valuable part of the territory of the mission—much of which was becoming able to be self-sustaining, was placed in the North Nebraska Conference, comprising 13 charges—11 church buildings, 5 parsonages, and a membership and some Sabbath-schools—which now forms nearly an entire district, in North Nebraska Conference, of well-worked-up territory, offering good, honest, promising fields for the future. The mission receives, by this division, from the Nebraska Conference, 4 counties and 5 charges, 5 churches—2 in course of erection—and 2 parsonages, with a membership and Sabbath-schools. This territory had been much neglected, and largely occupied by other denominations, but under the able and efficient supervision and labor of Rev. John Gallagher, Presiding Elder of Hastings District, of which these countries formed a part, the work has greatly improved, and gives good promise, but needs an increase of missionary money and employment of many more men. We regard it impossible to work the territory and meet the demands on us with less numbers of districts than three.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has done a grand work in helping, by sending clothing to the preachers and families and others, in our mission field. This has long been a felt necessity, and is doing good. There have been nine churches built and dedicated this year, and others are in course of erection. Our Church Extension Society has aided by gift and loans. Some of these churches are small, and two were built without aid from abroad, and by people, some of whom are yet living in sod houses, yet they gave largely of their means to build a small house, but large enough for them to hear the name of our blessed Master. The church at Sidney is a model of beauty, costing \$3,600, nearly all raised by the pastor, Rev. Leslie Stevens, \$250 given, and \$250 loaned by our Church Extension Society, and \$800 was raised the day we dedicated. The balance Brother Stevens raised in the town. We have as a Church on Grant Island District 25 organized charges, with a membership of 1,100 full members, and 200 probationers.

With these charges are 14 church buildings and 7 parsonages.

The ministerial supply consists of 24 ministers, 14 of whom hold Conference relations, and 10 local preachers acting as supplies. Of these local brethren, 4 are ordained elders and 6 are unordained.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent	\$700	Sidney	\$200	Scotia	\$120
Arpaho	200	South Loup	75	Wood River	80
Beaver City	100	Greendale	100	Keys Paha	100
Broken Bow	150	West Beaver	80	Kirkwood	100
Cedarville	60	Westerville	80	Long Pine	100
Cambridge	100	Grand Island District	550	Loup City	200
Culbridge and McCook	150	Atkinson	100	Ord	100
Cozad	75	Berwick	56	Sergeant	200
Elm Creek	100	Chapman	100	Stuart	100
Gibbon	100	Clerkville	80	Taylor	80
Indianola	150	Inman	100	Valentine	150
North Platte	80	O'Neill	200	Hartsough	80
Pleasant Hill	100	Middle Branch	100	Gordon	80
Plum Creek	100	Star	80	Arnold	80
Ringgold	80	Paddock	80	Missions, 48; Money, \$8,170.	
Shelton	100	Grand Island	100		
Sharon	100	St. Paul	100		

STATISTICS OF THE WEST

CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Missionaries.	Members.	Probationers.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Officers and Teachers.
<i>Grand Island District.</i>								
Atkinson	1	26	3	..	..	2	..	..
Berwick	1	43	..	..	..	..	71	14
Central City	1	110	25	4	3	1	..	..
Chapman	1	187	15	7	11	3	107	11
Clarksville	1	85	..	..	2	4	285	25
Grand Island	1	180	1	1	5	1	135	16
Gordon	1	23	..	..	..	..	200	23
Inman	1	80	4	..	8	2	75	24
Keya Paha	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkwood	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Long Pine	1	118	23	6	..	2	150	22
Loup City	1	120	30	20	10	7	221	43
Middle Branch	1	24	4	..	2	1	32	4
O'Neill	1	3	8	..	..	1	25	6
Ord	1	55	4	4	1	1	60	8
Paddock	1	32	4	7	3	3	90	80
Plain Valley	1	16	23	2	8	2	55	15
Stuart	1	24	4	..	1	..	..	..
St. Paul	1	103	12	6	9	2	138	16
Scotia	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Star	1	32	9	..	1	1	40	10
Sargeant	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taylor	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Valentine	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wood River	1	107	2	..	2	3	100	22
Yale	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Kearney District.</i>								
Arapahoe	1	51	25	1	7	3	120	24
Broken Bow	1	83	21	3	1	2	..	24
Beaver City	1	105	5	..	1	..	50	10
Culbertson	1	93	..	..	2	2	60	12
Cozad	1	90	25	3	..	4	125	20
Cedarville	1	55	15	2	1	1	40	8
Cambridge	1	40	..	..	2	3	18	18
Elm Creek	1	62	5	..	4	1	105	14
Gibbon	1	79	2	6	..	2	100	19
Greendale	1	51	1	..	5	3	100	25
Indianola	1	116	4	8	..	4	156	26
Kearney	1	141	4	17	2	1	157	21
Lee's Park	1	no report.	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Platte	1	83	13	9	..	1	118	14
Pleasant Hill	1	97	12	12	1	4	137	39
Plum Creek	1	52	5	8	..	1	60	12
Ringgold	1	59	3	4	..	3	93	17
Shelton	1	66	9	5	5	1	..	..
Sidney	1	15	..	..	2	1	50	9
South Loup	1	34	6	..	2	..	..	..
Sharon	1	41	7	6	..	..	..	..
Westerville	1	51	5	..	2	..	38	17
West Beaver	1	64	5	1	..	1	67	16
Delight	1	10	..	..	2	1	40	6
Total	48	2,749	341	128	97	75	8,471	635
Last year	34	2,167	249	66	77	70	2,646	..

NOTE.—Of these places, Central City, Grand Island, Chapman, Clarksville, Inman, O'Neill, Paddock, St. Paul, May, and the division was consummated last September, at the session of the Mission in Kearney. White River, Johnstown, Ainsworth, Brewer, Burwell, Arnold, Gordon, West Union, Armada, Antelopeville, Camp Ains and Republican City, Axtell, Franklyn, Bloomington, Hartwell and Newark, Holdredge and Oxford, Minden, and from those no report has yet been obtained.

NEBRASKA MISSION FOR 1884.

No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Homes."	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
1	\$1,750	..	..	\$12 80	\$1 80	\$232 50	\$74 00	\$28 00
1	1,200	..	..	4 50	3 00	237 00	..	20 00
1	1,500	1	\$1,200	77 77	77 00	1,061 00	232 00	114 55
1	2,000	..	..	30 00	20 64	433 00	1,500 00	60 00
1	1,000	1	800	15 00	10 00	545 00	88 00	..
1	3,500	1	500	30 00	33 50	1,032 00	..	105 00
2	2,500	10 00	5 95	242 00	1,200 00	25 00
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1	2,500	5 00	9 50	223 00
..	6 25	2 00	276 00	2,200 00	50 00
1	1,700	4 25	4 10	57 70
1	8,000	1	500	3 00	5 00	20 00	1,800 00	15 00
..	6 50	4 75	869 00	293 00	75 00
..	1 00	1 50	60 15
..	20 00
2	2,425	1	500	1 12	..	203 00	..	37 74
..	20 00	51 00	761 50	52 05	169 83
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..	5 00	5 25	49 80
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1	1,800	1	400	7 30	2 25	363 10	195 00	..
..
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..	2 00	2 50	117 00
1	2,000	1	300	8 00	10 00	433 00	1,350 00	..
1	1,500	5 00	3 00	315 45
..	5 00	..	230 50
..	..	..	..	10 00	15 00	301 00	..	..
..	..	..	..	7 00	5 00	141 00	..	..
..	..	..	..	25 00	4 40	220 00	..	..
1	1,200	..	..	3 00	2 50	300 00	..	..
1	2,500	1	1,000	25 00	31 75	639 50	..	..
..	..	..	..	5 00	6 00	237 00	150 00	..
3	3,300	..	..	10 00	12 50	355 00	300 00	..
1	4,000	1	1,600	40 00	67 25	1,262 00	1,700 00	..
..
1	5,000	1	800	35 00	43 00	862 00	465 00	..
1	1,500	..	..	12 00	18 77	523 00	250 00	..
1	1,500	..	..	21 00	30 10	299 75	220 00	..
..	..	..	..	2 00	13 00	156 17	..	..
1	2,000	..	..	12 00	9 30	577 50	..	..
1	4,000	..	..	7 00	3 00	332 00	8,600 00	..
..	..	..	..	..	1 95	116 00	..	..
..	..	..	..	5 30	55	79 46	..	..
2	1,350	..	..	5 00	7 40	370 00	175 00	..
1	500	..	..	1 75	75	330 00	475 54	..
..	..	..	..	5 00	..	..	..	..
-29	\$55,125	19	\$7,850	\$439 55	\$543 46	\$15,110 08	\$13,319 59	\$686 12
-22	87,150	7	4,250	255 77	298 59	12,937 79	9,936 09	..

Scotia, Berwick, and Wood River were assigned to the North Nebraska Conference by the General Conference of last May, and the division was consummated last September, at the session of the Mission in Kearney. Clark, Ogallala, Lodge Pole, Horneraville, Culbertson, Keystone, M'Cook, and Benkleman were made charges last September. Have no separate report from these this quarter. Ains and Republican City, Axtell, Franklyn, Bloomington, Hartwell and Newark, Holdredge and Oxford, Minden, and from those no report has yet been obtained.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONFERENCES.

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Arkansas.		Boone	\$50	M'Minville	\$75
Little Rock District	\$300	Catawba	50	Monroe	50
Ada	30	Clay and Murphy	60	Mount Zion	60
Anity	40	Henderson	60	Red Boiling Springs	60
Carlisle and Hazen	100	Leicester	50	Sinking Cane Mission	30
Conway and Greenbrier	50	Marshall	70	Sparta	50
Judsonia	120	Pigeon River	60	Tallahoma	175
Little Rock: 1st Ch.	440	Troy Mountain	120	Watertown	60
Russellville	45	Webster and Highlands	80	Winchester and Sher-	
Rondo	45	Greensborough District	500	wood	50
Texarkana	275	Antioch	50	Nashville District	400
Fort Smith District	300	Deep River	50	Bedford and Shelbyville	140
Charleston	20	Forsyth and Guilford	50	Cypress	20
Chickelaha	30	Harker's Island	250	Dickson	150
Cedar Glade	30	Gastonia	70	Hollenwald	20
Dayton	65	Jefferson	30	Houston and Waynesboro	40
Fort Smith	280	Mooxville	60	Lawrenceburg	20
Hackett City	40	Mount Mitchell	125	Nashville: Spruce-street	400
Harpville	25	Uwharrie	50	Shawnetto	20
Elsworth	35	Wilksborough	75	Unionville	50
Magazine	45	Yadkinville	50	Missions, 37; Money, \$3,500.	
South Hot Springs	75	Missions, 24; Money, \$3,000.			
Waldron and Danville	60	California.			
Eureka Springs District	350	Diamond Springs	\$100	Colorado.	
Cedarville	30	Bizza	100	Southern District	\$200
Eureka Springs	100	Orland	100	Denver: Beekwith Street	
Green Forest	25	Oroville	150	and Simpson Mission	200
Huntsville	80	Placerville	100	North Denver	200
Frairie Grove	80	Kedding	150	Buena Vista	200
Rogers	250	Eoseville	100	Breckenridge	140
Rogers Circuit	80	Florin	100	Castle Rock	140
Siloam Springs	820	Williams	100	Conio and South Park	180
Siloam Springs Circuit	50	Yreka	150	Del Norte and Henry	200
Van Buren	25	Simpson Memorial Ch.	500	Durango	200
Wheeler	250	San Jose: Reed Street	200	Fairplay and Alma	140
Harrison District	10	Redwood City	100	Florence and Coal Creek	180
Buffalo	50	Eureka Valley	200	Gunnison	200
Clear Creek	50	Berkeley	200	Grand Junction	140
Evening Shade	150	Oakland: Centennial	100	Montrose and Delta	140
Harrison	50	Stockton: Clay Street	100	Ouray	200
Jasper	40	Livermore	250	Kosita and Silver Cliff	180
Mountain Home	50	Sonora	200	Saldia	200
Newburg	40	Lower Lake & Kelseyv'le	150	Telluride	200
Polk Bayou	40	Cloverdale	200	Trinidad	110
Ravenden Springs	50	Fairfield	100	Northern District	250
Wild Cherry	50	Napa and Sonoma	100	Arvada	200
Missions, 45; Money, \$4,500.		Willetsville	100	Black Hawk	50
Austin.		San Rafael	150	Eaton and Windsor	100
Austin District	\$300	Missions, 25; Money, \$3,500.			150
Austin: Central Church	500	Central Tennessee.			
Galveston	800	Huntingdon District	\$225	Golden	100
Harrisburg	100	Adamsville	40	Platteville	125
Mason	200	Cairo and Friendship	20	Rawlins	200
San Antonio	300	Camden	140	Lander	100
Waco	300	Carroll	20	Missions, 34; Money, \$5,400.	
Fort Worth District	300	Edgar and Bradford	50	Columbia River.	
Ablene and Baird	500	Erin and Dover	150	Asotin	\$200
Alma and Garrett	200	Hamburg and Collierville	40	Dayton	150
Denison City	150	Huntingdon and Savannah	100	Ilia	150
Denton and Decatur	600	Huntingdon and Hollow	100	Lewiston	150
Eastland Circult.	100	Rock	50	Marengo	100
Eastland City	200	Lexington	80	Pataha	75
Fort Worth	150	Memphis: St. John	100	Cheney and Medical Lake	150
Gainesville	400	Sardis and Saultillo	45	Colfax	175
Lawrence	200	State Line Mission	100	Colfax Circuit	150
Missions, 17; Money, \$6,500.		M'Minville District	80	Colton and Potlatch	160
Blue Ridge.		Boonington	80	Cottonwood	180
Asheville District	\$500	Falling Water	40		
Asheville	390	Hollow Springs and Short	40		
Bakersville	50	Mountain	80		

