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NOTE!—This issue of the ADVOCATE, contains matter that was sent in by the Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Society, of the Western Presbytery, and the September letter from Ky.

Will not some one from each congregation send in some news items for next month?

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

Houston, Ky., September 10, 1927.

Dear friends;—

It seems to me that we would hardly realize that a month is gone unless we had a few regular duties to perform such as writing the magazine letters, etc. Just think, September is here. Already some of the leaves have begun to turn. October is one of the most beautiful months of the year here. If we have a hard freeze early in the fall, the leaves drop without getting very pretty. That seldom happens. Usually the winters come gradually, thus giving us time to absorb the beauty of colors.

Mother Stewart and Miss Howell, have gone to Curt Turners, to spend the night. The people are always pleased to have us in their homes. We need more time for this kind of work. Mother Stewart will make a number of calls before she comes home to-morrow.

Our school is going very nicely. It is usually a good sign when you hear neither praise or blame. Our attendance is keeping up well. It did last year. The compulsory school law has not been strictly enforced in this county for the past two or three years and we feel thankful that there is no great need of it in this community. However, some of the children will stop when the creeks get up.

About the liveliest thing in our midst now is the girls sewing class. Mother Stewart teaches it and I have never seen youngsters take more interest in any kind of work. We have it from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. on Friday. I think there are now 15 in the class. Last Friday the girls began their dresses. It is real fun to see them work. Mother Stewart couldn't get through with all of them Friday, so some of them came back on Saturday morning. She never tires helping the girls, and she permits no work to pass without feeling that each one has done her best. I have been surprized to see how well the most of them can do. We expect to have each girl exhibit her work at the county Fair. Each girl who exhibits, will get at least \$1. and those who win prizes will get more. Our county agent makes this possible.

A good number of Houston boys and girls will soon be going way to school. In fact, some of them have gone. I was interested the other day in counting them. There are Bertha ort, Cora Sebastian, Haney Stamper, Jasper Stamper, Mand Short, Selden Short, Rufus Deaton, Oma Deaton, Ellen rner, Mary Turner, Evelyn Turner, Ida Mae Turner, Johnie rner, Elna Griffith, and Kelley Griffith. Some of these go Buckham, Highland, Richmond and Berea. In general we e proud of them wherever they go. Two of these will be in ollege and all the rest in high school. Our aim in school here

is to lay the foundation for the development of a christian character.

I had a real laugh just a few minutes ago when one of the boys came and asked if he and some others might have the basket ball to play awhile I said, it is too dark to play now, and he said, "The moon is shining " It was 9 o'clock, I never saw children love to play more than ours do, especially basket ball. They are just normal boys and girls.

We wish to acknowledge \$10, for the scholarship fund from Mrs. Will Brown, of Cutler, Ill. We appreciate these gifts.

May we have your prayers and interest for God's work at this place.

Very sincerely, Calla B. Turner.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM INDIA

Roorkee, U. P. India, July 23, 1927.

Dear Friends:

You will recall in our annual report we mentioned Masih Dayal, who was one of our village school teachers and was very sick with smallpox while we were in Hardwar at the Mela. I am sorry to have to say that he has passed to his reward. He suffered a great deal; while convalescing he developed boils and had twenty to twenty-five, some healing, others developing, for fully six weeks. We did all we could for him, and spent considerable money in his care and treatment. He had been doing good and faithful work in his low caste school and his influence was beginning to count in the village. We have made no effort to replace him so his school has gone to pieces. He was a convert and one of our own training school boys and we felt rather proud of him. He had developed wonderfully and could meet high caste Brahams and not quail before them. But God had need of him and called him to a higher service. This leads me to say that our little training school, which has been running for about five years, has been the means of bringing out and developing eight very fine young men. We feel very much the closing down of this line of work but it had to be done. We can't bring selected young men in from the villages and deprive them of the means earning their bread while teaching them and not furnish bread for them, and we can't furnish bread on a "cut" budget.

