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THE YEARLY BRIEF REPORT, BY THE SEC'Y.

The wheel of time has again turned, and the records of victory and progress, defeat and loss are again inscribed upon eternal leaflets.

Brother and Sister Lewis Steckley and Sister Mary Heisey have again returned to Africa. Sailing from New Orleans on the 8th day of January, 1918, on the S. S. City of Cario by the American-Indian Line, going direct from New Orleans to Capetown. They arrived there on the 6th day of February and, at present are back to real mission work. Sister Heisey at the Mtshabezi Station and Bro. and Sr. Steckley at Macha.

Brother Lehman's are also getting ready for their return to Johannesburg, accompanied by Brother and Sister Harvey Lady, who have just recently been granted a permit by the local authorities of the field they are entering. Sisters Mary Wenger, of Cleona and Mary Kindig, of Hatfield, Pa., have been accepted by the F. M. Board and also were in preparation to join this band; their field of work to be in S. Rhodesia, but permission was refused by the authorities for them to enter at this time. Why this is, in the face of such a crying need, we certainly do not know. Sister Edith Haldeman, of Hope, Kans., has been granted a permit, but a breakdown in health has effected her, that unless there be a speedy recovery she will not be able to sail for the present.

These conditions are to be regretted the more, because of the urgent need of help and the overworked condition of those on the field at this time.

Brother Taylor's have been holding on to the temporary site and place of work, and have only been granted permission to remain there until the first of June. May our prayers so prevail that the present obstacles will be removed and this place become a real soul-saving station.

India is in great need of a consecrated band of helpers. The Board has been, and is at present, engaged in obtaining the needed help; and a number of applications have been made thru the British Embassy, which we hope and

pray may be successful that at an early date these may come to the relief of the strenuous and overworked band of workers at that place.

Thus may our hearts be moved in the deepest of sympathy, our prayers abound with unfailing energy, our faith scale the highest mountain peak of promises and certainties, our means flow in an unceasing supply for and to the grandest and greatest work that was ever undertaken by mortal beings, enriching the lives and souls of individuals here upon earth, and enriching the eternal worlds of glory with values that cannot be measured.

AFRICA.

MATOPO MISSION.

H. P. Steigerwald.

We are at the close of another year, many share the blessings we have enjoyed throughout the same. While the world is at war we have been permitted to pursue our Lord's work unmolested; while many are suffering hunger and want we have had plenty and to spare; it is all by the goodness of God.

Part of the year there were five workers stationed here, in October it became necessary that Brother A. C. Winger should go to Johannesburg to take temporary charge of the work in the absence of Brother Lehman. The leaving of Brother Winger, who had charge of the boys out of school hours, left heavier work for those who remained. As for myself, my being away most of the time causes that my help cannot be depended upon here; Bro. Frey being the only one left to conduct the work outside as well as in the school. Needless to say the work is hard and too much for one man to look after and do justice to himself and the work both.

At the time of writing our last report, it looked as if crops would be a failure, later rains came however and gave us a fair crop; plenty for our own use.

The usual farm work was done by the boys of the station. In addition to this about thirty-five thousand bricks were made and burnt, also, with the help of the

boys, school desks were made for the training school as well as doors and window frames for the new church at Mtshabezi. Two new fowl houses built and other improvements made. At present a wood-shed is being built by the boys.

The foundation for a two roomed house which was put in almost two years ago is still waiting for the brick work; being short handed we do not know when it will be finished. These rooms are very much needed since there are no spare rooms in the present house. There is need of more men on the field to help in such work.

We thank God because all our needs were supplied, notwithstanding the advance in prices our treasury has not been empty and we have plenty to live on—never an over abundance but always enough.

The fruit trees planted from time to time are now bearing so that we are blessed with a good supply of fresh fruit. Nearly every month of the year we have either oranges, avocados, quinces, peaches or a few apples and grapes. In this way the sisters can, as much as possible, have fruit all the year round and are able to supply some to the other stations; this is a great blessing.

The general health of our mission has been good, for which we thank God. We are sorry that for the past three years no short furlough could be taken, there are four at Matopo and two at Mtshabezi Mission past due; because of insufficient help no one could be spared from duty. Some are much in need of a rest, we trust it will be possible for some, at least, to get away for a short time next year.

We thank God for all He has done for us and the people we are laboring among this year, and are looking to Him for still greater spiritual blessings in the years to come.

We beg all lovers of the mission work to unite with us in prayer that great things will be done both here and at home for the Master.

MATOPO AND MTSHABEZI OUT-SCHOOLS.

In giving another yearly report we wish, first of all,

to mark God's help and blessing in this branch of our mission work.

Mention was made in our last year's report that calls were coming in from various parts for more schools. How these calls could be filled we did not then see, however, by the help of God we were able to open new work at some of the most needy places; because of lack of native teachers some have to go without. We have tried in each case to give the people the Gospel by holding meetings at various times; this, however, does not altogether satisfy, so they are still calling for schools. There is still a great slackness on the part of some children to attend school regular, while many have no desire at all to attend. Accustomed as they are to a free and easy life, void of discipline or sense of duty, accustomed to being in the open all day long roaming about as they please with their herds. Now chasing rabbits, deer and birds; and again finding a swarm of bees hid away in the hollow of a tree, or in a hole in the ground or among the rocks, and rob it of its honey. To them the discipline and confinement of a schoolroom is monotonous. Some have a desire to learn and attend fairly well—such make progress and make useful helpers in the Lord's work. The spiritual condition we think has improved some during the year, yet there is great room for improvement. We long for a deeper realization of God's power and help, as well as, a fuller measure of his spirit among those who profess to follow the Lord.

There is an encouraging increase in the amount contributed to the work by the natives themselves, the offering exceeds last years by four hundred and seventy-six dollars. This is as it should be, but we know more can be done.

The work is growing and we find it is too much for one man to look after these schools, they are too numerous and too scattered. What we need is another mission station in the eastern part of our Territory. We have repeatedly mentioned this need, requests have also been made to the F. M. Board from our yearly council that be taken to supply this need. We trust this state of things will not long exist, since it is very necessary for the good of the work that a white worker be stationed

farther east—the people themselves request it and the work demands it.

This territory has already six schools in operation and good openings for more; so that at this present moment there is plenty of work there for a man and wife. In addition to this there are a number of mines springing up in the district where schools are wanted and preaching services should be conducted. **Who will come and help us?**

We shall not be satisfied till this need is supplied.

We beg your prayers for this new year, that as before God's blessing may attend our labors.

FOREIGN FORCE OR WHITE WORKERS.

Ordained married men 2.

Ordained married women 2.

Date of home furlough due each worker H. J. Frey and wife 1920. H. P. Steigerwald and wife 1918.

Date of short furlough due each worker, H. J. Frey and wife 1917. H. P. Steigerwald and wife 1915. Because of lack of help these furloughs could not be taken.

NATIVE FORCE.

Unordained Christian workers, 95.

Number of organized churches 19.

Number of Sunday Schools connected with station 19.

Number of preaching services connected with station 35.

Full communicants, 103 male and 126 female.

In inquirer class 425 male and 393 female.

Number of Sunday School teachers, 58 male and 35 female.

Number of Sunday School pupils, 499 male and 383 female.

INCOME.

Native contributions, \$1085.80.

Other sources, \$144.00.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Elementary schools employing native teachers 26 males.

Pupils in elementary schools, 614 males and 320 females.

Salaries paid to teachers, \$835.20.

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The different departments of work, and the number employed are 45 male, all take part in farming, brick making, building, also a few are learning wood work and blacksmithing.

Approximate value of perm. improvements,	\$6760.00
Approximate value of personal property,	1440.00
Approximate value of live stock	2800.00

Remarks:—The "Foreign Forces" and Valuation of property are for Matopo Mission. The other statistics for the out-schools.

EVANGELIST'S TRAINING SCHOOL AND MATOPO CONGREGATION.

By H. J. Frey.

Again, time has quickly winged his flight, and the second year of the Training School is in the past. Problems hard and complex have confronted us. How well we have solved them, perhaps, time will tell. The task of giving these people a Christian education is not a light one. The most spiritual missionaries of the country deplore the fact that too much of the mission work today emphasized the educational rather than the spiritual, and the making of cold formal Christians with but little salvation is largely the result. From the beginning, it has been our determination to avoid this error. Experience has taught us, however, that this is more easily said than done. Our people are slow to realize the need of an education; but when once they give themselves to learn, there seems to be an inordinate desire to learn English, even at the sacrifice of the study of the Bible and preparation to become efficient soul-winners. It therefore, requires much wisdom and tact to give them the secular education they desire, and which they ought to have to become well-rounded leaders of Christian thought, and at the same time deepen their desire for the study of the sacred scriptures.

Again, as their minds develop, as their mental powers expand, as they also become more efficient in using their hands to make something useful and of monetary value, there naturally would come to some the temptation to spend their lives engaged in labor that would bring larger pecuniary returns than the humble calling of teaching and preaching the Gospel. As the people advance in learning and ability, this problem will naturally be more keenly felt; but it is our purpose to strive to the best of our ability to keep first things first, and to lead these who the Lord hath given us into lives of self-denial and consecration to His service.

The attendance at the Training School was fifteen for the year, a slight increase. There were twenty-five in the primary school for boarders, which is a slight decrease. The morning school for pupils from the kraals is still discouraging. There is a very great indifference among the children in the immediate vicinity of the school, as well as, among their parents. The school at Silobis, seven miles to the South of us was more encouraging. The school of Gali, ten miles to the West, was not opened because of lack of a teacher. During the coming year, we have arranged for the re-opening of both these schools, and also another six miles to the north-west at Mhlabatini, where a school-building was nearly completed during the year just closed.

Regarding the spiritual part of the work, as we stated in last year's report, there is still much to be desired. However, with the exception of a few who seem to have grown colder, we think we see an improvement in the spirituality of the members. The non-Christians in the neighborhood of the mission are very indifferent. How to reach them is the burning question. However, we are more and more convinced that if the members become more spiritual, a greater number from the outside will turn to God. It is the desire of our hearts that these people may learn to know the meaning of full consecration and holiness. During the winter vacation the Matopo workers conducted protracted services at three of the out-schools connected with the station. Monthly meetings for women were also conducted during the greater part of the year.

Sixteen were baptized, two reclaimed, and four

moved in from other districts, On the other hand, three removed from the congregation, one left the Church, one passed over to her reward, and, sad to say, one has become deranged in her mind.

The Inquirers' classes have not been large, but a few seem to be earnest, and will doubtless be baptized soon. Recently there have been one or two clear cases of conversion that have been really encouraging.

The contributions have shown some improvement. Though some are still negligent on this line, a goodly number are learning to give systematically. Anything like system is so foreign to the natural makeup of these people, that it takes patient effort to induce them to accept the principle of systematic giving: but having entered upon the plan, like their brethren of fairer hue, they seem to enjoy it, and I think would not choose to give it up.

Besides the regular services at the mission, meetings were conducted bi-weekly at four out-stations, and at the jail at Fort Usher. Toward the close of the year, another preaching place was added, and calls are coming for the seventh which we hope we may be able to supply soon. The young men from the Training School conduct these services. Some of these places have already borne fruit, and we are confident of the others; but it requires patient diligent labor, mixed with faith and prayer. Isaiah's plan of "Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little applies equally well to the teaching of these people.

We have endeavored to give in few words an unpolished statement and report of the work as it is, that the Church at home might understand the situation and be able to unite with us more intelligently in prayer for the success of the work of the Lord at this place and in this land. The work of giving the pure Gospel to a benighted people is no easy task. Here is the problem, a treble one: 1st. To deepen the work of the Lord in the hearts of the members of the Church. (2) To reach the multitudes still unsaved. 3rd. That the Training School might be conducted in God's own way, and that those who are trained here might leave as strong men in the Gospel.

MTSHABEZI MISSION.

By Walter O. Winger.

At the close of this year we come to you with thanks and praise to Him who said "Go" and that He would be with us even unto the end of the world. Bless His holy Name! His promises are true and have been verified to us during the past year.

War conditions have made all provisions higher, also supplies for girls and boys as will be noticed by the report, but our needs have been supplied in that line and the work was carried on as usual, with one exception, that is, the work is growing and with the building to do and many other duties personal work with children at the school kraal visiting, and personal work with our members in their homes, has been much neglected, so on this line our work has suffered. This brings a real burden and sorrow to our hearts to see the most important work, and the work for which we felt called to do, so badly neglected.

As we hear of the hundreds of nurses and thousands of soldiers who leave their homes and dear ones to lay down their lives for their country, we wonder why so few are willing to work for Him who died for us. We may question, does the fault rest with us; have we not made the needs known? We have been praying the Lord to send workers and they are very much needed now, so if the Lord is speaking to some of you in the home-land do not question any longer, but come and fill the place which will otherwise be vacant.

When we say there were seventeen baptized during the year, some may think that is encouraging, and will freely give more money to support the work, but that is not enough. These new converts do not need money; they need you to come and help to shepherd them, for they have not been getting what they need on this line.

The girls' school closed with eighty in school, sixty-seven girls and thirteen boys. We are glad to see them come, but it brings a burden to our hearts as we see and know that our small staff of workers cannot give them what is needed; and we must fear that since some of the workers are much in need of a change and rest, being run down in health, that as the work increases and grows,

it will prove too heavy for them and the Master's work will suffer loss unless some one will obey and come to help in His work here.

We thank the Board and Church at large, for raising the money to help build the church here. The money was received with thankful hearts, and with willing hands we labored to build the church. The native Christians also helped well at making brick and at the building, and some who could not help gave money; others will help later in finishing the building which could not be completed before the rains came this year. We have received a number of letters from home, saying they hoped we were in the new church by now, we wish we were, but there were many other duties which took the larger part of our time. Then the builder was not blessed with having learned trade of building stone walls or laying brick, and had for helpers, very unskilled laborers who needed much watching. Then the Government ordered us to put in a Dipping Tank at once, to dip the Mission cattle. This is now partly completed and must be finished before we can go on with the church. However, we are glad that the walls of the church are up and ready for the roof, and we hope it can be completed before the next hot season near the end of the year when the school is larger and the Sunday services are better attended.

The Sunday attendance has not been so large of late as the heavy rains made the rivers too high to cross at times, and now as the grain ripens, it must be watched daily so the birds do not destroy it. We had a good planting season and prospects were good for a crop, but heavy rains came soon afterwards and almost destroyed some gardens, but if the weather is favorable from now on, we may harvest enough for our food.