Moscow.....	\$150	Detour.....	\$150	Florida.	
Palouse.....	120	Fayette.....	100	Gainesville District.....	\$850
Rockford.....	80	Grand Marais.....	150	Archer and Bronson.....	80
Spokane Falls.....	150	Newberry.....	100	Arselonda and Union.....	
Spokane Circuit.....	150	Pickford.....	150	Lake.....	80
Sprague.....	160	Alpena District.....	500	Cedar Keys.....	50
Alder Creek.....	150	Roscommon.....	140	Cotton Plant.....	85
Fossil.....	100	Indian River.....	125	Gordon and Freedom.....	80
Goldendale and Kliekital.....	100	Graying.....	100	Micanopy.....	80
Heppner, Wasco and Columbus.....	850	Long Rapids.....	150	Mikeville.....	80
Kittitas.....	200	Augres.....	75	Morrison's Mills.....	80
Mitchell.....	100	Gaylor.....	150	Newmansville.....	80
Prineville.....	100	Hillowell.....	100	Ocala.....	50
The Dalles Circuit.....	100	West Branch.....	100	San Pulaski.....	80
Yakima City.....	200	Sterling.....	100	Sumterville.....	80
Indians.....	800	Riggsville.....	100	Cornell Pond.....	25
Greasewood.....	100	Greenbush.....	50	Levyville.....	80
Pendleton, Echo, & Alkali.....	250	Missions, 89; Money, \$4,400.		Jacksonville District.....	400
Pilot Rock.....	100			Palatka and Hibernia.....	100
Missions, 89; Money, \$4,550.		East Maine.		Jacksonville Circuit.....	50
Delaware.		Bremen.....	\$42	King's Ferry.....	50
Philadelphia District.....	\$140	China.....	50	Lake City and Huntsville.....	40
Bridgeton.....	20	Pittston.....	50	Lone Star.....	50
Cape May.....	25	South Thomaston.....	50	Monticello.....	20
Centerville.....	20	Unity and Troy.....	50	New Hope and Zion.....	50
Frankford.....	50	Washington.....	50	Sanderson.....	40
Germanstown.....	20	Whitefield.....	15	Starke Circuit.....	40
Merchantsville.....	30	Caribou.....	80	St. Augustine.....	50
Middletown.....	20	Exeter.....	20	St. John's River East.....	40
Salom Circuit.....	25	Kingman.....	40	Waldo and Free Canaan.....	40
Salem Station.....	25	Marietown.....	40	Wrightsville.....	80
Haven Mission.....	50	Oldtown.....	40	St. John's River District.....	510
Easton District.....	140	Pittsfield.....	40	Brooklyn.....	50
Sassafras.....	20	Lincoln and Matawamkeag.....	40	New Berlin.....	50
Royal Oak.....	20	Brownville.....	80	Lake Eustis.....	100
Talbot.....	40	Bar Harbor.....	50	Mt. Dora.....	50
Church Hill Circuit.....	10	Pembroke.....	40	Seneca Lake.....	125
Dover District.....	150	Orland.....	40	Kingsley.....	50
Lewes and Rehoboth.....	40	Cherryfield.....	40	Lake George.....	80
Naesau Circuit.....	40	Machias.....	40	Orange City.....	150
Milton.....	25	Edmunds and Whiting.....	20	Deland.....	125
Harrington.....	25	Lubec.....	20	St. Augustine.....	200
Smyrna.....	85	Castine.....	80	Norwalk.....	150
Hicksborough.....	20	Cutler.....	20	City Point Mission.....	50
Seaford.....	20	Prospect.....	20	Missions, 42; Money, \$3,500.	
Salisbury District.....	140	Missions, 25; Money, \$1,000.		Georgia.	
Salisbury Circuit.....	20	East Tennessee.		Atlanta District.....	\$843
Snow Hill Circuit.....	25	Morristown District.....	\$800	Atlanta; Marietta Street.....	300
Chincoteague.....	15	Arcadia.....	80	Carroll.....	120
Locust Mount.....	20	Clinton and Coal Creek.....	15	Cherokee.....	100
Virseville.....	15	Dandridge.....	50	Dawsonville.....	95
Missions, 30; Money, \$1,250.		Greenville.....	800	Haralson.....	80
Detroit.		Knoxville Station.....	25	Jasper.....	60
Pine Run.....	\$40	Knoxville Circuit.....	100	Jonesborough.....	160
Otisville.....	60	Lawton.....	50	Mossy Creek and Mt. Zion.....	140
Millington.....	100	Morristown Station.....	50	Pike and Upson.....	40
Kingston.....	50	Mossy Creek.....	85	Rock Spring and Walton.....	80
Ames Church.....	50	Newport.....	50	Simpson.....	120
Bayport.....	100	Johnston City.....	70	Dalton District.....	850
Sandusky.....	75	Russellville.....	40	Blairsville.....	100
Bad Axe.....	75	Tazewell.....	35	Cassandra.....	100
Fort Crescent.....	75	Wavensburg.....	160	Dalton.....	200
Tyre.....	60	Chattanooga District.....	60	Elhijar.....	200
Peck.....	50	Big Springs.....	55	Hiwassee.....	80
Clifford.....	75	Chattanooga Circuit.....	180	La Fayette.....	120
Mindon.....	50	Cleveland.....	40	Morgantown.....	128
Carsonville.....	50	Ebenezer.....	25	Mountain Town.....	128
Sand Beach.....	50	Georgetown.....	40	Reanca.....	150
Capas.....	50	Jasper.....	60	Spring Place.....	80
Marquette District.....	175	Kingston.....	25	Toccoa.....	100
National.....	160	Riceville.....	25	South Georgia District.....	850
Menominee.....	50	Robertsville.....	35	Burnt Fort and Charleston.....	150
National.....	50	Soddy.....	40	Mt. Zion and Tatnal.....	120
Rockland.....	50	Sweetwater.....	70	Missions, 28; Money, \$2,000.	
Stephenson.....	50	Washington.....	200	Missions, 27; Money, \$4,000.	
Sault Ste. Marie Dist.....	200				

Holston.		Linn and Palmer.....	\$50	Sherburn.....	\$20	
Chattanooga District	\$160	Morransville.....	50	College Hill.....	40	
Chattanooga South.....	500	Oketo.....	40	Len's Chapel.....	20	
Athens.....	100	Missions, 40; Money, \$2,800.		Oxford.....	20	
Cleveland.....	100	Kentucky.			Corinth & Williamstown.....	20
Ducktown.....	80	Asland District.....	\$261	Boyd's and Butler's.....	20	
Ooltawah.....	60	Blaine.....	40	Catontown Circuit.....	20	
Greenville District	100	Catlettsburg.....	60	Lair's Circuit.....	20	
Ervin.....	80	Coalton.....	36	Louisville District.....	287	
Jonesborough.....	50	Eden.....	50	Anchorage.....	10	
Roan Mountain.....	100	Greenup.....	100	Bedford and Campbells-		
Taylorsville.....	100	Lawrence.....	45	burg.....	10	
Watauga.....	50	Louisa.....	85	Bloomfield and Fairfield..	10	
Knoxville District	75	Olive Hill.....	82	Chaplin and Springfield..	25	
Knoxville: 2d Church.....	150	Pikeville.....	86	Frankfort, Midway, and		
Crossville.....	60	Prestonsburg.....	35	Eminence.....	10	
Huntsville.....	50	Russel.....	55	Lawrenceburg, Salvisa,		
Jamestown.....	70	Salysville.....	40	Benson, Altan Gleen		
Kingston.....	50	Shelby.....	40	Creek.....	5	
Kingston Circuit.....	50	Barbourville District.....	200	Louisville Mission.....	10	
Pikeville.....	70	Barbourville.....	75	Strawberry Circuit.....	5	
Scarborough.....	60	Pineville.....	50	Lebanon Junction and		
Sunbright.....	60	Harlan.....	50	New Haven.....	10	
Tracy City.....	50	Williamsburg.....	60	Samuel's Station & Bards-		
Wolf River.....	200	Booneville.....	50	town.....	10	
Morristown District.....	50	London.....	60	Sulphur & Patton's Creek.	20	
Coal Creek.....	50	Campto.....	50	Wakefield & Taylorsville.	5	
Clinton.....	50	Irvine.....	60	Waterfield and Mt. Wash-		
Emert.....	40	Bangor.....	60	ington.....	10	
Maynardville.....	40	Jeffersonville.....	75	Warsaw and Ghent.....	10	
Morristown.....	800	Watt's Creek.....	60	Jericho.....	15	
Newport.....	50	M'Kee.....	60	La Grange.....	15	
Parrottsville.....	60	Main Street.....	50	Bowling Green District..	342	
Rogersville.....	35	Germantown.....	40	Cave City Circuit.....	80	
Rutledge.....	40	Crittenden.....	100	Bewleyville.....	10	
Speedwell.....	40	Fleming.....	100	Lewisport and Owens-		
Sneedville.....	40	Foster.....	90	borough.....	15	
Tazewell.....	70	Concord.....	50	Smithland and Paduca.....	20	
Missions, 88; Money, \$3,500.		Asbury and Alexandria..	50	Eddyville & Rolling Mills	20	
Kansas.		Bellevue.....	80	Morgantown.....	30	
De Soto.....	\$50	Fox Springs.....	45	Sulphur.....	15	
North Lawrence.....	60	Greenville District.....	300	Richardson's Landing....	15	
Osawkee.....	60	Cave Springs.....	50	Ohio District.....	200	
Rosedale.....	110	Earlington.....	35	Aberdeen, Vanceburg, and		
South Wyandotte.....	70	Elmwood.....	50	Ripley.....	20	
Tonganoxie.....	50	Greenville.....	45	Belpre and Marietta.....	20	
Wyandotte and Rosedale.	160	Hopkinsville.....	45	Batavia, Laurel, and New		
Baldwin City Circuit.....	50	Marion.....	25	Richmond.....	35	
Burlingame: 2d Church	50	Owensborough.....	60	Cadiz and Georgetown..	30	
and Osage City.....	200	Paducah and Birming-		Cheviot, Mt. Healthy, and		
Carbondale.....	75	ham.....	285	College Hill.....	25	
Clinton.....	75	Cumminsville and Look-	150	Cleveland, Lorain, and		
Scranton.....	50	land.....	100	Elyria.....	70	
Topeka: Parkdale.....	100	Dayton, Mechanicsburg,	100	Cumminsville and Look-		
Mount Olive and Asbury	120	and Delaware.....	100	land.....	25	
Corning.....	40	Flushing & St. Clairsville.	45	Dayton, Mechanicsburg,		
Highland.....	50	and Delaware.....	25	Ironton, Louisa, and Cass-		
Kennekuk.....	50	Irroton, Louisa, and Cass-	40	ville.....	40	
Morrill.....	25	Maylick and North Fork.	80	Mayslick and North Fork.	80	
Alma.....	75	Madisonville and Milford.	25	Madisonville and Milford.	25	
West Atchison.....	50	Marion, Russhsylvania, and		Marion, Russhsylvania, and		
Abilene Circuit.....	100	Sidney.....	25	Sidney.....	25	
Council Grove Circuit...	50	Indiana District.....	350	Indiana District.....	350	
Good Hope.....	50	Bloomington.....	40	Bloomington.....	40	
Louisville.....	50	Cleves.....	24	Cleves.....	24	
Milford.....	50	Greencastle and Knights-		Greencastle and Knights-		
Manhattan: Fifth Street.	100	ville.....	15	ville.....	15	
Parkerville.....	50	Evansville and Newberg..	24	Evansville and Newberg..	24	
St. Mary's.....	50	Lawrenceville and Gray-		Lawrenceville and Gray-		
Woodbine.....	50	ville.....	20	ville.....	20	
Beattie.....	50	Madison & North Vernon.	24	Madison & North Vernon.	24	
Clay Center: 2d Church..	160	Newcastle, Greenfield, and		Newcastle, Greenfield, and		
Garrison.....	50	Winchester.....	16	Winchester.....	16	
Green.....	50	Princeton.....	45	Princeton.....	45	
Greenleaf.....	60	Rockport, Cannelton, & 12	86	Rockport, Cannelton, & 12	86	
Idana.....	50	Springfield & Terre Haute	80	Springfield & Terre Haute	80	
Irving.....	50	Watson and Corydon....	24	Watson and Corydon....	24	
Leonardville.....	50	Missions, 68; Money, \$2,700.				
		Lexington.				
50 Lexington District.....	\$210	50 Lexington District.....	\$210	50 Lexington District.....	\$210	
50 Harrodsburg Circuit.....	20	50 Harrodsburg Circuit.....	20	50 Harrodsburg Circuit.....	20	
50 Orangeburg Circuit.....	20	50 Orangeburg Circuit.....	20	50 Orangeburg Circuit.....	20	

