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Home and Foreign



"DISPENSARY" AT THE MATOPO MISSION

of the  
BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH  
1926

Next to the duty of personally receiving the truth is the  
duty of telling it.—Dr. Campbell.

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## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Washington Borough, Pa.,  
Chairman, 1930.

Bishop Jacob N. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Assistant  
Chairman, 1930.

Elder Irwin W. Musser, Mount Joy, Pa., Secretary,  
1931.

Elder S. C. Eshelman, New Kingston, Pa., Assistant  
Secretary, 1927.

Elder S. G. Engle, 4014 Spring Garden Street, Phila-  
delphia, Pa., Treasurer, 1927.

Elder D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ont., Canada, Canadian  
Treasurer, 1928.

Elder Isaac C. Engle, Clayton, Ohio, 1929.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

The respective dates indicate when furlough to  
America is due.

### Africa

Bishop H. P. Steigerwald, Superintendent, 1931.

Mrs. H. P. Steigerwald, 1931.

Address: Wanezi Mission, Private Bag, Filabusi,  
South Rhodesia, South Africa.

#### **Matopo Mission**

Elder J. A. Climenhaga, Bulawayo, So. Africa, 1928.  
Mrs. J. A. Climenhaga, 1928.  
Elder Roy Mann, 1929.  
Annie E. Winger, 1928.

#### **Mtshabezi Mission**

Elder W. O. Winger, Bulawayo, S. Africa, Private Bag, 1929.  
Mrs. W. O. Winger, 1929.  
Elder Henry H. Brubaker, 1929.  
Mrs. Henry H. Brubaker, 1931.  
Sadie Book, 1928.  
Mrs. H. C. Lady, 1925.  
Anna R. Engle, 1933.  
Mary E. Heisey, 1933.

#### **Macha Mission**

Elder J. Lester Myers, Choma, N. W. Rhodesia, S. Africa, 1927.  
Mrs. J. Lester Myers, 1927.  
Beulah Musser, 1927.  
Martha Kaufman, 1931.

#### **Sikalongo Mission**

Elder L. B. Steckley, Choma, N. W. Rhodesia, S. Africa, 1925.  
Mrs. L. B. Steckley, 1925.

#### **Supaul Mission**

##### **India**

M. Effie Rohrer, Supaul, B. & N. W. Ry., India, 1929.  
Elder George Paulus, 1933.  
Mrs. George Paulus, 1933.  
Mary Dick, 1932.

#### **Saharsa Mission**

Ruth Byer, Saharsa, B. & N. Ry., India, 1932.  
Mrs. Katie B. Smith, 1930.  
Ella Gayman, 1927.

#### **Missionaries Home on Furlough**

Elder and Sister H. J. Frey, Upland, Calif.  
Elder A. D. M. and Nellie M. Dick, Lemoyne, Cumb. Co., Penna.  
Elder and Sister Myron Taylor, 4014 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Penna.  
Sallie K. Doner, 117 Cherry St., Palmyra, Penna.  
Anna Steckley, Gormley, Ontario, Canada, c. o. Joseph Steckley.

#### **REPORT OF BOARD SECRETARY.**

In reviewing the work of another year's missionary activities in the foreign fields, we are made glad to note the faithfulness of God's promise "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," to those who are engaged in helping to carry out the Master's last great command, "Go ye."

As in previous years, so this year again we note that what has been accomplished in this line of Christian endeavor, was not without its difficulties and discouragements.

Though we can not report by the hundreds and thousands that are accepting the Christ, we rejoice to know that a number have again been converted and received into Church fellowship during the year at the various mission stations as well as at the outschools.

Itinerary work was done by Brother and Sister George Paulus, outgoing missionaries to India, during the

summer. During the fall and winter Sr. Anna Engle, outgoing missionary to Africa, visited through the brotherhood in Canada, the Midwest and the East. She was accompanied by Sister Mary Heisey through part of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Reservations have been secured for these two sisters to sail, leaving New York on June 23rd.

Two new workers were sent to the India Mission field in the persons of Brother and Sister George Paulus. They sailed from New York on October twenty-fifth on the S. S. "City of Benares".

At the African Conference held last July, it was decided that Bro. and Sister Myron Taylor, and Sister Sallie Doner, whose furloughs were long past due should leave for the homeland. Sr. Lila Coon also accompanied them. They landed at New York on November 15th.

Three of the India workers, Brother and Sister A. D. M. Dick, and Sister Anna Steckley, whose furloughs were due, sailed from Calcutta in January arriving in New York, February 28th.

Owing to the effect of the climatic conditions on Joseph Smith's health, and also having in mind their educational needs, by consent of the Board, Sister Henry Smith's children, Leoda and Joseph, accompanied them.

The health of the workers has been fairly good with a few exceptions. One of these was Sister Clarence Heise, her physical condition becoming such that the India workers recommended her going to Calcutta for an examination. The result of this examination made it evident that the only hope for her recovery was to go at once where the climate would be more favorable. By consent of the Foreign Mission Board, the necessary arrangements were made and Bro. and Sr. Heise came to the homeland, arriving in New York on May seventh.

It will be noticed that this leaves our missions in In-

dia and Africa with less workers than for a number of years; not that the work is less, but it is evident that this will result in one of two things—either the workers on the field who have already been overloaded with work must assume added responsibilities or the work will suffer. The criticism of the African School Inspector "Unstaffed", should be hint sufficient to the wise.

Here we find ourselves in the same position for years, pleading for renewed interest in sympathy, prayers and financial support for the work that has been assigned to the Church. How dare we, for whom Christ suffered and died and who have the knowledge and experience, live selfish lives, thinking and providing for our own personal comforts to the extent that many are deprived of receiving the blessed message of God's love to lost souls.

May the coming year bring a greater vision of the needs, and our responsibilities and privileges in helping to spread the glad tidings of salvation, by making it possible to send more workers to these needy fields, ever keeping in view His glorious coming when He shall gather His elect "of all the nations and kindreds, and peoples and tongues."

#### TREASURER'S REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

S. G. Engle, Treas.

Balance May 1, 1925.....	\$ 2930.58
Year's receipts .....	27605.04
Total .....	\$30535.62

#### Expenditures

Out-going, home-coming, home expense and Sundry Expense .....	\$ 5695.15
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Year's Maintenance .....	21751.56
Balance May 1, 1926 .....	3088.91
Total .....	\$30535.62

**Treasury's Total Resources**

Cash balance .....	\$ 3088.91
Endowment .....	5587.50
Total .....	\$ 8676.41

The above report, as compared to report of 1925, shows an improvement in this special feature that the Board's indebtedness has been fully paid. The money for special funds that had been held over to meet the more urgent expenses, such as maintenance, has been fully paid during this Conference Year, clearing the Board of any indebtedness. This in itself is an encouragement when contrasted to other Foreign works that are laboring under heavy burdens of indebtedness. All this indicates that we do not expect to step backwards, nor does it tell us that we have reached our limitation in liberalities. Could those that possess an unwavering faith impart to others, our problems of liberalities in material things would be solved. Since this is not ours to give we need to turn to our charities and prayer until we are all united in faith and works.

The undersigned, having examined the above report, finds the amount of balances, as set forth, correct.

WM. J. KELLY, Jr.,  
 Manager of Savings Fund Department,  
 West Philadelphia Title and Trust Co.

**FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS FOR 1926**

**AFRICA**

**MATOPO MISSION**

In former years, that is during the last three years, the Matopo Mission Report was written by two persons. That was a necessity because the work was taken care of by two separate and distinct heads, each working their own sphere of activity to the best of their ability. During the year of 1925 it became necessary, because of workers from other places needing a furlough, to make some changes in the arrangement of the work, and thus the work was again placed under one supervision, consequently there is naturally only one reporter, instead of two.

Viewed from the writer's point of observation this change, considering the needs of Matopo Mission, is to be deprecated, that is to be deeply regretted. However he recognizes the fact that the needs of all the Missions must be considered and believes that no better plan of procedure could have been followed. Right in this connection it might be stated that the one great criticism of the Inspector of Schools for S. Rhodesia relative to Matopo Mission was "Understaffed". This might have been truthfully said of some of the other Stations as well. It was pointed out to him that the best possible distribution of workers, available, was made, a fact which the officials of S. Rhodesia can appreciate since many times their work is handicapped by not being properly staffed. The criticism was made by a senior inspector, who visited the Matopo Mission because the Bulawayo Inspector had



more work than he was able to do. Thus it did not take much explanation to show him why the work is "Under-staffed."

But does this excuse the Church? Yes, if the best possible effort, the greatest sacrifice, the deepest consecration, and the highest attainment of obedience on all lines has been reached. If such has not been the cause the negative answer is obvious.

It is sometimes stated that reports are, as a rule, dry things. Believe me the task of getting out a report, different in sentiment, varied in wording, and filled with new thought is no easy task, for the respective composers. Facts are facts and must be stated if the report is to be accurate. A retrospective view of the activities in the respective churches of the home country, may not reveal many changes from those of the preceding year. If something new, something startling, something exciting, in the spiritual realm of one of the large churches of the Home Base is not to be found, why should it be thought a thing incredible when such things are lacking, as seen from an external observation, in the City Missions or in the work of the so-called "Foreign Field."

Is it not often stated that "Still waters run deep?" Was God in the tumult or commotion when Elijah of old was disheartened? No! He spoke in the calm and at present, although no mighty, startling demonstration of the workings of the Holy Spirit can be reported, we believe that God surely is in our midst even, though at times, we may know it not.

In the following comment an attempt will be made to elucidate, briefly, the things which were found in the work at Matopo Mission during the year 1925, considered financially, scholastically or educationally, socially and spiritually. The division made is for the purpose of clas-

sification since we believe that it is understood that all work is evangelistic.

A separate part, at the end of this report, will show the financial position at the end of the year. Upon first looking at it no doubt it will appear as if everything was balanced up perfectly and that there were no outstanding debts at that time, a thing which, in order to enlighten the givers must be explained. There were some outstanding liabilities at the close of the year which have not been included in the report. Since the last quarter's allowance did not reach us until the second month of the New Year, the only thing left to do was to carry the accounts over till the money arrived. According to the word of some of our fellow workers, last year was the first year in which the money was so late in arriving. Should everything come through on time this year, that is during 1926, it might appear as if the assets and liabilities for 1926 have been greater than those of 1925, a thing which might not be actually true. It would be the result of getting only nine months allowance during 1925 and fifteen months during 1926.

It is true that none of our creditors complained about the situation yet let us assure you that it is rather embarrassing to explain the reason of the delay of payments to them, for a person's, or a Mission's religious pulse is oft-times measured according to his promptness in meeting his financial obligations. We know the burdens at Home are heavy and do not wish to complain but believe facts should be given in order that all concerned, will know better how to pray for the work.

Scholastically the work was carried on along the same lines as previous years. The Morning School for kraal children, was taught by Gwalinka, under the direct supervision of Sister A. E. Winger. During the first half of

the year the attendance was splendid but during the last half of the year Sister Winger because of depleted ranks and other duties was not able to give much of her time to the work and thus interest waned.

The Boarding School was under the direct supervision of the writer with Mazibopela as the assistant teacher. Sisters Winger and Climenhaga also helped part time in the teaching of the upper classes.

The average attendance in the Boarding School was the same as the previous year. The Morning School average was a little less. Just why there is a fluctuation in the attendance from year to year is perhaps a query. The Out Schools under the supervision of this Mission also had a smaller average than during 1924. One thing is evident and that is that the people need stirring continually and when there are not enough workers on hand to do this, the work may suffer.

The Industrial work is naturally a part of the Educational work. As in previous years, an attempt was made to teach the student the use of the saw, chisel, hammer, draw knife, square, etc. Some of the students were taught a little blacksmithing as the need for repairs of plows, rakes, wagons and the like had to be met. A little instruction in brick laying was also given. Most of the industrial training is given in connection with farm operations, showing the native how to use his greatest common asset to raising crops, namely the use of manure. A raw native seldom utilizes this fertilizer in enriching his fields. During the first part of the year this work was under the supervision of Brother Steckley but during the last half of the year Brother Mann had direct charge of these operations.