Besides this, I've had to tell two of the old training class who had not been making much success with their schools, that they would have to try making their own living at some other work. So these two stations will be closed down.

We are going to try to continue the Industrial Class by placing the master carpenter on his own responsibility and are expecting him to turn out enough work to pay for his salary. I don't know how it will turn out, for the boys waste a lot of lumber and don't do good work and he will have trouble selling the chairs, tables, etc., that they make.

Our school started specially for low caste boys at Mahdud has become recognized by Government and they are now giving us a "grant in aid" and will inspect it regularly. This we consider a real accomplishment. The school has gone ahead by leaps and bounds and now there are over forty pupils; practically every boy in the village is in our school, both high and low caste. The Arya Samaj School, which had been opened to drive us out, has failed and the master is gone. I have sent one of our high school boys who has failed in his second year out to act as second master. If we can manage to support him I want to send him up for a special teachers' training course next year.

Asking for your continued prayers in our behalf, so that we may be given wisdom to carry on the work that is yours as well as ours, and certainly the Lord's work.

In His Glad Service,

Sincerely,

JOHN C. TAYLOR.

LETTER FROM KENTUCKY

Houston, Kentucky, August, 1927.

Dear Friends:

Our family at the Houston Mission have been having a very pleasant week this past week. Miss Irma Cresswell has been visiting us. Her friends in the community also enjoyed her here, and she, together with Mother Stewart, Miss Turner and myself, have been feasting on fried chicken and other good things in the different homes of the community. Friday evening we had a party in her honor. The young folks of the community were invited. A party for the young folks is a big affair. About the only social events in their lives are the ties given at the Mission. So they all come—come early.

Our party was scheduled for 6.30 o'clock and they began singing at 5 o'clock. We did have a good time and were sorry to see Miss Cresswell go Saturday morning.

Today we went to a meeting in Squire Turner's graveyard. Several mountain preachers preached, and they sang the hymns and songs they liked best.

These preachers are not educated but they do give real messages and no doubt accomplish much good. They know

what the people need and give it to them in their own language. After the meeting Mother Stewart, Gladys and I were invited to Mrs. Frank Jackson's for dinner. Two of the preachers were there, also. We enjoyed being there. But just after dinner some one rode by to tell Mr. Jackson that his little nephew, Andrew Jackson, had accidentally shot himself in the forehead. Calla and her sister Ida went over to the child's home. A doctor operated on him this afternoon. He did not find a bullet. They will take him to Buckhorn tomorrow for further treatment.

We miss Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and little Carl at the Mission. We need a man here very much. There are so many things to be done and to be looked after that can be done more easily by a man than a woman. We are hoping that some one will come.

Our garden is very late this year. We have not gotten much out of it. The creek was up so much of the time and flooded the place; then after that there was a landslide from the hill above the garden so the first garden was entirely buried. Mother Stewart and Calla have worked hard and have another garden now and some fine chickens just about ready to eat. The fruit was all killed here, so we do not have our usual canning done. We always depend a lot on canned pears, apples, etc., to help us through the winter, but this year we have only blackberries put up. Of course we are not worrying about that. We know we will get along all right.

We have three girls in the dormitory, Grace and Siler Stidman and Gladys Campbell. Gladys was here last year. Grace and Siler are girls, eighteen and fourteen years of age. Siler is the oldest. They are all fine girls—the kind who will profit much by being in the dormitory. Grace is in the Seventh Grade and Siler is in the Fourth Grade. She was taken out of school when she was in the Fourth Grade because of her mother's death. She had to do the housework for the family. Now their father is married again, so the girls came here to school. Our boys are Hugh Deaton, who has been here several years; Jonathan Barrett, whose parents used to live here but have moved away, and Kelly Griffith. Kelly is staying here until school opens in Berea in September. Since we have no high school here he and the other young people who would go to high school must go away to high school. That is another big reason why we need a superintendent.