In closing we feel to express our appreciation and thanks to you all that our needs have been supplied and may we ask you to pray that needed laborers may be forth-coming for the Master's work here.

FOREIGN FORCE OR WHITE WORKERS.

Ordained married men 1.
Ordained married women 1.
Ordained single women 3.

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Date of home furlough due each worker, W. O. & Sr. Winger, Srs. Alvis & Book in 1918.

Date of short furlough due each worker, W. O. and Sr. Winger had a furlough in 1915. Sisters Alvis and Book were due one at the same time but have had none since, Sr. Baker was also due one South in 1917, but could not go, these furloughs have not been taken as they could not be spared in the work.

NATIVE FORCE.

Number of Sunday Schools connected with station 1.
Number of preaching services connected with station 6.
Full communicants, 29 male and 53 female.
In inquirer class, 58 male and 78 female.
Number of Sunday school teachers, 3 male and 6 female.
Number of Sunday School pupils, 94 male and 148 female. Average attendance, 166.

INCOME.

From Foreign Mission Treasurer,	\$1828.44
Native contributions,	124.16
Other sources,	1244.12

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Elementary schools employing native teachers, 1 male.
Pupils in elementary schools, 20 males and 15 females.
Secondary schools employing foreign teachers, 1 female.
Pupils in secondary schools, 13 male and 67 female.

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The different departments of work, and number employed in farming, building, cooking, house and dairy work. There were 15 boys who got training in farming and building, 67 girls got training in cooking, house and dairy work, the girls are especially trained in sewing and cutting out garments.

Approximate value of perm. improvements,	\$3000.00
Approximate value of personal property,	5000.00
Approximate value of live stock,	2500.00
Approximate value of machinery,	750.00

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Remarks:—The out-schools which were started from the station are now under H. P. Steigerwald, within an area of about 10 miles from the mission the people attend here, including children there are about 2200 in this area, dependent on this station (the places near by where there is preaching every other week) for the Gospel, there is much room and great need of this field being worked more than it has been.

MACHA MISSION.

By H. Frances Davidson & Sallie Doner.

“Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth,” Psa. 46: 10.

Oh, that we might be still in these last days so that our Lord could speak to us and reveal Himself more fully to us; but our ears are too often deafened by the din of battle, by the terrible war spirit which is filling the whole earth with destruction, suffering, and death. Not only so, but the spirit of unbelief is abroad even in the churches, the spirit of rebellion which says, “We will not have this Man to reign over us.” Notwithstanding all this, the Lord He is God, and the time is coming when He will be exalted on the earth both among the heathen and among civilized nations.

It was twenty years ago the 26th of December when we landed on African soil. Twenty years, but how short the time seems. What a privilege to have been permitted to act as the Lord’s ambassador for that length of time! How unworthy it makes one feel! and for my part how little of fruitage these years have brought compared with what might have been had I only let Him have His way at all times.

They have been years of the severest tests, but also of the most exquisite joy in giving the Gospel where Christ had not been named, and in seeing souls emerge from dense darkness into the light and liberty of the Gospel.

Sister Doner and myself have been the only regular white workers at Macha the past year but David has been with us to oversee the boys in their work, and we

have had the help and encouragement of Sister Taylor and the children about half the year, which was much appreciated. Bro. Taylor has also been with us several times on lovefeast occasions, and Bish. Steigerwald paid us a short visit. All these visits were times of blessing and refreshment to the work.

The church at Macha is emerging more and more from heathendom, evil customs are being given up, and the members are beginning to think for themselves. We had our first native Conference when Bish. Steigerwald and Elder Taylor were with us. Some of the questions proposed showed that the church was still in its infancy, but we believe permanent good resulted from the meeting.

Special advance has been made in reference to the marriage question, and the baser practices, seemingly iron-bound at first, are dropping out because the Christians themselves are seeing the evil and are taking a stand against them. When girls were first admitted into church fellowship, the question was raised, what if the parents should force them to marry heathen men? Several times this has been attempted, but prayer was answered in their behalf and the parents yielded. After one such an attempt the girl ran away and came to the Mission. Later the father, who is a chief, came and said, “I shall not attempt again to give her in marriage to any one until I have consulted the missionaries.” He kept his word, and lately she has been given to a Christian husband. It is a decided advance when these girls, who have always been bought and sold a little like cattle without any voice as to their disposal, begin to insist on having a voice in the matter. With all this, they seem to love and respect their parents as much as before. The number of girls staying at the mission the past year was larger than at any previous time, fourteen the first term and nine the second.

The entire church was saddened by the grievous sin of three of its members; but we are pleased to state that the guilty ones have very humbly confessed and taken their place before God and the church and they have been enrolled in the Inquirers’ Class. This lapse has not been without a salutary effect on some of the others in driving them nearer to the Lord.

There were a number of applicants for baptism, but only eight were considered prepared for the step and they were received into church fellowship. There are at present 65 members, but a few of these are a little unstable.

We are pleased to record a number of conversions during the year and there are now 75 enrolled in the Inquirers' Class. Many of these are boys and girls, but there are also a number of men and women. Some of the number will no doubt be baptized in the near future. Pray for them that they may all come to know Him aright, which is life everlasting.

The attendance at the Sunday services has been encouraging, averaging 128 for the year. On each Sunday there is an Inquirers' Class, General Services, and Sunday School. The last is in a flourishing condition and under the superintendency of Sister Doner. The members have a little prayer-meeting of their own at the time of the Inquirers' Class. One Sunday each month all the members are expected to meet at the Mission when we have special services with them for spiritual encouragement and advancement. Also the first Friday of each month is set apart as a day of prayer, and is often a day of special blessing. In addition to these there are the weekly Thursday morning and Friday evening prayer-meetings and the daily worship and instruction in the Word.

Services are held regularly at six of the villages and are conducted chiefly by the native Christians. This work is better systematized than formerly, typed so that each one knows beforehand when and where he is expected to go. There are seven paid teachers and evangelists and ten assistant evangelists unpaid.

There were an average of 60 boarders in the Industrial School during the year and 100 enrolled in the school, but most of these from the villages attended very irregularly. A number of our older boys and girls have been married and started Christian homes in the midst of the darkness, God bless and keep them; one has gone home to be with the Lord, and one has gone to Matopo Training School.

But new ones have come into the school to fill up the ranks and the work goes on. We were obliged to refuse

some for lack of room, as we think 60 boarders are about all we can care for properly. Best of all about all the new ones have turned to the Lord. We have been asked several times by other missionaries, how we persuade the boys and girls to come here to the mission.

We do not try to persuade them; they come because they desire to come. That class become the best pupils and workers.

It is very seldom that they come because their parents send them or because we ask them to come; if they do they generally leave again. Sitting three and one-half hours in school plodding over meaningless charts and spellers, and six hours hard work in the fields and gardens, or building and various other duties are not according to native notion of freedom and having a good time. At their homes they live a wild free life with much play and little work. It is therefore surprising that so many are willing to make an effort for self improvement.

Since Brother Steckley has been on furlough, Brother David had his hands very full. He not only teaches during the day and assists in the services, but he attends to the outside work and oversees about fifty boys in their work. He has done all this in a very creditable manner. I wanted him to write and tell something of his work, but he says "I have not time." In one line of work he made a special effort during the dry season: The price of imported timber is at present prohibitive and so with the aid of some of the boys he has made use of a pit saw. He has sawed a number of hard woodlogs into planks, deals, rafters, and timbers of various kinds which will be very useful in building and in general work.

There have been schools in six of the villages nine months of the year, taught by six of our married brethren, who did good work. The enrollment varied from 25 to 50 in each school, but the attendance in some was not very good. It gives an opportunity for some who could not come to the mission to read the word and learn the way of salvation, and a number have thus accepted Christ. There have been requests for other schools which we hope to open in the near future.

These are some of the things which seem to have been accomplished, and who knows how much seed may have

fallen on prepared soil which will, in time, germinate and bear fruit to eternal life.

On the other hand there are many at our doors who continue to follow their pernicious ways, and by their actions say they will not have this Christ to reign over them. They continue their heathen practices with seemingly no thought of quitting. Even while some of these lines were written, our nearest village was making night hideous with an unearthly wailing over the departure of one of their number. Drums were beating and dancing going on as if it were a jollification instead of a funeral. Five cattle were slaughtered for the feast. In the same village several Christians gather together a few every night, who come for a season of worship. We believe these Christians are exerting an influence for good and will in time reap the fruit of their labors if they are faithful. The old chief himself is anxious that his people come to school and to church.

Oh beloved, as I pen these lines, tears unbidden come, and my heart cries out, how long, O Lord, how long wilt thou let this wicked world stand when so many in all lands continue to reject the love of the Father and the sacrifice of His Son? Let us all unite in the prayer of faith to an Almighty God for the lost of earth. God will yet be exalted among the heathen, yes, and in all the world.

We are looking forward with pleasure to having Brother and Sister Steckley again join us in the work, for there is so much to do, so little done.

We desire to thank all who have had a part in the work here the past year, may the Father bless and answer every prayer offered. We cannot close this letter without quoting the words of a Scotchman, a pacifist, who sent \$1200 lately to one of our neighboring missions, it may cause others to think. We do not believe he made his money on munitions either, perhaps, he received a larger price for his wheat than usual. He says: "This sum is taken from my war profits. My opinions being what they are, I cannot use this money for myself. 'Shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy?'" Is not this one of the best tests as to whether a man is non-resistant from principle?

Ordained married women, one widow.

Ordained single women, 1.

FOREIGN FORCE OR WHITE WORKERS.

Date of home furlough due each worker, Sr. Doners in 1920. Sr. Davidson 1922.

Date of short furlough due each worker, Sr. Doner's past due. Sr. Davidson, 1919.

NATIVE FORCE.

Unordained Christian workers, 7 paid ones, and 10 unpaid.

Number of organized churches, 1.

Number of Sunday Schools connected with station, 1.

Number of preaching services connected with station, 6.

Full communicants, 65, male 44 and female 21.

In inquirer class 77, male 55 and female 22.

Number of Sunday school teachers, 7, male and 5 female 2.

Number of Sunday school pupils, 142, male 78 and female 64.

INCOME.

From Foreign Mission Treasurer, \$1,044.00.

Native contributions, 49.20

Other sources, 280.00

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Elementary schools employing native teachers, 6 male.

Pupils in elementary schools, 101 male and 100 female.

Salaries paid to teachers, \$30 a year.

Secondary schools employing foreign teachers, 1 male and 1 female.

Pupils in secondary schools, 78 male and 22 female.

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The different departments of work, and the number employed, Agriculture, Horticulture, building, sawing, sewing, housework, mat-making, 50 boys and 12 girls.

Remarks:—Some of the members are away working and we are not certain as to their walk. Some of the S. S. scholars when meeting is in the villages near them, attend there. At least 50 miles square depends upon

Macha for the Gospel but some parts are very sparsely settled I cannot give the population.

Bro. & Sr. Taylor's Report.

We greet you with the 103rd Psalm, "Bless the Lord, O, my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. "Bless the Lord, O, my soul and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases:

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles."

One year and nine months have gone by since we met with you—the members of General Conference at Florin. Pa., and we are thankful that while they were months of many trials and tests, God also graciously helped and we believe definitely led us.

You have heard of our safe arrival to Africa, and we believe it was God's time for us to come then. You also know of some of the difficulties about what we believe is God's chosen location for us, and our inability to secure the consent of the Government for the location. Just before the beginning of the rainy season we secured their consent to remain here until the last of May, 1918, on condition that we remove by that time; but we trust God will yet open a way for us to remain.

We have turned quite a number of boys and young men away who wanted to come to school because we did not feel free to begin a school under the existing circumstances.

We were asked again by some who wanted to follow the Lord to teach them. Oct. 15, 1917 we opened school with a small and irregular attendance. Four boys came at the same time as boarders. Since Christmas only two of them have returned. but brought others with them—the others have since run away. Last week a girl and boy came. The same unstability is seen in the older people.

There have been a number, expressed their desire

to become Christians. They need much teaching and we are praying that as light comes to them they will walk in it.

A number that are diseased have been treated. One especially bad case; a man who had fallen into the fire; came for treatment, suddenly died after being here over two weeks.

Incessant rains have shortened our garden crops. We just have a small garden of about two acres. Have received hints, however, as to the location and kinds of crops to grow.

Our place of abode is very small 14 x 14 ft. outside measurements, but it protects us from rain and sun.

Our financial needs have also been liberally supplied. Because of not building, our needs have not been so great.

Our expenses have been considerably lessened by supplies from Macha Mission. As our mail boys meet at Choma, they have sent us fruit, vegetables, butter, eggs, seeds for our first planting, harvest-meeting offering of grain, and a number of sacks of corn. Also five oxen and a few cows. David Moyo—the native teacher—also gave one ox and other offerings. We have received contributions from our other workers in South Rhodesia also.

As to health, we have had some illness, but God has undertaken and at present all are well.

We had a flock of over twenty sheep and goats, but they were five times raided by lions and not one is left. By poisoning one and shooting the other we have rid the neighborhood of these pests, and the skin of the male may more than replace the value of the flock. God wonderfully helped and preserved us. We have not yet secured permission to move our cattle.

We feel to say like Habakkuk 3: 17-18: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flocks shall be cut off from the fold and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Amen.

DELIVERED FROM THE LION.

We have had some rather exciting experiences with lions, but God has graciously answered our prayers, and protected us so that neither we nor our help were hurt.

After several visits by the lions, in each of which they dragged sheep away, and we followed them and drove them from their prey, we succeeded in poisoning one.

But the male, an old one and exceptionally big, came back again and carried off three sheep in one night. Early next morning we followed the track into thick bush and found where he had left a sheep in the side of a big ant heap and the ground still warm where he had been lying near by, but left on our approach. We had very little strychnine left so I cut seven pieces about the size of a man's hand and put a little in each, taking the rest of the meat away. He came back at 12 o'clock next night and ate three pieces, and then feeling the pain stopped and left the rest. We heard him roar and I told my wife he has eaten the poison, he roared so fiercely. The natives at the village one and on half miles away also said he has gotten the poison. Later in the night he came to the sheep pen and took the only remaining goat and ate it between our house and the boys' quarters. As he had been about so much it was with great difficulty we followed his track. We went to the river a mile away, and as high water had left a bed of sand on each side, it was easy to see where he came over, but had not gone back. So we concluded he must be in the thick bush and big ant heaps between us and the river.