Last year mention was made of the Sewing Class, which can also be classified under the Educational Work. It de-

serves mention again. As stated before, it is a class for women and girls of the surrounding kraals. It was under the supervision of Sister Climenhaga. The attendance and interest were very encouraging during the year 1925, and we believe that the efforts put forth are not in vain. Some of the women are learning to make clothing for their children and husbands, an important item in the life of a poor black in sunny Rhodesia.

Situated as it is on one of the main highways between Bulawayo and the South the Matopo Mission has had many callers and is sometimes called upon to lend a helping hand to both pedestrians and motor travellers who get stranded on their way to Bulawayo. While the chief purpose of the Mission is to help the black native of the country yet we hope it will never be said of us like we heard it said of another Mission. "Our mission is for the black and the black only, the men of other colors have no place within our doors." The great apostle Paul said, "I have become all things to all men if by some means I might win some." May his ambition be ours. It is true the social aspect can be overdone and the time needed to engage in the work for which we have been sent will if we are not careful, be spent in entertaining rather than looking after the interest of precious souls.

The person who is in need of help is our neighbor white or black. Yes, black or white, Jew and barbarian. Some may ask if the white appreciates the hospitality shown. Listen to a few of their testimonies. A Jewish lady wrote in the visitors' book thus, "We thank you very much for your real Christian hospitality." A Jesuit Catholic priest wrote, "Coming again because you made it like home." "A bright spot in the darkness", are the words of a policeman. "Christlike people, happy home" are the words of a member of the Rhodesian Assembly

(Congress). "A very welcome rest," came from the pen of one of a party who started from Cape Town expecting to go to Cairo on motor bicycles.

One of the outstanding social aspects of the year was the visit of his excellency, the Governor of S. Rhodesia, who came to inspect the work. He was accompanied by the Adjutant General and the Superintendent of Natives for Bulawayo. As far as we could read the impressions made upon the Governor, were good. He gave us some very good sound advice for which we were grateful. Our predecessors at Matopo Mission are worthy of praise, in that the work built at Matopo Mission is commendable in the eyes of the rulers of the land. May the dignity be retained is our prayer as we labour here.

When it is stated that there are various divisions to the work it must be remembered that all the work is spiritual and that there is but one aim in the life of a missionary viz., the salvation of souls. However as we often think of it, the spiritual work designates the direct effort in connection with the preaching of the Gospel. The order of services for 1925 was the same as previous years. There was one addition to the church membership and several new class members were admitted to the weekly instruction of Catechumens. A special members meeting was held the first Friday of each month. The first epistle of John was the basis of study during the members meetings and for the Catechumens the life of a Christian as set forth in First Corinthians was given.

Relative to the places of service it can be stated that they are the same as during 1924. The teacher, who had been in charge of Emahalabatini School has not been well for sometime and so the services of that place was taken care of by student Christians sent from the Mission. The preaching at Etohwe was taken care of in the same way.

And now in conclusion may it be stated that in the opinion of the writer, a missionary, if he would keep encouraged, must continually keep before him the words of Holy Writ as found in Isaiah 6:9-12 and Hebrews 12:3 and that for two reasons: Firstly because the people, with whom we are labouring are semi-nomadic and secondly because the labours of any Godly pastor are always withstood by those whose mind is filled with contradictions.

However believing that in "due season we shall reap if we faint not" we toil on, not discouraged, but knowing that He who hath called us unto service, will give strength for the trying hour to Whom be glory now and evermore. Amen.

Brethren pray for the work, the workers and the native Christians. For the work that it may be advanced according to God's plan; for the workers in order that they may know the will of God in all things; thus performing it; for the native Christians in order that their change from heathendom to Christendom may be real and lasting until the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lastly, but not least, remember to pray for those in this sinful world who are lying in the lap of the evil one.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

J. A. Climenhaga and Workers.

#### WANEZI MISSION

We now look back to our report a year ago, back four months more to the time of the opening of this place as a Mission. It is difficult for us to realize that so much has been done in the sixteen months.

The past year has been a busy one, as always is the case in opening a new place where building is to be done. As we think of it there are several things that we must

credit for what has been done. First of these is the blessing of God on the work from the start, the second the prayers of His people and third the money supplied by those who have had a share in the work.

There is now a substantial house built of bricks, bricks made on the spot, also a stable and cart shed. We are now enjoying the comforts of the new house and home, and are sure many of the friends of the mission will rejoice with us to know that we are well sheltered from rain and storm.

It would give us great delight if all those who have helped in the purchase of this farm and the improvements made could spend some time with us. We are sure they would have no regrets for what they have given. How we would enjoy having all the Sunday School children here for a day. We are aware that many of the children in the homeland have given of their savings for this place, as we have had the pleasure of receiving from the hand of more than one child their little savings for the "Farm in Africa." God bless them.

The twelve out-schools connected with this station have gone on the past year very much as in previous years, with a slight increase in the attendance in the day school.

In several places the attendance and interest in the Sunday services has increased to a considerable extent. In a few places there is a real forward move, a desire by the Christians to get closer to God and a seeking after Him by sinners. Some have, we believe, found Jesus their Saviour.

Thirty-six were added to the church in the last year. A number of Christian marriages were performed, some of these who had been married by native custom were

married by Christian rites. All this indicates progress in the right direction.

We cannot pass by without making mention that calls have come during the year to place schools in new locations and places where up to the present weekly services have been held. We were obliged by force of circumstances to refuse these requests, as it was felt that the expense of opening new schools at the present time could not be met. To be obliged to refuse such requests is not good for the work. It has a stagnating effect. Our aim is to bring the native church up to where she will feel it her obligation to do all she can in the caring for the schools already established among them as well as to expand into new fields.

Much prayer and careful guidance is needed for the newly formed native church in Africa. This is true of all societies, not to do too much or too little, just to do the right thing in guiding them into a real self sacrificing, progressing and spiritual body of believers.

We are aware the task is not a human one, if it were we would despair in ever reaching the goal. However, since it can only be accomplished by spiritual forces and divine help, we do not look on it as impossible, however hard it may appear at the present moment. We are assured by God's own Word that nothing is impossible.

Our closing request to all who may see this report is, more earnest prayer, more self sacrifice and devotion to and for the one great cause for which such a great price has been paid by our Lord Jesus, who went the whole length of human and divine sacrifice for the souls of men and women of all races.

(Signed) H. B. Steigerwald.

### MTSHABEZI MISSION

To General Conference of 1926 of the Brethren in Christ Church, greeting.

With thanksgiving to Him who has extended unto us time and opportunity to labor for the Master another year, we come to you in Jesus' worthy name.

Gospel services at Mission Station and six places within ten miles were conducted as usual; also the work at twelve schools within thirty miles from the station was carried on as usual. Results were encouraging and while we did not witness any special awakening, we were glad for those who turned to the Lord. In 1925, there were twenty-six baptized at the station; fourteen were natives from this district, four of these were married women, and two came to our church from other societies, as they moved into our district. The other ten were girls who came from a distance but were here in school. At the outschools, there were twenty-three baptized and eight backsliders were reclaimed and restored to church fellowship: we rejoice especially for these who return to the Lord, it encourages us to pray for others. It is also very encouraging to see souls hungry for the blessed Word, for the entrance thereof giveth light.

Work at the boarding school went on about as usual, and the discouragement caused by some girls who did not fully yield to the Lord is more than made up by those who have yielded to the leadings of the Spirit and developed on almost every line. Many more girls would come to stay but on account of the limited number of workers and dormitories, we have kept the number near 140, and though it was hard, we were compelled to turn some away, but this large number in school, sewing, knitting, and mending classes, laundry, dairy, gardening, fowls,

medical work, etc., makes the work far too heavy for the present staff of workers, and were it not for the native girls who are able to help in the different departments, our European sisters could not get along. We are praying for more workers, and we ask you to join us in prayer for this, and also that the girls who are here at the Mission will more fully yield to the Lord, for we feel our efforts are fruitless if this is not accomplished.

The two brethren were kept busy most of the year building: First, two girls' dormitories of brick with iron roofs of two rooms 14'x14' each. We hope to build more to replace their present poor mud and pole huts. Then we built the brick dwelling 44'x47' for workers as the pole and mud huts were badly infested and riddled by white ants. This has made a lot of work but is nearing completion for which we are thankful, as it has kept us from visiting among the people. We could not afford to hire a carpenter at the high wages here and though we often wished for a builder to do such work, still we are thankful for the health we had that we could go on with the work.

This has made our expenses higher, and as two of our mules died of horse sickness, it was necessary to buy two others at £25-00-0 each. We try to economize in doing our own building, etc., the girls help in plowing and caring for the crops to supply their own food, and they willingly help to grub and dig out the stumps to enlarge our gardens, which saves us hiring men for this work. However, with the high price of things we must buy, our expenses are increased.

We were very glad for a good crop of corn, peanuts, beans, and other farm produce, which supplied us with food for the year, and what we bought for the natives' food was on account of the shortage the previous year. Butter and eggs sold were also a help to our funds.

It is also well to remember that the expenses are not all for maintenance. The additional buildings, increase in stock, development of the land, etc., increase the value of the church's property here. Your attention is called to the fact that the natives help in support of the outschools, the girls at the station who have no private money working on Saturday afternoon which is their own time, to earn about five cents to give to the Lord's work. During the year our girls give about \$100.00 to help carry the Gospel to their own people.

Let us pray that the native church will give still more and that we together may increase our efforts in praying, giving and going forth, into the vast fields beyond, and give the Gospel to the teeming millions who are still in heathen darkness.

We are very thankful for all that has been accomplished through giving and working but there is still very much land ahead to be possessed.

W. O. Winger and Co-labourers.

### MACHA MISSION

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."

This is a great promise we have, to know that the earth is the Lord's and all that therein is, and also that He has a right to all them that dwell in it: surely it does not matter if they are white or black, red or yellow, they are all His workmanship and should be His children.

The past year again has brought many new experiences and some of them were disappointments. Some in whom we had confidence, that they knew the Lord, were ensnared by Satan and began to look toward forbidden fruit, some partaking of the same, some to their sorrow,

while others have not repented and are now robbed of their joy and have gone back to heathen practices.

However there are two sides to every question and ours is not exceptional. There have been dark days when we thought that Satan was trying to deceive the very elect, making havoc of the church, but while Satan was doing his best to deceive, God was working and as a result of the power of God there have been baptized a goodly number again this year. Others have repented and are now in the inquirers' class and are looking forward toward baptism, but here we do not baptize so readily, the church wants to see evidences of fruit bearing and only till then are they ready to accept others into church fellowship.

The schools have been open during the past year as usual with encouraging results. There has been a step taken on the part of the North Rhodesian government toward helping approved missionary societies, and they have given substantial help this year and although it did not come till in 1926, yet we were thankful for the help of the government.

During the year there were six schools open and this year three new ones have been opened, in places where there have never been schools before. We are considering several other places, and as soon as teachers can be secured and houses built they will be opened.

The boarding school here has been under the instruction of Sr. Coon till conference time and since then Sr. Musser has taken charge, being sent here by decision of the South African Conference. We are thankful for her efficient help. In the beginning of the year there were many small boys but toward the close of the year there came some larger boys making it less necessary to hire

labor, the school boys doing most everything but the herding.

The crops the past year have been very poor, some fields yielding almost nothing, much of it rotted when about a foot high for lack of sunshine and too much rain, but we were thankful for what we reaped and whereas there were mealies to be had in the district, we were able to buy at reasonable prices.

Our cattle have done well, although through disease we have lost some calves yet we have had all the milk and butter we needed and had butter to sell through out the year. All our produce along this line has to be carried 35 miles to market and this takes away some of the profit.

During the past year we have built a mule stable and finished the kitchen and dining room which had been started previously, now we hope to build some other needed buildings including the brick for a new church, which is badly needed. Our present one is entirely too small many times, 100 people are not able to get into the church, it having been filled before they arrived. This the native church, we trust will help to build.

