

ARMS, GOODSIL F.

Oldest son, behind Mrs. Valen-
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Arnold Harney - age 22 1/2
studying at Jefferson Me-
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2nd yr.

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Raymond Arms V. - 19 last year
Senior at College of Emporia
(Wishes to study at Drew Theolo-
gical Seminary, 1935)

Arthur Wesley - 13 1/2
Finishes 9th grade in Jan.

James Valenzuela -
Chile Consulate

Gene Arms Valenzuela
Accepted as missionary 1904
Oldest child, - Julia Valenzuela
Spencer - lives in Florida

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Arms, Woodsil Filley
 Present Address
 Wife or Husband
 J. A. Suggard, 17 Ja. 83.

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Concepcion. 88-
 P. est. Colegio Americano 88.
 P. est. Concep. College 92-03
 Pastor Eng. Ch. 88-94
 Spanish. 95-06
 P. est. Concep. Dist. 96-01

Joined 96
 Joined Ch. '68
 Licensed to preach '70
 Delegate to Genl. Conf. 1906
 St. Thomas Bay, N. Y. 80-81
 U. S. Mission Board '85

Concepcion College & Church Ag'04-
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 College

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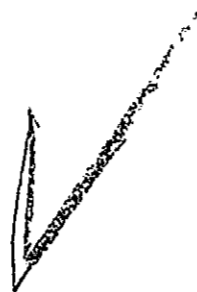
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150 FIFTH AVENUE.

NEW YORK, JUNE 1896.

DEAR BROTHER:

The Secretaries desire to secure, at the earliest possible date, a complete record of the following items concerning each missionary in the employ of the Missionary Society.

These data will be preserved in such form that they will be of great practical benefit in the future work of Committees and Board.

Will you fill out these blanks for yourself and family and return to this office promptly?

Yours sincerely,

THE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

(Please answer these questions AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE with the data at hand.)

Date of answer August 4, 1896

Full name of missionary and date of birth Goodsil Filley Arms, born January 22, 1857

Age when appointed 38

Nationality Born in Canada, naturalized citizen of the U. S.

Fields of labor and dates (month and year) Joined Vermont Conf. in April 1880

on Trail, and served 2 years preacher in charge Stillbans Bay

3 years Williamsville & East Dover, 2 years Wilmington, 1 year Newport,

Bishop appointing R. S. Foster | In Chile. President Concepcion Boys school and pastor

Date of departure from home for field June 9 1888 | English church 5 years - President Concepcion Girls School 3 years and Pastor Concepcion Spanish Church 2 years

Present residence Concepcion, Chile, P.O. box Casilla, 250

Employment at the present time President of Concepcion College, Pastor 2nd Meth, Episcopal Church of Concepcion (Spaniards) Acting Presiding Elder, Treasurer of Chile District. So. America Conf.

Chile

Date of marriage. *January 17 1888*

Wife's full name. *Ida A. Taggard Arms*

Date of wife's birth *August 27 1856*

Children's full names and date of birth respectively *Oliver Demaris Arms, born
June 21 1885*

RETURN HOME.

Names of persons returning, dates, and reasons of return (if more than one return state these particulars in each case)

*Goodsit F. Arms, Mrs. Ida A. Taggard Arms, Oliver D. Arms (only child)
Sailed from Valparaiso, May 23 1894 - Cause the very serious
sickness of Mrs. Arms requiring a difficult operation*

Dates of leaving to return to the field, and names of persons returning *31 of Dec. 1894*

Goodsit F. Arms, Mrs. Ida A. T. Arms, Oliver D. Arms (only child)

Name and address of representative in the United States in family matters *C. W. Chappell, 822*

H. St. N. E. Washington D. C.

Code name *Arms*

FINANCIAL.