Little Rock.			
Little Rock District.....	\$650	New Roads.....	\$10
Brinkley and Clarendon.....	64	Shreveport District.....	885
Forrest City.....	84	Allen.....	15
Forrest City Circuit.....	86	Campte.....	15
Carlisle.....	70	Scott Circuit.....	15
Helena Station.....	140	Fort Jessup.....	20
Helena Circuit.....	40	Columbia.....	15
Palestine.....	80	Pleasant Hill.....	15
Marvel.....	72	Grand Cane.....	15
Saulsburg.....	64	Missions, 59; Money, \$5,500.	
Hot Springs District.....	500		
Fulton.....	30	Michigan.	
Pine Bluff Station.....	186	Cooper Street.....	\$100
Pine Bluff Circuit.....	64	Haven Church.....	100
Monticello.....	60	Pittsford.....	40
New Edinburg.....	60	Kendalls.....	100
Peytonville.....	50	Douglas and Saugatuck.....	105
Texarkana.....	80	Bangor.....	50
Argenta District.....	500	Berrien Springs.....	60
Alma.....	50	Benton Harbor.....	25
Port Smith.....	150	Grand Haven.....	200
Missions, 21; Money, \$3,000.		Grandville.....	75
		Newaygo.....	50
		Ravenna.....	40
		Fowler.....	100
		Breckenridge.....	50
		Dewitt.....	50
		Eagle Circuit.....	30
		Coleman.....	40
		Free Soil.....	40
		Gladwin.....	100
		Harrison.....	40
		Hersey.....	200
		North Muskegon.....	140
		Pentwater.....	150
		Reed City.....	25
		White Cloud.....	20
		Almira.....	20
		Benzonia.....	100
		Bozoye.....	50
		Cadillac Circuit.....	40
		Cross Village.....	50
		Elk Rapids.....	50
		Fife Lake.....	50
		Harbor Springs.....	140
		Kalkaska.....	100
		Manton.....	25
		Mancelona.....	15
		Norwood.....	690
		Northport.....	15
		Lake City.....	50
		Petoskey.....	70
		Sherman.....	190
		South Arm.....	30
		Traverse City Circuit.....	45
		Bellaire.....	100
		Glen Haven.....	30
		Grand Traverse District.....	275
		Missions, 46; Money, \$2,500.	
		Minnesota.	
		Cloquet and Oneota.....	\$100
		Hastings.....	100
		Lake City.....	15
		Medford.....	100
		Farmington.....	20
		Dundas.....	10
		Howard Lake.....	15
		Litchfield.....	20
		Forest City.....	15
		Chaplin.....	10
		Bethel.....	15
		Clearwater.....	20
		Fair Haven.....	15
		Sauk Rapids.....	15
		Morristown.....	15
		Albert Lea.....	10
		Glenville.....	\$100
		Beaver.....	50
		Caledonia.....	50
		Elgin.....	50
		Granger.....	50
		Grand Meadow.....	100
		Kasson.....	50
		Lanesborough.....	100
		Pine Island.....	50
		Pleasant Hill.....	50
		Wesley Chapel.....	100
		Balaton.....	100
		Lake Benton.....	200
		Fairmont.....	100
		Heron Lake.....	100
		Funda.....	100
		Jackson.....	100
		Janesville.....	100
		Lamberton.....	100
		Pipestone.....	200
		Sleepy Eye & Lone Tree.....	100
		Tracy.....	100
		Brainerd.....	200
		Alexandria.....	100
		Osakis.....	100
		Long Prairie.....	100
		Grove Lake.....	50
		Morris.....	100
		Brown's Valley.....	100
		Ada.....	200
		Battle Lake & Deer Creek.....	100
		Crookston.....	100
		Detroit and Perham.....	75
		Hergus Falls.....	100
		Away and Glyndon.....	100
		Ottertail City.....	50
		Warren.....	100
		Appleton.....	100
		Granite Falls.....	100
		Olivia and Benville.....	100
		Ortonville.....	100
		Hector.....	100
		Melrose.....	100
		Missions, 59; Money, \$5,400.	
		Mississippi.	
		Holly Springs District.....	\$450
		Abbeville.....	32
		Atlanta.....	80
		Bankston.....	56
		Batesville.....	82
		Byhalia and Chulahoma.....	28
		Grenada Circuit.....	25
		Holly Springs Circuit.....	32
		Hernando.....	42
		Oxford Circuit.....	34
		Walthall.....	56
		Special to Holly S. Dist.....	180
		Okolona District.....	500
		Booneville.....	22
		Corinth Circuit.....	20
		Columbus Circuit.....	20
		Greensborough.....	20
		Houston.....	25
		Okolona.....	15
		Okolona Circuit.....	15
		Pontotoc.....	20
		Starkville Circuit.....	20
		Templo.....	20
		West Point Circuit.....	15
		Gulf District.....	552
		Augusta.....	60
		Brookhaven & Hazlehurst.....	80
		Crystal Springs.....	20
		Columbia.....	40
		China Grove.....	24
		Georgetown.....	20
		Hamburg and Mendville.....	48

Liberty.....	\$40	Milan.....	\$75	Nevada.	
Payette.....	40	Shelbina and Shelbyville.....	70	Superintendent.....	\$900
Payette Circuit.....	20	Unionville Circuit.....	40	Adin and Fall River.....	100
New Hope.....	40	Wauigan.....	40	Alturas and Goose Lake.....	100
Union Church.....	40	Davver.....	40	Carson.....	100
Summit and Magnolia.....	40	Quitman.....	40	Genoa.....	150
Meridian District.....	500	St. Joseph.....	200	Loyalton Circuit.....	125
Brookville.....	25	Savannah Circuit.....	40	Quincy.....	100
Daleville.....	25	Stanberry.....	100	Beno.....	100
DeKalb.....	82	North Missouri District.....	150	Susanville.....	150
Enterprise.....	22	Bowling Green.....	40	Virginia and Gold Hill.....	150
Enterprise Circuit.....	24	Louisiana Circuit.....	40	Eureka and Ruby Hill.....	175
Garlandville.....	24	Warrenton.....	60	Tuscarora.....	50
Heidelberg.....	24	Wellsville.....	50	Greenville Circuit.....	50
Lauderdale.....	25	Danville.....	50	Winnemucca.....	100
Meridian Circuit.....	25	Moberly.....	50	Bodie.....	200
Mushulaville.....	24	Columbia.....	20	Bishop Creek and Independence.....	200
Paulding.....	24	St. Charles and Forestal.....	70	Coleville & Mason Valley.....	150
Philadelphia.....	32	North Fayette.....	40	Truckee.....	100
Quitman.....	24	Elsberry.....	20		
Shubuta Circuit.....	25				
Shuqualak.....	25	Missions, 42; Money, \$3,000.			
Waynesborough.....	32				
Greenwood District.....	495				
Attala.....	80	Nebraska.			
Benton.....	20	Beatrice District.....	\$200	North Carolina.	
Carthage.....	25	Blue Springs.....	40	Raleigh District.....	\$825
Durant.....	30	Crete.....	50	Goldaborough.....	65
Deasonville.....	30	De Witt.....	40	Lexington.....	80
French Camp.....	24	Dorchester.....	40	Center.....	20
Green Hill.....	24	Exeter.....	40	Reidsville.....	30
Goodman.....	25	Filley.....	40	Concord and Stanley.....	25
Kosciusko.....	20	Geneva.....	40	Deep River.....	80
Lodi.....	30	Ohiowa.....	40	Durham and Raleigh.....	250
Lexington.....	80	Liberty.....	30	East Randolph.....	25
Pickens.....	30	Steele City.....	40	High Point and Trinity.....	80
Vaiden.....	30	Wilber.....	40	Thomasville.....	80
Winona.....	20	Wymore.....	40	Mount Tabor.....	20
Yazoo City Circuit.....	30	Lincoln District.....	100	Oberlin.....	65
Roseneath.....	30	South Lincoln.....	180	Oxford.....	50
Louisville.....	30	Louisville.....	35	Secret Springs.....	15
Jackson District.....	550	Waverly.....	35	West Randolph.....	80
Clinton.....	30	Bennett.....	35	Wesley's Chapel & Camp Springs.....	80
Edwards.....	30	Elmwood.....	35	Piney Grove.....	20
Hickory.....	30	Adams.....	40	Central District.....	310
Lake.....	20	Peru.....	40	Charlotte.....	110
Mt. Salem.....	20	Salem.....	40	Anson, Union, & Hamlet.....	40
Rolling Fork.....	30	Nemaha City.....	40	Cleveland, Gaston, and Rutherford.....	50
Polahatchee.....	30	Pawnee City.....	40	Columbus.....	25
Madison.....	25	Hastings District.....	375	Iredell.....	80
Simpson.....	20	Ayr.....	44	Laurinburg & Laurel Hill.....	20
Trenton.....	24	Alexandria.....	40	New Hope.....	50
Vicksburg.....	44	Blue Hill.....	44	Wilmington.....	110
Vicksburg Circuit.....	20	Carleton.....	40	Newton.....	25
Missions, 57; Money, \$5,500.		Clay Center.....	45	Lincoln.....	25
		Doniphan.....	30	South Catawba.....	25
		Davenport and Nelson.....	35	Shoe Heel.....	20
		Edgar.....	50	Moore and Cumberland.....	25
Missouri.		Fairfield.....	44	Western District.....	825
Avalan and Bridge Creek.....	\$50	Glenville.....	44	Alexander and Wilks.....	35
Brookfield.....	75	Gutde Rock.....	44	Jonesville.....	60
Centralia.....	75	Harvard.....	175	Haywood and Asheville.....	40
Hannibal: Broadway.....	100	Hastings.....	80	Jefferson.....	25
Hope Street.....	100	Junia and Kenesaw.....	60	Kernersville.....	25
Montgomery & Pendleton.....	100	Red Cloud.....	40	Lenoir and Hickory.....	85
Moberly.....	150	Reynolds.....	40	M'Dowell.....	50
Rothville.....	75	Sutton.....	44	Mount Airy.....	100
St. Catharine.....	50	Superior.....	40		
Wellsville and Vandalta.....	75	Saint Joe.....	200		
Bethany Circuit.....	70	York District.....	40		
East Kingston.....	40	Utca.....	40		
Kingston.....	100	Ulysses.....	40		
Lindley.....	80	Marquette.....	50		
Ravannah.....	60	Stromsburg.....	40	North Nebraska.	
Spickards.....	50	Garrison.....	50	Elkhorn Valley District.....	\$800
Utica.....	50	Aurora.....	40	Bazille.....	24
Canton.....	145	Waco.....	40	Battle Creek.....	20
Kahoka.....	80	West Blue.....	50	Glear Water.....	40
Kirkville Circuit.....	50	Valley.....	40	Chambers.....	20
La Plata.....	50			Creighton.....	40
Macon.....	140	Missions, 54; Money, \$3,215.		Emerick.....	20

Inman	\$40	Pattersonville	\$50	Oregon.	
Knoxville	32	Pennington and Beloit	50	Portland: Hall-street	\$100
Middlebranch	20	Ruthven	40	Oregon City	75
Newman's Grove	24	Rolfe	40	Amity	50
Neligh	50	Sanborn	50	Oswego	75
Niobrara	60	Sioux Rapids	60	Astoria	125
Oakdale	50	Spencer Circuit	40	Tillamook	75
O'Neil	40	Sioux City District	100	St. Helen's	75
Paddock	40	Aurelia	40	Salem Circuit	100
Plainview	37	Akron	40	Jefferson and Scio	75
Pierce	50	Battle Creek	40	Eugene District	200
Willowdale	20	Charter Oak	80	Ashland	200
Grand Island District	250	Correctionville Circuit	50	Roseburg	100
Albion	60	Kingsley	50	Springfield	100
Berwick	87	Onawa and Belvidere	30	Lowell	100
Bonanza	40	Smithland	40	Albany	100
Clark's	40	Meriden	40	North Umpqua	50
Chapman	49	Seney	40	Peoria Circuit	75
Columbus	40	Missions, 50; Money, \$3,000.		Missions, 17; Money, \$1,700.	
Cummingsville	20	North-west Kansas.		Puget Sound.	
Fullerton	100	Ada	\$80	Seattle District	\$125
Glenwood	20	Brookville	60	Dungeness	50
St. Edward	40	Bunkerhill and Paradise	80	Ferndale	150
St. Paul	25	Ellis and Hays City	100	La Conner	50
Scotia	60	Ellsworth Circuit	100	Nootsac Crossing	100
Warsaw	20	Gypsum	50	San Juan Islands	100
Wood River	40	Lincoln Center	40	Skagit	50
Norfolk District	250	Mentor	40	Snohomish	150
Coleridge	40	Milton Vale	40	Seattle Circuit	50
Decatur	80	Monroe	40	Tacoma	75
Emerson	80	Smoky Hill	60	Whitcom	100
Humphrey	40	Wakeeney and Grainfield	100	Whidby's Island	50
Madison	40	Salina: 2d Church	200	White River	75
Norfolk	80	Belleville	40	Port Townsend	50
Ponca	50	Beloit Circuit	80	Aberdeen	100
St. James	40	Cawker City	30	Bay Center	75
Wayne	80	Delhi	30	Centralia	50
Wakefield	80	Downs	40	Chehalis	50
Wisner	40	Glen Elder	40	Cowlitz	50
Omaha District	250	Highland and Harrison	40	Elma	100
North Omaha	100	Ionia and M'Cabe	40	Lewis River	50
Schuyler	50	Jamestown	40	Oysterville	50
Scribner	40	Mankato	40	Tum Water	50
West Point	40	Nelson Center and Enter- prise	40	Winlock	75
Missions, 51; Money, \$3,000.		Omio	40	Missions, 24; Money, \$1,775.	
North-west Iowa.		Round Springs	40	Saint Louis.	
Algona District	\$125	Scandia	40	Farmington	\$75
Bancroft	60	Scottville	40	Marble Hill	50
Britt	70	Solomon Rapids	125	Perryville	75
Eagle Grove & Goldfield	100	Atwood	100	Union Mission	200
Clear Lake Circuit	50	Bristow	50	Water Tower	200
Forest City	100	Bull City	50	St. Luke's	200
Garner	70	Cedarville	100	Ironton and Webster	75
Lake Mills	75	Clayton	100	Bloomfield	50
Webster City Circuit	80	Gaylord	75	Good Avenue	75
Wesley	50	Germantown	40	Sedalia: Montgomery St.	100
Whittemore	75	Judson	100	Schell City	100
Fort Dodge District	100	Kirwin	100	Marshall	300
Deloit	50	Lenoria	100	Dresden	50
Ellsworth	50	Logan	100	Lebeck	40
Fonda	50	Long Island	75	Adrian	50
Gowrie	70	Marvin	40	Centerview	50
Lehigh	25	Mount Hope	85	Butler Circuit	100
Lake City	50	Norton	100	Holden Circuit	100
Manson	50	Oberlin	100	Ech Hill	200
Newell	75	Osborne	100	Independence	100
Pomeroy	50	Phillipsburg	100	Dixon	150
Vail	40	Plainville	100	Marchfield	100
Wall Lake	40	Pleasant Plain	50	North Springfield	75
Grant City	75	Slate	50	Salem	75
Sheldon District	125	Smith Center and Beaver Creek	100	West Plains	150
Ashton	40	Stockton	75	Joplin	200
Estherville	125	Twelve Mile and Oak Creek	40	Cartarville & Webb City	100
Harley	40	Missions, 54; Money, \$3,700.		Pierce City and Neosho	60
Lake Park	40				
Marathon	40				
Milford	50				
Pringhar	40				

Lamar..... \$70
 Greenfield..... 50
 Golden City..... 50
 Cassville..... 30
 Arrow Rock..... 30
 Baden and Bridgeton..... 50
 Carthage and Joplin..... 50
 Jutler and Harrisonville..... 40
 Clinton and Calhoun..... 40
 California..... 60
 Greenfield and Mt. Vernon..... 40
 Holden and Centerville..... 40
 Kansas City..... 120
 Lebanon and Marshfield..... 60
 Marshall Circuit..... 40
 Rolla and St. James..... 60
 Neosho and Newtonia..... 80
 Springfield..... 40

Missions, 46; Money, \$4,000.