Services are held here every Sunday and on all but one Sunday in the month, services are held at three other places in the outlying districts; besides this there is a morning prayer meeting every Thursday morning for those who live close by, while the first Friday of every month is called prayer day when all schools come in and we have a day of service and many times we have the weddings on this day.

Some village visiting has been done but since there is but one European man here, he is kept very busy, yet it has not been entirely neglected. Sometimes David Moyo and I take turns in going to the villages, yet there are

many places which it would take several weeks to get there and back, which should be visited and for lack of workers some of it has to be left.

People live here in villages, some times as high as ninety huts in one village and when you come to a village you are soon able to get a congregation. Many villages are not so large but others are large. They are not allowed to live in small places for the native commissioner of the district wishes his people to live in large villages so it is easier to collect their tax.

The medical work has been in charge of Sr. Kaufman throughout the year and we are so glad for someone who has had training in taking care of the sick. Many have been helped including two severe cases of gunshot wounds, one in the forehead and one in the neck, many came for medicine, with ailments ranging from the itch to pneumonia, and from those who have small cuts on their fingers, to those who have throats cut, in trying to commit suicide.

David Moyo has been here throughout the year, and has been an obedient helper. Some of you will remember that he is the boy who came up with Sr. Davidson and Sr. Taylor, when the mission was opened and has been connected with the mission ever since.

In the morning and evening things are busy outside, one can hear the shouts of the ox driver, the sound of the hammer, the former bringing wood and water, mud and brick, while the latter is making some repairs or furniture, while at mid-day you hear the sound of the bell and the going to and fro of classes. When you go to the villages you hear many times two distinctly different sounds, one is in the villages where they have schools and many are Christians, while the other sound is found in villages where there are no schools and no teacher. The

former is the singing of the songs of Zion and prayers every day while the latter is the sound of the clapping of hands and stamping of feet in the heathen dances, accompanied with pots of beer and drunken fights many times.

Some may ask what remains yet that should be done? Well in answer to this we will have to reply that many are yet outside of Christ and will not embrace Christianity, but there is a territory west of us, between us and the Church of Christ, a distance of about 100 miles, which has not been evangelized, this is the most pressing need. The people need the gospel but it seems impossible to open this territory without opening a new place as head quarters. The teachers seem slow to go into territories where they cannot take their cattle and will have no milk for themselves and children, for this place is covered with the tsetse fly and nothing but goats in the domestic line will thrive.

We need a small mission in this territory to open up the place and to get schools started. People will not stand with only a flash of light and long spells of darkness, for some may go over and preach, but until some will live the life of Christ before them there will be no Christian church in heathendom.

Souls are here and they will follow the Saviour if the Saviour is taken to them, but we need some who are willing to go to them in this place and take the light to them. Will you help us pray that the Lord will open the way that the church can take charge of this territory, for God.

Yours in the African harvest field,

J. L. and Emma Myers and workers.

## SIKALONGO MISSION

How swiftly time flies away, another year with all its blessings, sorrows, disappointments is past, and we realize God's grace has been sufficient, through all the unpleasant things as well as the pleasant. He never fails us when we trust in Him.

Since our last report, we have been transferred to this place, to relieve Bro. and Sr. Taylor, who went on their well deserved furlough. Sr. Musser also being transferred for a time, leaves heavier school duties upon our two native teachers.

One of the native sisters from Mtshabezi Mission, Qedabukwabo Moyo, felt a call to the work in Northern Rhodesia, so according to the arrangement of our South African conference she was sent to help at Sikalongo. We are glad to see that God is calling some of the native people to be missionaries, who are willing to leave their people and go amongst other tribes. Qedabukwabo was given charge of the girls and women in the new school building just erected. She had to have help until she was a little acquainted with the language. She was getting along quite well towards the end of the year.

Jesse Chikaili had charge of the boys in the church building, with our help as well, part of the time. He has been a good help both in the school and outside. The attendance in school was quite good, especially toward the end of the year.

As the church building was rather small to accommodate the whole school, it was decided to erect a pise building 14x22 with thatch roof. This school house was in the process of building when we arrived here. Other improvements have been a hut for a native teacher, and other out buildings. A kiln of 40,000 bricks were made



and burnt by the students. We had the misfortune of having a heavy early shower of rain during the process of burning which necessitated the reburning of about 12,000.

The rainy season was backward, commencing about the last week in December, consequently planting was delayed until late but at the time of writing this report, we have had good rains, and crops look promising.

One of our Christian girls was married, and one died during the year. The one that died was one of our boarders, who was baptized in July during our African conference at this place. She was ill only a few days, and we believe she has gone to be with Jesus.

Kraal visiting has not received much attention, because of lack of help, but we are trying to get out as much as possible. Some of our native Christians go out preaching quite frequently over the week end. We hope ere long to get out and tour the district, and become acquainted with the natives in their homes.

Not many people from the villages attend services, a few women and girls come frequently. Most of the church attendance is made up by the people on the station, as follows viz: about six married couples, with their families living just a short distance away; 45 male boarders and 12 females. Most of these make a profession, a number have recently arrived, and came forward for prayer. We held a weeks revival effort in February, which was beneficial to us all. There will be baptism again in the near future, D. V.

We appreciate all that has been done for the mission, from the homeland and elsewhere, and may God let His bountiful blessings continue to flow. We crave a continued interest in your prayers and co-operation.

Yours in Him, (Signed) L. B. Steckley.

## INDIA

### GENERAL REPORT

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," "Earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." The prophet Jeremiah calls attention to the power of the Word of the Lord after God signally defeated the enemies of King Jehosophat. That cry comes ringing down the corridors of time, striking upon our hearing with undiminished earnestness. Each of God's own chosen ones takes up the cry, resounding and re-echoing it on and on to the uttermost parts of the earth.

So is it with us in India. We can accomplish nothing by sounding forth the word of man's wisdom or of man's reasoning; but as the Word of God goes forth there are none able to challenge it, none able to destroy it. And this is as well true in America. In our own Christian experiences we have only succeeded when and where we heard the Word of God; we have failed every time we failed to obey the Word of the Lord. May we be keen to hear the voice of God, whether it relates to our persons, our loved ones, our conduct, or our money.

In the midst of the din of battle in the Mission frontier we are glad it is possible to hear His Word. This fact has sustained us many times during the past year, and in reviewing the year's work, we feel compelled to say that the Lord's voice has been heard, not to speak of our own prayers having been heard at the Throne as well.

Generally speaking, the work has progressed during the year, even though the degree of progress we see is not that which our hearts naturally desire.

Preaching and teaching, as well as the distribution of the printed Word has been carried on as usual. Efforts

have been and are being made to establish Indian preachers in outposts apart from the Mission centers. While this kind of work does not yield such apparent fruitage as other phases of the work may, yet the disseminating of the Word of God among a people already highly religious is bound to produce results. In possibility here, there is no limit to the expansion of this work. Interior touring, magic lantern meetings, mela work, and the daily efforts of the evangelistic workers are all sure to bring forth their destined fruitage. We depend on our dear brethren and sisters at home to help us develop this phase of work.

The orphanages, while not showing as great an increase in the number of children as last year, yet have shown a normal growth in the apprehension of the Gospel. As the children grow up under the influence of the Mission they are more and more likely to respond to the teaching they get. The future man-power of the Mission will be largely drawn from these institutions. Hence those of us directly connected with the orphanages feel the great responsibility devolving upon us, of molding the lives of the children, after the pattern of the Master. The further training of the boys and girls is demanding close attention, and we as a Mission, seeing this great necessity, feel compelled to endeavor to rearrange our work. Hence our decision to locate missionaries at Madhipura, which was abandoned two years ago because the bungalow was unfit for occupancy. This will allow the boys to be located at Saharsa, where the Grammar School can have the benefit of their attendance, and they the benefit of higher education, without throwing an additional financial burden on the orphanage. With the opening of Madhipura, the girls can be taken there again where they will be farther from the town than at Saharsa. This move

will also allow the missionaries to be more evenly distributed in our territory. While it cannot be said that floods are less imminent in Madhipura than before, yet the testing of the past few years would seem to indicate that Madhipura will not readily succumb to the floods; and the Mission site being at the safest possible place in and around Madhipura, gives us reason to believe that it will not be an unwise move to build a small house there to accommodate one or two missionaries.

School work has been carried on during the year in connection with the two orphanages, as well as the Middle English School at Saharsa. The latter is provisionally recognized by Government, and we are endeavoring to place a fully qualified staff of teachers there so as to be able to secure Government aid also. A Government normal school has been permanently located at Saharsa, which would like to use the Mission school as a practice school for teachers in training.

This would be of considerable benefit to us when everything gets into good running order. If we can combine this school with the Boys' Orphanage school it will be of great benefit.

Work among widows and sick, poor men, was carried on to a limited extent. We are not properly equipped for this work, yet it is difficult to turn such cases away. Several baptisms have resulted from this work during the year.

Medical work was much limited this year, and it grieved us to have to turn people away who came for help. Even though we cannot give expert help, yet that which can be done is enough to inspire confidence in the hearts of the people; and this is a great factor in the entrance of the Word.

The new church building at Saharsa was completed

this year, and dedicated in November. This fills a long-felt need and is a source of pleasure to not only the Christian community, but also to the Hindus and Mohammedans, who think very strongly that every religious body should have a special building for the worship of God. This building is a good substantial one, and of good appearance, costing about \$2,000.00.

As soon as suitable land can be secured in Supaul, a small church building will be erected there also. At Supaul there are numbers of educated Indians as well as High School boys, who would come to hear the Gospel if we had a nice place to entertain them on such occasions.

The rest home in Darjeeling is continuing to pay its own way. We are all very thankful for this nice place of our own, where we can feel at home, rest, and fully enjoy our hill vacations. It is a great satisfaction to not have to hunt around and pay a big price for board, etc., and live with people whose company is not congenial to us.

Altogether, as we look on the work as a whole, we are compelled to believe that God is pleased, because the efforts put forth are not fruitless. Following the dedication of the church building at Saharsa, we had a week's revival meetings with the help of a missionary from near Benares. Quite a number sought the Lord in salvation, as well as others who dedicated themselves to Him. On the 20th of December, we baptized eight souls at Supaul and seven at Saharsa. This may not seem much to such as may try to figure out how much money it takes as a total expenditure to bring one soul into the fold; but the work of the Kingdom is not carried on in terms of the loss and gain principal of the commercial world, because one soul is worth more than the whole world.

Several local sects are striving vigorously to fight and obstruct the work of Missions in India; but this is

only a testimony to the working of the leaven of the Kingdom. The people in the villages are no less receptive than before and the opportunities widen before us rather than diminish.

As we come to the close of the year, we rejoice that God has been with us. It is true that several of the missionaries have not been up to par in health, yet His love has been great to us all. As a Mission we face a new problem in the matter of finance in the new ruling adopted by the Board of last Conference. However, we are sure that if we on the field and all of you in the homeland co-operate, the new plan can be made a real success.

In conclusion we, your brethren and sisters in India, pray that in Conference and in all your gatherings, in your homes and your private lives, God may bless you with His grace and peace, and make His face to shine upon you.

A. D. M. Dick, Supt.

#### SAHARSA

To the General Conference, Greetings—"Hither-to hath the Lord helped us."

At the close of another year we find ourselves still in the midst of the great battle for souls. The year which has past has been one of varying scenes, and also one of victories as well.

The year began with our staff as full as it finds us today. The Lord has protected all of us, although some of our number have become practically disabled because of illness. Others who were not well a year ago have completely recovered.

Our work has continued on as in years past; that is the same phases of work. The Orphanage steadily grew until now we have twenty-three in the Girls' Orphanage

school. Sr. Gayman is doing noble work among these girls, teaching them regularly with the assistance of two Indian Christian women. These girls are doing well in their work, some of these having about finished their fifth standard. This speaks well for the girls and the management of their teachers.

The widows have been taught from the Bible daily during the year and have also been learning sewing. Sr. Smith has been a great help to these poor unfortunate widows, who are outcasts.