This is my second year here. I was very glad to have the opportunity of being here again. I enjoy the work and love the people here. They are fine people and worthy people. Most of them are very poor, but never too poor to share what they have with others. We are twelve or fifteen miles from the

train. Many of the people have never seen the train nor been on one. Most of their time is spent in wresting a living out of the poor soil on the hillsides. They are not very progressive. The older ones have little faith in new methods. But there is great hope in what may be done for the children. A great many of the young people continue their education after leaving the mission school—that surely is encouraging. These young people will certainly make their father's homes and their own homes happier and better homes because of what the mission has done for them. You good people who are helping with the work here are sowing seeds that are bringing forth a great harvest and will continue to do so throughout the years to come. The children attend the school well. We are glad to have an extra teacher this year, though, of course, we need a superintendent much worse. There are many bright children here. We wish we might give them the advantages they should have, but we are handicapped because of lack of equipment. Miss Turner needs maps and a globe for her room, and I need a great many things for the little folks, but we have no fund out of which to buy equipment. A sum set aside for that purpose would do a lot of good.

I know you housekeepers will be interested in our household needs. Our kitchen and pantry floors are about bare. We need linoleum. The kitchen floor needs it most. The kitchen is 8 by 12 feet. Two strips of linoleum would do. This would leave a small bare space on each side but that is not objectionable. The pantry is 8 by 9 feet.

Our towels are mostly holes. You know how unsatisfactory those kinds of towels are. Some linen crash hand towels and some bath towels, not larger than 20x36, would add a great deal to our comfort.

And some of our beds! They have been slept on so long that they have changed from beds into hammocks—one large hole in the center. When two sleep in these beds they can't help having a collision once in a while. New springs would fix them up all right. We need at least two new bedsprings. We are grateful for what you do for us.

I wish you friends could visit us. I am sure you would enjoy the mountains and the people. The hills are beautiful and the days are cool enough to be pleasant. We would be glad to have you come to see us. May God bless you all.

With love from us all,

MAUDE HOWELL.

WHICH WAY ARE WE GOING?

We ought to be concerned as to the progress we are mak-

ing. It is not enough simply to go on in the same oft-repeated performance. Even the child learning to walk likes to look back and see how far it has walked. We want to make progress and the evidence that we are succeeding is high incentive for continued endeavor. If we are not succeeding then an examination may reveal the fact and lead to a discovery of the cause of our lack of success. "Walk circumspectly as wise and not as fools" means we shall look about us, look at our work, our plan, our aim and how they succeed.

Is our Presbyterian growing and increasing in numbers and power? Are we growing in devotion? Can we give up our worldly things to promote the interests of Christ's Kingdom. Do we eagerly seize every opportunity to serve? or do we say, "O get some one else to do it." Do we gladly give all we can or do we grudgingly give as little as we can? Do we pray for the Kingdom because with all our hearts we long for it to come, or do we pray for it because we feel that if we are to be considered respectable we ought to pray for it. Have we done anything which makes it certain that our work is meeting with success?

A review of the history of our Church for several decades past reveals some startling facts. Today we have only thirteen places in forty-eight States where we are even trying to do any work. These are: The Third Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The Fifth Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Seventh Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Duanesburgh, N. Y.; Fairview, Pa.; Darlington, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sparta, Ill.; Cutler, Ill.; Cullterville, Ill.; Clay Center, Ky.; Houston, Ky.; Los Angeles, Calif.

Most of these places are small; some are rather insignificant when compared to other agencies at work for Christ in the same field. Our Synods were once of great interest and throngs of people attended its sessions whenever it met. Now very few leave their daily affairs long enough to look in upon the sessions of Synod. Once we had young men looking forward to the Gospel ministry with desire and preparation. Now we have no members of our Church in our seminary and have not had one for several years. Of all of our men who have attended our seminary within the last twenty years only one or two remain in our Church.

In addition to all this the Church is disjointed, so widely scattered geographically that life contact is impossible. One in California, one in Kansas, one in Kentucky, three in Illinois, one in New York and five in Pennsylvania.