Savannah.

Atlanta District..... \$200
 East Atlanta..... 50
 Douglass..... 30
 Fairburn..... 40
 Heard..... 40
 La Grange Circuit..... 30
 Decatur..... 30
 Second Charge..... 200
 Whitesburg..... 25
 Macon District..... 275
 Cochran..... 50
 Columbus..... 150
 Washington..... 50
 Macon..... 200
 Montgomery..... 50
 Milledgeville..... 100
 Butts..... 60
 Rome District..... 250
 Adairsville..... 40
 Cartersville..... 40
 Cobb and Milton..... 30
 Elbert..... 100
 Gainesville..... 50
 White..... 40
 Walker..... 50
 Whitefield..... 50
 Savannah District..... 200
 Augusta..... 100
 Munneryllyn..... 30
 Savannah..... 100
 Savannah Circuit..... 50
 Appling..... 40
 Jessup..... 40
 Darien..... 100
 Waynesville..... 40
 Waycross..... 40
 Valdosta..... 100
 St. Mary's..... 50

Missions, 88; Money, \$3,150.

South Carolina.

Orangeburg District..... \$600
 Camden & Mount Joshua..... 35
 Camden Circuit..... 20
 Columbia..... 300
 Cattle Creek and Georges..... 40
 Edisto Forks..... 20
 Lexington and Johnson..... 20
 Lynchburg..... 20
 Maysville..... 20
 Mechanicsville..... 32
 New Hope and Mt. Zion..... 40
 Orangeburg Station..... 50
 Orangeburg Circuit..... 40
 Reevesville Circuit..... 20
 Rock Spring Circuit..... 40
 Shiloh Circuit..... 20

Smithville Circuit..... \$24
 Summerville..... 150
 Sumter Station..... 20
 Sumter Circuit..... 32
 Wateree Circuit..... 20
 Zion Circuit..... 40
 Port Royal District..... 600
 Allendale and Brunson..... 25
 Appleton..... 23
 Beaufort and Port Royal..... 140
 Barnwell and Blackville..... 44
 Combahee and Ashepoo..... 32
 Colleton & Great Swamp..... 32
 Cooper River..... 15
 Grahamville and Hilton Head..... 25
 Hickory Hill..... 40
 Ladson..... 40
 Midway..... 20
 Ravenel and Toogoodoo..... 20
 Ridgeville..... 32
 St. Matthew's..... 32
 St. Stephen's and Pineville..... 32
 St. John's..... 25
 Sykes, Savannah, and Buckhead..... 80
 Wesley Grove and Red Bank..... 80
 Williston..... 80
 Yemassee..... 20
 Florence District..... 25
 Bennettsville Circuit..... 40
 Cedar Swamp Circuit..... 50
 Charleston: Old Bethel..... 50
 Wesley..... 50
 Black Circuit..... 200
 Cheraw and Society Hill..... 50
 Chesterfield and Oro..... 100
 Darlington..... 60
 Darlington Circuit..... 60
 Florence and Wesley..... 40
 Foreston Circuit..... 40
 Georgetown..... 30
 Horry..... 50
 Kingstree..... 50
 Little Rock..... 40
 Marion and Poe Dee..... 50
 Mount Pleasant..... 20
 Marlborough Circuit..... 20
 Mars' Bluff..... 58
 North and South Santee..... 39
 St. Mary's Circuit..... 20
 Timmons ville..... 20
 Turkey Creek Circuit..... 40
 Greenville District..... 600
 Anderson Station..... 100
 Anderson Circuit..... 50
 Bethlehem Circuit..... 20
 Broad River Circuit..... 20
 Cowpen's Circuit..... 40
 Chester Circuit..... 40
 Central Circuit..... 40
 Easley Circuit..... 60
 Greenville Circuit..... 32
 Golden Grove Circuit..... 40
 Greenwood Circuit..... 50
 Greer's Circuit..... 50
 Gaffney Circuit..... 30
 Liberty Circuit..... 80
 Marietta Circuit..... 20
 Rock Hill Circuit..... 20
 St. Mark's Circuit..... 40
 Seneca and Walhalla Circuit..... 20
 Wellford Circuit..... 32
 Williamston and Belton Circuit..... 50
 Yorkville and Clover Circuit..... 40

Missions, 88; Money, \$6,000.

Southern California.

Anaheim..... \$50
 Antelope Valley..... 100
 Artesia and Fulton Wells..... 50
 Azusa..... 100
 Cucamonga and Etiwanda..... 175
 Elsinore..... 75
 Long Beach..... 100
 Newhall..... 175
 Newport..... 50
 Poway and National City..... 200
 Riverdale and Providencia..... 150
 San Bernardino..... 50
 San Jacinto and Rock House..... 50
 Santa Monica..... 100
 Santa Barbara District..... 150
 Arroyo Grande..... 100
 Ballard's..... 125
 Cambria Circuit..... 125
 Goleta..... 125
 Gonzales and Soledad..... 125
 Hueneme..... 150
 Jolon..... 150
 Paso Robles Cholame..... 125
 Santa Maria..... 150
 Fresno District..... 300
 Central Point..... 100
 Hanford..... 100
 Kernville and Tehachipi..... 100
 Merced..... 150
 Plano and Alia..... 100
 Selma Circuit..... 50
 Tulare City..... 100
 Traver Circuit..... 100
 Visalla and St. John's..... 150

Missions, 84; Money, \$3,980.

South Kansas.

Cedar Point..... \$40
 Cottonwood Falls..... 40
 Dunlap..... 40
 Matfield Green..... 45
 New Albany..... 50
 North Dunlap..... 120
 Ottumwa..... 60
 Reading..... 60
 Severy and Climax..... 55
 Strawn..... 50
 Virgin..... 50
 Baxter Springs..... 40
 Bethel (colored)..... 70
 Beulah..... 40
 Fort Scott Circuit..... 100
 Monmouth and M'Canee..... 40
 Mulberry Grove..... 40
 Osage Mission..... 50
 Pittsburg and Opolis..... 70
 Redfield..... 40
 Xenia..... 70
 Cecil..... 50
 Cedarvale..... 50
 Chatopa Circuit..... 100
 Elk City..... 100
 Howard Circuit..... 40
 Independence: Second Charge..... 150
 Labette..... 70
 Longton..... 50
 Peru..... 40
 Sedan..... 50
 Iola..... 150
 Leroy..... 50
 La Cygne..... 80
 Ottawa Circuit..... 220
 Welda..... 40
 Moran..... 100

Missions, 87; Money, \$2,500.

South-west Kansas.		Memphis Circuit.....	\$45	Vermont.	
Larned District.....	\$150	Pleasant Grove.....	20	Bethel Gilead.....	\$50
Dodge City and Spearville	250	Mason.....	25	Topsham.....	50
Garden City.....	60	Brownsville Circuit.....	80	West Randolph.....	50
Garfield.....	100	Bell Circuit.....	90	Stockbridge.....	50
Luka.....	125	Friendship Circuit.....	25	Woodbury.....	50
Kinsley.....	280	Dyer Circuit.....	25	Colchester.....	40
Lurned: 1st Church.....	100	Martin.....	25	Milton.....	30
2d Church.....	50	Paris.....	25	Sheldon.....	40
Marquette.....	60	Mansfield.....	25	Westford.....	50
Pawnee Rock.....	60	Clarksburg.....	25	Isle La Motte.....	80
Pawnee Valley.....	60	Henderson.....	25	Montgomery.....	80
Roxbury.....	40	Linden.....	25	Underhill.....	80
Rush Center and Bazine.	150	Waynesborough.....	25	Canaan.....	40
Arlington.....	40	Lawrenceburg.....	25	Wheelock.....	50
Augusta Circuit.....	50	Clifton.....	20	Wolcott.....	50
Burton.....	80	Pardy.....	25	Guildhall.....	70
Cheney.....	40	Missions, 52; Money, \$2,700.		Glover.....	40
El Dorado Circuit.....	40			Bondville.....	25
Florence.....	100			Guilford.....	25
Hutchinson Circuit.....	40			Putney.....	20
Kingman.....	15			Norwich.....	80
Marion Circuit.....	50	Houston District.....	\$500	Cambridgeport & Athens	25
Nickerson.....	175	Brazoria.....	25	North Hartland.....	50
Nickerson Circuit.....	50	Columbia.....	25	No. Reading & Felchville.	25
South Kingman.....	40	Pittsville.....	40	East Dover.....	50
Walton.....	40	Harkley and Rose Hill ..	25	Missions, 25; Money, \$1,000.	
Anthony.....	140	Harrisburg.....	20		
Arkansas City Circuit.....	50	Saint James.....	50		
Andover.....	40	Sloan Street.....	80		
Caldwell.....	250	Spring Circuit.....	40	Virginia.	
Dexter.....	50	Huntsville District.....	450	Alexandria District.....	\$276
Harper.....	100	Montgomery.....	50	Norfolk.....	150
Hayesville.....	50	Willis.....	25	Old Point.....	240
Medicine Lodge.....	100	Danville.....	25	Rainmouth.....	100
Mulvane.....	50	Huntsville Circuit.....	25	Manassas.....	280
New Salem.....	40	Walker Circuit.....	20	Vienna.....	30
South Haven.....	40	Lovelady.....	20	Herndon.....	200
Wellington Circuit.....	180	Cold Springs.....	25	Berryville.....	150
West Wichita.....	80	Moscow.....	25	Bethany.....	40
Missions, 89; Money, \$3,500.		Beaumont.....	30	Abingdon District.....	352
		Wallaceville.....	30	Abingdon.....	100
		Town Bluff.....	55	Bristol.....	100
		Liberty.....	25	Lee.....	50
		Hardin.....	20	Mineral City.....	100
		Develport.....	85	New Garden.....	100
		Grovetown.....	20	Nicholsville.....	50
		Marshall District.....	500	North Fork.....	150
		Bonham.....	100	Russell.....	100
		De Kalb.....	50	Scott.....	100
		Pittsburg.....	50	Smythe.....	100
		Queen City.....	100	Tazewell.....	75
		Navasota District.....	450	Wise.....	100
		Bellville.....	20	Greenbrier District.....	250
		Bryan Circuit.....	25	Edray.....	40
		Courtney.....	15	Forest Hill.....	80
		Franklin.....	25	Highland.....	100
		Hearne.....	25	Lewisburg.....	97
		Bryan.....	25	Pocahontas.....	100
		Iola.....	15	Pott's Creek.....	50
		Plantersville.....	20	Rockingham & Sherando	160
		Frairie Plain.....	20	Roanoke District.....	250
		Millcan.....	20	Auburn.....	140
		San Felipe.....	20	Bland.....	90
		Palestine District.....	450	Bedford Mission.....	60
		Palestine.....	15	Eagle Rock.....	100
		Palestine Circuit.....	40	Floyd.....	130
		Butler.....	15	Franklin.....	100
		Fairfield.....	85	Grayson.....	125
		Cotton Gin.....	25	New River.....	100
		Crockett and Ainwell.....	25	Roanoke City.....	200
		Madison Circuit.....	10	Roanoke Circuit.....	180
		Leona.....	20	Rockbridge.....	100
		Jacksonville.....	80	Wythe.....	75
		Sabine and Shelby.....	25	Missions, 43; Money, \$5,500.	
		Shilo and Hopewell.....	20		
		Hawkins and Center.....	40	Washington.	
		Minneola and Quitman.....	40	Hagerstown.....	\$100
		San Augustine.....	80	Waugh Chapel.....	70
		Missions, 58; Money, \$4,000.		Gettysburg.....	60
Tennessee.					
Murfreesborough District	\$320				
Caney Fork.....	85				
Cookville.....	35				
Hillsborough.....	30				
Martin's Creek.....	30				
Murfreesborough Circuit.	30				
M'Minnville.....	50				
M'Minnville Circuit.....	50				
North Lebanon.....	85				
Petersburg.....	80				
Shelbyville.....	85				
Sparta.....	35				
Spencer.....	85				
Stone River.....	35				
Tallahoma.....	35				
Liberty.....	30				
Woodbury.....	50				
Nashville District.....	275				
Franklin.....	40				
Spring Hill.....	50				
Lewisburg.....	75				
Polar Ridge.....	25				
Gallatin.....	25				
Gallatin.....	50				
Gallatin Circuit.....	50				
Mitchellsville.....	50				
Springfield.....	45				
Dickson.....	25				
White Bluff.....	25				
Cumberland.....	25				
Dover.....	45				
Braden's Chapel.....	50				
Nashville Mission.....	40				
West Tennessee District.	875				
Memphis Station.....	40				