Several of our sick inmates, who came in nearly dead, are now earning a living, working with their own hands. One of these was baptized this week.

The medical work has been ably carried on by Sr. Byer in whom the sick have a lot of confidence. We believe that about one thousand individual cases were treated in this way. Cases were treated who had sores, malaria fever, dysentery, black water fever and many other complaints common to the people of India. The Gospel was preached to these sick people daily during the whole year. Many homes have been visited where the sick lay too ill to come for aid, and we know of several definite cases where enemies were made friends by the workers friendly visits in the times of distress.

The school continued as last year with about fifty on the roll.

During the year a Bible class was opened for the preachers and teachers living at this station. This proves to be a promising phase of work and we hope this may be started again this year as the Indian Christian men are desirous to have it continued.

During the year the Sunday School and preaching services were continued, with about seventy attending

the Sunday School. About twenty-five dollars were given in offerings by the Sunday School. Five village Sunday Schools were also conducted in the district by Christian workers, with about two hundred and fifty in attendance. Prayer meeting was held each Wednesday evening and each Saturday evening a young peoples meeting was held with the Indian Christians taking part.

On November fifteenth the new church was dedicated and an offering of about seventy-five dollars was raised toward the church building. This church was started in 1924, the foundation was laid by our departed Bro. Smith, who never stayed with us to see its opening. We appreciate his labors on this, that he pressed on with all his strength to make a church possible. May it be a soul saving station, we pray. Following the dedication, a weeks meeting was held, during which about thirty souls were led out into a deeper experience, and at the close several requested baptism. Some were held back, but since seven were baptized, thus adding to the little army of believers here.

The local village visiting was overseen by Sr. Rohrer who did local visiting among the people and in the cool season she went to the more distant villages, taking with her more Christian workers.

We are pleased with the Spiritual outlook here, as we can see the darkness slowly breaking away, the hard cast rules are being broken and the people are really asking the way of salvation. Will you help us to keep this light-house shining until Jesus comes? We need your prayers, your sympathies and encouragement in such a benighted place where it seems sometimes, Satan himself was reigning in full power.

Now may the God of all comfort be with you. Amen.

C. E. Heise and workers.

## SUPAUL

To General Conference and the Foreign Mission Board, greetings.

"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms".

The workers at Supaul, India, greet their brethren and sisters in the homeland, with love and peace in Jesus. We doubt not but that as we have been occupied with our tasks and problems during the past year, and now desire to briefly review the same for your benefit, you will read and listen with the same interest which has prompted so many of you to sacrifice for and sympathize with the work in India during the past year.

The workers, to begin with, have enjoyed reasonably good health throughout the year, with the exception of Sr. Mary Dick, who suffered several attacks of severe pain, the cause of which has not been definitely determined. Some language study was carried on, so that one of the workers completed the third and last year of study prescribed by the Mission Union of North India, while another finished all but two papers in the same course. So, as far as language is concerned we think it not egotistic to say that our workers here are well equipped, allowing of course, for the fact that one can never complete in full the study of a language other than his mother tongue.

The evangelistic work has been carried on as usual. One native preacher died during the year, but we have secured another in his stead. We have been endeavoring to secure land at interior points for out-station sites. So far we have not succeeded beyond securing the promise of some land deeded outright free of cost and the usual rental. We hope this will quickly materialize. The regular

daily morning Bible reading, etc., as well as the prayer-meeting, Sunday School, and preaching services have been maintained. As ever, we seem to be doing so little in this phase of work in comparison to the possibilities under more favorable financial circumstances.

The Boys' Orphanage, we are glad to say, has been encouraging. The boys are studying and as well learning to love the Lord. Seven of them are to be baptized shortly. Their education is becoming a matter of grave concern. When we reflect that the Mission looks upon these boys as the hope of the work in days to come, we are deeply concerned that they be trained in an environment that will fit them to be proper representatives of God and the Church. Real orphans are difficult to get; children with one parent living are more easily secured; while children of living parents who can pay at least part of the cost of maintaining a child can be most readily secured. In any case, the object of the Mission is attained, viz., influence on the young life. We are anxious that the Orphanage be permanently located somewhere outside of Supaul, so that better provisions can be made for their accommodation and schooling.

Medical work was confined mostly to the local need, i. e., of the Indian Christians and people on the compound. It was very hard to turn many away who came from the outlying villages for help; but funds did not permit more than attention to our own needs. We hope it may be possible in the near future to allow this work to increase. There is a government dispensary in Supaul, but the natives do not like to go there, because the attention they get is that of persons interested more in getting a living than in sympathizing with those who suffer. Instead we are besieged with appeals for medical help because it is

soon discovered that our help is given out of sympathy and a desire to relieve suffering.

During the year three small buildings were completed, a store-house, a garage, and quarters for Indian workers. These are nice solid buildings which add greatly to the convenience of the workers as well as to the value of the place. A nice cemetery plot was purchased also, not far from the house. Land for a Church building has not been secured although we think the Lord will help us to acquire this also in the near future.

As God would seem to have it, all of us will be leaving Supaul as the year closes. Three of us expect to start for America on furlough, and Sr. Mary Dick is transferred to Saharsa. We are glad of course, to enjoy a furlough, yet we do experience a sense of pain as we think of leaving behind us the work we love and for which we have dedicated our lives. His will be done.

It is highly encouraging to us to be privileged to welcome two new recruits to the work at Supaul. It inspires confidence in our hearts that the Lord is still calling His chosen ones to help in the work here, and that our dear brethren at home are doing their best in sending them to our help. Bro. and Sr. Paulus are elected to locate at Supaul for the ensuing year, when they will concentrate on language study.

In conclusion, we thank all who have given of their time in prayer; of their thought, speech, and letters in sympathy and encouragement; and of their treasure in offerings to the work. You, with us, may rejoice in the coming of His kingdom on earth and the decorating of the Bride for the Feast of the Lamb.

Yours in the love of the Lover of our souls,  
Supaul Workers.

## Financial

### AFRICA

#### Field Treasurer's Report 1925

L. B. Steckley

#### GENERAL FUND

Receipts		£	s	d
Balance from previous year.....		153	13	03
F. M. B. Treasurer .....		2768	01	06
Special for Teachers .....		109	18	00
Special donation for maintenance .....		50	00	00
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		3084	12	09
Expenditures		£	s	d
Maintenance .....		1630	00	00
Personal allowance .....		409	00	00
Furloughs .....		397	00	00
Children's support .....		139	00	00
Teachers' General Fund .....		100	04	04
Teachers' special donations .....		40	00	06
Miscellaneous .....		157	00	08
Balance on hand .....		212	07	03
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		3084	12	09
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#### Educational Fund

Receipts		£	s	d
Balance from previous year.....		236	15	00
From General Fund for children's support .....		139	00	00
W. O. Winger, govern't grant for children .....		27	00	00
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		402	15	00
Expenditures		£	s	d
Childrens' support .....		139	00	00
Balance at end of year .....		236	15	00
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**Development Fund  
Receipts**

	£	s	d
Balance from previous year.....			793-19-04
Johannesburg property .....			122-15-00
F. M. B. Treas. for farm fund .....			104-00-00
Interest .....			16-00-00
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			1036-14-04

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
Wanezi for developing .....			172-02-02
Wanezi for building .....			50-00-00
Mtshabezi for building .....			300-00-00
Balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1925 .....			514-12-02
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			1036-14-04
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**Matopo Mission  
J. A. Climenhaga**

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
Balance on hand Jan. 1. ....			38-03-02
From F. M. B. Treasurer .....			240-00-00
Gov't. grant, tuition and donations.....			125-13-01
Sale of produce, stock, Scotch cart, etc....			347-08-06
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			751-04-09

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
Household provisions, including food supplies for laborers and students .....			282-01-03
Buildings, improvements, tools, hardware, etc. ....			381-02-09
Allowance to teachers and laborers.....			76-00-09
Balance on hand .....			12-00-00
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			751-04-09
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**Wanezi Mission**

H. P. Steigerwald

**Building Account**

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
Balance on hand at beginning of year.....			31-04-03
From General Field Treasurer.....			50-00-00
Contributed by natives .....			4-05-06
Miscellaneous .....			23-19-00
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			109-08-09

**Expenditures**

Material, labor and transport.....	269-10-11		
Deficit at end of year .....			160-02-02
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	269-10-11	<hr/>	269-10-11

**General Account**

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
From Gen. Field Treas. for last years deficit .....			147-02-02
From Gen. Field Treas. for Maintenance....			150-00-00
From Gen. Field Treas. for Scotch cart.....			25-00-00
Rents, Fees and Produce .....			78-03-03
Miscellaneous .....			16-09-04
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			416-14-09

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
Deficit at beginning of year.....			147-02-02
Tools, implements, repairs, stock, provisions, labor, grain, etc. ....			249-05-04
Balance on hand .....			20-07-03
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	416-14-09	<hr/>	416-14-09

**Mtshabezi Mission**

W. O. Winger

**General Account**

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1925.....		23	02-04
General Fund .....	490	00	00
Government School Grant .....	187	10	00
Farm produce, rents, clothing sold, tuition, etc. ....	205	17	02
	906	09	06

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
Paid out during year .....	849	12	01
Balance on hand .....	56	17	05
	906	09	06

**Building Account**

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
Rec. from building and development fund....	300	00	00

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
For Girls' Dormitories .....	40	04	02
For dwelling house .....	312	07	01
Labor .....	50	00	00
Deficit at end of year .....	102	11	03
	402	11	03

**Outschools Account**

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
Government grant .....	185	10	00
Doors sold from outschool .....	1	10	00
From General Fund .....	117	01	03
Native church offerings .....	137	18	06
	441	19	09

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
Deficit at beginning of year .....	17	09	02
Teachers wages for year .....	405	05	10
Moving expenses .....	19	04	09
Owing teachers at end of year by native church .....	94	13	11
	536	13	08
Deficit at end of year .....	94	13	11
	536	13	11

**Macha Mission**

J. Lester Myers

**Receipts**

	£	s	d
From General Treasurer .....	400	00	00
From the Native Church .....	22	04	00
Offering for motorcycle .....	72	03	03
Farm produce, tuition, miscellaneous.....	261	01	09
	755	09	00

**Expenditures**

	£	s	d
Household provisions, clothing and medical	404	15	06
Wages, stationery, etc. ....	255	07	03
Buildings, improvements, tools, etc.....	256	16	03
	916	19	00
Unpaid bills .....	161	10	00
	916	19	00



### Sikalongo Mission Report

L. B. Steckley

Receipts		£	s	d
Balance from previous year .....		66	00	02
From F. M. B. Treas. per Field Treas.....		180	00	00
Farm produce, private donations, native contributions, famine relief, etc.....		246	00	11
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		339	18	03

  

Expenditures		£	s	d
Expenses during the year .....		329	12	03
Balance—Dec. 31st, 1925 .....		10	06	00
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		339	18	03

### INDIA FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Maintenance

To bal. on hand Jan. 1st, 1925, .....	Rs 5591-06-00	
To total receipts for year .....	16653-08-01	
By total expenditures for year.....		21698-10-03
By balance on hand Dec. 18th, 1925.....		546-03-10

#### General Propagation

To total receipts during year.....	10363-14-07	
By total expenditures for year .....		10458-05-03
To deficit for year .....	94-06-08	

#### Special Extension

To balance on hand Jan. 1st, '25.....	1938-14-04	
To refunds from F. M. Board toward loan taken for furloughs to America.....	3774-00-01	
To all other receipts for year.....	2623-01-02	
By total expenditures for year.....		8221-07-06
By balance on hand Dec. 18th.....		114-08-01

#### Cash Account

To cash on hand Dec. 18th, 1925.....	20396-08-08	
By all balances represented on Mission Treasurers books .....		20396-08-08
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	61435-11-07	61435-11-07

Note: At the present time one hundred American dollars are worth two hundred and seventy rupees, or one dollar is equivalent to approximately two rupees and eleven annas.

(Signed) C. E. Heise, Treasurer.