In referring to the Minutes of General Synod of 1811 (that was fifty years ago) I find a list of the places where

work for Christ was being done. There are forty-seven of these. They are:

New York Presbytery: New York, Duaneburgh, Rye-gate, First Lisbon, Second Lisbon, Potsdam, First Brooklyn, Second, Brooklyn, Barnet, Toplan.

Philadelphia Presbytery: First Philadelphia, Second Philadelphia, Third Philadelphia; Fourth Philadelphia, Fifth Philadelphia, Sixth Philadelphia, Milton.

Pittsburgh Presbytery: Pittsburgh, Deer Creek, Auslin-town, Bethel, Beulah, Darlington, Fairview.

Ohio Presbytery: Beechwoods, Cincinnati, Cedarville, Utica, Garrison, Idaville.

Western Presbytery: Princeton, Bethel, Walnut Hill, Concord, Hill Prairie, Grand Cole, Republican City, Washing-ton, Chicago, Lima, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Eastern Presbytery: Amherst, Sackville, Shimogue, Port Elgin, Goose River 1, River Hurbert, Nappan, Goose River 2.

During the years which followed work was commenced in many places, among which are Glendale, Minn.; Fairview, Prior Lake, Rice Lake and Minneapolis, Minn.; West Middle-sex, Pa.; Vinton, Iowa; Cedar Falls, Iowa; the new place in Pittsburgh; Salinas, Cal.

In May, 1898, there was organized in Synod at its meet-ing in Philadelphia a Synodic Woman's Missionary Society. This is no longer in existence. We once owned and operated the Minneapolis Academy. Now we have no holdings in Minnesota.

These facts make it clear that as to the building of a church organization we are not succeeding but losing ground all along. The question is, what shall we do about it? Shall we in discouragement quit or shall it all urge us to wiser and more faithful effort? Is the denomination as important as our fathers imagined? Can we witness for Christ and still let our churches die out? Without doubt we are open to severe criti-cism for many untoward acts and often for a quarrelsome spirit instead of the Christ-like spirit. But something else enters to explain the seeming failure. This is the day of the individual and the world is not now asking, What does your church believe but what do you believe? And while the spirit of co-operation is rife, it is a spirit of co-operation which refuses to stop its co-operation at the door of your church.

Hundreds of uplift societies and organizations have been founded outside of the church. Many take in members with-out noting whether they are in or out of the church. Church membership in itself is not so greatly revered as it once was, but Christian character is greatly revered more than ever

before.

Another explanation, and one which is especially in point here, is that fifty years ago many immigrants were coming from the R. P. churches in Ireland and were looking for a church here.

These swelled the membership of our churches, and helped to start new ones. The wide open spaces of a new country attracted settlers who came and who soon saw the great need of the preached Gospel. These people sent letters to ministers, and new fields were opened. The minister who braved these wilds was received with affection, and his preaching was received with eagerness. Entirely different conditions obtain today. The ordinary individual seems to imagine that he has done the preacher a favor if he attends church. It does not follow that our efforts are less creditable than those of our fathers.

Certainly we ought to be doing more than we do, but let us make it the occasion of a more zealous effort, more constant faithfulness. Let us each one strive to do our best while we have the chance to serve and the Master will understand all the conditions. Let us continue faithful and loyal and He will manage the work to his own glory and to the advancement of this Kingdom.

MRS. PAUL BORLAND,

Republican City W. M. S.

LETTER FROM MISS RAMSEY

To the Women's Presbyterial to be held in Sparta, Illinois.

August 26, 1927.

Dear Sisters:

Again I am reminded that the time has arrived for me to prepare a report of the past year's work to be read at the coming Presbyterial meeting to be held in Sparta, August 26.

As I look back over the year I find myself wondering just what would be of most interest to you. Nothing startling has occurred, and the work has been going on much the same other years. The Sabbath School has met every Sabbath during the year, and I am trying to keep up the work to the best of my ability.

