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BISHOP THORBURN AND THE INDIA MISSIONARIES.

The Executive Committee of 1902.

To be a lady is, in its first meaning, to be a loaf-giver. To Minneapolis, the Flour City, the world is largely indebted for its daily bread, and the Minneapolis ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church became, in a larger sense, loaf-givers to their guests, the Executive Committee, and many other visitors, from October 30 to November 6.

Wesley Church lends itself, by a score of fine adaptations, to the purposes of a meeting which asks for numerous committee-rooms, facilities for large luncheon companies, and opportunities for rest. All these demands were generously met; especially have we yet to see a more appropriately decorated audience-room or ar-

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TOPEKA BRANCH.

Held at First Church, Wichita, Kansas, October 11-14.

Delegates present, 250.

Missionaries present:—Miss Lilian Marks, Miss Lydia Trimble, Miss Mabel Sia, Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, Mrs. Mary Price Smith and Miss Urdell Montgomery, under appointment to India.

Literature sales at Branch meeting, \$101.74; at Wichita District meeting the following day, \$19.21.

Subscriptions taken for FRIEND, 12.

Total receipts for the year, \$20,665.56.

Special features:—Address of Dr. Stuntz and collection of \$440 to send Miss Spaulding to Manila; announcement of three new missionaries, one being present; advance of twenty-five per cent in apportionment for next year; display of year-books, and great interest in *Via Christi*; lunch with social sauce, served in the church parlors; comprehensive program, covering all interests of the Society, carried out without a failure; memorial service for Mrs. Thoburn, Miss Fuller, Mrs. Watson, and Mrs. See.

Next meeting to be held at Central City, Nebraska.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

Held at Napa, Cal., October 8-10.

Officers and delegates present, 54.

Missionary present:—Mrs. C. B. Smyth, of Foochow, China, now of Berkeley.

Receipts for the year, \$13,038; appropriation for next year, \$14,000, of which \$1,000 is contingent. Literature sales, \$18.65.

Subscriptions to FRIEND, unreported; to *Children's Friend*, 2.

Of special note:—Missionary Prayer Meeting; Missionary Love-feast; address by Mrs. Pattee of Southern California; report by Miss Davenport on "Young People and Missions"; addresses by Rev. F. M. Larkin, Mr. T. B. Hutchinson and Dr. M. E. Harris.

The next meeting is to be held at Pasadena in 1903, while Oakland sent an invitation for 1904.

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

Held at Taylor St. Church, Portland, Oregon, October 16-19.

Branch officers present, 4; societies represented, 23; delegates and visitors enrolled, 124.

Attendance at day sessions, about 200.

Missionaries present:—Miss May B. Lilly, of Singapore; Rev. W. G. Shellabear, of Singapore; Dr. H. W. Schwartz, formerly of Japan, now superintendent of Japanese mission work in Portland.

Literature sales, \$15.

Subscriptions to FRIEND, 6; to *Children's Friend*, 19.

Christmas box sent to Singapore.

Birthday Offering, nearly \$100.

Special features:—Beautiful and appropriate music; memorial services for the nine missionaries promoted during the past year; the Birthday Rally, when greetings were read from all the other Branches, from missionaries and from friends of the Branch.

PHILIPPINE H. JACOBY-ACHARD.

IN MEMORIAM.

PHILIPPINE HENRIETTE JACOBY-ACHARD was born June 17, 1841, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her father was a well-educated Jew, converted under the preaching of the venerable Dr. Wm. Nast, the



MRS. PHILIPPINE JACOBY-ACHARD.

founder of German Methodism in America. Dr. Jacoby was soon after his conversion asked to preach and later on was sent to St. Louis, Mo., to found a mission there. After a stay of two years he moved to Quincy, Ill., where his little daughter was converted at the age of six years. She was her parents' companion on their long trips through the wild prairies of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, where her father went from one block-house to the other, preaching the Gospel. When she was

eight years old, the father was appointed first missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Germany and Switzerland. The family moved to Bremen in 1849, where the parents made their headquarters during their entire sojourn in the Fatherland. When the oldest daughter had grown to womanhood, she was her father's trusted companion and assisted him in his manifold labors, especially in the editing of the newly-started church papers.

At twenty-one she returned to America and attended school at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., beginning at that date her intimacy with Mrs. W. F. Warren. After two years of college she returned to Germany and married the Rev. C. A. C. Achard. With him she shared the joys and sorrows of a pioneer Methodist missionary, getting her full share of work with her family of twelve children.

During the last years of her stay in Germany, while her husband was President of the seminary in Frankfort-on-the-Main, she took active part in the work of the W. F. M. S. which had just been started in Germany and Switzerland.

In 1889 the family moved to America and settled in Quincy, Ill., where her husband was appointed pastor of the First German Methodist Episcopal Church. Shortly after her arrival in this country Mrs. Achard was asked to edit the German *Friend* in which she took great pleasure.

During the last summer, however, she seemed to feel that the work was growing beyond her strength. In September her indisposition became of an alarming nature. On October 5th an operation seemed to be the only chance to save her life, and it was undertaken with the full consent of the patient. She was peacefully resigned to God's will and God had taken all fear away from her. She went quietly to sleep under the chloroform which her son administered to her, as she held her daughter's hand, and three hours after passed away in her sleep.

Her body was laid to rest in a beautiful spot under the pines, four German and two American clergymen acting as pall-bearers. Ten ministers of the Gospel attended the body to the grave. Her husband could not do so as he is too feeble to move from his chair, but he rejoices in the assurance that he will soon follow his beloved wife to the land where there will be no more parting.

TOOLS FOR THE WORKERS.

CLARA M. CUSHMAN.

The rattling of the dishes had died away in the kitchen, the women who had entertained us so royally were starting for home with their empty platters and pie-plates, the sexton, who had shown us every possible courtesy, had gathered up the stray programs and was closing the windows, most of the delegates had started for the train, one small boy lingered, to ask a few more questions, or perchance to get another peep at the Chinese curios.

The faithful Secretary, who had spared no pains to make the meeting a success, was putting the last leaflets and reports into her bag, as she exclaimed, with a glad sigh of relief,

"What a fine Convention we have had!"

"Yes, that is so," I answered heartily; "it has been a success from beginning to end; there has been a beautiful spirit throughout the day, from the consecration service in the morning to the benediction at the close. The weather has been perfect, the people of the place have turned out well, we have had a large number of delegates, the reports have been good, and the papers well prepared, Mr. ——— gave us a most interesting address, the music was fine, the church was beautifully decorated, and the ladies have done everything for our comfort, and made us so welcome! The collection was generous, and everybody seemed happy. I do not see how you could have made the program better, and I think you can go home feeling well satisfied."

"Yes, I shall," was the cheerful reply.

As we left the church we overtook one of our best workers, who surprised us by saying in a doleful tone, "Dear me, I came way down here to get something for my Young Women's Society and I have not a thing to take back to them."

So, the meeting was not a perfect success. We had failed, as I fear we often do at our conventions, to give our workers tools to carry home for future use, and the great question comes,—"How can we make our conventions more practical and helpful, so that our workers will feel that they cannot afford to miss one?"

Some time after this convention of which I have spoken, I was at another held by the Home Missionary Society. A large audience listened with