Liberty	\$50	Cuero and Mission Valley.	\$85	Ophelia	\$70
Lynchburg	150	Floresville & Riddleville.	80	Missions, 48; Money, \$3,000.	
Richmond	40	Goliad and Centerville ..	30		
Norfolk	40	Gonzales	40		
Leesville	40	Hondo & Fredericksburg.	40		
Northern Neck	40	Hallettsville	20		
Leesburg	80	Lavernia & Mt. Pleasant.	20	Clear Lake	\$70
Charlotteville	50	Mount Vernon	30	Cumberland	80
Jasper	87	Morales and Edna	40	Ellsworth	65
Staunton District	160	Pleasanton and Rossville.	40	Menominee	50
Hedgeville	80	San Antonio Mission and	40	Rice Lake	40
Jefferson	80	San Marcos	120	Osceola	50
White Hall	25	Seguin and Marian	80	Prairie Farm	40
New Market	30	Waco District	450	St. Croix	50
Mount Vernon	41	Dallas and Fort Worth ..	90	Superior	275
Talcoth	20	Denison and Sherman ..	70	Alabama	40
Highland	20	East Waco	40	Ashland	125
Talcoth	20	Gossbeck Circuit	80	Reedsburg	100
Union	20	Husbert and Antioch ..	85	New Lisbon	100
Frankfort	20	Kosse and Long Branch.	85	Plainfield	75
Wheelin District	240	Majors and Rifle Point.	80	Bayfield	75
Moorefield	40	Madlin and Big Creek ..	80	Medford	50
Koyser	40	Marlin Circuit	40	Spencer and Marshfield.	75
Grafton	30	Maxai Mission	25	Westfield	40
Clarksburg	83	Milford & Chambers Creek	60	North Freedom	40
Weston	40	Spring Hill Circuit	80	Eau Claire District	50
Fairmount	50	Waco Mission	85	Arcadia	40
Pittsburg	40	Missions, 55; Money, \$4,000.		Durand	100
Point Pleasant	40			Merrilan and Alma Center.	100
Huntington	40			Sechlerville	60
Wytheville District	240			Thorpe and Cadott	75
Mount Airy	25			Whitehall	50
Glade Spring	30			Tomah	175
Bristol	20	West Virginia.		Wonevoe	90
Draper's Valley	20	Burton	\$100	Eloy	90
Christiansburg	20	New Martinsville Station.	50	Chaseburg and Newton ..	50
Salem	25	New Martinsville Circuit.	50	Avoca	60
Roanoke	25	Pleasant Grove	40	Orion	60
Fincastle	20	Deer Park	75	Mount Hope	60
Thaxton	30	Randolph Mission	60	Bloomington	100
Franklin	28	Cranesville	25	Missions, 34; Money, \$2,500	
Giles	18	Worthington	65		
Tazewell	25	Logansport	40		
Thompson's Valley	25	Pine Grove	60		
Rocky Mount	25	Beallington	60		
Missions, 47; Money, \$2,300.		Canaan	60		
		Blue Spring	60	Wisconsin.	
		South Buckhannon	60	Union Church	\$50
		Charleston District	125	Washington Avenue	50
		Ripley	50	Port Washington	40
West Texas.		Sandyville	50	Franksville	40
Austin District	\$450	Mill Creek	50	Watertown	100
Austin Circuit	40	East Charleston	50	Jefferson	50
Austin Mission	30	Walton	50	London and Oakland	50
Belton	40	Raymond City	50	West Bend	100
Bremond and Fish Creek	53	Petroleum	100	Cotton Street	90
Cedar Creek	50	Guyandotte District	250	Oakfield	50
Cunningham and West	50	Cassville	25	Burnett	40
Point	40	Barboursville	50	Kingston	70
Davilla and Temple	40	Ceredo	75	Brothertown and Stock-	
Georgetown and Round	35	Coal River	50	bridge	
Rock	40	East Hamilton	25	Gibson	50
Giddings and McDade	50	Fairfield	100	Gravesville	40
Lampasas and Gatesville.	49	Guyandotte	50	Green Bay	50
Liberty Hill and Burnett.	50	Hamlin	50	Maple Valley	60
Manor Circuit	30	Laurel	25	Oconto	60
Fort Sullivan	450	St. Albans	50	Peshigo	80
Columbus District	50	Winfield	100	Sturgeon Bay	60
Alleyton and Tolan	20	New River District	200	Waukan	50
Columbus Circuit	100	Raleigh	40	Wiconnee	50
Caney and Providence	40	Pleasant Retreat	50	West Pansaukee	80
Ellinger and Industry	50	Elk River	50	Wrightstown	50
Flotonia and Schulenburg	49	Mountain Cove	50	Ripon	150
Lockhart	20	Logan	40	Antigo	60
La Grange	40	Flat Top	40	Amherst	50
La Grange Circuit	20	Concord	40	Wautoma	40
Oakland & Brown's Chapel	60	Fayette	50	Poysippi	40
Waelder and Peach Creek.	50	Hinchman	70	Weyauwega	50
Weimar Circuit	50	Boone	80	Waupaca District	200
Wellersburg Circuit	50	Oceana	50	Montello	70
San Antonio District	25			Missions, 33; Money, \$2,000.	
Belmont	25				

NOTE.—Distribution of appropriation to Alabama and Central Alabama Conferences not received in time for this Report.

Final Statements.

The growth of our foreign missions has been truly remarkable ; note for example :

	Last year.	This year.
Native workers W. F. M. S.....	276	328
Native ordained preachers.....	242	276
Native unordained preachers.....	208	276
Native teachers.....	.....	634
Full members.....	31,196	34,442
Probationers.....	11,904	11,965
Baptisms, adults.....	1,108	1,302
" children.....	1,798	2,023
Day scholars.....	14,017	16,868
Sabbath-schools.....	1,209	1,353
Sabbath scholars.....	59,975	62,810
Churches or chapels.....	315	354

The net value of the real estate in our foreign missions is now estimated as exceeding \$1,300,000. During the year 1884 \$34,103 53 were collected in the missions for building and repairing, and \$71,545 47 were contributed for self-support, and \$76,785 39 for other local purposes. Self-support in the respective missions for the past year is as follows :

Africa.....	\$1,637 30	Sweden.....	\$19,123 11
South America.....	453 00	Denmark.....	1,360 10
Foochow.....	688 34	North India.....	4,261 94
Central China.....	Not reported	South India.....	17,049 20
North China.....	175 43	Bulgaria.....	16 12
West China.....	Not reported	Italy.....	721 00
Germany.....	17,583 76	Japan.....	490 67
Norway.....	2,285 50	Mexico.....	1,600 00

From legacies we have this year received \$49,970 02. Some donate their property to the Society, taking in exchange the Society's bond to pay a given interest during the life-time of the donor and his wife. Each year some of these lapse by death. In this way \$12,450 have during the past year come into the treasury. These sums, with the income of our mission building and sundry others, make the income of the Society from other sources than collections \$91,386 57.

SUMMARY OF THE

MISSIONS.	Foreign Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Foreign Missionaries, Wom. For. Mis. Society.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Mis. Society.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Local Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Foreign Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Proclaimers.	Adherents.	Conversions during Year.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of High Schools.	No. of Teachers in service.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	
Africa	4	4	15	22	56						2,337	171	3,500	49	54	54	1,090	35	2,178							
So. America	4	4	26	31	25						1,778	379	2,021	10	135	15	1,210	15	1,210							
Poochow	4	4	26	31	25						1,111	107	740	72	579	43	174	20	443	59	7	311	1			
Central China	4	4	26	31	25						348	218			180	40	7	2	80	1	1	311	1			
North China	4	4	26	31	25						5	3			4	4	314	4	424	20,884						
West China	4	4	26	31	25						3,261	603			2	51	4	40	5,381							
Ger. & Switz.	4	4	26	31	25						8,814	3,145	15,970	1,752	23,555	311	292	394	147	8,718						
Norway	4	4	26	31	25						310	206	1,005	350	2,026	2	2	96	22	1,346						
Sweden	4	4	26	31	25						3,468	1,342	7,921	491	6,024	484	170	23	2,048	53	2,388	5	31	68		
Denmark	4	4	26	31	25						45	31	137	2	96	1	1	4	64	24	1,497	43	33			
North India	4	4	26	31	25						863	241	1,386	223	978	1	21	1	14	840						
South India	4	4	26	31	25						907	245	402	244	1,340	304	63	15	550	23	1,287	5	33	34		
Bulgaria	4	4	26	31	25						611	623	3,534	29	1,475	113	136	17	771	19	786					
Italy	4	4	26	31	25																					
Japan	4	4	26	31	25																					
Mexico	4	4	26	31	25																					
Grand total	199	70	47	328	276	242	208	371	521	17	211	31,136	11,965	45,836	3,523	52,426	13,023	529	16,826	1,353	62,810	15	78	1,019	7	
Last year	128	78	43	276	242	208	371	521	17	211	31,136	11,904	38,444	3,544	53,973	11,088	1,793	448	14,017	1,203	63,975	17	66	1,019	7	

NOTE 1.—By Foreign Missionaries is meant American ministers sent out from the United States. By Assistant Missionaries is meant the wives of Foreign Missionaries; the wives of Native Preachers are not here reported.
NOTE.—The number of Foreign Missionaries given in this table includes only those actually in the field during 1884. For the full number of Missionaries in the employ of the Society, see lists at the head of each report.
* Eurasian and European assistants, 9.
† For 1883.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No. of Teachers in service.	No. of Students.	No. of Orphans.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other Places of Worship.	No. of Parsonages or "Houses."	Estimated Value of Parsonages or "Houses."	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospitals, Book Rooms, etc.	Debt on Real Estate.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for other Local Purposes.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Volumes Printed during the Year.	Pages Printed during the Year.
19	65	642	35	\$1,182,530	661	195	\$364,265	\$393,302	\$327,970	\$9,520	\$14,127	\$71,545	\$76,785	\$34,103	215,880	11,964,996
14	59	580	315	1,205,267	767	179	288,328	246,114	354,233	8,393	7,945	102,077	81,603	35,299	136,000	9,446,990

SUMMARY OF THE

MISSIONS.	Missionaries.	Assistant Missionaries.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Members.	Proclaimers.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Day Schools.
Welsch	1							110	6	180	3		
Chinese	5							102	27	120	24		
Arizona			4					134	21	505			
Black Hills								167	39		13		
Dakota	1							3,023	473		153		
Indian Territory	2							154	11		20		
Montana	25							686	114		23		
New Mexico	23							463	966		10		
North Dakota	23							1,758	253		52		
Utah	17							296	80		840		
West Nebraska	43							2,749	841		128		
Grand total	203	4	2	6	84	81	16	10,208	1,509	2,881	422	572	

NOTE.—For details of the German, Scandinavian, and English-Speaking Missions, see Minutes of Annual Conferences within whose bounds these missions are.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

No. of Day Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Estimated Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Parsonages.	Value of Schools and other Property.	Debt on Churches, Parsonages, and other Property.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
79	29	89	2	\$3,400					\$70 00		\$400 00	\$45 00	\$384 10
14	9	218	4	31,200					164 05		267 25		267 25
9	9	416	4	28,000		\$11,000		\$2,300	250 00		1,519 00		1,159 06
87	3,885	50	4	10,700		2,700		2,576	73 10	\$66 91	3,436 54	2,818 00	1,159 06
5	5	195	15	123,925		3,225		16,183	512 45	782 07		28,554 00	9,647 00
26	23	1,609	17	1,400		830					115 00		
33	32	837	14	78,850		10,700		9,008	430 15	539 60	9,379 91	16,770 15	1,365 50
17	17	1,820	17	44,300		2,775	\$4,500	2,775	192 00	15 00	1,787 00	10,977 00	825 00
37	37	1,820	17	56,200		7,000		8,230	492 25	855 02	16,198 78	10,977 00	2,335 00
881	13	960	9	69,900		11,200	3,415	3,350	120 00	1,327 00	15,110 08	16,219 59	686 12
78	78	3,471	29	53,125		7,550			489 53	543 46			
1,944	311	14,101	154	\$503,000	66	\$72,175	\$7,915	\$44,723	\$2,792 55	\$3,677 05	\$46,243 51	\$87,308 74	\$20,482 03

* Of this amount \$6,150 was "Paid on old debts."

Contributions and Average for Ten Years.

THE following table shows the membership, including probationers, as given in the General Minutes, the contributions as reported by the Treasurer of the Conference, and the average per member for each Conference each year.

The new graduated table, introduced last year, has been continued, and follows these tables. The general average will be found to be somewhat smaller than last year, as this year we have counted the probationers in the membership; this is in order to represent, as far as possible, the contributions of the Sunday-schools.

NOTE 1.—The calculation for averages in the Foreign Missions, also Arizona, Black Hills, Dakota, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and West Nebraska Missions, are made on the basis of membership and contributions as given in this Report.

NOTE 2.—In some of the Foreign Missions the averages, as calculated in this table, do not represent with any regularity the contributions of the given year, since the amount paid into the treasury by October 31 often differs greatly from the amount raised during the year. The contributions from the missions appearing in the statistics of the Annual Report will also differ from those given in the General Minutes, since the figures are made up at different periods of the year.

ALABAMA.				AUSTIN—Continued.				BULGARIA.			
	Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.
1875	10,212	\$172 65	\$0 01.6	1881	1,098	\$201 00	\$0 18.3	1876	50	\$40 00	\$0 80
1876	4,351	57 50	0 01.	1882	919	412 85	0 44.9	1877	44	....	....
1877	5,060	34 05	0 00.6	1883	1,004	490 50	0 48.8	1878	28	10 34	0 27.2
1878	5,193	....	....	1884	1,351	579 60	0 43.9	1879	22	23 75	1 35.2
1879	4,512	40 35	0 09.8	BALTIMORE.				1880	25	40 78	1 77.3
1880	4,740	68 80	0 14.8	1875	28,762	26,547 99	0 90.5	1881	27	....	....
1881	4,272	68 75	0 16.5	1876	29,383	27,800 20	0 94.6	1882	35	41 92	1 20.
1882	4,952	146 20	0 29.9	1877	29,569	26,968 94	0 91.3	1883	39	30 69	0 78.7
1883	5,036	97 75	0 19.5	1878	30,522	23,155 27	0 75.	1884	76	43 33	0 57.0
1884	6,661	123 85	0 18.8	1879	32,025	21,024 73	0 65.	CALIFORNIA.			
ARIZONA.				1880	33,784	22,740 11	0 67.	1875	3,029	5,641 74	0 70.2
1880	57	1 50	0 02.6	1881	33,351	25,746 86	0 77.	1876	7,640	5,395 50	0 70.6
1881	159	350 00	6 14.	1882	32,674	26,580 63	0 81.3	1877	8,088	4,693 36	0 50.6
1882	169	200 00	1 25.7	1883	32,802	26,161 76	0 79.7	1878	8,179	2,145 25	0 26.2
1883	143	210 00	1 46.8	1884	36,503	27,097 78	0 73.5	1879	8,195	1,806 98	0 22.7
1884	155	250 00	0 16.1	BLACK HILLS.				1880	7,844	3,203 65	0 42.1
ARKANSAS.				1881	95	....	....	1881	8,229	2,692 50	0 35.1
1875	4,449	383 20	0 07.6	1882	160	....	....	1882	8,539	2,689 93	0 31.5
1876	4,145	550 63	0 08.6	1883	141	....	....	1883	8,806	5,433 79	0 61.7
1877	4,518	401 60	0 13.2	1884	206	72 10	0 33.3	1884	10,073	3,871 00	0 38.4
1878	4,518	372 60	0 08.3	BLUE RIDGE.				CENTRAL ALABAMA.			
1879	3,025	350 15	0 08.2	1880	....	....	....	1876	5,209	4 00	0 00.7
1880	2,437	273 73	0 06.2	1881	....	....	....	1877	5,369	21 85	0 04.
1881	3,643	323 86	0 07.9	1882	....	....	....	1878	6,178	30 70	0 04.9
1882	3,950	266 55	0 08.8	1883	....	....	....	1879	6,501	62 65	0 09.
1883	3,576	191 18	0 05.3	1884	....	....	....	1880	6,126	16 80	0 00.2
1884	5,322	336 68	0 06.0	1880	....	....	....	1881	6,255	18 25	0 00.2
AUSTIN.				1881	....	....	....	1882	6,503	63 25	0 00.8
1877	400	87 15	0 21.7	1882	4,575	85 95	0 01.7	1883	7,024	89 90	0 01.2
1878	536	92 25	0 17.2	1883	4,495	65 15	0 01.4	1884	6,769	96 90	0 01.4
1879	947	299 65	0 31.6	1884	4,527	116 00	0 02.6				
1880	913	143 80	0 15.7		5,524	184 08	0 03.3				