I have to be responsible for so many things I often feel am not doing justice to any one. If we only had a few more workers who could share the responsibility it surely would be a great help and more could be accomplished. Besides doing the visiting and most of the planning for the Sabbath School, I have to plan for the Missionary Society and Mission Band.

and our weekly prayer meeting and Bible study; and then of course father needs my care, and I must not neglect him. I can only do the best I can and ask the Lord to add His blessing to my weak efforts. The work is His, and we know He is able to provide what is needed to carry it on.

I am thankful to have our little church here in Los Angeles to work in, and I am anxious to keep up the work here just as long as circumstances will permit.

There certainly is great joy in having even a small part in helping with the Lord's work. Nothing gives me greater happiness than to be used of Him to help a soul find the true Light. In connection with our work here I often think of the little lad who gave his small lunch to Christ, and when Christ added His blessing great multitudes were fed. Perhaps He will do the same with our weak efforts. With His blessing great results are sure to follow, and the weaker and more imperfect the instruments used, the more glory to the one who uses them.

Father still preaches most of the time, but that is about all the work he is able to do. He was sick most of last winter. From the middle of December until the first of April he was not able to preach. Since then he has preached every Sabbath but two. When he cannot preach we usually hold a prayer service after Sabbath School.

I had an unexpected vacation the last Sabbath of May and the first two Sabbaths of June. The 25th of May I was up on the roof of our little cottage sweeping off the leaves. Just as I was finishing I stepped out on a little piece of roof which was only put up for shade, and it gave way, and I fell seven or eight feet, striking my left side and hip on a rock. It was only the Lord's protecting hand that spared my life, and saved me from having broken bones. I had some very severe bruises, however, and it was nearly five days before I could take a step, and then only with help. I used a cane for six or seven weeks. Fortunately I could drive the auto in three weeks' time, and that helped me to get back to the church much sooner than I could have done otherwise.

The other teachers were very good to keep up the work the best they could during my forced absence. On account of the fall I have not been able to do the work during the summer as I usually do, as it seemed necessary for me to rest as much as possible until the bruises healed.

I only missed the three Sabbaths, and we have kept up the Missionary Society meetings, and Mission Band meetings part time, but have not held our Thursday afternoon prayer meetings and Bible study, and I have not done the usual amount of visiting. I think I am almost entirely over the

effects of the fall now, and hope to take up the work again, as usual, the first of September. I am planning to have the Mission Band hold an all-day meeting out here at our home before school opens next month.

We usually meet twice a month, every other Saturday. The children spend part of the time making scrap books, fixing post cards, and making cats and dolls out of old stockings for our missionary box to send to India.

The Missionary Society meets the first Thursday of the month. The members are busy now making jackets and work bags for the missionary box. We try to start these boxes the first part of October. Last year we packed them the day of our October meeting. Two of our ladies furnished lunch at the church; then we packed the boxes and held our meeting in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney, Munford, of Coulterville, were visiting with us at that time, and gave us valuable assistance in packing and tying the boxes. We wish they would come back and help us again this year.

We enjoyed their visit among us so much, and were sorry they could not stay longer. We were also pleased to have a visit from Miss Nellie McMillan and Miss Flora Wilson, of Sparta, earlier in the season. Miss McMillan and Mrs. Munford both gave helpful talks to the Sabbath School. So far none of our people from the east have visited us this year.

During the past year we have had six classes in the Sabbath School: Beginners, Primary, two Junior classes, a boys' and a girls'; a girls' Intermediate class, and a boys' Senior.

Last fall we changed our course of lessons from the closely graded to the departmental graded. Now each department has a different lesson. We are asking the children to do special memory work during the summer.

A few weeks ago I was delighted with the work one of our Junior girls did in one week. She learned the Books of the Bible, the 23d Psalm, the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. I thought that was a fine week's work for a girl from a non-Christian home. She is twelve years of age. She and her little sister started into the school over a year ago. She could not seem able to attend very regularly, as her mother said she needed her help Sabbath morning. Then the family moved about fifteen blocks from the church and the girls both stopped coming. This summer they started back again, and are doing fine work.