Salary, past and present. 1888-1/2 year - \$180, 1889 \$375 - 1890 \$425 - 1891 \$320,
 1892, \$300 - 1893 \$275 - 1894 for 4 months \$70 - exchange very bad - absent

8 months in U.S. through sickness of family - 1885 \$330, 1886 present salary \$400.
 The salary paid was in Chilean currency, but the amount in gold was as given above.
 Received this year for children { During this time I have been president of the
 school, and have had board, washing lights etc furnished
 Nothing extra paid for children { Nothing of above paid
 by Mrs. Soc. all earned
 on field

Special aid asked, dates and amounts. When appointed to Chile I had a debt of
 \$340, which the Transit Committee promised to pay if I remained
 5 years, which amount they paid at the end of the

Aid granted, dates and amounts five year i.e. in 1893, but not the
 interest.

Outgoing expenses each time in 1888 about \$475 my self and family.
 1894 " 425 " " " "

Home-coming expenses each time \$440.

Home salary, for self and family Nothing was received for salary during
 absence in the U.S.

Name and address of representative in United States in business matters E.A. Fairbanks, 473
 Columbus Ave. N. Y. City

Code name

The Rev. Goodsil F. Arms South American Educator and Evangelist

The Rev. Goodsil Filley Arms died at Tarpon Springs, Fla., December 9, after a long illness. He was born in Sutton, Canada, January 22, 1854, and educated at Montpelier Seminary and Wesleyan University (B.A., '80). He married Ida E. Taggard of Northfield, Vt. After seven years in Vermont pastorates, he went to South America under the Transit Building Fund started by William Taylor. For many years he was a leader of Methodist educational work in Chile, pastor, district superintendent and president of Concepcion College for Girls, where he and Mrs. Arms had abundant success for twenty-three years. He was the builder of Methodism in southern Chile. The work was taken over by the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mr. Arms served as treasurer of Chile Mission (1904-11). Later he was United States Consular Agent at Coquimbo, and pastor, and still later was pastor at Santiago and president of the Union Seminary. Since 1927 he has lived in Florida, where Mrs. Arms (a notable worker in her own right) died in 1931. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Valenzuela, of Tarpon Springs, and four grandchildren, also his brother, Theron, and two sisters, Mrs. Julia A. Currier and Mrs. Hermione A. Chappel. He wrote many articles and pamphlets, and *The History of the William Taylor Self-Supporting Missions*. In 1908 he was a member of the General Conference. C. O. 12-22-32

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developed to such an extent that it could no longer be carried on the Transit and Building Fund and was therefore incorporated, in 1897, under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Arms was a delegate to the General Conference at Baltimore in 1908.

During the years 1915 and 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Arms came to the United States on furlough. Upon their return to Chile they established themselves in the Northern District, where Mr. Arms served as pastor and consular agent for the United States in the port of Coquimbo. In 1921 he was appointed district superintendent of the Northern District, and two years later was called back to central Chile to become pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Santiago, president of the Union Seminary, and treasurer and assistant treasurer of the Mission.

In 1926, having reached the age of retirement, he planned to return to the United States, but was persuaded to remain another year on the field. In 1927, however, he did return and established his home at Tarpon Springs.

Among Mr. Arms's publications may be mentioned pamphlets on baptism, Sabbath observance, and other subjects, and a book on the history of the William Taylor Self-Supporting Missions in South America.

Mrs. Arms died in October, 1931. Mr. Arms is survived by his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Valenzuela; two sisters, Mrs. Julia A. Currier and Mrs. Hermione A. Chappel; a brother, Theron W. Arms, and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Dec. 10. Burial was at Northfield, Vt.

The other members of the Conference, news of the death of Rev. Goodsil F. Arms on Dec. 9 at his home in Tarpon Springs, Fla., has brought a distinct sense of loss. Methodism at large, also, will come to realize in a new way the significance and value of the contribution made by Mr. Arms to its foreign missionary work.

Born Jan. 22, 1854, at Sutton, Canada, Mr. Arms was graduated from Montpelier Seminary in the class of 1876 and from Wesleyan University in 1880. He received his master of arts degree from Wesleyan three years later. Entering the Vermont Conference in 1880, he held pastorates at St. Albans Bay, Williamsville and East Dover, Wilmington, and Newport. In 1883, he was married to Ida Almira Taggard at Northfield, Vt. A daughter, Olive Demaris—their only child—was born in 1885.