### Saharsa Station

#### General Maintenance

To bal. Jan. 1st, 1925.....	Rs. 57-13-09	
To total receipts for year.....	11905-09-03	
By total expenditures .....		11885-02-08
By balance .....		78-04-04

#### General Propagation

To Bal. Jan. 1st., 1925.....	909-00-08½	
To total receipts .....	6080-13-05	
By total expenditures .....		6289-05-06½
By balance .....		700-08-07

#### General Building and Land Funds

To balance Jan. 1st, 1925.....	1017-05-09	
To total receipts .....	3258-06-00	
By expenditures .....		3541-02-06
By balance .....		734-09-03

23229-01-02½ 23229-01-02½

(Signed) C. E. Heise, Treasurer.

### Supaul

#### General Funds

##### Receipts

Balance in the several accounts .....	201-04-02	
From Treasurer in same accounts.....	1539-04-06	
Other receipts .....	70-08-10	
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		Rs 1811-01-06

##### Expenditures

Expenses during the year .....	1577-01-10	
Balances in hand .....	233-15-08	
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		Rs 1811-01-06

Building and Land Funds

Receipts

Balances .....	3002-06-09
Treasurer .....	900-00-00
Other sources .....	236-13-07

Rs 4139-04-04

Expenditures

Expenses during year .....	3236-10-07
Balances in hand .....	902-09-09

Rs 4139-04-04

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—Approved.

Section 1.

Whereas, The welfare of our Missionaries' Children has been a question of interest for a number of years, having been deliberated upon at former Conferences, and inasmuch as the Missionaries in Africa, through a Committee appointed at their Conference of 1924, have appealed to the Foreign Mission Board for a school for their children, requesting that the Board send Bro. S. B. Stoner, wife and daughter to provide a home and teacher, and:

Whereas, In the consideration of this question it was brought out that if the Missionaries had their own school, they would receive Government grant, and

Whereas, With this grant, the maintenance of such school would be less than the cost of sending their children to the Government Schools, and

Whereas, The initial cost of establishing such schools is reasonable, and,

Whereas, This work could be launched at once by us-

ing present buildings at the Matopo Mission until permanent buildings and equipment are ready, and

Whereas, By request of the Foreign Mission Board, the field committee have submitted a plan for the launching of such school, we hereby present same for consideration, with the recommendation,

(1) That an effort be made to raise the necessary funds for launching this work, the budget for same to include buildings, equipment and transportation of these workers to the field,

(2) That Brother S. B. Stoner be authorized to canvass the brotherhood, appealing to individuals who may be interested in this project by private solicitation.

Section 2.

Inasmuch as we realize that there is an imperative need for a forward movement in Mission Work; and,

Whereas, Conference has already passed a resolution that we unite in asking the Lord for an average of one dollar per month per member to make this possible, we therefore recommend that a budget of \$40,000.00 be provided for.

Section 3.

The division of church territory to the committee of arrangements is as follows:

Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois .....	I. C. Engle
All of Canada, including New York State .....	D. W. Heise
All territory west of Mississippi .....	J. N. Engle
Pennsylvania .....	S. C. Eshelman

All missionaries desiring information concerning church territory visitation, meetings, etc., should correspond with Chairman Isaac C. Engle, Clayton, Ohio, who will see that necessary arrangements are made and after being made, should be implicitly followed.

# HOME MISSIONS

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Bishop M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kans., Chairman.  
Bishop J. H. Wagaman, Waukena, Calif., Ass't. Chair.  
Elder C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Refton, Pa., Secretary.  
I. J. Zercher, Enterprise, Kans., Ass't Secretary.  
Elder Abner Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa., Treasurer.  
Elder L. Shoalts, Wellandport, Ont., Can. Treasurer.  
Elder E. J. Rohrer, West Milton, Ohio.

## HOME MISSION BOARD SECRETARY REPORT.

C. N. Hostetter, Jr.

### Greetings to General Conference:

The year which has just closed has been marked by a very encouraging interest in Home Mission activities. Much interest in Church Extension and a desire to reach out and strengthen our work at home has been shown by the church at large from various quarters. We solicit the helpful suggestions and earnest prayers of the brotherhood that the Home Mission Board may wisely and ably carry forward that part of this important work which is entrusted into their care.

At present there are forty-six workers engaged under the care of the Home Mission Board. Throughout the Conference year three have retired from the work—two of these on account of failure in health. Two sisters were accepted by the Board since last Conference; namely, Pearl Swalm, who is located at Welland, and Angeline Cox, who is at Dayton. Several places have been without resident workers throughout the year. We pray that workers may answer the call of God to these places of need.

The Armenian work at Boston was again under the oversight of Bishop L. O. Musser. During the year the property owned by V. S. Bilezikian was sold and the money loaned by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards was again returned to them with interest. Fuller information about this work will be given later.

The Virginia and Kentucky work was continued as heretofore under the oversight of Bishop O. B. Ulery. Conditions prevented the placing of workers in Kentucky, but brethren from Ohio and elsewhere made visits there from time to time.

At Iron Springs, under the oversight of Bishop S. B. Stoner, the appointments were filled by brethren from the Messiah Bible College.

Many of the tent meetings the past season have been carried on by districts and State Mission Boards. Several meetings were conducted under the auspices of this Board in Canada, one in Virginia, and the one Pennsylvania tent was operated by students of the Messiah Bible College. At a number of these meetings the work was blessed with numbers coming to the Lord.

As authorized by General Conference of 1925 an evangelistic effort was put forth in Florida in charge of Bishop D. R. Eyster. Some of the brethren and sisters from Pennsylvania and Kansas who went to Florida to spend the winter rendered very valuable assistance in the work. Gospel preaching and Sunday School were conducted in a large tent. Numbers visited the altar and prior to Brother Eyster's leaving in January a class of six were taken into church fellowship. Due to inflated real estate values it was impossible at that time to secure a permanent building as a place of worship. Consequently services have been continued in the tent under the care of Elder W. E. Bilby.

The provision by General Conference for granting ministerial licenses was put into effect during the year. Several brethren, who furnished recommendations from the district in which they hold membership and who also passed the doctrinal examination, were granted licenses.

We encourage a careful reading of the city and rural mission annual reports as they appear in this Handbook of Missions.

### HOME MISSION BOARD TREASURER REPORT

Abner Martin

#### Receipts

Balance on hand, April 1, 1925.....	\$ 1372.51
Congregations and Sunday Schools.....	3446.38
Individuals .....	1681.71
Tent offerings .....	1684.41
General Conference offering .....	324.23
Bequests and specials .....	400.00
Annuity .....	500.00
Mortgage on Boston Mission, paid .....	6000.00
Accrued interest on Boston Mission mortgage.....	464.06
Sale of small tent .....	15.00
Total .....	\$15888.30

#### Expenditures

Quarterly allowance for Mission workers.....	\$ 3329.90
Evangelists and tent workers .....	1509.63
Deficits to Missions .....	724.80
Publishing House .....	82.25
Car fare .....	507.84
Paid loan from bank .....	1300.00
Interest .....	173.47
Two new tent tops .....	434.25
Taxes .....	92.15
Freight and Drayage .....	304.46
Attorney fee to transfer Boston Mission property.....	50.00

Foreign Mission Board one-half of Boston Miss. Mortgage	3000.00
Accrued interest on one-half Boston Miss. Mortgage.....	207.00
Tent expenses .....	73.48
Balance on hand, April 1, 1926	
Interest bearing certificate.....	\$2000.00
Cash balance .....	2099.07

Total .....\$15888.30

The above account was audited by the Elizabethtown National Bank, May 14th, 1926.

A. H. Martin, Cashier.

### HOME MISSION BOARD CONFERENCE REPORT.

#### Section 1.

**Whereas,** The increased attendance in the Sunday School at Chicago Mission and a general growth of the work connected therewith, has made it necessary for additional room to properly house the work, and

**Whereas,** There is room in the rear of the present building where an addition could be built that would provide at least three additional Sunday School rooms; and

**Whereas,** This improvement, which would cost approximately \$3,600.00, would not in any way detract from the value of the property, but would rather increase its value, should it ever be sold for commercial purposes, therefore,

**Resolved,** That the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Mission be authorized to solicit funds for the necessary improvements, by expressing the needs of the work at this time through the columns of the Evangelical Visitor or otherwise, as they deem proper; and

**Whereas,** The need is very urgent, the workers being compelled to teach as many as sixty-five to seventy-five children in a room 10x15 feet; therefore

**Resolved,** That the trustees be authorized to im-

mediately let contract for making the needed improvements.

#### Section 2.

In view of the aforesaid action authorizing the Board of Trustees of Chicago to solicit funds; and,

**Whereas,** A similar authorization has been given to the trustees of the Philadelphia Mission to provide for an urgent need at that place, we therefore,

**Recommend,** That when these several trustees shall make their appeals the overseers throughout the church be encouraged to give this matter careful attention.

#### Section 3.

For the information of Conference we state that the work at Boston is continued, although the property used for mission purposes has been sold. Other accommodations for worship have been provided and the Armenian Brethren desire to continue under the auspices of the Church. However, at their own request no financial help is given from the Home Mission Treasury and offerings from the Church at large are not solicited.

#### Section 4.

**Whereas,** There has been some misunderstanding from time to time as to the proper procedure which brethren and sisters should follow in securing recognition by the Home Mission Board, we therefore publish the following information to all concerned:

This course of procedure applies to applicants desiring recognition as home mission workers and licensed ministers.

1. The applicant shall reveal their convictions to the home district or congregation.

2. Application shall be made to the Home Mission Board for proper blanks which shall be properly signed and returned to the Home Mission Board.

3. If accepted by the Home Mission Board the applicant shall then be recommended to the Examining Board for examination on doctrine.

4. If found sound in doctrine the Home Mission Board shall then issue proper credentials to the applicant.

#### Section 5.

**Whereas,** The nature of the work in which our sister home mission workers engage is identical with the work that is done by the deaconess in other churches, and

**Whereas,** It would remove the difficulty to our home mission sister workers securing clerical rates if they were designated by the term deaconess, therefore we

**Recommend,** That Conference consider the advisability of designating our home mission workers by the term of deaconess.

#### Section 6.

##### Florida

**Resolved,** That the work in Florida be placed under the oversight of Bishop D. R. Eyster, that Eld. W. E. Bilby be retained as minister in charge in Arcadia, and that the brethren and sisters making their residence at Orlando, also be encouraged to make provision to conduct their own religious services. In order to facilitate the opening of the work at Orlando, we recommended the appointment of a committee of three, namely: D. R. Eyster, D. E. Rohrer, and C. E. Snoke, who shall assume the initiative in making the arrangements and that Bish. D. R. Eyster be engaged to launch the work in the fall by an evangelistic effort.

#### Section 7.

**Resolved,** That Eld. Walter Reighard be re-assigned as pastor of the Clearview Congregation for Saskatchewan, Canada.

### Section 8. Status of Licensed Ministers.

Due to the fact that a number of our brethren are being granted Ministerial Licenses, the question has arisen as to the degree of rights and privileges which shall belong to such licensed ministers. Therefore the following is presented:

1. The licensed minister shall have the right and authority to preach the Gospel as opportunity is afforded.

2. The names and addresses of such licensed ministers shall be inscribed annually upon the General Conference Minutes, in order that those desiring their services may be able to communicate with them.

3. These licensed ministers shall be directly responsible to the Home Mission Board. However it is the privilege of districts, congregations, etc., to employ such brethren as they deem proper.

4. However, in such cases as a licensed minister is residing permanently or temporarily, or is visiting in a district or congregation where his ministerial services are not required, the law of courtesy shall not require the district to offer him the pulpit.

5. A ministerial license shall not entitle the holder to a vote in General Conference.

### Section 9. Licensed Ministers

Alvin C. Burkholder, 4120—11th St. Place, Des Moines, Iowa.

Joel E. Carlson, 7610 South Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Elmer Eyer, 4120—11th St. Place, Des Moines, Iowa.

Charles F. Eshelman, Souderton, Pa.

Jesse F. Lady, Abilene, Kans., R. R. 1.

John Minter, Abilene, Kans., R. R.