We all searched, (five boys and myself) till breakfast time, (9 o'clock) and then I came to breakfast leaving three boys to continue the hunt. We had just finished breakfast and prayers when the boys returned and said they had found him in an ant heap which he left with a growl and went into another a few hundred feet away. These ant heaps are from fifteen to twenty feet high, thirty or forty across at the bottom, steep and covered with thick vines and trees as the soil is very rich. They came at once and called us. We (five natives three of which were boys) returned at once, and I sent two little boys to call the people from Sikalongo to help us.

We took hooked poles and pulled down the vines and after working nearly two hours cut a road to the top

of the antheap only to find he left before we came, as we had guards on each side to watch. However we found where he had been lying in the heap. We searched three more heaps near at hand and then as we came to the fourth we found a place in the side under the vines where he had been lying. After spending some time in cautiously investigating as much as was possible from the bottom I decided to go up to the top on one side which was more open. A native named Mono from Macha volunteered to go with me, while the rest with spears stood guard about the heap. We noiselessly climbed the heap or mound and just passed a thick clump of large trees covered with vines at the top, when we both at the same time saw his tail and hind feet protruding from some thick vines, which concealed his body. We both whispered "There he is," when in an instant he was coming—I pulled with the rifle at his hind quarters. It did not go, but the boy did. Quickly I pulled again, but the rifle did not fire. I dropped the rifle from my shoulder and glanced at it to see what was wrong. The lock was on. I shifted the lock, and in less time than it takes to tell brought the rifle to my shoulder again. By this time he was coming for me with a roar, his heavy mane standing out, and mouth open. The muzzle of the gun almost reached him and I shot into his open mouth. The bullet passed down his throat into his shoulder and he instantly dropped out of sight behind the vines. As I did not know what had happened, it was now my turn to run, as I preferred to take a second shot at a longer range. Going faster than my feet I landed in a heap at the bottom of the mound somewhat bruised and skinned and a cracked gun stock. Mono was coming back calling to the rest to come and see what had happened to their Mufundise (Missionary), as they had all cleared out into the open veld. All going in a bunch, each of the boys with his spear ready and I with the rifle we ascended the heap again. Mono climbed the tree and saw him lying dead.

Just then we heard the men from Sikalongo coming, and they helped to carry him in. For over four weeks, with possibly three nights excepted he has been heard or has entered a kraal, but since that time, March 13, no lions have been heard in this vicinity. Natives have

come for miles around to thank us. This pair have been killing their sheep and cattle for years.

No doubt these were the lions that killed and ate two men who were killed here last season. Some might think we took a great risk in going in the ant heap, but we preferred to take the risk in day light with a rifle, rather than having them prowling about at night we know not where or when.

JOHANNESBURG MISSION.

By I. O. & Alice Lehman.

The work was well taken care of by our faithful friend and brother the Rev. J. Ryff, who had his own mission to superintend, yet he was willing to help us; which he did with credit. He held a number of special services to keep the work in a good state of spiritual progress. He also paid official visits to the missions to help in the adjustment of any difficulties which needed attention. The native teachers and helpers were also faithful in doing their part of the work.

We received a number of good letters from them during the year telling us how they were progressing with their duties as we had placed the responsibilities of the duties at the missions on them in our absence with Rev. J. Ryff as their overseer. We are pleased to report that they have done well considering that most of them had not had very much experience seeing that only a few years ago they were in heathen darkness.

We were very glad that Brother A. C. Winger was permitted to go there the latter part of the year and thus taking the heavy burden from Brother Ryff's shoulders, as he had the duties of his own mission to attend. We are glad that Bro. Wenger reports progress in the work and that the work was well taken care of by those whom we had left in charge. We were also glad that Brother Steigerwald was able to get down to have some special meetings, namely love feast and Baptismal services.

We have been almost daily in prayer for the work, remembering it before the Lord. The Lord has blessed us in the same.

We were permitted during the year to hear of the progress of the work in Portuguese East Africa from the Christians who are interested in its success, and although part of the reports are discouraging; yet we are glad to notice that the work begun there is being pushed ahead by loyal hearts. We were privileged to hold a number of missionary meetings in the interests of opening a new mission in Portuguese East Africa. Liberal offerings were given for that needy work.

Brother and Sister Harvey C. Lady have responded to God's call to go to that open field and open the work. We praise God for thus supplying this long delayed project. They intend to go with us as we proceed to the African field this year.

Considering the sad times in which we are living we much desire the faithful prayers of the dear home Church, as we are facing the responsibilities of the dangers of ocean travel, that we may have a safe voyage to Africa's shores.

We are thankful that we had the pleasure of being in the homeland for a short time. May God abundantly bless all who have the work upon their hearts.

INDIA.

SAHARSA MISSION.

By H. L. Smith.

What a wondrous cry was that of Jeremiah in Chapter 22, verse 29, when his heart burst forth in eloquent reiteration, "Oh Earth, Earth, Earth hear the Word of the Lord!" Three times he calls us. The earth has its three groups and the Church her three cries. 1st The Militant Church, and the Church cries unto her own to hear the Word of the Lord and obey his Commandments, to Guard, to give, to go. 2nd The nearby world, and the Church cries out to it to hear the Word of the Lord and to believe and obey. 3rd The far off world, scattered and haunted, and the far cry of the Church, "Oh earth, hear the Word of the Lord." Thank God our brotherhood is answering all three cries, 1st in her ser-

vices, schools, and Young People's Meetings, 2nd in her noble Home Mission Work, Orphanages, and Homes, and 3rd in her Foreign Mission Work.

As representatives of this last diminutive group, we are coming to you once more with our yearly sheaves, as yet more wet with tears than mellowed with the sunshine of exuberant prosperity. But this is as it should be, and God knows best. In many ways our year has been a remarkable one through God's great goodness. Many new doors have swung wide ajar, one new station has been permanently opened, seven new Sunday Schools have been organized, two new native Christians were added to the Lord's battling ranks as Workers, two young men were baptized and accepted into Church Fellowship, Evangleistic Tours were made into Interior sections in three different directions. There are a number of Inquirers and several applications for Baptism. Opposition was not very marked except in minor instances; rather there seems to be a desire on the part of many to hear the Word of the Lord, though the shackles of Caste, and Custom, and Creed are almost too hard to tear off. Yet there are abundant signs of falling walls and opening doors. For those who are interested in statistics we insert the following report for Saharsa, Madhepura, and Supaul combined:

	NUM.	TOTAL ATT.	LAR. ATT.	AV. ATT.
Regular Meetings at the Mission Stations, -----	174	2248	75	13
Meetings with Sick people, -----	232	7135	95	31
Meet. with workmen on the house, -----	150	1500	40	10
Meetings in near by villages, -----	310	9791	100	31
Meetings in Bazaars, -----	50	1717	200	34
Meetings in Aenanas for Women, ---	52	460	65	9
Meetings at Religious Festivals, ---	15	2000	275	133
Special Series of Meetings, -----	48	5062	200	123
Meetings on tour in the interior, --	71	6700	325	96
Native Workers Meetings daily, ---	789	14780	100	19
Sunday School Meetings total, ----	124	2795	57	26
Year's total for the three stations, 2015	54188	325	27	

Native Workers 3; Sunday Schools 9; Poor Aided

2800; Villages visited 45; Converts 1; Baptisms 2; Adherents 16.

There are two new Interior places which are calling for Native Workers to come and give religious instruction. We are eager to answer these calls, but without sufficient funds on hand we find it hard to go ahead and put workers in these needy places.

Through the kindness of a number of generous hearted contributors we have been able to permanently open a new fund called the Propagation Fund. Its needs are many as a perusal of the report will show; and we, facing heavier and greater needs look to you all to give it your prayerful consideration. As you have thus far done nobly by us in our every need, so we are sure you will continue to enlarge your hearts and help meet our growing needs.

Most of you have learned by this time that we are in our new Saharsa Quarters, the first real Mission Bungalow of our Church in India. It is nearly completed and lacks only a few minor touches. Now immediately ahead of us looms the necessity for proper living quarters for our fellow laborers at Supaul and Madhepura. God will assuredly bless you as you answer this need and precaution for our fellow Workers. May our Heavenly Father cause your noble hearts to will up in sympathetic response to the need, and may He bless you all as you bend to His great will.

Far off in the interior of our newly acquired territory is a small group of Christians. They come from German Lutherans, Methodists, and Baptist Churches. Being far away from any help they have petitioned us to assist them educationally and financially. They wish to be considered as adherents of our Mission. We have on several occasions in company with Brother Rohrer and several other Workers visited them in their homes and held meetings with and among them. There are six families and five widows and no less than twenty children. Two families are very poor, having neither land nor home of their own, and not nearly enough clothes for their persons. They live in half-mile primitive style and several of them tempted almost beyond endurance, in bitterness of heart have begun to cry out, "What is the use of us being Christians? We are poor and our

FOREIGN FORCE OR WHITE WORKERS.

Ordained married men 1.
Ordained married women, 1.
Ordained single women, 1.
Date of home furlough due each worker, Bro. and Sr. H. L. Smith, Nov. 20, 1920. Sr. R. E. Byers, Jan. 27, 1923.

Date of short furlough due each worker, Hill Rest two months every other year, or equivalent, extra expenses met out of personal money and not out of maintenance. Time of taking rest determined according to attending circumstances and need and funds in hand.

NATIVE FORCE.

Unordained Christian workers, one about to be engaged @ \$8.50 per month.

Number of organized churches, none.

Number of Sunday Schools connected with station, 4.

Number of preaching services connected with station, regular 2 weekly; special 14 weekly; 2 interior meetings monthly.

Full communicants, 1 male.

In inquirer class, 1 male and 2 female.

Number of Sunday school teachers, 1 male and 1 female.

Number of Sunday school pupils, 130 male and 84 female.

From Foreign Mission Treasurer, Rs. 200-00-00 for maintenance of three missionaries yearly.

Other sources, Specials, 1443-06-01 and 15-04-02, for Evangelistic, Medical, Poor, Educational, etc., etc.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

No Funds—great need.

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

Have no departments in this work yet,—calls—but no funds.

Approximate value of permanent improvements, lands 500-00-00; two buildings, 1200-00-00 and 6000-00-00.

Approximate value of personal property, furnishings etc., about 500-00-00.

Remarks:—Saharsa Mission Station is in Bangaon Thana.

MADHIPURA MISSION.

By Effie Rohrer.

Greetings in the name of Jesus with Psa. 91: 1-2, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in Him will I trust."

In the midst of the battle, I will endeavor to give a brief report of the work carried on here during the past year. For the first seven months after March 1, 1917, Brother and sister D. E. Rohrer and I carried on the work here. A young Christian Evangelist, a Bengal-Puria Native, spent two weeks with us in special services, during which time we all of Madhepura and Saharsa made special tours into the round about villages. A meeting was also held in the High School Veranda for the Students in English.

The coming of the rains somewhat hindered us in our village work, because the destructive Kosi River's back-water swept away many of the roads and bridges and even villages. We were cut off from Saharsa for several months, though with difficulty it was possible to reach Saharsa by going in a boat about three miles. Our native worker Samuel was bed-ridden for several months, because of fever. This disease was raging worse than ever in this section during and since the rains. Its awful toll of lives has badly depleted the population of some parts of Madhepura Thana. What assistance we were able to give Medically we cheerfully gave.

Last October 1, 1917, Brother and Sister Rohrer by action of our Monthly Mission Council were sent to Supaul to take over the work of Rev. L. A. Anderson, who had been a worker of the Scandinavian American Alliance Mission, but who was unable to carry on Work for his Mission. Through his petition and with the consent of his Mission, the Supaul Territory was turned over to the Brethren in Christ Mission, and it was for this purpose that Brother and Sister Rohrer were transferred, leaving the work here for the present alone in my hands, until such time as you dear ones will be able to send out additional helpers to carry on the work.

The different phases of the work carried on here are, Sunday Schools, Zenna Visiting, Medical Aid, Village Preaching, and Regular Services at the Bungalo.

We are glad to be able to report one convert during the past year, but since he is still a minor, though he has asked for baptism, we cannot baptize him because his parents fiercely object. In a year or two he will be able to legally act for himself, and then he will be baptized, and we believe him to be in earnest. At present he is in school in a neighboring Province, having been taken there by his uncle in order to get him away from the Mission and its influence. We hear from him by letter frequently, and the last word we received from him still finds him much encouraged to stand true to Jesus whom he has professed to love.

The children of the Sunday Schools are learning Christian songs, parables, and golden texts. They are great singers as are all India children, and their lustiness of vociferation goes far to make up for the different keys in which the individual enthusiasts may be singing at the same time. I am still being invited into more homes from time to time. Part of the home visiting work is to teach Christ, Christian songs, and sewing or cleanliness as the case may call for. Up to the present there are no homes into which I am forbidden an entrance.

The village work also is very encouraging as the people are glad when I come to visit them. Brother Samuel, the Native Worker, also makes daily tours into the nearby villages, and reports a commendable interest on the part of several villages, and especially of their head men who are of the Cow-herder's caste. This caste as a whole seems more open to Christian influence than any other caste. It is about half way between the highest and the lowest caste, and though not a rich class, yet many of them are by no means poor.

A short time ago I ventured into a new home to hold a meeting, but as soon as I entered the courtyard, the women taken by surprise ran into their houses and huts and hid. At once I called out, "Oh they are all hiding." So the men folk asked me to sing and talk to them. But as I insisted that I came for the women, they gave me a chair near the courtyard door, and as soon as I began singing, the women as well as the men gathered about me.

Music will draw the Indian Native when all else fails. They showed much interest while I spoke to them about the Rich Man and Lazarus. Thus here a little and there a little the work goes on, and we are sure souls will be won for Christ, for we intend to hold true to Him.

I am still living in rented Railroad quarters, which are badly in need of repairs. I am looking to you dear ones to make it possible for me to live in a Mission Bungalo at this place bought and furnished by you. But until the funds come for that purpose, I shall be content to occupy thus and work thus. May God enlarge your hearts.

This coming year the needs will be greater both for workers and for funds, and as in other things so in these we are looking to you with confidence to supply the need. We thank the dear ones for the hearty response given during the past year, which has made possible the carrying on of the work thus far.

FOREIGN FORCE OR WHITE WORKERS.

Ordained single women, 1.

Date of home furlough due each worker, Sr. Rohrer's is due Nov. 20, 1920.