Last February Miss Elsie Doran, one of our girls, was married. She had been with us for seven or eight years. She

joined the church soon after entering the school, and has been one of our faithful workers. She was the teacher of our girls' junior class, and a fine Christian girl. Her husband is a member of one of the other churches in the city, and she seemed to feel it was her duty to go with him. We were very loathe to give her up, and miss her greatly. I did not know where to find a teacher for her class, but our Covenanter brethren came to our help again, and sent us one of their young girls, who is taking hold of the work nicely, and very much interested in the class. Now we have three teachers from their church and three of our own.

Last spring we started a contest in the school to increase the efficiency and attendance. It lasted nine Sabbaths. There were three classes on each side. They chose the colors, white and blue. Each side had their own captain and we had a general secretary, who counted the points each Sabbath. Twenty-five points were given for attendance, 10 for coming on time, 10 for bringing their Bible, 10 for bringing an offering, 25 for reading the Bible every day during the week, and 20 for doing the home work assigned. These added made 100 points, which each scholar could make every Sabbath. Then they could make extra points by bringing visitors and new scholars. Every visitor counted five points and every new scholar 20 points. Visitors became new scholars if they came three Sabbaths. At the close of the Sabbath School hour we took a trip through the Bible. Each chapter counted 10 points. Each Sabbath we divided the number of points made by the winning side by 10, and tried hurriedly to review that number of chapters. Of course we couldn't do much more than mention the principal persons, places and events. One of our boys made charts on pasteboard, giving the books of the Bible and the number of chapters in each. We hung these up on the wall, indicating on them the distance traveled each Sabbath. The contest was quite interesting and helpful, though not quite as successful as we hoped it would be. My fall came when we were just in the midst of it, and after that I could not give it the attention and help I expected to.

We are thinking some of trying a Bible reading contest this fall, and perhaps, also, a missionary reading contest.

I am trying hard to have the children form the habit of reading the Bible daily, and, also, of bringing their Bibles with them to Sabbath School. I try to give a cheap Bible or Testament to every child who hasn't one; and if they come forty Sabbaths during the year we give them a nice Bible. I usually ask for a show of the Bibles brought to Sabbath School; and also ask all who have read every day to open their Bibles and

hold them up high. During the contest some of the older scholars were very good to remind their younger brothers and sisters, sometimes even putting notices on their beds, telling them not to forget to read their Bible.

Last spring I found one of our Primary girls did not have a Bible. I offered her one, but she said, "Father told me not to bring a Bible home." I insisted that she have one to bring with her to Sabbath School; then she said, "Could I leave it in the church and get it when I come?" I told her that would not count. I thought at first I would give her one anyway, as it seemed terrible that a home in Christian America should be closed to the Bible. Then I feared the father might punish her if she took one home and, perhaps, take her from the school, so I concluded not to insist, and await developments. She had been attending quite regularly and took part in our New Year exercises last winter, her mother coming with her that evening. A month or more after this little talk about the Bible I missed her from Sabbath School. I called at the house one day during the week, but no one was home. I called again one Sabbath after church. Virginia came to the door, and when I asked why she had not been at Sabbath School she replied very pleasantly, "I do not want to come I want to stay at home and play." Her father soon appeared, and in a very rude way told me to attend to my own business and let his little girl alone. I told him I was attending to my business. I had come to inquire, why she was not in Sabbath School. He was so rude and ugly I saw I would gain nothing by talking to him, and so I left. As I was leaving Virginia whispered to me, "He does not want me to go." They are an Italian family, and I learned afterwards that he is a terror in the home, and his family have a hard life. Their faces show that this is true. Only God's power can change things in that home, and I am praying every day that He will change it, and that Virginia may soon be permitted to return to Sabbath School. Will you please pray for this home as well as all the homes represented in our school? This Italian home is just across the street from our church. On the other side of the church is another home in which I am quite interested just now. There are no small children in it. Just a father and mother and one son, all quite advanced in years. They have lived there for a long time and have been invited many times to come to church. The father and son have never been inside of the church, and the mother not more than twice until last spring, when she came a few times to our Thursday afternoon meetings. She seemed quite interested and asked many questions about the Bible and also asked us to pray for her, especially that her health might be