FOOCHOW.				IOWA.				LOUISIANA.			
	Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.
1876	1,255	.....	.....	1876	18,888	\$7,492 05	\$0 39.6	1875	9,666	\$631 20	\$0 65.4
1877	1,241	.....	.....	1876	19,653	6,306 92	0 32	1876	9,258	562 80	0 06
1878	1,355	\$100 00	\$0 07.3	1877	20,416	6,027 04	0 29.4	1877	9,201	412 75	0 04.4
1879	1,384	290 00	0 18.7	1878	19,987	5,411 43	0 27	1878	8,896	464 20	0 05.4
1880	1,468	81 16	0 05.5	1879	19,561	6,511 03	0 33.6	1879	8,324	488 30	0 05.5
1881	1,468	182 62	0 12.4	1880	18,433	6,027 25	0 32.7	1880	9,548	694 35	0 07.2
1882	1,490	172 50	0 10.8	1881	18,873	7,120 54	0 37.7	1881	9,338	327 90	0 09.6
1883	1,669	150 66	0 09.0	1882	18,425	6,579 22	0 35.6	1882	9,098	582 80	0 06.5
1884	2,719	176 65	0 06.4	1883	18,133	6,702 74	0 37.0	1883	10,131	662 45	0 06.5
				1884	19,611	6,737 03	0 34.3	1884	12,259	620 70	0 05.0
GENESEE.				ITALY.				MAINE.			
1876	29,116	27 45	0 00.9	1881	720	.....	.....	1875	11,661	5,312 91	0 45.5
1877	29,247	12,130 08	0 41.4	1882	730	.....	.....	1876	10,599	4,261 00	0 40.1
1878	31,533	10,458 74	0 33.1	1883	730	.....	.....	1877	11,941	3,626 48	0 30.3
1879	20,552	11,073 04	0 56.2	1884	1,104	.....	.....	1878	12,416	2,857 35	0 21.6
1880	20,390	8,531 97	0 36.7					1879	11,634	2,533 24	0 22.3
1881	24,063	9,826 17	0 40.8					1880	11,337	2,516 59	0 19.9
1882	24,381	11,784 98	0 47.9					1881	10,421	2,823 37	0 27.6
1883	25,022	11,532 89	0 46.1					1882	10,657	2,558 42	0 24
1884	27,327	10,983 00	0 40.2					1883	10,862	3,505 96	0 32.3
								1884	12,049	3,347 42	0 27.7
GEORGIA.				JAPAN.				MEXICO.			
1875	12,177	498 45	0 04	1875	7	.....	.....	1876	126	.....	.....
1876	2,591	18 00	0 00.6	1876	43	.....	.....	1877	273	.....	.....
1877	2,459	216 86	0 08.8	1877	114	.....	.....	1878	314	200 00	0 63.6
1878	2,575	19 50	0 00.7	1878	255	100 00	0 39.1	1879	241	200 00	0 83
1879	2,514	127 30	0 05	1879	477	100 00	0 20.9	1880	337	301 96	0 89.9
1880	2,677	167 02	0 06.2	1880	478	100 00	0 20.9	1881	338	166 48	0 49.4
1881	2,749	186 92	0 06.7	1881	507	.....	.....	1882	356	24 33	0 07
1882	2,921	235 81	0 09.7	1882	515	75 95	0 14.7	1883	339	210 73	0 52.8
1883	2,791	286 45	0 09.5	1883	708	108 00	0 15.2	1884	1,234	226 70	0 18.4
1884	3,090	168 12	0 05.4	1884	1,148	414 10	0 36.1				
GERMANY & SWITZERLAND.				KANSAS.				MICHIGAN.			
1875	7,948	1,866 67	0 18.6	1875	9,408	1,093 01	0 11.6	1875	23,337	7,945 63	0 33.1
1876	7,960	1,656 80	0 19.1	1876	9,219	1,323 63	0 14.3	1876	28,766	6,618 00	0 25.6
1877	8,657	1,548 12	0 17.9	1877	10,540	1,649 03	0 17.3	1877	26,300	7,364 03	0 28
1878	9,083	1,526 79	0 16.8	1878	10,540	1,554 33	0 14.7	1878	28,174	6,766 35	0 24
1879	9,191	1,392 69	0 15.1	1879	12,455	1,827 38	0 14.6	1879	28,849	6,199 07	0 21.4
1880	9,444	1,236 60	0 13.7	1880	15,511	1,837 89	0 11.8	1880	28,879	7,286 58	0 27.3
1881	9,477	1,905 30	0 18.2	1881	17,126	2,038 84	0 12.3	1881	28,171	7,908 74	0 27.1
1882	9,760	1,165 40	0 12.1	1882	17,522	2,447 06	0 14.1	1882	28,566	9,210 02	0 31
1883	10,538	1,332 00	0 13.2	1883	12,937	2,568 34	0 20.3	1883	28,790	9,266 70	0 32.5
1884	12,664	1,247 00	0 09.9	1884	15,334	3,180 82	0 20.7	1884	33,287	10,944 00	0 32.9
HOLESTON.				KENTUCKY.				MINNESOTA.			
1875	20,633	2,413 99	0 11.7	1875	15,731	2,375 90	0 15.1	1875	12,201	4,524 30	0 37
1876	20,773	658 60	0 03.2	1876	16,512	2,364 05	0 14.3	1876	12,338	3,970 18	0 31.5
1877	18,400	878 51	0 04.7	1877	15,592	2,222 83	0 14.2	1877	12,549	5,136 19	0 40.9
1878	21,448	23 46	0 00.1	1878	15,687	2,070 39	0 13.1	1878	13,500	4,690 11	0 34.6
1879	22,594	1,559 09	0 06.9	1879	16,074	1,837 99	0 11.5	1879	14,357	4,226 05	0 29.6
1880	18,242	.....	.....	1880	17,002	2,833 42	0 16.6	1880	13,211	3,634 75	0 27.9
1881	17,876	1,450 50	0 08.1	1881	16,213	2,116 19	0 12	1881	13,763	4,996 53	0 32.3
1882	17,883	664 65	0 03.7	1882	18,154	2,089 62	0 11.5	1882	13,609	5,579 85	0 32.8
1883	17,908	535 43	0 03.3	1883	15,508	2,235 04	0 14.5	1883	14,533	5,242 73	0 36.3
1884	20,532	580 00	0 28.2	1884	19,469	2,095 34	0 10.7	1884	14,564	4,772 11	0 32.8
IDAHO.				LEXINGTON.				MISSISSIPPI.			
1884	698	223 50	0 32.0	1875	5,575	124 30	0 02.1	1875	26,453	.....	.....
ILLINOIS.				LIBERIA.				1876	25,721	112 00	0 00.4
1875	37,849	17,862 13	0 47.1	1875	2,100	30 00	0 01.4	1877	21,775	205 75	0 00.9
1876	37,432	15,488 80	0 41.3	1876	2,115	.....	.....	1878	24,691	297 50	0 01.2
1877	38,801	15,985 38	0 41	1877	2,200	33 00	0 01.5	1879	25,610	125 10	0 00.4
1878	37,630	.....	.....	1878	1,944	29 75	0 01.5	1880	23,029	337 65	0 01.4
1879	37,798	13,062 95	0 34.6	1879	1,862	29 75	0 01.5	1881	21,491	199 05	0 00.9
1880	37,736	14,580 87	0 38	1880	2,044	32 62	0 04	1882	21,982	279 70	0 01.2
1881	36,244	16,904 35	0 30	1881	2,167	5 45	0 00.2	1883	22,567	339 45	0 01.0
1882	36,217	17,016 13	0 46.9	1882	2,502	6 00	0 00.2	1884	26,927	253 10	0 00.9
1883	37,607	17,027 56	0 45.2								
1884	42,021	16,211 00	0 39.3								
INDIANA.				LITTLE ROCK.				MISSOURI.			
1875	30,148	8,291 45	0 27.8	1879	1,443	102 20	0 07	1875	14,682	1,516 55	0 10.3
1876	30,105	6,314 97	0 20.9	1880	1,362	138 50	0 13.9	1876	14,188	1,606 40	0 11.3
1877	30,983	6,042 86	0 19	1881	1,538	163 70	0 10.7	1877	14,706	1,679 35	0 11.4
1878	30,819	6,659 06	0 21	1882	1,919	86 60	0 04.5	1878	16,025	1,216 61	0 07.5
1879	30,639	6,102 85	0 19.9	1883	2,420	198 55	0 08.2	1879	16,020	1,304 46	0 08.1
1880	30,162	6,365 05	0 21.1	1884	2,896	116 84	0 04.0	1880	15,754	1,413 93	0 09.6
1881	29,470	6,772 22	0 23.0					1881	17,585	1,805 77	0 10.2
1882	28,892	7,001 83	0 23.4					1882	16,829	2,169 15	0 13
1883	29,888	6,886 19	0 23.0					1883	17,302	2,178 56	0 12.6
1884	32,831	6,319 11	0 19.2					1884	18,823	2,497 57	0 12.9