Richard C. Odgers, 1621 West Toronto St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Elmer L. Steckley, Thomas, Oklahoma.

Harold K. Sheets, Detroit, Kans.

Earl M. Sider, Perry Station, Ont., Can.

Norman A. Wingert, Chambersburg, Pa.

### Section 10. Assignment of Workers

**Altoona Mission, 613—4th Avenue, Altoona, Pa.**

H. G. Miller and wife, Lizzie Brubaker.

**Bethel Mission, Sylvatus, Va.**

D. E. Jennings and wife.

**Boston Mission, Boston, Mass.**

V. S. Bilezikian and wife, S. H. Ameralian and wife.

**Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley St., Buffalo, N. Y.**

E. C. Bossert and wife.

**Center County, Howard, Pa.**

L. F. Sheetz and wife.

**Chicago Mission, 6039 Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.**

Sarah Bert, C. J. Carlson, Pastor, Avas Carlson, Anna Bert, Harriet Gough, Elmo Brechbill.

**Dayton Mission, 601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio.**

W. H. and Susie Boyer, Eva Dick, Angeline Cox.

**Des Moines Mission, 1194—14th St., Des Moines, Ia.**

H. W. Landis and wife, Anna Zook, Abr'm K. Landis and wife.

**Kentucky Mission Field.**

To be supplied by overseer until better provision is made.

**Iron Springs, Pa.**

Iola Dixon.

**Mooretown Center Mission, Mooretown, Michigan.**

Charles Engle and wife.

**Mt. Carmel Mission, Gladwin, Michigan.**

Henry P. Heisey and wife, Eva Hoover.

**Philadelphia Mission, 3323 N. 2nd St., Phila., Pa.**  
Bro. and Sr. Clyde Shirk, Barbara Hitz, Mary Sentz.

**San Francisco Mission, 3739—20th St., San Francisco, Calif.**

Maggie Sollenberger, Rhoda Wingert.

**Welland Mission, Welland, Ont., Can.**

L. B. Schell and wife, Pearl Swalm.

**Lancaster Mission, 47 Caroline St., Lancaster, Pa.**

Geo. E. Whisler and wife, Miriam Benner, Emma Frey.

**Section 11. Evangelists**

Wm. M. Asper, Mowersville, Pa.

L. Shoalts, Wellandport, Ont., Can., R. 1.

Wilber Snider, Grantham, Pa.

Ernest Swalm, Duntroon, Ont., Can.

Ray I. Witter, Navarre, Kans.

**Section 12. Workers to be Assigned at a Future Date.**

Elder D. E. Rohrer and wife.

Vera Hilts, Gormley, Ont., Can.

Emanuel Hass and wife, Mount Joy, Pa.

Etta Putman, Wellandport, Ont., Can.

Ruth M. Stump, New Paris, Indiana.

Geneva Zook, Abilene, Kansas.

**Section 13. Overseers**

Boston—L. O. Musser.

San Francisco—C. C. Burkholder.

Chicago—John A. Stump.

Center, Clinton and Lycoming Co., Pa.—L. O. Musser.

Mooretown and Gladwin, Michigan—Jonathan Lyons.

Iron Springs, Pa.—S. B. Stoner.

Virginia and Kentucky—Wilber Snider.

Action—Report was approved excepting Section 5

which was referred to the Home Mission Board for securing more definite information.

**ALTOONA MISSION, ALTOONA, PA.**

By Herman G. and Laura Miller

To all the beloved brotherhood we send greetings of love through the all prevailing name of Jesus—the one that gave His precious life and shed His blood for us that we might be free in Him. Praise His holy Name.

Another Conference Year has passed by. Oh how fast time seems to pass. It is gone forever, either for the glory of God or for self and Satan.

We praise God for His faithfulness and for His keeping and sanctifying Power. The work here is growing. Our Sunday School and Church services are encouraging. Some Sunday nights our room is nearly filled. Bro. David Brehm was with us for about five weeks this winter in a revival effort. He preached the Word in the power of the Holy Ghost. Quite a number came to the altar, some to be saved and others to be sanctified, some for healing and others for other needs.

The past year has been a busy one for us giving out the Gospel, and visiting the sick in homes and at the Hospitals. We also go to the Blair County jail once a week, every Wednesday evening.

We have done a little repairing in the basement building a Sunday School room and another small room.

We wish to thank all the dear brethren and sisters who have helped along in the work, both with their means and in their prayers. May the Lord richly bless you in our prayer and will you remember us in your prayers.

## BETHEL MISSION, SYLVATUS, VIRGINIA

By Denny E. Jennings and Workers

With the passing of another Conference year we will offer another report of the work at Bethel Mission. As we look at the results outwardly I am sure that we would hesitate to make a report but we are glad that those who have the love of God in their hearts delight in well doing and are encouraged with the words of the Master who said that we should reap if we faint not. So we thank God that He gave us steadfastness that even though we are not encouraged by the union of scores and hundreds of others we still have courage to press on toward the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. The past year has been one of special test to our work here, but we would not know the worth or stability of our work if it were not tested, so we are thankful that we have come thru the fire with victory and with some faithful souls. While some will be tossed to and fro by every kind of doctrine whereby they lie in wait to deceive, thanks be to God that there are those whose steadfastness is made to shine as pure as gold by the fiery trials that are to try the faith of God's elect.

We were only privileged to have one short tent meeting last year, but the attendance was fine and interest good. During this meeting one member was added to the mission number, and we also visited a man that was converted in a convict road camp where convicts are being used to build a good road through the country. This man was happily saved last fall. We visited him in his home at which time his wife also sought the Lord and professed to have received pardon. The man desires to unite with the Church.

Last fall our mission helper, Sr. Charlotte Neidrauer

married one of our young brethren Charlie Cox. Sr. Cox remained with us in the work while Bro. Cox worked away. He will return the first of June at which time they will set up housekeeping in the house that we had first remodeled for a home. We are very glad indeed, to have them as an added member to the Mission congregation. We are glad that they are contented to stand by the work instead of wanting to locate out in the commercial world where the glittering dollar is calling so many. We are sure that if the call of the Lord were heeded as much as the call of the dollar and the call of pleasure the ranks of the Lord would not be so depleted as they are.

We are also glad to state that we have with us Sr. Annie Sollenberger of Franklin Co., Pa., as a laborer with us for the future. She came as a volunteer without asking assistance of the H. M. B. She is a blessed sister and has always taken a great interest in the work here, and has been a blessing to the work in more ways than one.

We are very grateful to have given to us a good car for the Mission Work. The donor wishes name withheld.

We further extend thanks to all who have stood so nobly by the work here, and we solicit your continued prayers that the work may be pushed forward. The field is large. We have calls extending into North Carolina, and to Scott Co., Virginia. A Dunkard brother begged us to bring our tent into North Carolina and pitch it this summer, but we fear we will not be able to do so. We also wish to extend our thankfulness to the members of the Home Mission Board for their faithfulness to us in the work. We pray that God will bless each of them to gather many of the lost of earth through their efforts.



### **BUFFALO MISSION, BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

By E. C. Bossert and Workers.

We send greetings of love to all the dear brotherhood through the precious name of Jesus. It does not seem possible that the great clock of time has ticked off another year since we sent our last report to Conference. We are reminded of the truth of the 19th Psalm, the second verse. As we note the years passing so rapidly we are made to ask ourselves how we are spending our time. Many opportunities have come and gone. Those which were snatched will be on God's record for us, those lost will be against us. May God help us to be on duty continually for Him.

As we view the work of the past year we must conclude that we are in the last times. The powers of darkness are settling in greater blackness, and it seems difficult to get souls interested in themselves. We are glad for the help of the two sisters sent here this year through the kindness of the Board. They have labored faithfully in the work here. May the Lord reward them richly. Because of their help the visiting work has been well kept up. We are glad to be able to report that nearly all of our members and also those who are interested are still faithful to the services, thank God.

Bish. O. B. Ulery was with us for a few days in special services. Our souls were refreshed as we drank in the truths brought to us by our dear brother. Bish. M. L. Dohner labored with us for three weeks in a revival. From the beginning the spirit was at work. It was one of the most precious seasons we have witnessed here. Souls were at the altar many nights and went through with the Lord in a definite way. We are glad for the work which was done in the Church. We believe it will be strength-

ening to her. We are especially glad for the way in which the Lord dealt with the young people, praise His name. One has been received into the Church being in full fellowship with us.

We are very thankful for the way the Mission has been supported. The dear brethren have nobly stood by the work. May the Lord reward all according to His riches in glory. We desire an interest in the prayers of all who know the value of prayer in behalf of the work here. May the blessings of the Triune God abide continually on the Church is our prayer, Amen.

### **CENTRE COUNTY MISSION, HOWARD, PA.**

By L. F. Sheets and Wife.

As we take a glimpse at the work here during the past year, we cannot help but praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness toward us. He permitted us to pass through some deep waters and the clouds were sometimes hanging rather low, but as James says, "Blessed is that man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." We can plainly see that these tests and trials make us just a little stronger to face the battles that are ours to fight.

The latter part of the year has been rather encouraging, as some of those who had forsaken us have been reclaimed and are now a great blessing to the work here. During February Bishop S. G. Engle of Philadelphia, gave us a few weeks' revival services, which were very largely attended and much interest was shown. Bro. H. M. Miles of Perry Point, Md., was also with us at that time and held several very largely attended services. Five souls made a start in the Christian life and our prayer is that they may all hold faithful unto the end.

We were also favored a week later by a visit from Sister Mary Heisey and Sister Anna Engle, out-going missionaries, who spoke to a fairly good crowd which appeared to be greatly interested. May God greatly bless these sisters as they go forth to tell the blessed news.

The work as a whole looks encouraging and our determination is to go forward and sow the gospel seed and let the results with Him who doeth all things well. May God bless the Brotherhood and may we all work together for the up-building of His kingdom upon earth. We solicit your prayers and thank all those who have remembered our mission in the way of contributions and donations.

#### CHICAGO MISSION, CHICAGO, ILL.

By Sarah H. Bert and Workers.

"Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" I Cor. 3: 13-15.

It truly does not seem a year has passed into eternity since last we reported to General Conference. As we review it, we ask ourselves, "What have we done that has counted for God and eternity"? Though to us our work may seem small and so much fruitage unseen, we do not want to suffer loss in that great day, which none of us will escape when every man's motives and purposes will be fully known.

We do thank God for His presence this year. The Lord truly blessed our efforts in the open air work last

summer, with some permanent results, to say nothing of the unseen. As the weather gets warmer we look forward again to this privilege of taking the gospel to others in God's out-of-doors. Some will come into the Mission but there are so many who will not come in but will listen outside. God has blessed the distribution of thousands of tracts during these meetings.

Bro. Witter, from Kansas, came to us in January and held over three weeks of special services. God blessed his ministry in our midst to the saving and blessing of many souls. Our Sunday School is still increasing, having a present enrollment of 215, about 80 in the Primary Department, and 33 in the Junior Department. We have focused our efforts on the Sunday School during the winter. In some instances uninterested parents have been brought to the meetings through their children coming to Sunday School and some have been truly saved. "A little child shall lead them." Those of our number who stand by us to-day have been brought up in our Sunday School.

We have fed and clothed many poor during the winter which was a specially severe one because of much unemployment. The attendance at the nine weekly services besides the open air meetings has been good. The Junior Bible Class for children, with about 80 enrolled has proven a real blessing.

We take this opportunity to heartily thank all who stood by the work with their means, and ask your continued prayers for us as we battle against the awful powers of darkness in this wicked, Sodom-like city. We need your prayers. Pray for us.

## DAYTON MISSION, DAYTON, OHIO

By W. H. and Susie Boyer.

We can hardly realize that we have come to the close of another Conference year. This gives us to understand that our years are transient, and the time for our labour for our dear Master, gathering in immortal souls will soon be past. When we have reached the close of this our brief sojourn, can it be said of us that we have done our best to rescue the lost and perishing?