restored as she is in rather poor health. This summer her husband is quite ill with heart trouble and may be called away any time. She came over to the church the day of our August missionary meeting, just before the meeting opened. She said she wanted to come to the meeting but could not leave her husband and had come over to ask us to pray for them both; which, of course, we did. I called to see him after the meeting and took him some flowers. He seemed quite pleased. I call to inquire for him nearly every Sabbath. Last Sabbath she said she wanted so much to come to church.

She told me one day that she felt the prayers offered in our little church were much more sincere than many offered in the larger churches, where there is more show, and also added, "I prayed for you when you were hurt, but I don't know that my prayers do much good." Please pray for this home, also, that the Holy Spirit may soon lead each member to the Saviour. They have lived within sound of the preaching of the Gospel for many years, but only now are they beginning to think seriously when death is facing them.

I have given you just a little glimpse into two homes. We have a great variety in the school but no others that I know of like the Italian. As a rule I am very kindly received in all the homes, and many of the parents seem very grateful for the help we are giving their children. One father and mother came to me after our New Year exercises last winter. Neither one of them is a Christian, but their two children have been in the school a number of years. They said they could never fully express their gratitude for what had been done for their children in our school; they felt that all the good in their lives was due to what they had been taught there. It surely makes us happy to know that the Lord is using us, even in a small way, to help the young lives in these different homes. Again thank you for your continued interest in the work out here, and for the \$80 received since the last Presbyterial, \$31.25 balance for 1926 and \$48.75 for 1927.

Please do not cease to pray for the work here; that the Master's Name may be honored in all that is done, and that many precious souls may yet be brought into His Kingdom. I trust you may have a good meeting on the 26th and by the Master's richest blessing on all your work.

We wish a delegation from Los Angeles could walk into Presbyterial and surprise you; but I guess distance will forbid that; but we will be with you in spirit, if not in person.

Sincerely your fellow-worker in Christ.

MARTHA J. RAMSEY.

Los Angeles, Calif.

August 18, 1927.

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S PRESBY-
TERIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

For the Year Beginning September 2, 1926, and Ending
August 26, 1927

Balance in Treasury	\$13.38
Received by Collection, September 2.....	6.82
Received by Thank-Offering:	
From Sparta	\$20.00
" Cutler	13.00
" Coulterville	25.00
" Los Angeles	5.00
	63.00
Received for Miss Ramsey during year 1926-27:	
From Coulterville	\$35.00
" Sparta	20.00
" Clay Center	10.00
" Cutler	10.00
	75.00
Total receipts	\$158.20

DISBURSEMENTS

To Miss Ramsey	\$75.00
" Treasurer Home Missions	31.50
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" Coulterville Republican for 1926 Programs.....	6.50
	\$144.50
Total	\$144.50
Receipts	\$158.20
Disbursements	144.50

Balance in Treasury \$13.70

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Presbyterial Treasurer.

**THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE
FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:**

Whereas by the loving care of our Heavenly Father we have been brought together for the Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Western Presbytery, be it resolved,

First. That we give thanks and praise to God for his protection and blessings upon us since we last met together.

Second. That deeply realizing the broken ranks of the workers of the W. P. M. S. let us pray for increased membership, more consecrated lives and for a deeper spirit of prayer.

Third. That continual vigilance be exercised in regard to temperance Sabbath observance and more diligent study of the Bible.

Fourth. That we tender our thanks to the officers, the various committees and to those who have taken part on the program.

Fifth. That we give thanks to God for His goodness of preserving the lives of our members during the past year and pray that He will increase and bless our efforts in spreading the Gospel at home and abroad the coming year.

Sixth. That we thank the ladies of the Bethel W. M. S. for their hospitality and kindness in caring for our temporal wants and comfort.

Respectfully submitted.

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