Date of short furlough due each worker, Hill Rest two months every other year or equivalent, extra expenses must be met out of personal money and not out of maintenance. Time of taking rest determined according to attending circumstances and need and funds in hand.

NATIVE FORCE.

Unordained Christian workers, 1.

Number of Sunday Schools connected with station, 2.

Number of preaching services connected with station, three weekly; special twelve.

Full communicants, 1 male.

In inquirer class, 1 male.

Number of Sunday School teachers, 1 female.

Number of Sunday School pupils, 40 male and 20 female.

INCOME.

From Foreign Mission Treasurer, Rs. 900-00-00 yearly maintenance.

Approximate value of permanent improvements, Rs. 100-00-00, out buildings.

Approximate value of personal property, 450-00-00.
Approximate value of live stock, 150-00-00, one horse.
Remarks:—Madhepura is in Madhepura Thana.

SUPAUL MISSION.

By D. E. & Lottie Rohrer.

To the dear brethren and sisters in the home land, greeting in Jesus name.

"Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place from whence thou are northward, and southward, and westward; for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever."

Supaul is a sub-division of the Bhagalpur District in the Province of Bahar. It lies in the extreme northern part of the district. It joins Madhipura sub-division on the north and is bounded on the north by Nepal a small country that is still closed to missionaries.

The subdivision has an area of 934 sq. mi. and has a density of population of 530 per sq. mi., which is steadily increasing. The total population is 510,900 of which 12% are Moslems and the other 88% are mostly Hindus. The language prevalent among the people of this district is the Maithili dialect of the Behari Hindi.

The surface is nearly level with a gradual slope to the south. It is irrigated by a number of small streams that rise in the Hymalaian hills and flow south to the Ganges. Some of these are nearly dry in the hot season, but become quite large in the floods. There are no large forests, but there is still some building timber found in the eastern part along the rivers. The western part is dotted with fruit trees and bamboo clumps. The most numerous of the fruit trees are the Mango and Jack. The principal crop is rice while pulses and other cereals are grown.

The town of Supaul is beautifully situated on the B. N. W. Ry. about 16 miles north of Saharsa. It is a center for the sub-division as good packed dirt roads from all parts of the division lead to it. It is the head-quarters town of the sub-division. It has a population of 5,000 and contains the sub-divisional offices and the sub-jail.

There is a High School, a Primary School, a Girls' School and a Hospital with separate buildings for men and women with a free dispensary. There is also a large Mohammedan Mosque as more than half of the people are Moslems.

This beautiful section of India was formerly occupied by another Missionary Society. They were unable to continue the work in this division and for this reason were willing to turn it over to us. We thank God that we were privileged to enter this new field. This is mostly virgin soil so to speak and has a northern frontier of thirty miles of yet unenterable territory.

We were living in Madhipura for the first seven months of the year and came to Supaul on Oct. 1, 1917. The former missionary was in this district only about two years and had no permanent work started. We are now occupying the small building which he had erected for native workers. It does very well for the cool season, but is entirely too small for the hot season. We are looking forward for a more substantial and roomy building as we find this one a menace to health. This year we will have to take refuge at Saharsa during the hot season. This must necessarily mean a suffering of the newly started work as we cannot possibly look after it properly when not living at the place. We already have some funds on hand, but about \$1200 more will be needed to make this health necessity a reality.

Our work at present is entirely evangelistic in nature. We have started three Sunday Schools. Two of them are made up of Hindu children and the third of Mohammedan children. Some of the children are quite regular in attendance and have taken an interest in memorizing scripture verses and songs.

We have offered prizes both for attendance and memory work. These children coming from heathen homes with parents and guardians who do not know our Savior must be induced by some outside means to attend, and we have chosen this method to get their little minds stored with texts which we feel will be the means in bringing some of them to Christ. Some of the children in the home land have given their picture cards for these little darkened souls. May the Lord bless them abundantly for their little offering. When it is possible we give each

of them a card every Sunday. They appreciate them very much and when they are told the story it represents they can repeat it almost verbatim.

Some of these parents are not so friendly toward Christianity. Consequently their children do not attend regularly. Sometime ago as we were returning from one of the schools a Mohammedan boy handed me a card and then ran away, on the back of this card he had pasted a paper on which were written these words, "If you make us Christians we will break your head with a shoe and will not permit you to enter our door, the shoe referred to here is a piece of hard wood cut to the shape of the foot). We of course paid little attention to this, but it shows the heart of the Mohammedan people. This same boy is now attending regularly.

We have a regular street meeting on each Sunday evening in the heart of town. Then twice a week there is a large bazaar or market, in Supaul. Here many hundred people gather to buy and sell their produce. We have one or more street meetings at this place each bazaar day. A small building has been rented in the large bazaar at 12 cents per month. Here our native worker, Dharam Dass, remains during the bazaar hours and preaches and sells Christian literature. These meetings have all been well attended and we believe the Spirit is working on the hearts of some.

During the remaining days of the week our native preacher is busy visiting the nearby villages.

The Magistrate of this division is a Christian man. He is in sympathy with our work and is giving a regular contribution towards the support of native workers. When he is at home we usually have an English service at his place, on Sunday evening after the bazaar meeting. It means much to the mission to have a Native Christian official in the district. May the Lord bless him and make him a real influence for good. He has offered us (Rs. 50-00-00) Rupees fifty toward the building of a chapel in this town. We are grateful for this offer and are looking for the day when this will be added to the public buildings of Supaul.

Oswald Collins Strong, the son of an English planter living near the Nepal border line in the northern part of this district, died in the fore part of December 1917. He

was a member of the Baptist Church and as there was no Baptist minister in the district we were called upon to officiate at the funeral services. He is survived by his aged father, two brothers and one sister.

On Dec. 10, 1917, Sukha Bai, the wife of our native preacher passed to her long home. She was a sweet tempered woman and a good Christian. We feel her loss keenly as she was a promising Christian worker. She leaves a little darling girl about two years old. We cannot understand why she should be taken when her services were so much needed both in her own home as a Christian mother and in Zenana visiting; a phase of mission work which is very needy in India.

Thanking you all for your kind support during the past year and begging an interest in your prayers for us and the work.

FOREIGN FORCE OR WHITE WORKERS.

Ordained married men, 1.

Ordained married women, 1.

Date of home furlough due each worker, D. E. & Lottie Rohrer, Jan. 27, 1923.

Date of short furlough due each worker, Hill Rest two months every other year or equivalent, extra expenses must be met out of personal money and not out of maintenance. Time of taking rest determined according to attending conditions and need and funds in hand.

NATIVE FORCE.

Unordained Christian workers, 2, (one at station and one at out post).

Number of Sunday Schools connected with station, 3.

Number of preaching services connected with station, Special, Local and Vensular 6; Interior 10 and English 1.

Alherents, 4 male and 12 female.

Number of Sunday school teachers, 2 male.

Number of Sunday School pupils 86 male and 28 female.

INCOME.

From Foreign Mission Treasurer, Rs. 100-00-00 for education of children, yearly. Rs. 1800-00-00 yearly maintenance.

Native contributions, 20-00-00.
 Special, Rs. 43-00-03, (Rs. 5-00-00 monthly pledge of Indian Official turned over to propoganda fund).
 Approximate value of permanent improvements, Land Rs. 250-00-00, building, Rs. 1250-00-00.
 Approximate value of personal property, furniture and fixtures Rs. 200-00-00.

Remarks:—Supaul Station is in Supaul Thana.

FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TREASURER.

S. G. Engle.

With greetings we come before this body at the conclusion of the conference year of 1918. A year filled with anxiety for many of us, such as our forefathers never experienced. The nations owe their birth of liberty and religious rights to the blood of our fathers which was shed upon many of earth's battlefields.

Our mothers sacrificed, our fathers bled and died, heaven seemed like brass to many of their prayers. Hearts and homes were made desolate, but few were the rent hearts and sorrowing homes compared to earth's crying millions of the last few years of unknown strife and bloodshed. Men are asking why, and acceptable answer is found in the 25th chapter of Jeremiah from the 15th to the 38 verses which is a pen picture of God's judgment on the nations.

Amid the clouds of life's experience there is that which brightens, that which helps to cheer life's labors, as individuals and collective bodies. We submit the following knowing it will prove a bright spot and encourage the Brotherhood to greater efforts in the salvation of natives of other lands.

Received from Peter M. Climenhaga, former treasurer, -----	\$ 3,263.84
Contributions received during conference year as reported monthly in Evan. Visitor,	18,093.26
Bequest of Archie Byers, Hamlin, Kansas, \$3,000.00, less 5% inheritance tax or \$150.00,	2,850.00
Total for the year, -----	\$24,207.10

Year's expenditures for all purposes; maintenance of all stations and incidentals as reported in Evangelical Visitor, ----- 12,928.46

Balance in treasury, ----- \$11,278.64

Balance represents moneys held for the following accounts, having been set aside in savings fund for the purpose intended by the doner.

To Training School in S. Africa, -----	\$ 20.00
For H. C. Lady & Wife, Initial trip to field,	996.37
Srs. Kendig, Wenger & Haldeman,	668.13
Bro. Amos Dick & wife,	378.95
South African Auto Fund, -----	767.79
Bequest of Archie Byers subject to Confer.,	2850.00

Total in Saving Fund, ----- \$5,681.24

Balance in general fund, ----- \$5,597.40

We call attention to the above report as compared with past years, showing a marked forward trend in the liberalities of the Brotherhood.

At a conference held in Bethel Church, Kansas May 1894, after a discussion of foreign mission work, Elder J. E. Stauffer arose and placed a \$5.00 bill on the table stating it was for the work, bring matters to a crisis. Something must be done. Before conference closed \$35.00 was donated. The first treasury report by Eld. J. E. Stauffer in 1896, 2 years later, totaled \$419.60. The following is a compilation of yearly contributions to the present conference of 1918.

1896: \$419.60	1904: \$1078.77	1911: \$ 6630.23
1897: 693.46	1905: 1373.82	1912: 5739.22
1898: 539.70	1906: 1923.35	1913: 9030.54
1899: 993.90	1907: 3823.87	1914: 7233.22
1900: 537.60	1908: 6512.97	1915: 6236.31
1901: 533.63	1909: 5400.77	1916: 9488.39
1902: 723.39	1910: 5032.76	1917: 10801.65
1903: 933.41		1918: 20943.26

The last year has been one of rapid growth with nearly

100% increase, being especially commendable when the increase of other treasuries are noted.

This increase is a monetary one and small as compared with the results made possible through it. From a small body of five workers who sailed on the steamship "Majestic" November 24, 1897, almost twenty-one years ago, has grown a membership of 650 baptized natives, in addition 1100 are inquiring after the true light. We bow with reverence and thanksgiving for these untold values which our ears have heard and some of us have seen, but it is after all only the laying of a foundation for greater work to open up fields that are yet untouched by the Gospel.

Africa with 11,514,307 sq. miles, large enough to place the United States, India, China and all of Europe within her borders; the population estimated at from 125 to 150 million souls, few of whom have been reached. Millions are fettered by error's chains, crying for light they know not of and yet desire.

The conferences of today that are being held for the discussion of better methods to reach the multitudes of the land before they perish, conclude it is through the native. This is not against the foreigners who come among them as missionaries but rather a cry for us to come and help them. It is the Macedonian call, "Come and teach us of your Christ so we may help our own." India is best helped by India, Africa by Africa. The great work is to help the native, the greater work is for the native to help his own. Our faithful workers are working to this end. To bring him the Gospel enlightens both soul and mind, as he sees his hope he receives joy and inspiration for higher aims and nobler living. This he can give better to his own than the foreigner, as they see Christ through native eyes. As Christ is lifted up through Africa, Africa is best drawn to Him. By these methods the greatest number can be reached. To save the native that he may save others teach them that they may teach their own. These methods are recommended as the most practical, but to accomplish them, means and methods are lacking.

The first native converts can at once tell their associates of their new found light and peace, and in many instances are a great source of blessing. If this alone

would be the goal or ideal which the Gospel holds out, it would suffice. The ideal of the native is the same in proportion to his knowledge and experience as the people of greater advantages. The ideal is not the beautiful alone, but the practical is to know, this can only be had by being taught. He must learn to read and write, he gets in touch with the world, he needs to know their ways and know their history. He wants to know about God, he must be taught to read the Bible. This is the work of the missionaries, to teach them they must have schools.

Our first native Christians were sent out to teach as soon as they could be used. The extreme need forced them out to teach while they should still have been taught. It did not take them long to teach others all they know, their limited knowledge was soon exhausted. Our duty toward them is not one of empty appreciation which is expressed by words only, but to open a way by which these native brethren may be further instructed in the way of the Lord.

The native is taught the spirit of sacrifice, his obedience to this spirit is a revelation to us all in many instances. The wages paid to some native teachers of experience are \$5.00 per month; beginners are often only paid \$2.50 per month. One of our native teachers who received \$5.00 per month, during holidays asked permission to work for a farmer nearby who pays him \$2.50 per day and board. When the holidays were over he again returned to teaching at his former wages. It is however, to the credit of our managers on the field that if occasions arise they are taken care of. During the days of usefulness and sacrifice they can accumulate no means of still better equipping themselves for the work. They need help, they deserve it, we owe it to them. The value of every man is the measure of his mind. If a man is engaged in secular work and has a mind trained which can advise, this is his greatest asset. If he is engaged in spiritual work the same is true.

The need of rescue homes for native girls is one that reaches our heart's sympathy. The native custom is that girls are sold to suitors by their parents while they are yet young in years, too young to have a voice in the

choice of a husband. When she becomes of a marriageable age she is turned over to her husband whom she has not chosen, often they are old men having a number of wives.

She can have no choice, should she refuse, her troubles begin as she is punished and persecuted by her own people until she is willing to submit to anything the future may hold in store for her. The English Government, however, has stepped in between her and her suitor to this extent, should she refuse, which she often does, she can appear before a magistrate with her intended husband and be heard. The magistrate asks her, "Do you want this man for your husband?" to which she answers "No." This frees her so far as her being compelled to marry, but it may only be the beginning of her trouble. While the law protects it provides no protection from persecution. She returns home to undergo a life that is despaired of, which forces her to comply with her people's customs. If she is given shelter she may know in the future what it is to be won and loved.

In India the child widow needs help, millions of unfortunate girls young in years, are consigned to a life of persecution and misery because she is a widow; her departed husband's friends holding her responsible for his death.