It is appalling and very sad to see how little this evil world is interested in the Great Sacrifice that was once effected for the salvation of precious souls. Yet it gives us pleasure to say that the past year was not entirely made up of burdens and sorrows because we saw the unsaved carelessly plunging on, but sweet have been the seasons of rejoicing when a few souls were saved and a number of victories were won for our precious Lord.

We were permitted to have with us in our series of meetings Bro. Emanuel Rohrer of West Milton, Ohio. The meetings continued from October 4th to 18th, 1925. Our dear brother was wonderfully used of the Lord in proclaiming the Word of God. A number of dear souls received help and we as a little Mission Band were encouraged on the way. One dear brother is considering taking the narrow way. O, that others would realize the great pleasure and happiness there is in traveling the good old-fashioned way with our Lord.

We are pleased to report that the Lord has provided for us a co-worker since our last report, who is now one with us in the battle and search for the lost of earth.

We are very thankful to state that our Father in Heaven through His dear ones has supplied our needs so bountifully, and may they realize great blessing and re-

ward in their hearts and lives is our prayer.

Our services and Sunday School attendance and interest have been fairly good. The conducting of said services are the same as heretofore reported.

As we close we are prompted to say that we have no other intention than to continue true and faithful in our divinely appointed place of labor, and to continue to work on with you until the Lord of Glory orders otherwise. We desire a deep interest in the prayers of the saints in our behalf. We thank the Lord for our Home Mission Board, and we thank them for their faithfulness and kind consideration of us. May they have grace to continue true to the trust enjoined upon them is our prayer.

## DES MOINES MISSION, DES MOINES, IOWA

By H. W. Landis and Workers.

We are glad to bring another report of the last year's work. Last summer we held a three weeks tent meeting and we are glad that God's blessing was on the work. During the month of November a four weeks meeting was held and many souls sought the Lord.

The attendance at all stations is better than at any time during our labors at this place. The enrollment of our three Sunday Schools is near to 250. The present membership is 54, of which number, five united with the Church this year. Some few are isolated and a few are laboring at other places.

Sister Geneva Zook has been absent from the work on account of sickness, but God has supplied help. Brother Elmer Eyer and Brother Alvin Burkholder from California have moved into the District. They are taking an interest in the work and are proving a blessing.

We are encouraged to push the battle. Will you pray for us?

**DES MOINES TRUSTEE REPORT**

Balance from previous year .....	\$ 69.42
Total income from building .....	4289.00
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Total .....	\$4358.42
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<b>Expenses</b>	
Incidental expenses .....	\$2667.65
Interest to Home Mission Board .....	360.00
Interest on Mortgage .....	747.50
For support of mission work in Des Moines.....	575.00
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Total .....	\$4350.15
Balance on hand .....	\$ 8.27

**IRON SPRINGS, PA.**

By Iola Dixon..

Iron Springs is located about ten miles south of Gettysburg in a little valley liberally watered by springs. The people in the settlement number about two hundred—many of them being Catholics. Our labors have also reached among those scattered through the mountains.

The life of these people is very simple and very old fashioned. Were they free from the chains of sin one would be charmed with their life. Many of these people work hard, own their own homes, and have money in the banks. There are few who are ever actually in need. Truly they are diamonds in the rough.

However, these beautiful mountains shelter dens of vice and crime. As we think of the future generations our soul cries out that God might help us snatch the little ones from such a life. Only one thing can save them and that is the blood of Christ.

The work was begun here four years this fall. God has blessed the efforts put forth by different students from the M. B. C. They come twice a month and hold services on Sunday afternoons and evening. Beside these

services we hold services when the brethren are not here, and prayer meeting Wednesday night. The Sunday School is growing and demands teachers. Visiting and personal work call for our time and patient prayers.

A few have joined the church. Quite a number have sought the Lord. Some see their error, but fear the people. May God have His way!

**LANCASTER MISSION, LANCASTER, PA.**

By J. H. and Barbara Martin and Workers.

“Give unto the Lord the glory due His name.” “The Lord will give strength unto His people, the Lord will bless His people with peace.” “No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.” “Surely there hath not failed one word of all His good promises to His people.”

We praise Him for blessing the work at Lancaster during another year. A special revival effort was held in February with Bish. Wm. J. Myers in charge. The Lord greatly blessed His people and some twenty sought the Lord at the altar of prayer. While efforts have been made to keep all encouraged, yet some through the allurements of the world, have seemingly turned from the narrow path, but we rejoice to see many of them pressing on in the true way.

A singing class is held weekly at the mission and a number are availing themselves of the privilege of learning to sing better. Weekly also is our Tuesday evening prayermeeting and usually a cottage prayer meeting on Thursday evening. During the summer street meetings were held on Saturday evening. The Sunday School and preaching service on the Lord’s day are well attended. The interest in most of these services is good, but we wish

that many more would come to Christ from week to week. Will you pray that there may be more who will truly seek the Lord in the year that is before us?

#### **MT. CARMEL MISSION, GLADWIN, MICHIGAN**

By Bro. and Sr. H. P. Heisey.

"The Lord had said unto Abraham, get thee out of thy father's country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will shew thee." Gen. 12:1.

It was hard to pull away from loved ones and friends, but as we had yielded our lives to God to be used in His service, when the call came for workers at this rural mission in Gladwin Co., Mich., we said Amen to Jesus and packed our trunks and came. But as we took charge of the little Mission we realized our responsibility very keenly, being so young to have charge of a work like this and so far from our Church brethren. Then the Lord came to us with a very precious promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor. 12:9. Thank God this promise has been verified many times since here in the work.

This year has been filled with many varied experiences, and the Lord has taught us some precious lessons which we are grateful for. We have realized his loving care continually and He has been a real Helper in every time of need. There have been some hard tests during the past year, but we found God's grace sufficient and He has never failed us once. Praise His dear Name.

The dedication of the new church and the Lovefeast was held June 21 and 22, 1925. Bish. W. H. Boyer, Dayton, Ohio, preached the dedication sermon Sunday

morning June 22. These services were very well attended and proved a blessing to us all. A three weeks tent meeting followed with Eld. Clayton M. Engle, Hummelstown, Pa., as our evangelist. There was real conviction during the meeting but only two were willing to take a stand for Christ. So few these days are willing to leave the world and follow Jesus.

Eld. L. Shoalts, Wellandport, Ont. gave us a ten days meeting in December. He gave us many heart-searching messages. His labors were especially appreciated by the dear ones here and proved to be a blessing in their Christian life. His messages were so practical and helped them so much in their daily life.

We are glad to report that the work in general is encouraging and the Sunday School interest is good.

We want to thank all the dear brethren and sisters who have helped so kindly in supplying our financial needs. We also deeply appreciate the interest that has been shown in the work and crave a deep interest in your prayers that we may remain faithful and true to the trust that has been given to us.

#### **PHILADELPHIA MISSION, PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

By Bro. and Sr. Clyde Shirk and Workers.

Nearly a year has passed swiftly by since we came to take up the work at the Philadelphia Mission; and have experienced that mission work is far different from private life, all of which we expected.

Often have we defeated the enemy of our souls in his attacks when we would remind him that the Lord has called, and we of ourselves had nothing to offer but that obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams.

During the year there were five accessions to the church for which we are glad and wish it could have been many times that number; but not without real experience and consecration. Our aim and desire is for many souls to be born into the kingdom of God with a fully yielded and surrendered life, as only those whose names are written in Heaven shall ever enjoy the blessed realities of Heaven.

One dear soul went to her reward during the past year. Her prayer was that God would call her from this stage of action while she was in services. Our God who does hear and answer prayer granted her request. One Sunday morning in December during the praise service the death messenger called.

As we look around us we see death everywhere in the land, young and old alike must answer to the call of death. With all these signs of the brevity and uncertainty of life, souls seem to be satisfied and unconcerned about the future. However, we are not discouraged as our Heavenly Father keeps the records and will reward us for our labor whether good or bad.

We wish to thank all who had a share in helping the work along at this place, whether the offering was by prayer, financial or provisions. We do crave an interest in your prayers that we may be kept faithful and on the firing line until the battle is over.

#### SAN FRANCISCO MISSION, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

By Maggie F. Sollenberger and Rhoda F. Wingert.

"The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." Ex. 14:14. We have seen the Great Captain leading the way to definite victory through the last year.

We find by faithfully going forward God will fulfill His part.

We are continually in the battle, six nights weekly all through the year, with day services and Bible Hour each Sunday. The revival spirit has been with us all the year with special breakings forth at times. Many have been the testimonies of the keen realization of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our regular efforts.

During the past six months we have started monthly prayer meetings on the first Monday night of each month. We do not preach or testify but only pray. This is sacrificing our rest night, but O, what blessings for us as the saints unite in prayer. The service starts at 7:30 and continues under the Lord's direction.

We have had numbers of seekers at the altar of prayer. Among them some are going through to victory. The winter months were especially marked with definite conversions. These dear ones are being strengthened, established, and we believe will make staunch Christians.

The hospital work has been carried forth regularly and some have sought the Lord during our visitations. We have distributed gospels, religious journals, and also some Testaments as the calls came for them.

Sickness has come among those in connection with our work in different hospitals and homes. Those we visited many times during the past weeks, carrying to them the Bread of Life, doing helps of charity, not always in money but by the labor of our hands. This visiting besides our regular work, meant tired bodies but we always found the Lord strengthening for each duty of body and soul.

We had a special revival effort from Sept. 20 to Oct. 4, conducted by H. W. Landis. Seekers came forward in

the majority of the meetings. Some were saved and others pressed through to a sanctified life. This meeting was closed by a Communion service in which thirty participated. A Baptismal Service was held at the same time, a sister being received into Church fellowship. Bish. C. C. Burkholder was present the last three days of the revival service and officiated in these sacred services.

There have been two baptismal services since, one on Jan. 24th when two brethren were received into church fellowship, the other Feb. 28th when two more brethren were received. Our bishop had charge each time.

Death visited our circle here in San Francisco for the first during the fourteen years since the opening of the work, taking an aged brother, a father, and an only child. The wife and mother of the latter united with us in October as shown in the report. So three were swiftly ushered out and we believe to be with the Lord. Others have passed away during the years while in other places but none here.

Two of those baptized are now in Beulah College, at Upland, California.

From our hearts we thank those who have labored with us, with your prayers, kind acts, donations financially and otherwise. God bless you. You are often remembered in prayer. Saints, Pray for Us.



HOME MISSION STATION FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mission Station	Balance on Hand April 1, 1925	Congregation and Individual Offerings	Hall Offerings	Special Offerings	From Home Mission Treasury	Total Receipts	Provisions	Light, Fuel, Water	Rent	Repairs	Miscellaneous	Total Expenses	Balance on Hand April 1, 1926	Contributed to Missions, etc.
A. Hoona	173.62	276.70	32.80	262.25	70.00	571.75	503.41	167.19		65.08	97.07	888.75	152.09	210.19
B. F. A. O.	28.99	760.74	96.48			1080.84				275.90	30.00	510.22	def. 18.58	465.00
B. F. A. O.	180.98	352.65		587.02		491.64	514.66	439.45					151.00	236.00
Chicago	No Recor.	675.06				1411.01								
Center Co.	10.98	367.83	48.25			435.99	151.91	146.84			81.63	381.61	50.48	75.44
Dayton		462.21		** 543.01		1005.22	771.80	89.10			144.32	1005.22		118.00
Des Moines		343.11	105.39	***423.71		1072.21	704.91	308.51			58.82	1072.27	15.00	82.40
Gadwin	17.00	525.01	206.31			748.32	490.61	210.15			32.52	733.82	99.68	990.29
Lancaster	129.21	221.11	993.40			1343.72	234.91	103.82	840.00		65.73	1244.04	24.42	7.50
Palladipolia		512.40	25.32		85.00	652.81	403.94	146.90		1106.52	77.55	628.99	5.01	36.74
San Francisco		131.51	12.98		106.52	231.01	154.16	6.12			9.20	276.00		
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\* For enlarging Sunday School Room  
 \*\* From income of Apartment House  
 \*\*\* From Mano Pecunia I spirit Treas. Irer.  
 † Allowance for Traveling Expense.

