ANKER, HARRY P. AND MRS. ANKER
Mrs. Harry P. Anker

... who died in October, was born in South Holland, Ill., in 1888. She married Mr. Anker in 1911. Two years later they were assigned as missionaries to the Central Congo. This was only two years after Bishop Walter E. Lambuth of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had begun the mission work there. They served this rapidly expanding mission station until 1951. 

Phoebe Turner Looman 1960
American Methodists are most aware of, there are also 14 scholars doing graduate study in countries of Europe, Asia, South America and Oceania. Another 24 are enrolled in undergraduate schools in Africa.

Miss Swift explained that the church would desire to support scholarship students in schools in their own countries or neighbor.
H. P. Anker, Congo Missionary, Dies

The Rev. Harry Peter Anker, of South Holland, Illinois, for thirty-eight years a missionary-educator of the Methodist Church in the Belgian Congo, Africa, died in Clearwater, Florida, on October 15, after a lingering illness. He had reached his 70th birthday two days before death.

Mr. Anker was one of the builders of the far-famed mission station at Bembo Nyama, where he had been in charge of the Trinity Bible School from its founding, until his retirement in 1954. For some years he had served also as treasurer of the mission station. A central station, it includes a school, teacher-training department, hospital and nurses training department, an industrial plant and mission press. The mission serves thousands of tribal groups.

Mr. Anker first went to Africa in 1916, two years after the opening of the Central Congo Mission work by Bishop Lambrilli, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. During his years in the Congo, Mr. Anker had taught hundreds of young men whose fathers and grandfathers were just out of heathenism and cannibalism. In addition to his work at the school, he had travelled through the vast Congo district to preach, teach, gather people into congregations, and to supervise the work of his students.

Mr. Anker and his wife, the former Eva Van Erden, who survives him, were both born in South Holland, Ill. He was educated at Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute and Vanderbilt University.
The last few years have been severe in every way. We have been carrying on the process of our Central plan for another year. This one may bring more problems and crises of our financial system. The economic realities are such that only a few years of schooling are common in our schools. It is not uncommon for a student to be employed in one of the many fields of work available.

In the fall of the year, the government has raised the minimum wage from $1.25 to $1.50 per hour. This increase has been necessary to keep up with the rising cost of living. However, the wages are still well below what workers can earn in other occupations.

The government has been working hard to keep up with the increased demand for teachers. However, the supply of qualified teachers is still insufficient. The average salary for a teacher is $2,500 per year. This is far below what teachers in other professions can earn.

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The station's school has been open in our community for almost two years. There have been many changes in the school and in the lives of the children who attend it. The school is located in the center of the community and is accessible to all by foot or bicycle. The school has a large playground and a library, as well as a classroom and a computer lab. The school serves children from different cultural backgrounds, including Hispanic, African American, and Asian students. The school has a strong emphasis on academic achievement and provides a variety of extracurricular activities, such as sports teams, music programs, and art classes. The school also has a strong focus on community service and encourages students to volunteer for local events. The school is staffed by a group of dedicated teachers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed. The school also has a strong parent-teacher association, which meets regularly to discuss student progress and plan for future events. Overall, the station's school is a vital part of the community and is committed to providing a high-quality education for all students.
have been increasing our tuition rates. It is asked for next year
that Central School students bring in 35 francs as their tuition money.

Graduating exercises were held Sunday, June 27th. In the morning 16 stu-
dents were graduated from the 5th year of the Second Degree dept., of the
aving section, 7 were graduated from the Normal section & 7 from the
Bible section of Central School. At the close of last term in December
the other Bible School class graduated, making a total of 18 graduates for
last year. Each of our Conference Districts should make definite efforts
to secure more enrolment for this list of students.

Additional statistics:

Average attendance, enrollment parity, 1st Degree School — 75
Average enrollment for 2nd Degree School — — — — — 75
Average enrollment in Bible & Normal sections — — — — 171
Han teachers, missionaries and native — — — — 9
Tona teachers, stationery and native — — — — 3
Practice-taechers, 12 in first term — — — — — — 12
Adult class — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 12

Girls in 1st and 2nd Degree classes this term — 81
(In the first term there were about 50 members in our Girls Boarding dept., open then.)

Married students, an average of — — — — — — — 72

Missionaries who were abroad in the Central School program during
the year, besides the writer, were: M. C.C. Owens, M. E. M. Jones,
Misses Wilcox & Miss Hull.

We are indebted to the Station School, and to all other Societies for
the more than 6 hundred students.
### Annual Financial Report - 1947-48

#### School District No. 10, St. Helens

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INFORMATION ABOUT MISSIONARIES GOING TO THE FIELD.