Medical missionaries are badly needed. Young brethren physicians, sisters trained in nursing, brethren physicians who are consecrated, that through their ministering to bodily needs, they may be better able to point them to the great physician. Him to whom they can look when men fail to put them in the pool while the waters are moving. This need is so great, so imperative, so lasting, so productive in its results that any extended reading upon the subject may only tend to darken council. We recommend for consideration and prayer, that our vision may be clear as to our privilege in this far reaching work. Hope that means may be found to prepare such who may be called for this part of service.

In addition to the above the work of extension is ever before us to still further push our frontiers into the interiors where the Gospel is unknown. This has been going on steadily. As we look upon the whitened fields so ready for harvest our hearts groan, seeing the multitudes who are scattered having no shepherd, no fold.

With the foregoing other privileges and necessities might be mentioned, in fact the field is limitless. But other questions arise, we are such a small body, the needs so large and we so limited, will we allow our limitations to discourage us? Or will we rise above our imaginary limitations and be guided in service by Him who has said, "The earth is mine and the fullness thereof?"

We are few, the field so large, the need so great as we ask how can these things be accomplished. It is all a matter of consecration to the work. As present treasurer and having felt the pulse of the Church's liberalities in the year just closed and comparing this year with former ones brings a realization of the great possibilities lying before us. Not only in the privileges of the field, but seeing how our faithful and loyal members have come up to the work with prayers and means. Surely men and women have gone to their tents and to their knees.

I take the privilege of pointing out to the Church a method which is practical and which will crown her with success. I need not speak of your material possessions, how large they are, how God has blessed with worldly means and why He has and is still blessing, nor do I want to say that which will tend to make us vain. Suffice to know that the possessions are at hand. We have yet to learn new lessons, improved methods, which come to us from precedents that are noted in the foregoing report, suggesting to us as a Brotherhood a very practical method.

I refer to the liberal bequest, which is only one of others, that our late and departed Bro. Archie Byers of Hamlin, Knasas has bequeathed to the Church. In the life of our Brotherhood such bequests have been few. Would it not be in keeping with the true spirit of consecration to remember our Church and her institutions? Were it possible I would write over the fireside of every home in our Brotherhood, over the arches of her places of worship, "In bequeathing, remember the Church that helped us on to God." Such sums could be used as endowment funds and would insure the perpetuity of the work and also the institutions of the Church. I join you in talking it, in preaching it, and in making it an actuality by practice. Before passing this most interesting and vital subject, it is with interest that I mention that sub-

santial bequest has been brought to our notice within this conference year.

With the assured bequest we also note the increase in the general contributions, their steady growth which assures their continuancy. Our notice has been drawn to one district in the Brotherhood that began a system of offerings in 1897, with a number of names on the list. The first year's offering was \$28.00, their yearly offerings have increased each year until last year it amounted to \$870.00, with not many more names on the list. The same is true in a number of other districts throughout the Brotherhood. In face of such encouragement dare we take a backward step? Or with the inscription of an old Roman coin with a plow and an altar, the ox in the middle, meaning sacrifice or service. Worthily has the work gone forth. We will not consume our energies on the right but adjust any wrong, improve methods and not allow old methods to overlap new conditions. With unity of purpose, by those who have gone up to the battle and those that stay by the staff, we will all be sharers together. May the inscription on our banner's ever be, "Unto Thee O Christ be the glory."

MATOPO MISSION.

By H. P. Steigerwald.

RECEIPTS.

Foreign Mission Treasurer, -----	\$2090.00
Farm Product, -----	550.40
Other Sources, -----	208.50
Government Grant to School, -----	173.40
Tuition, -----	134.70
Total, -----	\$3157.00

EXPENDITURES.

Brought Forward, -----	\$ 151.35
Household & provisions, -----	414.41
Boys' Food and Supplies, -----	106.04
Hardware, Repairs & Building, -----	559.00
Labor, Tools and Seeds, -----	551.50
Travelling Expenses, -----	96.40

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Individual, -----	375.96
Miscellaneous, -----	183.16
Balance, -----	719.18
Total, -----	\$3157.00

MEMMORIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Brought Forward, -----	\$ 435.00
No Receipts or Expenditures.	

HOSPITAL FUND.

Brought Forward, -----	\$ 203.87
No Receipts or Expenditures.	

MTSHABEZI MISSION.

By Walter O. Winger.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1917, -----	\$ 187.20
Foreign mission treasurer, -----	1828.44
Special offerings, -----	18.60
Government grant, -----	244.80
Farm produce, -----	229.64
Native rents, -----	244.80
Clothing sold, -----	196.58
Allowance for workers, -----	209.22
Miscellaneous, -----	100.48
Total, -----	\$3259.76
Household and provisions, -----	\$ 389.60
Material for Sewing Classes & supplies for boys and girls, -----	1268.88
Building expenses, -----	114.84
Tools, seeds, repairs and stock, -----	376.72
Pair of mules, -----	288.00
Labor, -----	385.50
Allowances given to workers, -----	209.22
Personal, stationery, stamps & sund., -----	139.60
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1917, -----	87.40
Total, -----	\$3259.76

MATOPO AND MTSHABEZI OUT-SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Offerings from congregations, -----	\$1085.80
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School fees, -----	115.70	
Other sources, -----	25.00	
Balance from previous year, -----	59.20	
Total, -----		\$1285.70

EXPENDITURES.

Teacher's wages, -----	\$ 835.00	
School building and equipment, -----	63.00	
Moving teachers and other assistance, -----	62.00	
Miscellaneous, -----	60.00	
Balance on hand, -----	265.70	
Total, -----		\$1285.70

MEMBERSHIP & CLASS REPORT.

Number of schools, -----	26
Number of teachers, -----	26
Baptized during year, -----	38
Total membership, -----	229
Number of Inquirers, -----	698
Number enrolled in school, -----	934

MACHA MISSION.

By H. Frances Davidson.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1917, -----	\$ 754.64	
Foreign Mission Board, -----	1044.00	
Farm produce, -----	190.50	
Special for teachers, -----	90.00	
Offerings at the Mission, -----	49.20	
Total, -----		\$2128.34

EXPENDITURES.

Household and provisions, -----	\$ 226.75	
Freight, hardware, farm implements, and building material, -----	268.80	
Clothing, blankets, school supplies, etc., for boarding pupils, -----	417.00	
Native teachers, -----	220.50	
Native labor, -----	92.00	

Miscellaneous, -----	121.90	
Total, -----		\$1346.95

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1918, ----- \$ 781.39

Individual allowance for two, ----- \$ 75.00

JOHANNESBURG MISSION.

By Isaac & Alice Lehman.

RECEIPTS.

Native contributions, -----	\$236.88	
Mission rent, -----	72.99	
Total, -----		\$309.87
Expenditures, -----		278.80

Balance on hand, ----- \$ 31.07

The \$278.80 was paid out of the current expenses for the year and includes \$48.66 which was paid to Brother J. Ryff for his salary.

INDIA TREASURER'S REPORT.

By H. L. Smith, Field Treas.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

March 29, 1918, -----	511-03-06
April, 27, -----	1257-04-06
June 2, -----	685-15-00
July 18, -----	1423-08-02
August 31, -----	2066-07-00
November 3, -----	294-06-06
December 2, -----	1470-04-07
Specials from other sources, -----	18-08-02

EXPENDITURES.

March 1, 1917, deficit of last year, -----	352-02-03
Year's Maintenance for Saharsa, -----	2700-00-00
Year's Maintenance, Madhepura and Supaul, -----	2700-00-01

Saharsa, Madhepura & Supaul for furniture,	180-00-00
Special to Saharsa for charity, etc.,	15-04-02
First half paym't to six missionaries & two, children, per Con. F. M. B. advise (personal),	959-06-09
To Bro. Smith's sick items in part,	513-04-00
To baby Albert Rohrer's sick items,	65-11-03

Both Totals, ----- 7727-03-05. 7485-12-06

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1918, 241-06-11
GENERAL LAND FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Mar. 1, 1917, 936-00-03

EXPENDITURES.

Part payment, of Supaul Land, 200-100-00
Miscellaneous land expenses, ---- 40-11-06
Total, ----- 240-11-06

Balance in treasury, ----- 695-04-09

SPECIAL PROPOGATION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 1, 1917, balance brot forward,	Rs. 94-08-04
Gift from Natives,	2-00-00
Special offerings from Treasurer,	572-15-09
Special offerings from treasurer,	80-01-06
Brother Eshelman, Kansas,	76-15-06
Belle Springs, Kansas,	57-00-00
Special offerings thru treasurer,	7-10-00
Missionary Circle, Grantham, Pa.,	36-04-06
Verna Olt,	4-08-06
Tulare, California,	6-01-03
Ruth Byer, personal toward tent,	46-08-00
Pleasant Hill, Ohio, toward tent,	78-09-03
H. L. and Katie Smith, personal for tent,	158-09-03
Sale of Tracts,	9-04-00
From Medicine people fees,	17-09-03
Belle Springs Sunday School, Kans.,	26-04-06
An English Planter's gift,	30-00-00
An Indian official's gift,	15-00-00
Missionary gift,	15-00-00
Belle Springs, Kansas,	52-12-00

San Francisco Mission offering,	14-04-00
Missionary Contributions,	41-01-00
Miscellaneous,	07-00

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous to Madhepura,	54-13-06
Baptismal expense in part,	5-13-00
Part payment for tent for Mission touring,	252-02-10
Sukia Bai's sick and burial expenses,	24-02-00
Oswald Strong, (planter's son) burial ex.,	5-05-00
Evangelists support & Evangelistic work,	361-01-06
Charity,	41-13-06
Medical Aid and equipment,	104-00-00
Interior Touring Expenses,	90-01-00
Tracts and Hindi Christian Literature,	79-10-00
Educational Work (two boys in Baptist Mission School),	17-02-00
Sunday School Literature,	3-02-00

Both totals, ----- 1443-06-01. 1129-02-04

Balance on hand, March 1, 1918, ----- 314-03-09

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 1, 191, balance brot forward,	Rs. 2867-04-06
Treasurer, Special offerings,	60-08-09
C. N. Hostetter, Special,	3002-12-00
Bert Shirk, Special offering,	30-03-10
Treas. Spec. for Supaul property,	1470-02-07
Treasurer Special,	30-03-06

EXPENDITURES.

Building expenses for Saharsa and Re-
pairs, and rent for Madhepura, ----- 3043-04-03

Both totals, ----- 7461-03-02 3043-04-03

Balance in treasury Mar. 1, 1918, ----- 4417-14-11

SAHARSA MISSION.

By H. L. Smith.

RECEIPTS.

From general maintenance fund, ----- Rs. 2700-00-00
 Special charity & evangelistic, ----- 15-04-02

EXPENDITURES.

Food, household and incidentals, ----- 2000-13-05
 Freight and transfer and hire, ----- 93-08-03
 Dry Goods and dishes, ----- 270-04-06
 Books, tuition and stationery, ----- 141-07-06
 Live stock, (part time upkeep), ----- 40-15-00
 Travelling, ----- 117-09-00
 Furniture and fixtures, ----- 19-00-00
 Charity and evangelistic special, ----- 31-10-06

Total, ----- 2715-04-02 2715-04-02

Humbly submitted in the hope that not only for Saharsa, but for Madhepura and Supaul, you will in the coming year in your Sunday Schools, Prayer Meetings, Young People's Meetings and Regular Services pray for and assist us in giving this part of God's earth the chance to "Hear the Word of the Lord."

SUPAUL MISSION.

By D. E. & Lottie Rohrer.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1917, -- Rs. 418-01-11
 Rec'd from field treas., H. Smith, 436-07-00
 Received from other sources, -- 42-00-03
 Total, ----- 896-09-02

EXPENDITURES.

Travelling, ----- 26-10-00
 Freight and transfer, ----- 38-14-06
 Food, household and incidentals, 570-14-05
 Dishes and utensils, ----- 75-00-00
 Stationery, etc., ----- 10-11-06
 Live stock upkeep, ----- 16-03-00

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Dry goods, ----- 75-00-06
 Furniture and fixtures, ----- 42-00-00
 Evangelistic, ----- 43-00-03
 Total, ----- 896-09-02

MADHIPURA MISSION.

By Effie Rohrer.

RECEIPTS.

Total receipts from Treas., -- Rs. 1842-03-02
 From grazing income, ----- 3-04-00
 Special offerings, Evangelistic, 116-06-00
 Total, ----- 1961-13-02

EXPENDITURES.

Freight and transfer and hire, 50-01-00
 Food, household, gardening, etc., 1278-07-11
 Dry goods, dishes & utensils, -- 62-00-09
 Outfitting, ----- 10-10-00
 Travelling, ----- 93-07-00
 Books, tuition & stationery, -- 204-11-06
 Evangelistic and special, ----- 196-05-00
 Live stock and upkeep, ----- 66-02-00
 Total, ----- 1961-13-02

Begging an interest in your prayers for the coming year's work, and the coming year's needs.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD TO GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH OF 1918.

Inasmuch as the conditions and needs of the various foreign missionary fields vary, and inasmuch as we have been notified by Bish. H. P. Steigerwald that support given by the home church to a native worker conflicts with the highest sense of their experience in making the native church feel her responsibility of self support; therefore,

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(a)

It is hereby resolved, that the home church shall send all offerings for support of training of native workers through the treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board for proper and careful distribution.

(b)

Inasmuch as our Foreign Missionary officials have appointed a number of native workers to superintend and operate auxiliary stations and have not as yet ordained any such appointed to the office of missionary or ministry.

Therefore, we recommend to General Conference of 1918, that the said officials shall feel at liberty to exercise in this official capacity according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the church.

(c)

Inasmuch as the Foreign Missionary Board already has an endowment fund of \$6000 on the annuity plan; and,

Whereas, Bro. Archie Byers has bequeathed \$2850 to the Foreign Missionary Fund, without designating it for any special purpose; and,

Inasmuch as the Foreign Missionary Board has inquired of his nearest relatives as to what they thought might have been his pleasure in the matter and received the following reply:

Mr. S. G. Engle,
Phila, Pa.

Hamlin, Kans.
Apr. 20, 1918.

Dear Bro. in Christ:—

Your letter of April 12th received as well as yours of March 6th.

I am sorry I am late in answering, I have considered your suggestions and presented it to some of the rest of the family. I am pleased to report your suggestion meets with our approval. I am sure that investing such donation in permanent institutions, that are needed, will be a splendid thing for the church to do.