# TABULATED REPORT OF GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

By William Page Secretary

Name of School Superintendent Address	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Teachers	Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Ch. Access.	Balance January 1	Offerings	Supplies	Missions and Benevolence	Balance December 31
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>											
Waukena, Lillian Bristol, Waukena.....	90	57	7	6	6	0	.27	546.52	182.60	406.42	7.87
Pasadena, B. L. Byer, Pasadena.....	85	51	6	22	7	0		208.23		200.00	
Upland, H. C. Trautwein, Upland.....	300	250	16	43	29	6	58.89	1,862.87	370.23	1,367.52	125.99
<b>ILLINOIS</b>											
Franklin Corners, Allen Longanecker, Coleta....	60	40	7	...	2	0	10.40	83.09	56.15	10.00	2.39
<b>INDIANA</b>											
Union Grove, Menno Yoder, New Paris.....	90	75	8	0	0	0		161.08	106.65	369.06	54.43
Locke, C. W. Boyer, Nappanee.....	65	43	5	0	0	0	5.48	91.43	73.98	8.00	14.93
Christian Union, Shirlie Davidson, Auburn.....	65	36	4	0	10	0	47.06	363.61	83.99	305.00	21.68
<b>IOWA</b>											
Gospel Temple, Merville Davis, Des Moines.....	82	70	7	...	10	0	12.00	235.00	223.00	50.00	
Dallas Center, Wherley Lutz, Dallas Center.....	20	17	3	...	...	0		58.07	19.00	30.64	8.43
Sunbeam, S. W. Landis, Des Moines.....	45	32	4	...	...	0		59.49	52.49		7.00
Oak Park, Frank Cram, Des Moines.....	59	50	6	...	...	0	21.92	127.79	102.89		21.92
<b>KANSAS</b>											
Pleasant Hill, Edgar Heise, Hamlin.....	27	26	3	1	3	0		951.73	22.91	928.82	
Zion, C. A. Lady, Abilene.....	146	103	10	0	19	3	14.74	787.42	93.40	694.02	27.10
Belle Springs, I. J. Zercher, Enterprise.....	112	65	8	6	15	0		302.59	87.00	185.02	30.57
Hebron, Philip Heer, Green.....	65	38	6	0	4	0	19.55	444.77	52.92	384.80	26.60
Abilene, H. S. Harmon, Abilene.....	195	98	14	48	20	0		185.00	137.00	1,297.12	
Bethel, A. T. Hoover, Detroit.....	130	86	11	10	23	0	29.86	302.79	79.34	207.05	48.26
Rosebank, J. E. Bowers, Hope.....	80	62	7	0	7	0	18.76	701.14	55.66	647.16	17.08
<b>MICHIGAN</b>											
Mt. Carmel, Arthur Hagar, Gladwin.....	52	40	4	0	0	0	12.89	71.73	63.44	7.90	
Mooretown Center, Andrew Pierson, Snover.....	47	41	4	0	0	0	8.99	65.05	52.96	15.74	5.34
Bethel, Verle Moore, Midland.....	70	48	4	0	0	0	20.55	156.38	58.73	94.28	23.92
<b>NEW YORK</b>											
Buffalo, Elmer Robert, Buffalo.....	75	54	7	0	6	1	2.30	200.66	99.94	95.32	5.40
Clarence Center, Albert E. Davis, Clarence Center	45	34	5	0	0	0		79.12	29.12	50.00	
<b>OHIO</b>											
Valley Chapel, H. M. Bossler, Louisville.....	30	30	5	0	0	1	.50	155.39	39.20	112.77	3.92
Sippo Valley, Ira Berg, Dalton.....	48	35	5	0	7	0		94.75	32.00		12.00
Pleasant Hill, B. F. Thuma, Pleasant Hill.....	75	60	6	0	0	0	13.14	426.59	126.60	309.45	3.70
Dayton Mission, H. C. Myers, Dayton.....	80	54	7	0	0	0	111.08	151.01	70.00	132.97	58.42
Beulah Chapel, Floyd Sweet, Springfield.....	76	76	6	0	0	4	25.73	364.03	167.28	151.08	71.40
Fairview, L. H. Mann, Clayton.....	67	46	6	0	0	0	8.63	299.13	69.91	214.25	23.60
Highland, E. B. Hoover, Union.....	91	48	6	0	0	0	39.80	123.72	57.47	75.54	30.57
Chestnut Grove, S. A. Whisler, Ashland.....	66	45	6	0	0	0	72.41	228.04	98.39	146.64	55.42
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>											
Red Star, Lee Wilkins, Leedy.....	75	58	7	0	0	0	10.00	39.75	36.63	123.99	
Elm Grove, W. E. Evey, Geary.....	16	16	3	0	0	0	2.99		9.84		
<b>ONTARIO</b>											
Welland, L. B. Schell, Welland.....	40	35	5	0	0	6		55.00	40.00	15.00	
Sixth Line, Richard Fisher, Batteaux.....	40	30	4	0	0	0					
Fairview, David Hiltz, Gormley.....	130	118	10	0	4			331.29	114.90	176.12	40.27
Vaughn, O. L. Heise, Gormley.....	33	33	3	0	0	0		52.93	11.47	41.46	
Maple Grove, John Reichard, Fordwich.....	15	9	2	0	0	0		12.77	12.77		
Wainfleet, Darius Sider, Perry Station.....	86	86	11	0	4			360.57	106.74	251.84	1.93
Bertie, Fred Climenhaga, Stevensville.....	200	150	14	0	60	0		688.86	119.30	570.30	59.26
Lisle, William Milne, Lisle.....	16	16	3	0	1		3.43	33.31	25.71	6.17	1.47
Boyle, W. B. Vanderburg, Bismark.....	25	25	5	0	0	0	11.24	22.00	34.55	22.00	1.50
Cheapside, Earnest Lofthouse, Nanticoke.....	36	23	4	20	0	1		25.12	25.12		
Rosebank, Harvey Cassel, Preston.....	21	13	2	0	0	0		64.12	15.00	49.12	
Shislars Point, J. D. Winger, Ridgeway.....	70	50	5	0	0	1	12.00	70.00	68.00		14.00
Springvale, John Hux, Hagersville.....	64	38	6	0	0	1		67.89	57.63		
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>											
Manor, Geo. W. Frey, Washington Boro.....	70	64	8	64	12	0		382.15	67.68	270.80	43.57
Cedar Grove, H. S. Lauver, Mifflintown.....	63	35	5	0	0	0	5.00	43.46	17.46	26.00	5.00
Free Grace, J. F. Keefer, Millersburg.....	35	62	7	0	0	1	119.83	361.94	44.70	350.00	87.97
Phila Mission, R. O. Odgers, Philadelphia.....	90	69	7	45	16	0	85.59	400.28	294.13	43.00	63.15
Deodate, Elmer Witmer, Bellaire.....	79	68	7	0	0	0	39.96	145.02	183.69		1.29
Lancaster, J. H. Martin, Lancaster.....	150	111	12	0	10	9	10.00	376.50	216.75	129.84	40.00
Silverdale, Geo. Benner, Sellersville.....	100	69	8	0	20	6	32.90	256.32	104.28	107.41	44.63
Mowersville, E. W. Wenger, Shippensburg.....	71	50	6	0	0	7	27.87	114.33	68.13	67.81	6.76
Maytown, J. H. Hoffman, Maytown.....	63	46	8	0	0	0	10.46	558.63	118.08	443.39	7.16
Fox Hollow, H. T. Frey, Montoursville.....	34	20	3	0	0	0	.78	67.12	43.39	24.00	.51
Hallowell, J. C. Meyers, Greencastle.....	96	62	5	0	0	1	.19	50.53	70.62		.19
Refton, C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Refton.....	43	37	6	0	0	2	7.73	75.16	57.92	24.31	6.66
Conoy, H. H. Hilsner, Elizabethtown.....	66	50	6	0	0	0	1.29	139.40	47.62	77.04	16.01
Martinsburg, R. I. Feather, Roaring Springs.....	105	52	8	0	0	0	84.56	413.88	92.56	319.49	85.90
Souderton, O. G. Worman, Hatfield.....	110	93	12	0	0	14	14.97	286.94	144.31	136.92	5.21
Altoona Mission, Jesse Oldham, Altoona.....	84	49	6	0	4	0	.81	195.68	100.87	95.00	.62

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Manheim, S. W. Heisey, Manheim	187	124	12	0	0	0	49.25	114.46	63.00	84.60	12.89	
Carlisle, Roy H. Winger, Carlisle	87	49	5	0	0	0	17.14	364.40	104.81	262.44	29.99	
Grantham, F. S. Brubaker, Grantham	150	120	11	0	0	2	49.19	850.19	174.11	626.89	98.38	
Messiah Home, H. T. Frey, Harrisburg	125	98	8	14	21	0	106.88	600.86	235.57	359.06	113.11	
Cross Roads, H. M. Hess, Mt. Joy	221	137	12	0	0	0	87.76	969.12	162.10	742.38	54.64	
Pequea, H. W. Hostetter, Washington Boro.	59	41	7	0	0	0	.81	194.72	80.89	67.39	47.28	
Waynesboro, W. A. Garling, Waynesboro	40	35	3	0	0	0						
Mt. Rock, B. L. Musser, Shippensburg	80	60	9	0	0	0	.50	133.66	122.32	12.52	2.32	
Mastersonville, I. S. Wolgemuth, Manheim	138	138	12	0	0	0	29.29	142.87	71.04	104.74	2.38	
Montgomery, Geo. W. Meyer, Mercersburg	48	48	5	0	0	0	7.66	54.07	54.06		1.67	
Five Forks, S. J. George, Waynesboro	40	25	4	0	0	0	2.28	25.97	21.64	250.00	4.11	
Fairland, H. K. Light, Lebanon	116	73	7	21	9	4	82.47	453.15	154.98	174.77	197.17	
Gratersford, H. B. Hunsberger, Royersford	66	40	7	0	0	1	31.01	318.96	56.21	227.24	70.52	
Mechanicsburg, Reuben Simmons, New Kingston	138	81	9	0	10	5	43.38	588.58	109.04	470.80	53.52	
Mt. Pleasant, C. H. Moyer, Elizabethtown	94	94	17	0	0	4		475.34	110.73	345.00	19.61	
Air Hill, Avery Sollenberger, Chambersburg	100	100	9	0	0	14		50.00				
New Guilford, L. H. Wingerd, Chambersburg	116	106	8	0	0	3	6.54	80.85	62.34	205.80	25.05	
Palmyra, E. A. Kreider, Campbellstown	103	62	8	0	0	0	291.94	617.60	230.46	351.29	256.59	
Elizabethtown, J. W. Wolgemuth, Elizabethtown	127	91	11	12	0	0	11.44	1,720.39	191.14	1,537.96	2.73	
Antrim, Lloyd Meyers, Greencastle	52	30	7	0	0	0	11.21	22.02	20.05		13.18	
Zion Mission, John Byers, Chambersburg	150	101	10	0	0	0	10.03	259.29	128.87	128.60	11.85	
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>												
Clearview, L. Climenhaga, Kindersley	43	43	4	0	0	0	20.66	200.48	58.33	136.85	25.96	
Lincoln, L. H. Zoerb, Delisle	34	34	7	0	0	0	21.10		39.60	81.50	21.10	
<b>VIRGINIA</b>												
Bethel, Carlie Cox, Sylvatus	30	15	4	0	0	1			12.00			
Total No. Schools 86		6858	5191	586	312	335	109	\$1,918.99	\$23,698.89	\$7,115.58	\$14,387.97	\$1,993.41
	1924	7099	5129	579	219	262	143	2,077.17	26,365.67	6,284.83	19,808.80	1,257.88
	1923	7478	5124	593	475	326	107	2,336.28	19,812.38	6,419.91	17,391.81	2,300.89

“Woman goes abroad as teacher, nurse, medical missionary, or as wife and mother shows what Christ makes of her sex; and not only joins her husband in work, but sometimes equals and even out-does him in service.”

Dr. A. T. Pierson.