MONTANA.				NEW JERSEY.				NORTHERN NEW YORK.			
Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.	
1877	248	\$187 00	0 55.5	1875	28,883	\$16,804 69	0 58.2	1875	22,943	\$14,016 90	0 60.8
1878	295	181 00	0 44.4	1876	29,455	15,821 41	0 53.7	1876	22,907	11,955 06	0 62.4
1879	397	186 00	0 41.6	1877	31,805	15,333 69	0 48.2	1877	23,655	10,567 88	0 44.3
1880	298	.....	.....	1878	32,554	13,945 72	0 42.8	1878	23,046	10,046 75	0 44
1881	343	127 75	0 37.2	1879	33,714	14,384 85	0 42.6	1879	24,616	8,436 62	0 34.2
1882	442	176 71	0 39.5	1880	34,290	15,335 50	0 45.3	1880	24,478	8,833 83	0 36
1883	529	302 04	0 57.0	1881	34,918	16,236 61	0 46.5	1881	24,887	9,228 76	0 37.3
1884	800	430 17	0 53.7	1882	34,851	18,240 53	0 52.3	1882	24,187	9,386 15	0 41.2
				1883	34,810	20,623 84	0 56.3	1883	23,920	10,389 61	0 43.0
				1884	39,752	21,643 22	0 54.8	1884	26,819	8,902 03	0 34.4
NEBRASKA.				NEW MEXICO.				NORTH INDIA.			
1875	7,822	730 23	0 10.1	.....	11 20	.....		1875	1,145	1,267 35	1 19.4
1876	8,851	801 09	0 09	1875	173	45 00	0 26	1876	1,283	512 50	0 39.9
1877	8,839	1,094 48	0 12.6	1876	197	40 50	0 45.9	1877	1,281	545 30	0 42.5
1878	9,618	944 50	0 09.8	1877	198	10 00	0 04.8	1878	1,296	380 70	0 25.4
1879	9,982	1,370 09	0 13.7	1878	201	100 00	0 38.3	1879	1,468	197 17	0 13.5
1880	9,511	1,256 94	0 13.2	1879	261	150 00	0 55.1	1880	1,539	173 25	0 11.2
1881	10,047	1,660 96	0 16.5	1880	272	150 00	0 44.7	1881	1,916	248 24	0 14.9
1882	8,576	1,570 60	0 18.3	1881	395	150 00	0 38	1882	1,686	240 00	0 12.5
1883	9,165	1,584 20	0 21.7	1882	474	180 00	0 38	1883	2,091	324 13	0 15.5
1884	11,119	2,158 04	0 19.3	1883	484	120 00	0 24.0	1884	4,400	337 33	0 07.6
				1884	606	120 00	0 31.4				
NEVADA.				NEW YORK.				NORTH INDIANA.			
1875	515	303 35	0 58.9	1875	33,611	39,688 03	1 02.7	1875	25,079	7,513 30	0 29.9
1876	585	177 50	0 30.3	1876	32,265	30,919 71	0 78.7	1876	25,501	5,989 18	0 23.4
1877	709	189 50	0 26.7	1877	42,624	41,335 28	0 98.3	1877	26,452	5,690 02	0 21.6
1878	631	198 30	0 31.4	1878	43,693	29,685 35	0 68.4	1878	27,300	5,623 83	0 20.2
1879	710	225 35	0 31.7	1879	43,698	33,223 81	0 65.2	1879	27,584	7,745 38	0 20.8
1880	898	221 25	0 25.7	1880	44,475	28,048 12	0 63	1880	29,808	6,263 90	0 21
1881	745	253 45	0 34	1881	44,199	32,028 83	0 72.9	1881	27,081	6,808 86	0 24.5
1882	703	379 60	0 54	1882	43,094	32,656 50	0 75.7	1882	28,134	8,102 32	0 21.7
1883	651	364 41	0 56.0	1883	44,839	31,643 68	0 70.7	1883	29,906	8,045 82	0 27.8
1884	697	274 05	0 39.3	1884	49,089	36,073 20	0 73.5	1884	35,133	7,748 89	0 22.0
NEWARK.				NEW YORK EAST.				NORTH OHIO.			
1875	31,634	17,753 63	0 56.1	1875	38,165	32,832 33	0 86	1875	21,280	10,717 72	0 50.3
1876	32,494	15,740 42	0 48.4	1876	37,921	33,178 13	0 74.3	1876	22,558	8,521 72	0 37.7
1877	35,108	16,827 10	0 48.1	1877	36,603	30,322 63	0 76.5	1877	23,256	9,203 42	0 39.5
1878	33,267	14,568 91	0 41.3	1878	38,590	25,128 09	0 65.1	1878	22,821	7,701 08	0 33.7
1879	35,494	14,198 40	0 40	1879	40,603	24,063 22	0 59.4	1879	23,449	8,214 86	0 35.4
1880	34,499	14,298 60	0 41.4	1880	41,074	27,051 70	0 65.8	1880	23,178	8,579 18	0 37
1881	34,932	15,223 43	0 43.5	1881	41,551	31,616 05	0 76	1881	23,007	8,879 66	0 38.3
1882	36,065	17,630 14	0 50.2	1882	42,896	32,518 21	0 76.2	1882	23,945	9,121 82	0 39.0
1883	35,022	19,615 09	0 56.0	1883	43,852	31,865 99	0 72.6	1883	23,268	8,433 32	0 36.2
1884	33,444	22,282 00	0 50.4	1884	49,640	34,366 36	0 69.2	1884	25,707	8,029 59	0 32.4
NEW ENGLAND.				NORTH CAROLINA.				NORTH-WEST GERMAN.			
1875	26,944	19,846 85	0 73.6	1875	7,399	159 35	0 02.1	1875	4,897	3,253 71	0 74
1876	26,862	15,547 57	0 57.8	1876	8,517	138 37	0 01.6	1876	4,763	2,727 75	0 57
1877	27,549	17,318 58	0 62.8	1877	8,723	73 89	0 00.8	1877	4,981	2,892 51	0 59.9
1878	28,310	12,863 16	0 45.4	1878	8,143	119 69	0 01.4	1878	5,232	444 25	0 08.4
1879	27,908	12,156 85	0 43.5	1879	8,762	109 62	0 01.2	1879	5,389	4,608 96	0 85.4
1880	28,228	13,144 75	0 46.4	1880	6,149	116 01	0 01.8	1880	.....	2,755 88	.....
1881	24,129	12,717 00	0 43.6	1881	6,284	184 96	0 02.9	1881	5,112	3,249 29	0 68.9
1882	29,300	14,073 47	0 48.0	1882	6,594	178 52	0 01.5	1882	5,722	3,450 14	0 60.2
1883	29,781	15,457 16	0 51.8	1883	6,859	178 52	0 02.6	1883	5,968	3,438 85	0 57.6
1884	34,312	16,026 00	0 46.7	1884	8,439	164 49	0 01.9	1884	7,780	4,210 00	0 54.1
NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.				NORTH CHINA.				NORTH-WEST INDIANA.			
1875	18,680	11,017 15	0 59	1875	39	.....	.....	1875	23,092	5,235 18	0 22.6
1876	18,974	9,137 41	0 48	1876	59	.....	.....	1876	23,780	4,398 36	0 18.4
1877	19,426	9,433 43	0 48.5	1877	77	.....	.....	1877	25,002	6,088 89	0 24.8
1878	19,903	8,769 52	0 44	1878	99	.....	.....	1878	24,178	3,833 48	0 15.9
1879	20,407	7,598 86	0 36.8	1879	126	50 00	0 39.8	1879	23,264	4,408 51	0 20.6
1880	20,380	7,515 10	0 35.5	1880	160	50 00	0 31.2	1880	23,327	5,044 83	0 21.6
1881	20,678	8,530 18	0 41.4	1881	210	47 51	0 22.2	1881	26,374	5,134 01	0 19.9
1882	20,625	8,943 43	0 43.3	1882	286	59 12	0 42	1882	23,568	6,169 00	0 26.2
1883	20,913	9,094 66	0 43.5	1883	247	62 72	0 25.4	1883	23,903	6,018 64	0 25.3
1884	23,838	9,228 00	0 38.7	1884	561	277 53	0 49.4	1884	25,645	5,637 41	0 21.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE.				NORTH DAKOTA.				NORTH-WEST IOWA.			
1875	13,372	5,839 77	0 47.1	1875	1,813	457 35	0 25.2	1875	4,133	619 70	0 15
1876	12,173	4,652 82	0 38.2					1876	4,994	15 00	0 00.3
1877	12,515	4,523 81	0 36.1					1877	4,955	1,308 77	0 26.4
1878	13,049	3,965 85	0 30.5					1878	5,336	675 05	0 12.6
1879	13,001	3,851 88	0 29.6					1879	6,164	947 22	0 15.3
1880	12,673	3,532 87	0 27.8					1880	6,002	779 33	0 13.9
1881	13,163	3,620 33	0 31.4					1881	4,495	1,066 60	0 22.8
1882	13,097	4,432 73	0 37.6					1882	6,018	1,265 46	0 21
1883	12,088	4,410 76	0 36.5					1883	6,692	2,051 35	0 30.3
1884	13,898	4,820 50	0 34.8					1884	7,972	1,914 60	0 24.0

NORTH-WEST KANSAS.				ROCK RIVER.			SOUTHERN GERMAN.				
Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.	Members.	Amount.	Average.		
1876	5,991	\$591 84	\$0 09.8	1875	23,708	\$14,100 32	\$0 63.7	1875	602	\$310 70	\$1 18
1884	6,797	976 76	0 14.4	1876	23,101	11,620 35	0 50.3	1876	743	844 85	1 13.7
NORTH-WEST SWEDISH.				1877	25,478	13,104 03	0 51.4	1877	924	919 90	0 99.5
1877	3,643	3,025 14	0 55.6	1878	25,705	9,669 68	0 38.4	1878	1,048	1,632 20	0 96.4
1878	4,130	1,981 25	0 47.4	1879	25,281	11,948 84	0 47.2	1879	1,085	1,316 70	1 21.3
1880	4,571	1,988 89	0 43.7	1880	25,243	12,161 23	0 48.1	1880	1,251	1,205 40	0 96.3
1881	4,830	2,118 30	0 48.2	1881	24,146	15,303 92	0 63.7	1881	1,251	1,979 95	1 35.7
1882	5,096	2,573 79	0 50.6	1882	24,396	21,099 17	0 86.4	1882	1,294	1,638 60	1 26.6
1883	5,586	3,004 77	0 53.8	1883	24,285	20,402 71	0 84.0	1883	1,416	2,055 65	1 45.2
1884	6,348	2,959 00	0 46.6	1884	23,894	19,631 52	0 89.1	1884	1,629	1,340 00	0 82.2
NORWAY.				SAINT LOUIS.			SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.				
1875	...	970 90	....	1875	14,119	2,120 26	0 15	1875	23,370	4,841 57	0 20.7
1876	2,185	1,058 75	0 48.3	1876	13,917	3,213 63	0 16	1876	23,653	5,272 73	0 18
1877	2,654	2,363 20	0 89.	1877	13,125	3,231 69	0 24.6	1877	23,665	4,755 80	0 20.1
1878	2,821	633 73	0 22.1	1878	13,489	3,141 27	0 23.3	1878	23,804	4,812 85	0 20.2
1879	2,823	564 67	0 20.	1879	13,230	2,356 23	0 17.8	1879	23,771	5,096 33	0 21.4
1880	2,658	382 17	0 13.3	1880	14,171	2,490 73	0 17.5	1880	24,616	5,881 91	0 23.8
1881	2,782	535 20	0 19.4	1881	9,309	3,484 67	0 37.4	1881	23,246	5,497 61	0 23.8
1882	2,822	638 82	0 22.5	1882	15,508	3,890 36	0 25.8	1882	24,665	5,761 50	0 29.4
1883	3,004	832 67	0 27.7	1883	15,308	3,756 99	0 28.7	1883	24,447	7,241 85	0 30.0
1884	3,868	777 00	0 20.	1884	18,476	4,985 93	0 26.4	1874	23,750	7,619 00	0 26.0
NORWEGIAN AND DANISH.				SAINT LOUIS GERMAN.			SOUTH-INDIA.				
1876	2,336	1,202 09	0 51.4	1876	7,564	4,544 30	0 60	1879	1,489	863 66	0 25.9
1881	2,921	1,259 95	0 80.1	1880	7,308	4,507 45	0 58.1	1880	1,363	363 66	0 26.6
1882	2,357	1,850 00	0 76.4	1881	7,982	5,392 56	0 67.5	1881	1,233	....	....
1883	2,523	1,928 06	0 76.4	1882	8,384	5,827 85	0 69.5	1882	1,233	....	....
1884	3,102	1,874 37	0 60.4	1884	8,516	5,323 55	0 62.5	1883	1,302	1,753 17	1 11.6
					9,655	4,923 75	0 51.0	1884	1,912	2,352 80	1 17.8
OHIO.				SAVANNAH.			SOUTH KANSAS.				
1876	36,459	16,907 15	0 44.7	1876	9,728	240 80	0 02.4	1875	9,239	702 45	0 07.5
1876	33,653	13,131 49	0 38.9	1877	10,850	206 90	0 01.8	1876	11,135	1,013 79	0 09.1
1877	31,417	10,383 25	0 33.1	1878	10,304	230 52	0 02.4	1877	12,141	1,181 55	0 10.7
1878	41,607	13,222 09	0 31.7	1879	9,835	311 35	0 03.1	1878	13,362	1,425 98	0 10.6
1879	42,005	14,218 22	0 33.8	1880	11,092	294 63	0 02.6	1879	15,686	1,994 37	0 11.4
1880	41,293	14,105 76	0 33.6	1881	11,158	478 50	0 04.3	1880	17,138	1,780 74	0 11.5
1881	42,710	15,881 77	0 37.1	1882	10,699	366 40	0 03.4	1881	16,825	2,280 96	0 13.4
1882	44,123	16,753 74	0 37.1	1883	12,080	390 68	0 03.2	1882	16,596	2,788 80	0 16.3
1883	45,571	17,311 00	0 37.8	1884	15,146	484 00	0 02.8	1883	11,898	1,891 13	0 15.8
1884	47,169	15,262 00	0 32.3					1884	14,862	2,298 40	0 15.9
OREGON.				SOUTH AMERICA.			SOUTH-WEST KANSAS.				
1875	3,240	419 45	0 12.9	1881	224	....	....	1883	7,029	1,559 63	0 22.1
1876	3,623	348 02	0 23.3	1882	224	....	....	1884	9,345	1,941 00	0 17.5
1877	3,783	908 60	0 24	1883	315	....	....		
1878	3,798	777 25	0 20.4	1884	757	801 00	0 39.7	SWEDEN.			
1879	4,013	918 58	0 22.8	SOUTH CAROLINA.			1875	...	1,666 73	...	
1880	3,996	602 50	0 15.1	1875	24,225	2,298 05	0 10 8	1876	4,126	1,036 75	0 25 5
1881	4,048	774 30	0 19.1	1876	26,271	2,235 55	0 08.8	1877	4,171	2,285 20	0 54.6
1882	4,845	928 50	0 31.4	1877	25,032	1,403 64	0 05.6	1878	4,922	1,658 00	0 31.6
1883	4,456	2,618 75	0 58.7	1878	26,058	1,720 71	0 06.6	1879	5,336	1,641 68	0 29.6
1884	4,178	1,407 70	0 26.5	1879	26,026	1,924 98	0 07.3	1880	5,988	1,999 28	0 36.6
				1880	27,044	2,337 24	0 08.6	1881	6,300	1,680 22	0 31
				1881	28,939	2,239 01	0 07.9	1882	6,825	2,224 65	0 33.5
				1882	31,082	2,470 23	0 07.8	1883	7,572	3,136 79	0 41.3
				1883	30,126	3,283 98	0 10.9	1884	11,569	2,900 77	0 24.3
				1884	36,805	3,249 23	0 08.6	TENNESSEE.			
				SOUTH-EAST INDIANA.			1875	10,127	742 83	0 07.3	
1875	33,534	46,000 00	1 19.3	1875	25,855	5,773 17	0 21.9	1876	10,594	563 81	0 05.3
1876	39,841	42,735 35	1 07.2	1876	24,910	5,711 87	0 22.9	1877	10,338	632 56	0 06.1
1877	41,969	45,089 00	1 07.4	1877	25,468	4,582 37	0 18	1878	5,195	107 13	0 02
1878	40,660	44,484 00	1 09.4	1878	23,107	4,695 24	0 18.5	1879	6,621	307 04	0 04.4
1879	41,010	34,135 70	0 83.1	1879	23,483	4,506 99	0 18	1880	5,673	405 37	0 07.1
1880	48,816	38,010 17	0 86.7	1880	24,724	4,738 64	0 19	1881	6,834	412 18	0 06.2
1881	44,521	46,240 00	1 03.8	1881	24,090	4,902 31	0 16.8	1882	6,914	414 43	0 05.9
1882	48,753	46,500 00	1 06.2	1882	25,018	4,996 98	0 19.8	1883	6,788	557 55	0 05.3
1883	44,529	49,000 00	1 10.0	1883	25,353	5,812 35	0 20.9	1884	7,703	404 22	0 05.0
1884	51,539	51,933 04	1 00.7	1884	26,794	3,712 10	0 13.8	TEXAS.			
PITTSBURG.				SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.			1875	10,994	282 50	0 02	
1875	52,075	25,094 46	0 49.	1876	1,237	352 10	0 28	1876	8,962	10 00	0 00.8
1876	33,185	27,405 29	0 85.5	1877	1,479	609 70	0 34.4	1877	7,874	136 74	0 02.5
1877	30,598	10,324 60	0 35.4	1878	1,716	532 60	0 31	1878	7,600	168 70	0 02.5
1878	30,801	7,547 06	0 25.	1879	1,674	286 85	0 17.7	1879	7,231	169 05	0 02.3
1879	32,242	10,210 13	0 31.7	1880	1,630	444 23	0 27.2	1880	8,799	220 10	0 02.6
1880	33,058	10,671 35	0 33.2	1881	1,755	649 90	0 37.4	1881	9,484	533 15	0 05.6
1881	32,346	11,979 46	0 36.1	1882	2,026	1,020 00	0 50.3	1882	8,675	801 80	0 09.2
1882	33,586	12,375 07	0 38.	1883	2,272	2,288 80	1 05.0	1883	8,972	412 50	0 04.6
1883	33,170	13,946 13	0 42.	1884	3,124	1,392 00	0 44.5	1884	11,071	628 00	0 04.7
1884	34,554	11,761 00	0 34.0								