2. Nationality.................................................. American

3. Date of formal application........................................

4. Date of first departure from home to engage in our work. Aug. 29, 1914.


6. Date recognized as a missionary if appointed on the field. Dec. 24, 1914.

7. Testimonials from..................................................

8. Conference relation..................................................

9. Medical Certificate approved by Board’s Physician on (Date)

10. Preference of field...................................................

11. Application presented to Committee by........................................

12. Date application was accepted by Committee...............................

13. Date appointed by Bishop...........................................


15. Wife’s full name. Lura Mabel Barlow

16. Wife’s present address.............................................

17. Date of Wife’s birth. Sept. 4, 1888.

Surcharged: Wm. New York July 12, 1920. To: June 1, 1921.
18. Children's full names and date of birth respectively (and date of death, if any have died). .................................................................

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19. Names and addresses of persons who are your representatives in the United States in family or business matters of yourself and wife:

   (1) Family. ...................................................... (Self) ...................................................... (Wife)

       Mrs. Peter A. Rutter

       South Holland

       Cook Co., Illa.

       Same as above.

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20. Photograph of self and wife. *Yes* but they are shown from some magazine.
Probably no missionary on any field is doing a more far-reaching piece of work than the Rev. H.P. Anker, who is director of the Trinity Bible School at Kombo Nyama station in the Congo Mission in central Africa. In this school are trained all the native evangelists who go out to preach the gospel to their own people. Between 65 and 100 students are enrolled in this school each year. More than 200 graduates from this Bible School are now at work in the different villages of the Congo.

Mr. Anker arrived in Africa in 1916, just ten years after the opening of the Mission in February, 1914, by the late Bishop E.R. Lambeth. Mr. Anker entered at once upon evangelistic work, and of this made a marked success. But his greatest work has been done as Director of the Bible School, where he trains the native Christians for evangelistic work.

Mr. Anker was born in South Holland, Illinios. He is a graduate of the public schools of his home community, and also of Hope College and of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He also attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., and Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Anker was admitted to trial in the Virginia Conference in 1915 and is still a member of this conference.

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"Lo-Pemba" with his wife and baby daughter has just recently paid a visit to Mission Board headquarters at Nashville. 

"Lo-Pemba" is not an Indian brave or an African chieftain, but a Southern Methodist missionary, the Rev. H.P. Anker, who is known in the dialect of the Congo native as "Lo-Pemba", or "WhiteSend."

Mr. and Mrs. Anker and little daughter, Helie Jane, left the Congo early in April, landing in New York about the last of May and came direct to Nashville, where they spent several days. Mr. Anker is enthusiastic about the progress of missionary work in the Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission, mentioning especially the new leper colony where more than 500 lepers, formerly outcasts, are being given medical care and religious training. Mr. Anker sees many encouraging signs in the recent extremely successful revivals that have been held on the various stations and in the fact that students, anxious to learn, are thronging the mission schools. During the past year 40,000 treatments were given in the mission dispensaries and more than 1,000 natives were admitted into the Methodist hospitals.

All these things, he declared, marked a distinct upward progress in our mission work.

Mr. Anker has rendered a fine service since he went to the field in 1914 as an evangelistic worker and director of the Congo Bible School. During the past year he served as Superintendent of the Congo Mission. Mr. Anker's home is in South Holland, Illinois.
Mrs. Geithar P. Warfield, American citizen, is the way the former Miss Hanna Mari Dropiowski of Klarysow, Poland, will be able to sign herself upon the return to her native country the latter part of the present summer. During her year of furlough in America, Mrs. Warfield has taken steps to complete the requirements for American citizenship.
Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Anker

Mr. Anker was born at South Holland, Ills. October 13, 1888. He is a graduate of the Public School, Thornton Township High School, Hope College and Vanderbilt University. Attended Northwestern University one year; Peabody College 1 term; has an A.B. degree from Hope College (1910) and a B.D. degree from Vanderbilt University Theological Department, (1914). Is a member of the Virginia Conference, having been admitted on trial into that Conference in 1915.

Mrs. Anker was Miss Eva Van Deren. She was born at South Holland, Ills. Sept. 4, 1888. She is a graduate of the Public School; had training during 1914 in the Chicago Training School, and in the Woman's Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, during the spring of 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Anker have been in Africa since the winter of 1916, having left New York for Zombo-Kilama in September of that year. They are doing a great work in this the newest mission of the M.E. Church, South.
Personal Biography.


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A.B. Degree Hope College (1910) and Vanderbilt Univ. Theological Dept B.D (1914)

Member of the Dutch Reformed until 1914

Membership transferred to McKendree Ch., Nashville 1914.


graduate of Public School.

Chicago Training School (Meth) 1 yr-1914.

Woman's Hospital, Nashville Tenn. Spring of 1916.

Parents Adresses-

P. A. Anker, South Holland, Cook Co. Ills.

P. Van Erden " " ".

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Louisville, Ken.

Dr. W.B. Beauchamp.
Portsmouth Va.
Photographs from this file have not been included but are available upon request. For more information please contact research@gcah.org