Also I feel quite sure that the plan is in harmony with the wishes of our brother Archie. Also your plan for reporting this bequest to Conference is good and meets our approval.

If this can be used to encourage others, may it be for the glory of God.

Thanking you for thus favoring us, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Milton Byers, Executor.

Thereby we hereby recommend to General Conference of 1918, that this bequest of Bro. Archie Byers be merged into the Foreign Missionary Endowment Fund.

(d)

The Foreign Mission Board is very thankful for these liberal bequests, which form a nucleus of an endowment fund and we recommend that the Conference go on record as giving an expression of appreciation and thankfulness, hoping this will be an inspiration for many others to follow the same example.

Were it possible, we would write over the fireside of every home in our brotherhood, over the arches of her places of worship, "In bequeathing, remember the Church that helped us on to God."

(e)

We again present an approximate budget for annual maintenance fund which is about \$10,000, to cover the provisions, for health, food, raiment and incidentals and we also further recommend that all improvements, extensions and operating needs be met by special offerings. All appeals for said special offerings shall be made through the Foreign Missionary Board only.

For the tabulation and safe transmission of all funds sent to the foreign field for whatever purpose, we recommend that such funds be sent through the treasure of the Foreign Missionary Board.

(f)

Inasmuch as there is an open field 35 miles east of Matopo, S. Africa, with six schools already in operation; and,

Whereas, there is no one as yet available to establish an auxiliary mission station in said field, husband and wife would be greatly preferable; and,

Whereas, Bish. H. P. Steigerwald and wife are now entitled to a furlough, as well as some of the workers at

Mtshabezi, therefore, we the Foreign Missionary Board recommend that a strong effort be made by the brotherhood throughout, to supply this imperative need.

(g) **Whereas**, Art. 55, Sec. 6, Page 110, Conference Minutes of 1917, encourages the purchase of an auto, for the Matopo Station of South Africa; and,

Whereas, we have funds now of approximately \$800, for the purchase of an auto for said station, we most heartily recommend and encourage the increase of the above named fund to the sum of \$1400 which will buy a Ford car in South Africa.

Appeal from Supaul Station, India.

(h) **Whereas**, since work has opened at this station and the missionaries in charge find the small cramped quarters a menace to health; and,

Whereas, more land is needed to accomodate mission and evangelistic quarters and extra out-buildings; therefore,

Resolved, that the Foreign Mision Board make an urgent appeal to the Brotherhood at large, through General Conference, to meet these needs by a sum equivalent to \$1500 to be appropriated as follows, \$800 for improvements and repairs, \$300 for the purchase of cattle, harness and conveyance, which is greatly needed for the native workers and the sum of \$400 for medical services, etc.

(i) Inasmuch as the printing of Conference Minutes, and missionary reports, is bulky and inconvenient; and,

Whereas, numerous calls are made for missionary reports by other missionary societies; and,

Whereas, if each be published separately will make it possible to have Conference minutes issued at a much earlier date, which has been the wish of the church for sometime; therefore,

Be it and is hereby resolved, that hereafter Conference Minutes and all missionary matter be published in separate pamphlets.

(j) APPLICANTS FOR FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

We delight in the privilege of presenting the following as new applicants for the Foreign Field, namely.

Lila Coon, ----- Miami district, Ohio.
Ruth Brechbill, ----- De Kalb Co., Ind.
Elizabeth Brandt, ----- D. & L. Pa.
Mary Dick, ----- Cumberland dist., Pa.
Edith Hoover, -- N. Dickinson dist., Kans.
E. J. Broyles, & wife, ----- Ontario, Cal.

The applicants who have been accepted and are going forth at as early a date as possible are the following:

A. D. M. Dick,	Miriam Benner,
Nellie Dick,	Anna Steckley,
H. C. Lady,	Ella Gayman,
Naomi Lady,	Edith Haldeman,
Clarence Heise,	

(k) We hereby recommend for recognition the appointment of D. W. Heise, J. M. Sheets, J. L. Heisey, and Isaac Engle, members of the Foreign Misionary Board, as an active committee, to look after and take care of the Foreign Missionary work in planning visits of prospective outgoing and returned missionaries and to notify the various districts and states of the dates of the visitations, as well as encourage the financial support of the Foreign Mission work, and also to circulate literature of various kinds as may be deemed proper in the interest of the cause and information for our people, and to encourage special missionary meetings for the deepening of the interest and the more liberal support of the cause.

HOME MISSIONS.

BUFFALO MISSION.

By Geo. and Effie Whisler.

Greeting in Jesus precious name: the work of the mission has been conducted in much the same routine as in times past. We could not say that all our effects have seemed successful. But we know the Lord is faithful to care for all results. In these special times all of God's children must expect to experience the trial of their faith.

On the whole the interest and attendance in our meetings have been encouraging. The prayers and testimonies of our little band of brethren, have many times been a source of refreshing and encouragement to us. Some have come into a deeper spiritual life and we trust the Lord is preparing us for greater usefulness. We have had a good Sunday School and we are seeing in the school alone a great field for service. Brother E. A. Robert has been untiring in his duties as Superintendent. A number of our children's parents do not attend any church service. So the need is urgent and the difficulties are great.

Special meetings were conducted with Bishop J. N. Hoover in charge. These were a blessing to those who could attend, although conditions seemed somewhat unfavorable at that time.

We thank all the dear friends for their faithful support during another year. May we all have good courage to continue in labors and prayers until Jesus calls us!

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward, -----	\$ 52.57
Contributed during conference year, --	475.15
Total, -----	\$527.72

EXPENDITURES.

Total expense for the year, -----	517.07
Balance, -----	\$ 10.65

CHICAGO MISSION.

By Sarah H. Bert & Workers.

It became necessary to change the chairs in the Chapel as most of them were falling to pieces having been purchased second-handed twenty-four years ago when the Mission first started, and were used all these years. This number was added to at various times. It was therefore felt that the time had come to dispose of the old ones and to replace them by a new set.

The past year has been notable for its changes, particularly in our staff of workers. The Lord called home to Himself in May of last year, Sister Nancy Shirk. She toiled long and untiringly for her Lord, whom she loved. What is our loss is her gain.

Sister Mary Bert, because her health broke down, we hope only temporarily, has returned to her home, until such time as her health is recovered.

Special protracted meetings were held in February and March conducted by Bro. H. H. Menagh, the blind Evangelist from Des Moines, Ia., whose efforts the Lord blessed. Night after night the people came eager to hear the Lord's message. - At least twenty-five sought for pardon, and out of this number five followed the Lord in baptism. While we should like to have seen even a greater work done, yet we are glad for those who are going through with the Lord and allowing God to use them.

At Easter time was held the graduation of five boys and ten girls from the Primary Department into the Intermediate Department. Much scripture and Bible knowledge was learned, forming a foundation.

The Sunday School enrollment is about 200; the Sunday evening Young People's Meeting about 75; and the weekly Junior Bible Class about 20. There are nine services held weekly.

Inroads have been made into our ranks by the war. Several of the young men have been called.

While this year has seen the foundation of things shaken, and when we look into the future and the uncertainty of things is before us, yet we have placed our trust and confidence in the Lord for we "Know whom we have believed and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him against that day."

To all those who have stood with us by their prayers and their means, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation.

"Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but in abundance also by many thanksgiving unto God." II Cor. 9: 10-12.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year, -----	\$ 59.20	
Donations, -----	611.79	
For coal, -----	269.83	
Total, -----		\$940.82

EXPENDITURES.

Household expenses, -----	609.98	
Paid for coal, -----	248.16	
Total, -----		858.14

Balance on hand, -----		\$ 82.68
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POOR FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance carried over, -----	\$ 47.40	
Donations, -----	70.86	
Total, -----		\$118.26

EXPENDITURES.

Coal, -----	\$ 49.38	
Provisions, etc., -----	41.10	
Total, -----		\$ 90.48

Balance on Hand, -----		\$ 27.78
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REPAIR FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, -----		\$ 16.10
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Donations, -----	185.90	
Sale of chairs, -----	30.50	
Total, -----		\$232.50

EXPENDITURES.

Furnace grates, one set, -----	28.05	
Lumber, Screens, Labor, -----	38.60	
137 Chapel chairs, 3 arm chairs, -----	160.30	
Total, -----		\$226.95

Balance on hand, -----		\$ 5.55
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CHAMBERSBURG MISSION.

A. O. & Elizabeth Wenger.

We feel to thank the Lord for his blessings during another year both temporal and spiritual. There are still a few who will press through to victory, but we sorely feel that more ought to be done. There seems to be a lack of real bible conviction among the people.

If the church sees fit, we shall continue on in the work by God's help and the prayers of the saints.

Received during the year, -----	\$327.69	
Total expenses during year, -----	244.02	
Balance on hand, -----		\$ 83.67
Poor fund, balance on hand, -----		\$29.70

DES MOINES MISSION.

By J. R. & Anna Zook.

Another mile stone has been reached. Joy and sorrow have been mingled in the cup of natural life, satisfaction and disappointments have traveled with linked arms; tears of gladness and bitterness have overtaken each other. Many have been called to quit early life since our last report to General Conference, to try the realities of the unseen, and we too, are moving on with rapid step to the eternal to reap what we have sown, whether good or evil.

This old earth is being drenched with human blood, the destinies of nations are still hanging in the balances of uncertainties; but one thing is sure, that our blessed Lord is coming soon to gather home His jewels and destroy the wicked.

Our new mission was opened last September with an overwhelming attendance. A number of the city pastors were present and participated somewhat in the services. Elder Wm. Deemy read some appropriate scriptures for the dedicatory services and Elder George Ridout preached the dedicatory sermon. The pronouncement of the dedication was delivered by Bish. J. R. Zook.

Everybody present seemed to be delighted with the services, building, and location.

The Lord has given us a number of souls who we have reasons to believe are genuinely converted and are witnessing for Jesus. The first young man that was won to the Cross in our new mission home is a regular attendant and quite active in the services, manifesting a determination to be faithful.

On our last Sunday night's services three came to the penitent form. On the following Wednesday night seven seekers came to the altar for heart purity and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and they gave evidence of the realization that the object of their seeking was obtained.

On the following Thursday night a middle aged lady came forward to seek for her pardon and acceptance and she arose with a beam of joy in her countenance and shouted the victory.

This is above the weekly average of conversions and sealings of the spirit, but, however, we have great reasons to thank the good Lord for his presence and grace and for the success He gives.

There are some hopeful subjects for baptism and membership.

However, we so greatly need the prayer and co-operation of the Church.

RECEIPTS.

Received by donations, -----	\$405.52
Received from Home Mission Board, --	176.47
Total receipts, -----	\$581.99
Total expenditures, -----	\$581.99

DAYTON MISSION.

By W. H. & Susie Boyer.

It gives us pleasure to present one more annual report of the work at the Dayton Mission. It has been through the great love and mercy of God who has given us grace and the opportunity to serve Him in our God given place one more year.

As we behold the many disturbing features, the great and dreadful powers of destruction all over the land in this present age, and the teeming millions of souls passing on toward the solemn judgment to meet God unprepared, we are moved to press the more anxiously onward giving forth the Holy Word with greater zeal and a deeper concern for precious souls than in days of the past.

Also that we might live a sincere and a victorious life over sin, before our fellowmen that some dear one might be rescued from sin and eternal despair before the day of grace shall be forever past.

We are glad to report, as we have been somewhat crowded for kitchen and bedroom, the Lord, thru his dear children, has made it possible to build an addition to our dwelling during the year just passed. We extended the kitchen four feet in length, also built a large cupboard in the kitchen wall; and instead of a dangerous trap door opening from the floor of the pantry into the cellar steps, we now have two upright doors, the one opening from the kitchen into the cellar-way, the other one from the outside. We added a story above the kitchen giving us a nice large bed room; also a storage room. We do appreciate the change very much. Also we do wish to thank all the dear ones who have contributed thereto: and the faithful trustees for all they have so kindly done to make it possible for us to enjoy the additional room and better conveniences.

As the Lord has been so faithful in the temporal things, He has also been so faithful in our spiritual needs. The Lord enabled our dear Bro. Jesse Eyster, of Navarre, Kansas, to be a real blessing to our little flock, and to the work here during a series of meetings held in the close of September and forepart of October. We were glad for the definite teaching of the Word of God, and

for the precious souls that were saved as a result of that meeting.

We give as a report of our services as heretofore. Sunday School and two preaching services each Lord's day, two weekly prayer meetings, and extra as we find open doors. The special hour of prayer Wednesday at 2 p. m., followed by a children's meeting, street meetings, and Saturday evening uptown; and Sunday evening at 6 p. m. we have an open air meeting near the mission preceding the evening chapel service.

As we reflect back over the past conference year and remember the many homes we have entered, the many sick we have visited, the many souls we have prayed with, it would seem as if very little has been accomplished as we behold the much that remains yet to be done. But we are glad for the few souls who were made willing to confess and repent of their sins and were saved by the precious blood of the Lamb. Eight in number have been received into our church fellowship. May they remain faithful and true unto the end is our prayer.

We deem it a duty and also a privilege to express in this report our thankfulness and appreciation to our dear beloved brotherhood and kind friends for all they have so kindly rendered in behalf of the work at this place. The Lord truly has heard your prayers, and has blessed the kind offering to our every good. May the dear Lord greatly bless and abundantly regard you for all you have done. We sincerely desire to remain as one with you in the Mission field, until the last battle has been fought, until the last soul has been won for Christ, and our home in heaven obtained, where we shall dwell celestially as the unending years of eternity are rolling on, is the prayer of your brother and sister in Christ who will remain with you in the effort for precious souls, until Jesus comes.

Balance from previous year, -----	\$85.84
Donations received during year, -----	397.56
Total, -----	\$483.40
Total expenditures, -----	460.34
Balance on hand, -----	23.06

SPECIAL POOR FUND.

Balance from previous year, -----	\$ 1.25
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Donations received during year, -----	27.95
Total, -----	\$29.20
Total expenditures, -----	27.33
Balance on hand, -----	\$ 1.87

LANCASTER MISSION, PA.

By Geo. C. Haagen & Workers.

Our first year at the Mission has been a very busy one, filled with many and varied experiences. As our minds run back we cannot but exclaim, truly the Lord has been our helper, for which we are glad.

The regular Sunday School and preaching appointments have been kept without interruption and a fair degree of interest has been manifested in the meetings.

Of our small membership, here in the city, only a meagre per centage is active on account of age and other hindrances; yet for the co-operation of these few willing ones who are able to give of time and talent, are we really thankful.