TROY.				VIRGINIA—Continued.				WEST VIRGINIA—Cont.			
Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.		Members.	Amount.	Average.	
1875	30,769	\$17,457 68	0 56.7	1880	6,186	\$560 09	0 09	1880	30,882	\$2,744 32	0 08.8
1876	31,516	15,280 67	0 48.4	1881	6,124	506 40	0 08.3	1881	30,477	2,078 76	0 10.3
1877	52,372	12,761 15	0 39.4	1882	6,561	803 28	0 12.2	1882	31,176	3,287 66	0 10.6
1878	33,128	10,968 02	0 33.1	1883	5,894	784 35	0 07.4	1883	31,141	3,572 84	0 11.8
1879	34,004	10,198 51	0 29.9	1884	7,602	808 46	0 10.6	1884	34,640	3,569 00	0 09.8
1880	34,673	10,119 20	0 29.4	WASHINGTON.				WEST WISCONSIN.			
1881	32,502	11,475 42	0 35.8	1875	23,080	1,996 87	0 08.6	1875	10,743	3,206 90	0 30.7
1882		12,422 26	0 41.6	1876	24,703	2,103 53	0 08.5	1876	11,018	2,507 12	0 22.7
1883	31,173	13,143 82	0 42.1	1877	22,933	1,866 04	0 08.1	1877	12,095	2,283 67	0 23.9
1884	36,885	13,247 22	0 39.1	1878	25,559	1,746 18	0 06.8	1878	11,901	2,323 48	0 19.5
UPPER IOWA.				1879	27,113	1,769 99	0 06.5	1879	11,812	2,638 74	0 22.5
1875	18,362	6,410 82	0 34.9	1880	26,498	1,973 51	0 07.4	1880	11,544	2,547 92	0 22
1876	18,673	5,249 02	0 28	1881	28,467	1,071 87	0 03.7	1881	11,138	3,156 62	0 28.3
1877	20,232	7,759 93	0 37.3	1882	26,887	1,943 80	0 07.2	1882	10,965	3,236 88	0 29.5
1878	21,445	5,936 40	0 27.6	1883	23,627	2,397 21	0 10.6	1883	10,340	3,463 34	0 33.8
1879	21,101	6,263 02	0 29.6	1884	30,233	2,443 40	0 08.1	1884	11,612	2,950 79	0 25.4
1880	20,690	6,356 69	0 30.7	WEST CHINA.				WILMINGTON.			
1881	19,292	8,388 78	0 43.2	1884	14	.....	.....	1875	23,228	10,651 04	0 45.4
1882	19,494	8,540 48	0 43.7	WEST GERMAN.				1876	23,980	10,621 28	0 43.8
1883	19,042	8,508 49	0 43.9	1879	3,015	1,481 98	0 49.1	1877	24,908	9,494 12	0 38.1
1884	21,509	9,157 00	0 42.6	1880	3,193	1,654 72	0 51.8	1878	24,932	10,167 35	0 40.7
UTAH.				1881	3,340	2,207 78	0 66.1	1879	23,819	9,204 28	0 38.5
1877	143	39 65	0 27.7	1882	3,435	2,970 95	0 86.4	1880	24,754	10,024 00	0 37.4
1878	145	162 25	1 09.7	1883	3,677	3,115 90	0 84.8	1881	26,429	11,818 70	0 41.6
1879	159	125 76	0 79	1884	4,469	2,356 00	0 64.0	1882	25,536	12,835 18	0 50.2
1880	142	.....	.....	WEST NEBRASKA.				1883	26,622	13,657 06	0 51.5
1881	142	128 75	0 97	1880	.....	78 75	.....	1884	30,435	16,116 04	0 52.5
1882	147	131 95	0 89.7	1881	1,605	199 77	-0 12.4	WISCONSIN.			
1883	167	137 96	0 82.3	1882	1,069	212 67	0 13.2	1875	13,960	6,321 66	0 45.2
1884	302	130 00	0 43.0	1883	2,167	305 50	0 14.1	1876	13,896	6,244 37	0 37.7
VERMONT.				1884	3,057	489 53	0 16.8	1877	14,106	5,317 74	0 41.2
1875	9,736	4,529 00	0 46.5	WEST TEXAS.				1878	13,974	5,229 66	0 37.3
1876	10,226	4,017 67	0 36.7	1875	5,238	215 40	0 04	1879	13,965	5,151 18	0 36.8
1877	11,443	3,788 67	0 33.1	1876	6,751	214 35	0 03.1	1880	12,456	4,174 22	0 33.5
1878	12,759	3,298 63	0 25.7	1877	4,524	307 51	0 06.7	1881	12,136	4,282 35	0 35.2
1879	11,676	2,987 71	0 25.5	1878	5,020	286 57	0 05.7	1882	12,329	5,433 42	0 43.2
1880	11,967	2,880 67	0 24	1879	5,705	352 15	0 06.1	1883	12,015	5,536 70	0 46.2
1881	16,024	3,507 98	0 21.8	1880	5,793	322 50	0 05.5	1884	13,639	5,659 17	0 40.7
1882	15,290	5,109 58	0 33.4	1881	6,940	410 59	0 05.9	WYOMING.			
1883	15,353	6,042 79	0 32.8	1882	6,480	347 00	0 05.3	1875	24,215	12,191 66	0 50.3
1884	17,417	5,541 37	0 31.5	1883	6,826	480 25	0 07.2	1876	24,633	11,704 09	0 46.9
VIRGINIA.				1884	7,601	711 00	0 09.3	1877	26,244	10,730 98	0 40.8
1875	5,285	789 10	0 14.6	WEST VIRGINIA.				1878	26,698	8,925 89	0 33.4
1876	5,638	630 43	0 11	1875	25,116	3,733 24	0 14.9	1879	26,935	7,721 49	0 28.6
1877	5,661	484 36	0 08.5	1876	26,640	3,403 61	0 12.7	1880	27,519	8,406 90	0 30.5
1878	5,365	501 61	0 09	1877	26,555	5,651 38	0 19.9	1881	27,565	9,989 74	0 39.9
1879	5,902	663 45	0 11.2	1878	30,183	2,276 86	0 07.5	1882	26,305	10,550 72	0 40.1
				1879	29,451	2,500 13	0 08.4	1883	27,485	13,443 63	0 46.2
								1884	30,723	13,566 60	0 43.5

Rank of Annual Conferences

AS INDICATED BY THE AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER.

Rank, 1884.	Rank, 1893.			Rank, 1884.	Rank, 1893.		
1	2	East German	\$1 12.6	57	84	Holston	\$0 28.2
2	3	Philadelphia	1 00.7	58	50	Erie	27.7
3	1	Southern German	82.2	58	49	Maine	27.7
4	7	Baltimore	73.6	60	..	Oregon	26.5
5	9	New York	73.5	60	..	Puget Sound	26.5
6	10	New York East	69.2	62	55	Saint Louis	26.4
7	6	Rock River	69.1	63	53	Southern Illinois	26.0
8	14	Central Pennsylvania	64.6	64	46	West Wisconsin	25.4
9	5	West German	64.0	65	..	North Dakota	25.2
10	8	Norwegian and Danish	60.4	66	..	Sweden	24.2
11	12	Chicago German	58.1	67	52	North-west Iowa	24.0
12	..	Bulgaria	57.0	68	..	North Indiana	22.0
13	18	New Jersey	54.8	69	54	North-west Indiana	21.9
14	17	North-west German	54.1	70	38	Columbia River	21.4
15	11	Central German	53.2	71	61	Kansas	20.7
16	..	Montana	53.7	72	..	Norway	20.0
17	..	Denmark	52.6	73	58	Nebraska	19.4
18	23	Wilmington	52.5	74	56	Indiana	19.2
19	16	Colorado	52.0	75	..	Mexico	18.4
20	13	Saint Louis German	51.0	76	59	North Nebraska	17.8
21	19	Newark	50.4	77	57	South-west Kansas	17.5
22	..	North China	49.4	78	..	Arizona	16.1
23	25	Central Illinois	48.5	78	66	Florida	16.1
24	23	Cincinnati	46.9	80	..	Central China	16.0
25	22	New England	46.7	81	63	South Kansas	15.9
26	21	North-west Swedish	46.6	82	..	West Nebraska	15.8
27	4	Southern California	44.5	83	71	North-west Kansas	14.4
28	32	Wyoming	43.5	84	60	South-east Indiana	13.8
29	..	Utah	43.0	85	67	Missouri	12.9
30	27	Austin	42.9	86	..	Dakota	12.4
31	26	Upper Iowa	42.6	87	62	East Maine	12.3
32	28	Central New York	41.8	88	64	Kentucky	10.7
33	29	Wisconsin	40.7	89	77	Virginia	10.6
34	30	Genesee	40.2	90	..	Germany	09.9
35	32	Illinois	39.3	91	66	West Virginia	09.8
35	19	Nevada	39.3	92	78	West Texas	09.3
37	30	Central Ohio	39.2	93	69	South Carolina	08.6
38	36	Troy	39.1	94	70	Washington	08.1
39	34	New England Southern	38.7	95	74	Central Tennessee	07.8
40	15	California	38.4	96	73	Delaware	07.6
41	..	Japan	36.1	96	..	North India	07.6
42	40	East Ohio	35.9	98	..	Foochow	06.4
43	43	New Hampshire	34.8	99	81	Arkansas	06.0
44	35	Northern New York	34.4	100	72	Georgia	05.4
45	42	Iowa	34.3	101	80	Louisiana	05.0
46	37	Pittsburg	34.0	102	83	Texas	04.7
47	..	Black Hills	33.3	103	79	East Tennessee	04.3
48	46	Michigan	32.9	104	81	Lexington	04.0
49	44	Minnesota	32.8	104	75	Little Rock	04.0
50	45	North Ohio	32.4	106	86	Blue Ridge	03.3
51	39	Ohio	32.3	107	85	Savannah	02.6
52	..	Idaho	32.0	108	86	North Carolina	01.9
53	47	Vermont	31.8	109	88	Alabama	01.8
54	41	Detroit	31.6	120	89	Central Alabama	01.4
55	..	New Mexico	31.4	121	90	Mississippi	00.9
56	51	Des Moines	28.6	122	..	Liberia	00.2

Directory of Missionaries

SENT TO FOREIGN LANDS.

DATE OF APP'T.	MISSIONARY.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	FROM WHAT CONFER- ENCE.
1872	Badley, B. H.	Lucknow, India.	Des Moines.
1881	Baker, A. H.	Madras, India.	South India.
1879	Bare, C. L.	Shahjahanpur, India.	Des Moines.
1878	Barker, J. M.	Pachuca, Mexico.	East Ohio.
1883	Baume, James.	Nynee Tal, India.	Rock River.
1884	Beebe, M.D., R. C.	Nankin, China.
1879	Bishop, Charles.	Tokio, Japan.	North Indiana.
1882	Blackledge, James.	Tokio, Japan.	Philadelphia.
1875	Blackstock, John.	Poona, India.	N. W. Indiana.
1872	Bowen, George*.	Bombay, India.	South India.
1879	Bowser, W.	Kurachi, India.	Erie.
1880	Bruere, W. W.	Bombay, India.	South India.
1870	Buck, P. M.	Cawnpore, India.	Kansas.
1871	Butler, J. W.	City of Mexico, P. O. Box, 291.	New England.
1869	Carlsson, B. A.*.	Carlskrona, Sweden.	Erie.
1879	Carter, R. E.	Bangalore, India.	Wilmington.
1875	Challis, D. C.	Loftcha, Bulgaria.	Detroit.
1883	Clancy, W. R.	Lucknow, India.	Michigan.
1884	Constantine, T.	Varna, Bulgaria.	Minnesota.
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1850	Doering, C. H.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	New York.
1874	Drees, C. W.	City of Mexico, P. O. Box, 163.	Providence.
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1883	Eddy, B. T.	Calcutta, India.	East Ohio.
1880	Eltzholtz, C. F.	Viele, Denmark.	Wisconsin.
1882	Ernsberger, D. O.	Lingsagoor, India.	South India.
1883	Foote, F. W.	Cawnpore, India.	(Layman.)
1872	Fox, D. O.	In United States.	North Ohio.
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1873	Harris, M. C.	Tokio, Japan.	Pittsburg.
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1876	Janney, L. R.	Egutpoora, India.	Cent. Ohio.
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1862	Johnson, Dr. T. S.	Lucknow, India.	North Indiana.
1880	Jones, A. R.	Asheville, N. C.	Colorado.
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1881	Kemble, Duston.	Silao, Mexico.	Rock River.
1879	Kirk, M. B.	Nynee Tal, India.	East Ohio.
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1858	Knowles, S.*	Gondah, India.	North India.
1881	Kupfer, C. F.	Kiukiang, China.	Cent. German.
1880	Ladd, J. S.	Rustchuk, Bulgaria.	New York.
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1880	Lawson, J. C.	Sitapur, India.	W. Wisconsin.
1881	Lewis, S.	Chunking, China.	Michigan.
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1880	Long, C. S.	Nagasaki, Japan.	Holston.
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1872	Maclay, R. S.	Tokio, Japan.	East Baltimore
1862	Mansell, Henry.	Bareilly, India.	Pittsburg.
1853	Maxwell, A. J.	Cawnpore, India.	Michigan.
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1851	Nuelsen, H.	Bremen, Germany.	Illinois.
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1870	Ohlinger, F.	Foochow, China.	Cent. German.
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1870	Pilcher, L. W.	4 Monroe St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	Detroit.
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1862	Sites, Nathan.	Delaware, Ohio.	North Ohio.
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1884	Smith, L. C.	Pachuca, Mexico.	Philadelphia.
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1883	Spencer, D. S.	Tokio, Japan.	Wyoming.
1883	Spencer, J. O.	Tokio, Japan.	Wyoming.
1881	Squier, L. W.	Hakodati, Japan.	Ohio.
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1861	Thomas, D. W.	Bareilly, India.	Black River.
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1881	Wilcox, M. C.	Foochow, China.	Rock River.
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1869	Wood, T. B.	Montevideo, Uruguay.	N. W. Indiana.
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1872	Howe, Miss Gertrude.	Chunking, China.	North-western
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