Mr. Arms felt the call to missionary work and in 1888 he and his wife went to South America under the Transit and Building Fund, which grew out of the William Taylor Self-Supporting Missions. They were assigned to take charge of a boys' boarding-school in Concepcion, Chile. That same year Mr. Arms organized the Methodist Church for English-speaking people. The work of the school prospered greatly and it was necessary from time to time to make additions to the building. In 1892 Mr. Arms was proffered the presidency of the Methodist girls' school at Concepcion, and accepted the added responsibility because he saw that it would be necessary to reorganize the school under different leadership in order to save it from bankruptcy and failure. From the first, his work in Concepcion College for Girls that year was a great success. The following year Mrs. Arms was made director and Mr. Arms business manager of Concepcion College, where they labored for twenty-three years.

The success of the mission schools made possible the beginning of an evangelical work. In 1893 the South America Conference was organized and Mr. Arms was named pastor of the Concepcion Spanish Church. The gospel spread so rapidly through southern Chile that very soon there were sixteen churches in the Southern District, over which he was appointed superintendent. His own pastorates were those of Concepcion and Talcahuano.

By this time the mission work had

—Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Arms,⁴¹ who have been missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church in South America for the past thirty-nine years, have returned to the United States on furlough and expect to retire from active service at the end of their furlough period. Mr. Arms during his years of service in Chile was frequently required to fill two or more missionary posts at a time, owing to the smallness of the missionary staff. Thus he was a pastor for thirty years, a district superintendent for ten years, president of the Colegio Americano for seven years, president of Concepcion College for twenty-four years, treasurer of the Chile Mission for nine years, a

teacher in the Union Bible Seminary in Santiago for four years, and president of the same seminary for two years. Mrs. Arms, who was Miss Ida A. Taggard of Newport, Vt., has been an efficient collaborer with her husband during all these years of missionary ministry. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Arms to the United States were their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. J. Samuel Valenzuela, with their four children. Mr. and Mrs. Valenzuela will remain in this country for some time while their children are in school.

Your First Christmas Gift

THE first Christmas Gift ever bestowed was given to *you*. In the little town of Bethlehem, the spirit that was embodied in the wee Babe of the manger was the spirit of divine love, life, faith, understanding—the wondrous Christ Spirit—God's free gift to you.

"Consider the constancy of blessing that has come to you, and ever will come, through God's gift. You alone can tell what Christ has meant to you. You alone can enumerate the blessings that have been added to your life through His power. You, and you alone, can adequately give thanks to God for His unspeakable gift to you. The majority of persons are quite conscientious about expressing thanks to friends for Christmas gifts received. Are they equally conscientious about thanking God for His gift?"

"It would prove a most joyous and uplifting experience, a good preparation for Christmas, if you made a list of the gifts and blessings that have come to you because of Christmas. Enter again into the joy of these blessings and, in your own expression of thought and word, give thanks for them. Some of the gifts may be tangible; books that you still read; household appliances that you frequently use; musical instruments; articles of clothing; the car that gives you so much pleasure. Other gifts have perhaps long since been worn out, or disposed of, but the spirit of love, the expression of joy and good will that accompanied them is

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than even the loveliest idyl in the world." This which makes it possible—no, imperative, if they are to truly live—for the gaunt ranks of the Disinherited today to turn their desolate, weary eyes from their own misery to the Son of Man.

In Him truly they can find salvation, rest from all their travail. Not merely because angels heralded His birth, and a new star rose in the east, but because, in His faith and courage for mankind, He went down into the Garden of Gethsemane, and tasted the very bitterness of death, crucified because He brought men the gift of Life, teaching them to have it more abundantly. Crucified by the powers of hate and greed because He stirred up the people.