The usual city mission conditions prevail. Sin abounds on every hand. Attractions, other than spiritual are doing much to draw the minds of the people from the one thing most needful. In our revival effort as well as at other times we find it difficult to gain a true audience with the people. We are, however, neither disappointed nor discouraged for we recognize our place in the prophetic chart and know that it is only the little flock that is to receive the kingdom.

We are grateful for every branch of support that has been so heartily given and for the constructive criticism as well.

We ask that all pray that we be empowered to overcome at all times and ever be in condition to lead others in making the great decision.

Number of persons entertained, -----	225
Number of meals given, -----	534
Num. lunches at time of special meetings, -----	151
Number of persons lodged, -----	160

Num. meetings attended by ent. visitors,	315
Number of provision contributors, -----	19
One group provision contributors, Rapho.	
Number of cash contributors, -----	40
Workers at mission during entire year, --	3
(Geo. C. Haagen, Sr. Haagen and Sr. Ada E. Hess).	
Worker, one month (Bertha Lehman), --	1
Members joining church during year, ---	2
Members moved away during year, -----	4
Members moved in during year, -----	2

RECEIPTS.	
Individuals, -----	\$172.23
Collection box, -----	17.83
Board, -----	29.72
Cross Roads, S. S., -----	18.56
Church treasurer, -----	80.70
Total, -----	\$319.04

EXPENDITURES.	
Telephone, -----	\$25.39
Gas, -----	22.95
Provision, -----	238.92
Household repairs, etc., -----	21.14
Carfare, -----	.60
Incidentals, -----	2.50
Drayage, -----	2.10
Plumbing, -----	2.04
Water, -----	3.40
Total, -----	\$319.04

SYLVATUS, VA.

By Denny & Marie Jennings.

Greetings in Jesus name. I will try by the help of the Lord to give you a glimpse of our work in the south. We have many things to encourage and also to discourage. However we have the assurance of the call of God that led us there.

We have been holding forth the Gospel every Sabbath, except when there happens to be five Sundays in the

month, in school houses and church. The disciples of Christ ask us to have one meeting a month in their church because they had no minister.

We have had it at heart for some time to start meetings Sunday evenings but as we had expected some one with us to hold meetings we deferred this.

We believe that there are hungry souls in our midst and see conviction upon them. The meetings are well attended mostly by young people.

We feel encouraged in our Sunday School work, having recently with us 14 children up to the age of 15 or 16 and two mothers. We expect our Sunday School to grow as we feel sure of others that will come.

We praise God for the way he has supplied all our needs and thank the dear brethren for their financial help and especially the Home Mission Board for the \$10.00 sent. Our financial report for April as close as I could give it at present is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Carried over, -----	\$10.00
Bro. D. V. Heise, -----	10.00
Eggs 10th Tithe, -----	.25
Shop work 10th tithe, -----	.20
Sr. Elizabeth Brandt, -----	5.00
Home Mission Board, -----	10.00
Total, -----	\$35.45

EXPENDITURES.	
Horse payment, -----	\$ 5.00
Clothes for poor, -----	11.36
Postage, -----	.65
Clothes for poor, -----	2.95
Sugar, -----	.90
Feed for horse, -----	6.00
Total, -----	26.86
Balance on hand, -----	\$ 8.59

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION, CAL.

By Elizabeth Winger & Workers.

Greeting in the precious name of Jesus:—

We submit our yearly report with hearts full of gratitude for the blessing and care of God which has continually been upon us. With the Psalmist we can say "Surely goodness and mercy has followed us . . . and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Taking everything together, we feel that the work is in as good a condition or perhaps better, than at any time of its history. A blessed spirit of unity and devotedness has prevailed with the result that a number of souls have sought the Lord, some of them finding glorious deliverance from the power and guilt of sin. Three young **men have been baptized** and received into church fellowship.

The number of workers has been three (Sr. Maggie Sollenberger, Sr. Miriam Benner and the writer), and the burden has fallen heavy so that our physical strength has often been severely tried, but we thank God that so far we have realized the upholding power of the everlasting arms of the Lord. With the help of a faithful little band of mission members, we have been enabled to go on, and we feel that considerable praise is due them for the good and continual support they have given.

We especially desire to note the generous liberality of the brethren and sisters and the Sunday Schools throughout the church in contributing to the financial needs of the work. Truly you have remembered us well. Our every need has been supplied and thus the gospel has been proclaimed to many souls. We thank you, heartily, and we know that in the day of final accounts, you will not fail of your reward.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward, -----	\$180.29
Contributed during year, -----	996.62
Total, -----	\$1176.82

EXPENDITURES.

Total expenses for the year, -----	\$1088.61
Balance April 1, 1918, -----	\$ 88.30

HOME MISSION BOARD.

FINANCIAL.

By D. R. Eyster, Treas.

Receipts.

Malinda Hiltz, Markham church, Can.,	\$ 53.45
W. E. McCulloh, Union Grove, Ill.,	20.00
Andrew Sider, Black Creek dist., Ont.,	25.51
N. Z. Hess, Rapho dist., Pa.,	95.00
Conference Missionary offering,	192.30
J. D. Wingert, New Guilford S. S., Pa.,	14.00
A. H. Wingert, Belle Springs S. S., Kans.,	22.92
Sarah Neisley, Cedar Springs Church,	30.00
Mechanicsburg, Pa., Har. Meet. Offering,	70.43
D. W. Brehm, Hummelstown, Pa.,	5.00
Mary Brenner, Wayne Co., O., Church,	9.50
Alice Cassel, Dayton, Ohio,	3.00
Albert Kitely, Carland S. S., Mich.,	31.00
Sarah Neisley, Cedar Springs Church,	20.00
Harvey Stoner, Morrison's Cove dist.,	66.39
Henry H. Doutrich, Fairland S. S., Pa.,	22.50
A. Wingert, Belle Springs S. S., Kans.,	30.58
Amanda Kauffman, Nevarre, Kans.,	5.00
D. H. Martin, Elizabethtown S. S., Pa.,	50.26
John Hoffman, Rheems, Pa.,	29.00
John E. Hershey, Rheems, Pa.,	11.00
Elizabeth Brandt, New York,	5.00
Bethany Church, Thomas, Okla.,	40.60
Jacob Miller, Manor-Pequea Dist., Pa.,	48.00
Saxon Bowers, Canton, Ohio,	20.50
H. O. Wenger, Ringgold dist., Pa.,	21.50
H. P. Wenger, Montgomery dist., Pa.,	37.50
H. P. Wenger, New Guilford dist., Pa.,	62.75
J. N. Hoover, Miami dist., O.,	42.45
A. Wingert, Belle Springs S. S., Kans.,	11.81
Emma Cassel, Dayton, Ohio district,	46.39
Floyd Burkholder, Merrill, Mich.,	17.73
H. O. Wenger, North Franklin dist., Pa.,	64.90
H. P. Wenger, Mowersville, Pa.,	67.05
Albert Kitely, Carland, Mich., S. S.,	20.50
Malinda Hiltz, Markham church, Can.,	75.00
T. L. Ginder, Manor dist., Pa.,	31.00

Geo. Detwiler, Harrisburg S. S., Pa., --	50.00
M. G. Engle, Clay Co., Church, Kans.,	20.75
M. G. Engle, Dallas Center, Iowa., ----	10.00
Bethel S. S., N. Dickinson dist., Kans.,	68.31
M. G. Engle, Zion District, Kans., ----	105.00
Pearl Swalm, Nottawa dist., Ont., Can.,	28.95
N. Z. Hess, Rapho dist., -----	117.00
Total, -----	\$1818.97
Income, money on interest, -----	34.65
Balance on hand, May 10, 1917, -----	1336.12
Grand total, -----	\$3189.74

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. Detwiler, part fare to Conference and Visiting Missions, -----	28.49
Isaac Shockey, fare to Des Moines as member of Mission Committee, -----	20.60
Sarah Bert, Mission property insurance,	115.50
V. L. Stump, Stationery, -----	1.75
O. B. Ulery, fare to Des Moines as member of Mission Committee, -----	3.80
Song Books, Lights and Fly for Evangelistic work in Okla., -----	42.50
Elizabeth Wenger, San Francisco Miss.,	15.00
J. R. Eyster and workers for Tabernacle work in Oklahoma, -----	145.00
J. R. Zook, Des Moines deficit, -----	55.00
J. A. Climenhaga, song books, D. Jennings,	3.60
V. L. Stump & father, fare to Chicago,	9.00
Elizabeth Wenger, Mission work, San Francisco, California, -----	15.00
J. R. Zook, Des Moines deficit, -----	73.72
Elizabeth Wenger and Workers, San Francisco Mission, four months, ----	80.00
Bro. D. E. Jennings, Sylvatus, Va., ---	10.00
J. R. Zook, Des Moines, deficit, -----	1302
Lizzie Wenger, San Francisco, Calif.,	20.00
Total, -----	651.98
Balance on hand, May 10, 1918, -----	\$2537.76

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BENEFICIARY POOR FUND.

Balance in treasury 1917, -----	\$668.00
Received during year, -----	221.00
Total, -----	\$889.00
Total expenditures, -----	424.00
Balance in treasury, -----	\$465.00

GENERAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

By V. L. Stump, Secretary.

Another year has again rolled into the past and all that we have accomplished or failed to accomplish has already been recorded by him whose eye never slumbers and whose judgment and mercy never fails. However, as a board we are glad at this time to give an account of our stewardship to our brethren.

The responsibilities which came to us as a member of the executive part of the board came unsought for and undreamed of, and we suddenly found ourselves in a place where our decisions or advice might mean the loss or the salvation of many souls, and that we felt our utter insufficiency it is needless to say, and while we may have erred and come short in much of our work we nevertheless are comforted as we look back over the years work with the knowledge that through the grace given unto us we endeavored to discharge our duties.

The activities and results in most of our city and rural missions was good. Through the providence of God Brother and Sister D. E. Jennings of Buffalo were led to go to the State of Virginia. The matter of their going had been left to the executive part of the board to decide and after due consideration they were instructed to proceed to the field of their choice, with the understanding that as soon as the work there would be sufficiently encouraging they would be visited by one of the members of the Executive part of the H. M. Board and then

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receive ordination and also the work definitely established. They therefore went forth in September of last year and the reports of their work there are of an encouraging nature as will be seen elsewhere. Their needs have thus far been supplied by free will offerings and personal labors with the exception of \$10.00 which was forwarded them by the H. M. Board. Song Books and tracts have also been furnished them.

At Mooretown, Mich., the work is still in charge of Bro. and Sr. Lester Myers, their labors there seem to be appreciated and the outlook of the work encouraging.

The San Francisco Mission has been without a pastor for this Conference year and it is the prayer of our hearts that the Lord may raise up someone to assist in the work there. The first part of the year the contributions to the mission direct were enough to meet all the need but later the sum of \$15.00 per month was forwarded them through the Board, this was later increased to \$20.00 per month. The spiritual part of the work is according to reports very encouraging for which we praise the Lord.

The Des Moines Mission in the new building has been launched and the results thus far bespeak a very bright outlook for the mission. The financial help given has been an average of \$15.54 per month which is less than in some years previous, thus showing that the church at large is more than ever interested in supplying the need of this work.

The Chicago Mission during this year has had the pleasure of seeing one of its own number ordained to the ministry in the person of Bro. Carl J. Carlson, and also Bro. William Smith being especially set apart as a worker in the field there. We truly look forward to a life of usefulness for these brethren if they keep true to the Lord and hold forth and practice all of the Word of God as believed in by the church.

The matter of securing additional insurance for the Mission building as ordered by Conference of 1917 was taken up by the Board of Trustees and an additional risk of \$7000 was secured for \$115.50 for a period of three years.

According to arrangements Eld. Jesse Eyster and wife were placed in charge of the tent meetings in Okla., and were assisted part of the time by Bro. Witters and also

Bro. Girten of Kansas. There were meetings held at three places and the results in the most part were good, resulting in the sowing of the gospel seed and seeing some really brought to the fold. A tent fly and some additional accessories were purchased for the Okla. work at the cost of \$42.50 and the sum of \$145.00 was forwarded by the H. M. Board for support of the workers and their expenses while on the field.

During the year the executive members of the Board were asked by the General Executive Board to give an individual expression as to their attitude toward the payment of a sum not to exceed \$35 per month toward the expenses of an every night mission to be launched in Philadelphia and a favorable expression was given them, providing the proper workers could be secured.

The present war conditions together with the religious conditions make these days very strenuous.

And while we appreciate the noble way in which the church has stood by in the various branches of Mission work with their means, we feel to encourage, yea more than encourage to solicit your earnest prayers and intercession in behalf of the work and workers.

During the year a number of individuals received benefit from the beneficiary fund, and in some cases it was deemed advisable in consideration of the high cost of living to increase the monthly allowance, the names of these individuals as per decision of General Conference of 1917, are kept on the private records of the Board.

Inasmuch as providence or various hinderances at least seemed to block the way for any member of the executive part of the Home Mission Board to visit Bro. and Sr. Jennings, during this Conference year; and,

Whereas, Bro. and Sr. Jennings were unacquainted with the church as a whole; and,

Whereas, we felt the time had come for his full ordination to the work of the ministry, we therefore advised the said Bro. and Sr. Jennings to come to this Conference for said reasons, assuring them that their traveling expenses would be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury and we further recommend their ordination at some period during this Conference.

Whereas, there is an urgent need for workers in the San Francisco Mission, at this time; and,

Whereas, Bro. Jesse and Sr. Docia Wenger have consented to return to the San Francisco Mission, as soon as they can conveniently arrange their home affairs, at least for the period of this Conference year; and,

Whereas, Sr. Elizabeth Wenger at present in charge of the San Francisco needs to be relieved from the charge of the San Francisco Mission work for a period of rest and recreation; be it therefore,

Resolved, that Bro. Jesse and Sr. Docia Wenger return to San Francisco, at the earliest possible date and that as soon as they are again settled and somewhat accustomed to the work, Sr. Elizabeth Wenger shall be relieved of the San Francisco Mission work, for a period of time, not to exceed six months; and,

Be it further resolved, that during the absence of Sr. Elizabeth Wenger, Bro. Jesse and Sr. Docia Wenger shall have charge and be responsible for the San Francisco Mission work, under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

Whereas, the California church have secured the services of Eld. Jesse R. Eyster and wife to conduct a series of evangelistic efforts along the coast; and,

Whereas, the climatic conditions are very favorable to tent work, and inasmuch as the California church has requested the assistance of the Home Mission Treasury to purchase a tent suitable for such evangelistic campaign; therefore be it,

Resolved, that such tent be purchased and the cost paid out of the Home Mission Treasury.