Thus not alone because it is so lyrically beautiful, but because it is instinct with truth and fortitude and courage, the message of Christmas rings out today over the din and discord of our machines, a deep and urgent challenge.

Challenge to each man and child and woman to rise to the level of the truest, most creative love they know—for nothing less will save our world—writing the joyous love they feel on Christmas morning deep upon the tablets of their hearts for all the days to come. Engraving it upon the tablets of our laws, until not only this land of ours, but all the kingdoms of the world, shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

WALKING there in the forest as the dark came down, I seemed to hear above the souging of the wind in bleak, leafless branches, a crying far more awful than the crying of the lonely night. There was nothing really awful in that; to calm nerves even its wild loneliness

Miss Ella H. Aull, sister of Mrs. Charles Bayard Mitchell, wife of Bishop Mitchell, died in Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 9. She formerly lived in Pittsburgh but in 1916 moved to Pasadena to be near her three sisters, Mrs. Sutliff, Mrs. Mitchell, and Miss Mary Aull, who died a year ago. She is survived by her two sisters and a brother, Charles A. Aull, who lives in St. Paul, Minn.

—Professor Francis B. Sayre, director of the Harvard Institute of Criminal Law, was nominated last week by Governor Joseph B. Ely to succeed Dr. A. Warren Stearns as commissioner of correction for the state of Massachusetts. Dr. Stearns, whose term has run out, did not seek reappointment. Professor Sayre, who is a son-in-law of former President Woodrow Wilson, has indicated that he will accept the post, if his nomination is approved by the Governor's Council, but will continue his duties as head of the Institute of Criminal Law, which has been engaged since its foundation in 1929 in research in various fields opened up by the modern study of criminology.

—Mrs. Mary M. Robinson of 115 West Elm Avenue, Wollaston, was ninety-two years old on Dec. 13. She is the widow of Rev. James Robinson of the New York East Conference. Mrs. Robinson reads ZION'S HERALD every week and enjoys it. Some verses from her pen, entitled "In Everything Give Thanks," were published in the HERALD a few weeks ago.

—Dr. John R. Mott is planning to visit Palestine at Easter and is announced as one of the speakers with Lord Allenby in the dedication of the new Young Men's Christian Association building in Jerusalem on April 18.

—Almore Vannah of Danariscotta Mills, Me., died Nov. 30, after an operation in the local hospital. He was a devoted reader of ZION'S HERALD, which had been coming to his home since his marriage forty-one years ago. "I saw him the Friday previous to his death," writes his pastor, Mrs. Mary S. Gibson, "and in the course of conversation asked if he had sufficient reading matter. 'Oh, yes,' he replied, 'I got ZION'S HERALD today, so I'm all right.' As we discussed its merits he added, 'It was never better. I read every word of it.' Mrs. Vannah, who is far from well at this time, has

of unusual missionary service to Liberia, an engraved set of resolutions was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Price, just prior to their departure, by four hundred members of churches throughout the district.

—Christian Endeavorers throughout the world will mourn the death of Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., the beloved founder of Christian Endeavor, which occurred on Thursday of last week. Dr. Clark had not been well for some time and recently spent several weeks in Florida in search of health. His quest was unsuccessful, and he returned about a month ago to spend the last weeks of his life at his home in the Vernon Court apartments in Newton, where he had

ever, as a supply.

—Rev. William R. King, D. D., at present one of the secretaries of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, has been elected secretary of the Home Missions Council to succeed Rev. C. E. Vermilya, recently resigned.

—New England friends of Rev. F.

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CABLE ADDRESS: MISSIONS.

150 FIFTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 10, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER:

The Secretaries have constant need of the information asked for in this circular. It was sent to all our foreign missionaries in 1896, and the replies are on file. But new missionaries go to the field, and additional information is needed from those who kindly made response five years ago.

Will you fill out the blanks for yourself and family and return to this office promptly?

Yours sincerely,

THE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

(Please answer these questions AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE with the data at hand.)

1. Place and date of answer. *Concepcion, Chile So. Am.*
2. Full name of missionary and date of birth *Goodiel F. Arms, born Jan. 22, 1854*
3. Nationality *Ida A. Taggaard Arms born Aug 27, 1856*
4. Date of appointment to our work *born in Canada, Naturalized citizen of the U.S.A., Mrs. Arms, born in Vermont April 16, 1888*
5. Bishop appointing *Bishop Foster*
6. Date of departure from home to engage in our work *June 11, 1888*
7. Date of arrival on the mission field *July 21, 1888*
8. Has service under this Society been continuous since your first appointment? If not, when, why, and how long was it interrupted? *I was appointed together with Mrs. Arms to the Chile Mission, then under the care of the Transit & Building Fund Society, and taken over with others by the Miss. Society*
9. Fields of labor and dates (month and year) *Concepcion, Chile, from June 1888 to date, President of Colegio Americano 1888-1892*
10. Present residence *President Concepcion College 1892-1901 - Pastor English Wesleyan Congregation 1888-1894. Pastor Spanish Church 1895 - President of Chilean Concepcion District 1896-1901 -*
Concepcion, Chile.

11. Employment at the present time *President of Colegio Americano Concepcion College, & Presiding Elder of Concepcion District.*
12. Date of marriage *Jan. 17, 1883*
13. Wife's full name... *Ida A. Taggard*
14. Date of wife's birth *Aug. 27, 1856*
15. Children's full names and date of birth respectively (and date of death, if any have died)
Oliver Demaris, born June 21, 1885

RETURN HOME.

16. Names of persons returning, dates, and reasons of return (if more than one return state these particulars in each case)
Goodwin F. Arms, with wife and child, in May, 23, 1894, reaching N.Y. June 21. Reason for return the serious sickness of Mrs. Arms. - by order of physicians
17. Dates of leaving to return to the field, and names of persons returning *December 31 1894*
we sailed from N. Y. to return to Chile; myself, Mrs. Arms, and our one child, Oliver
18. Name and address of person who is your representative in the United States in family matters
Mrs. Rev. S. B. Currier, Tarpon Springs, Florida
19. Code name to indicate said representative in cable messages *Currier*

Dr. Woodell Miller Aris

One of the most distinguished missionaries of the Cross to ever return to the
American continent, was called to glory, on the 1st of December, in 1890, in
Florida, where he was engaged in the same noble mission, after having labored
40 years of service to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on the shores of Chile.

Dr. Aris was born in 1854, at Sutton, Georgia. He received his
Bachelor's degree in 1876 and received his A.M. in 1879 and his D.D. in 1890, from
Presbyterian University. In 1880, he entered the Presbyterian ministry and was
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Rev. F. W. Willey was born January 21, 1874, in Union Township, Pa. He was educated at Allegheny Catholic Seminary in the class of '90 and at Wesleyan University. He received his B.S. degree in '96 and his M.A. in '98. He was a member of the Psi Chi Fraternity.

He entered the Episcopal Conference in '90 and held pastorates at St. Johns Day, Williamsville and West Dover, Wilmington, and Newport.

In 1898 he married the Misses Margaret of Westfield, Pa. They had one child, Olive Maria, born in 1905.

They went to Philadelphia to study, such as the Episcopate and the Episcopal Conference, and then to organize in 1900. He became the Bishop of the Half-Brotherhood Missions started in 1897.

Rev. Mr. Willey was appointed to the charge of the boys' boarding school in Conception, Mich. That same year he organized the Catholic Church for English speaking people. The work of the school prospered greatly and each year it was necessary to make additions on the building. In 1902 he was given the presidency of the girls' catholic school in Conception. He accepted the responsibility because he felt that it was necessary to reorganize the school under different leadership in order to save it from bankruptcy and failure. From the first, his work in Conception College for girls was successful. For the first year it had 100 pupils.