Whereas, the top of the tent used in Des Moines and Oklahoma for the past number of years is worn out; therefore be it,

Resolved, that a new top be purchased for said tent and that the cost be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury.

Whereas, in the past few years a small number of members have located in the state of Oregon, and the prospects there seem to be encouraging for the establishment of a church; and,

Whereas, the Home Mission Board was requested to secure evangelistic help for special tent services there this coming June, and inasmuch as Bro. and Sr. Jesse R. Eyster have been secured and expect to labor in the said fields; be it therefore,

Resolved, that their expense including traveling expenses, etc., incurred while in this effort, not met by free will offerings, be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury.

Whereas, Eld. T. A. Long, of Salem, Texas, appealed to the Home Mission Board for the evangelistic help in services of Bro. J. R. Zook, sometime during the early summer; and,

Whereas, we believe that an evangelistic effort in that field, under the supervision of a competent evangelist would be greatly beneficial to the advancement of the cause of our Lord Jesus; be it therefore,

Resolved, that the services of the said brother be secured, if possible, and if not the services of some other worthy brother to labor in the above field, for a longer or shorter period, as the Lord may direct. And that all travelling expense not met by free will offerings be defrayed by the Home Mission Treasury.

Whereas, there is a cry for help from Mifflin Co., and Lycoming Co. Pa., for more meetings and inasmuch as ministerial help must be supplied from outside districts; therefore be it,

Resolved, that such ministerial help be given them and that whatever expense in supplying this help is incurred, above that met by free will offerings be met by the Home Mission Treasury.

Whereas, Sr. Marie Sollenberger of the San Francisco Mission has labored faithfully for a period of more than three years, without any compensation whatever; and,

Whereas, she desires to return east to visit her parents, whom she has not seen for a period of five years; therefore be it,

Resolved, that her railway expenses on the return trip be paid from the Home Mission Treasury.

Whereas, during this Conference year there came into the hands of the Home Mission Board the sum of \$490.00 for San Francisco, Des Moines, Chicago, and Buffalo Missions, through the will of our late and beloved brother, Archie Byer; and,

Whereas, no disposition as to how this money should be used was given, in the will; therefore be it,

Resolved, that the \$190, for San Francisco Mission be placed in the hands of the treasurer of the Home Mission

Board and be used to meet the monthly rentals of the San Francisco Mission until exhausted; and,

Be it further resolved, that the \$100 for Des Moines Mission be used first to pay the balance due on chairs for Mission hall and the remaining part to be applied on the present lot indebtedness, and be it further,

Resolved, that inasmuch as Chicago Mission has no present indebtedness; and,

Whereas, there may be a possibility of future enlargement or building improvements, that the sum of \$100 left in the Chicago Mission be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees of the said Mission to be held in trust by them until such time as it may be needed for building improvements or work extension; and,

Whereas, a similiar condition prevails in Buffalo; be it therefore,

Resolved, that the \$100 left for Buffalo Mission shall be cared for in like manner.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVANGELISTS.

J. R. and Anna Zook, ---- Des Moines, Iowa.
Jesse R. and Malinda Eyster, Navarre, Kans.
H. H. Menaugh, ----- Des Moines, Iowa.
V. L. Stump, ----- Nappanee, Ind.
J. Lester Myers, ----- Sandusky, Mich.
Lafayette Shoalts, -- Wellandport, Ont., Can.
D. L. Graybill, ----- Filer, Idaho.
W. J. Myers, ----- Massilon, Ohio.
O. B. Ulery, ----- Springfield, Ohio.
J. N. Hoover, ----- West Milton, Ohio.

HOME MISSION WORKERS.

Dayton Mission:—Wm. & Susie Boyer, and Ethel French.

Philadelphia Mission:—Wilbur & Elizabeth Snider.

Buffalo Mission:—Geo. E. & Effie Whisler.

Chambersburg Mission:—A. O. & Elizabeth Wenger.

Lancaster Mission:—Geo. C. Haagen and wife, and Ada E. Hess.

Chicago Mission:—Sarah Bert, B. L. Brubaker & wife, Anna Bert, Beulah Musser and C. J. Carlson.

Des Moines Mission:—J. R. and Anna Zook.

Sylvatus Virginia:—Denny & Marie Jennings.

San Francisco Mission:—Jesse & Docia Wenger, Elizabeth Wenger and Marie Sollenberger.

Anna Hoover, and Eva Dick.

Whereas, a number of calls as herein stated have been presented to the Home Mission Board for tents, and evangelistic help; and,

Whereas, the Board has seen fit to recommend to General Conference the various evangelistic enterprises, and inasmuch as we believe that it is the sentiment of the church and also the duty of the Home Mission Board to launch out in the various branches of Mission activity, as much as is advisable; therefore be it,

Resolved, that the tents already available and to be purchased be kept in use as much as possible throughout the season; and be it further,

Resolved, that we hereby encourage those who feel called to this special branch of Gospel Work, and are willing to give their services to the furtherance of the Gospel; and be it further,

Resolved, that all calls for tents, tent meetings, evangelists, workers, etc., depending partially or wholly on the Home Mission Board for support and all applications of evangelists and workers, be made through the Home Mission Board, and be it further.

Resolved, that all evangelists, workers, etc., sent out under the direction of the Home Mission Board keep an itemized account of all expenses, etc., incurred while on the field, and that all deficiencies not met by free will contributions, be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury; and be it further,

Resolved, that wherever conditions are favorable all new fields be organized and a church established.

Whereas, the present conditions of high cost of living make the individual expenses of Home Mission workers, for raiment, etc., very high; and,

Whereas, we give our Mission workers no compensation, should not Conference make some provision for their personal needs?

Conference authorized the H. M. Board to see after personal needs of Home Mission Workers.

TABULATED SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1917.

By William Page, Sec'y.

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		CALIFORNIA.									
		Receipts.					Disbursements.				
Supt.	Address	ENROLL MENT	Av. ATT.	C. ACCESS.	BAL. HAND	OFFERING	SUPPLIES	BENEVO. & MISSION	BAL. ON HAND		
Hiram Alderfer,	Upland, -----	135	97	2	\$ 14.34	\$ 619.16	\$265.27	\$ 345.92	\$ 35.31		
J. P. Bert,	Waukena, -----	90	68	2	1.72	376.29	46.71	326.17	30.14		

		CANADA.									
John Reichard,	Fordwich, -----	14	10	1	1.33	6.44	2.32	-----	1.49		
Landon W. Steckley,	Gormley, -----	122	77	2	1.55	209.44	30.71	176.81	3.47		
Simon Cober,	Kitchener, -----	33	15		-----	31.38	14.03	21.24	-----		
Richard Fisher,	Butteaux, -----	40	34		-----	Matthew 6th chapter, 3 verse.					-----
Abram Winger,	Delisle, -----	45	30		-----	41.15	21.20	274.70	20.04		
Warren Winger,	Ridgeway, -----	323	126	5	-----	418.77	38.60	376.43	3.74		
Jesse Sider,	Marshville, -----	110	65	2	19.71	138.48	20.57	148.97	13.88		
Jesse D. Winger,	Ridgeway, -----	31	31		-----	11.00	11.00	-----	1.50		
Laban Climenhaga,	Kindersley, -----	65	53		20.35	150.90	45.25	110.30	15.75		
A. S. Winger,	Hagersville, -----	57	30		-----	34.40	28.40	-----	6.00		
Wesley Wildfong,	Hespeler, -----	30	18		9.70	60.64	23.11	27.83	9.70		

		ILLINOIS.									
J. A. Garwick,	Coleta, -----	47	38	1	.68	22.56	10.86	7.50	4.88		
C. J. Carlson,	Chicago, -----	180	135	1	-----	174.70	149.20	152.76	25.50		
Guy Van Dyke,	Morrison, -----	30	20		-----	88.08	10.00	45.04	34.54		

		INDIANA.									
O. M. Foote,	Auburn, -----	85	65	5	28.00	165.00	30.00	70.00	5.00		
Mearl Mishler,	New Paris, -----	117	56		13.80	114.76	-----	-----	-----		

		IOWA.									
S. M. Good,	Dallas Center, -----	22	22		-----	6.00	-----	78.50	-----		
Syl. W. Landis,	Des Moines, -----	45	37		-----	84.44	51.39	23.00	10.00		

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		KANSAS.									
Christian Hodel,	Clay Center, -----	60	32	2	4.28	91.42	19.66	75.39	.65		
J. K. Fike,	Ramona, -----	128	90	4	13.85	631.47	46.47	570.97	15.03		
Roy A. Franklin,	Abilene, -----	110	75		17.39	960.64	50.25	895.69	14.38		
J. G. Engle,	Abilene, -----	125	80	2	25.00	196.46	50.00	146.46	25.00		
J. E. Brechbill,	Detroit, -----	106	76	3	5.28	285.34	61.70	227.58	1.34		
I. J. Zercher,	Abilene, -----	156	107	9	30.99	423.46	42.37	377.25	16.16		
Milton Byer,	Hamlin, -----	27	25		-----	259.14	11.56	241.58	-----		
Harvey Wenger,	Abilene, -----	203	104		31.72	1061.25	119.57	648.13	199.04		
Elmer G. Engle,	Abilene, -----	42	34		12.00	52.65	40.68	-----	13.97		

		MICHIGAN.									
Joseph Vanderveer,	Snover, -----	40	17		19.27	47.55	16.64	24.54	25.60		
Henry Schneider,	Merrill, -----	65	42		4.96	70.95	45.38	25.58	-----		

John H. Martin, Elizabethtown, -----	100	66	5	3.25	320.46	56.78	267.08	.15
E. Brubaker, Mechanicsburg, -----	70	51	7	4.99	406.15	62.87	347.43	.84
A. S. Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, -----	109	109	2	24.51	273.33	39.99	160.63	18.12
John Linderman, Waynesboro, -----	55	45		6.64	36.00	40.91	36.00	6.64
Alfred S. Rotz, Chambersburg, -----	79	73	5	21.97	90.97	35.47	53.95	31.33
Jacob T. Ginder, Manheim, -----	175	114	2	10.20	179.03	17.73	127.22	20.74
John E. Lebo, Harrisburg, -----	95	72		90.23	348.03	75.08	304.38	58.80
Wilbur Snider, Philadelphia, -----	220	112		16.09	193.01	174.66	33.61	34.44
Irwin N. Heisey Elizabethtown, -----	37	20		2.50	80.15	24.78	57.87	-----
Ezra Bert, Mowersville, -----	45	45		18.00	58.41	38.64	18.00	-----
Noah L. Heisey, Washington Boro, --	66	41	3	34.15	66.88	27.20	63.83	-----
A. C. Myers, Mercersburg, -----	82	44	2	8.91	21.24	15.25	-----	17.32
James Miller, Silverdale, -----	100	40		7.66	52.46	44.80	-----	7.66
Harvey W. Ebright, Cleona, -----	90	54	2	14.01	67.51	33.96	110.18	37.50
Sam'l H. Wenger, Shippensburg, ----	75	54	2	6.37	81.62	45.43	29.82	8.54
Harvey A. Stoner, Martinsburg, -----	120	60		-----	83.65	75.11	-----	5.61
Jos. C. Myers, Waynesboro, -----	95	40		4.81	45.10	35.80	8.50	4.55
Aaron Oberholser, Chambersburg, ----	141	111	3	4.38	123.06	36.92	81.59	4.37
William Byers, Waynesboro, -----	62	45	6	9.15	28.02	25.80	30.00	-----
B. O. Musser, Mt. Joy, -----	100	75		-----	57.49	-----	107.13	8.24
H. G. Wingerd, Waynesboro, -----	75	50		17.91	36.47	29.96	16.18	11.67
J. W. Niesley, Carlisle, -----	80	52		9.50	162.49	20.93	110.55	13.32
L. W. Wingerd, Chambersburg, -----	94	70	1	5.69	27.44	19.71	59.00	14.62
J. A. Climenhaga, Grantham, -----	207	135		10.08	465.70	125.41	335.25	5.13
Noah Z. Hess, Lancaster, -----	43	27		3.30	-----	13.00	-----	-----

Grand total, ----- 6652 4326 159 \$934.80 \$13698.96 \$1397.42 \$10373.38 \$1275.45

G. G. Lyons, Carland, -----	60	50		6.00	142.67	40.95	103.78	3.14
NEW YORK.								
Albert Davis, Clarence Center, -----	49	34		8.71	49.29	20.25	25.00	4.40
E. A. Roberts, Buffalo, -----	96	63		-----	104.00	59.00	45.00	-----
OHIO.								
O. W. Herr, Clayton, -----	107	59	4	10.67	294.34	64.96	236.60	3.45
Mazy Dohner, West Milton, -----	90	60	1	.35	220.52	42.16	148.15	29.78
William Mc Beth, Springfield, -----	100	75	1	108.29	476.74	151.21	358.42	75.40
Harvey M. Bosler, Louisville, -----	50	34		13.48	159.94	21.11	150.66	1.65
D. H. Hershey, Pleasant Hill, -----	50	39	3	45.09	275.54	50.97	189.67	82.99
Mark A. Boyer, Ashland, -----	86	40		17.80	135.16	37.50	105.24	10.21
Clarence Boyer, Dayton, -----	100	71	4	63.49	82.01	44.65	58.29	42.56
W. J. Myers, Massilon, -----	50	35		.42	29.98	24.00	-----	5.98
L. O. Shellhaus, Mansfield, -----	35	23		-----	32.07	16.00	16.07	-----
TEXAS.								
E. E. Stoffer, Salem, -----	42	27		2.15	19.37	17.45	5.54	4.07
OKLAHOMA.								
Isaiah E. Book, Thomas, -----	195	133	40	10.18	1070.51	47.61	1029.97	3.11
A. J. Albright, Leedy, -----	53	52	20	-----	36.92	28.25	-----	12.17
PENNSYLVANIA.								
Geo. C. Haagen, Lancaster, -----	74	55	1	-----	57.51	-----	-----	-----
J. Will Keefer, Millersburg, -----	101	60	4	9.11	211.51	25.10	101.00	94.52
A. G. Kulp, Royersford, -----	55	34		27.74	242.96	25.88	17.90	44.82

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