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In 1926 he reached the age when missionaries must retire from active service, but he was asked by his Conference to stay another year. In April of '27, he returned to the United States with Mrs. Arms, his daughter, and her family. Tarpon Springs, Florida was the home of his sister, Mrs. Julia M. Currier. The climate was suitable to Mrs. Arms health and so he built their home here. His labors did not cease as he was always writing and publishing articles and pamphlets on church doctrine. His previous publications include pamphlets on the observance of the Sabbath, Sabbism, The Christian's Attitude Toward Evolution, and a book on the History of the William Taylor Self-Supporting Missions in South America.

Rev. G. W. Arms passed away at his home on the 9th day of December, 1932 after an illness of several months. He survived his wife a little over a year; she died October 30th 1931. He has left as his survivors, his sisters, Mrs. Julia M. Currier, and Mrs. Hermione A. Chappel, his brother, Theodor W. Arms, and his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Valenzuela, and four grandchildren, Julia, Harold, Raymond, and Arthur Valenzuela.

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The Christian Advocate,

130 Fifth Ave.

New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am sending to you a sketch of Rev. G. F. Urms life, in the hope that you will publish a tribute to his long life of service as a missionary in Chile S. C.

Possibly Mr. Peter Göttele, undyning at Boston University, will send in some contribution on his life work in Chile.

Thanking you for any article you care to publish,

Yours truly,

Rev. Urms Valenzuela.

VERMONT ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WALTER R. DAVENPORT, D. D.,
PRESIDENT

67 EAST STATE STREET, MONTPELIER, VERMONT., December 14., 1932.

My dear Doctor Joy:--

Herewith please find brief sketch of the Rev. G. F. Arms, one of the most distinguished and useful missionaries of our church in So. America. I was an old chum and a life long friend, so have the facts at my disposal, and thus send them on to you.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter R. Davenport

After a brief illness at his home at Tarpon Springs Florida the Rev. Goodsil F. Arns, B.A. passed to a rich reward earned by a half century of work in his Master's service. A graduate of Montpelier Seminary and Wesleyan University he united with the Vermont Conference in 1880, served for parishes in that Conference, and then sailed for South America where he spent nearly forty years of highly successful work in our Conference in Chile. He rapidly rose in rank and was made the President of a college, the Treasurer of the Conference, a member of the General Conference, and was given every honor at the disposal of his brethren. His flaming evangelistic zeal while a Presiding Elder led to the conversion of most of the members of the present Chilean Conference. In his early ministry in Vt. he married Miss Ida A. Taggard of Northfield, Vt. who lived with his as a co-worker of far more than ordinary ability until Oct. 29, 1932, when she passed suddenly to her rest the next day following a long and happy visit with her husband to their many friends in Vermont. But little more than a year later Mr. Arns followed her to the spirit world, and their bodies now lie buried side by side in Northfield, Vermont. They leave one daughter, Olive, now Mrs. Samuel Valenzuela of Kansas, who, with his sister cared for him in his last illness.

Mr. Arns was the author of the "William Taylor Self Supporting Missions in South America" published by our Board Concern, and was a frequent contributor to the denominational press. Further, he represented the United States as a consul for a portion of the time while in So. America.

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The Rev. Goodsil Willey Arms is a Canadian by birth, but his citizenship has always been in the United States. From his home in Newport, Vermont, he entered Montpelier Seminary and was graduated in 1876. Four years later he received the degree of A. B. from Wesleyan University. In that same year, 1880, he was admitted on trial in the Vermont Conference where he labored until 1886 when, with his wife, formerly Miss Ida A. Fargard, he sailed for Chile as a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During their seventeen years of service Mr. and Mrs. Arms have been connected with the Mission in Concepcion. Mr. Arms' duties have included those of President of the Concepcion College, pastor of the English and Spanish Churches and presiding elder of the Concepcion district of the eastern South America Conference. Mrs. Arms has served as principal of the Girls' College in Concepcion except during 1894 and 1903 when she and Mr. Arms were on vacation in the United States. Their daughter, Miss Olive D. Arms, is now a missionary of the Board, and associated with her parents in the work at Concepcion.

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