ARMS, GOODSIL F.
Alejandra, 25,behind Mrs. Valenzuela.

Arnold Harvey - age 22, studying at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

Raymond, 14, in high school.

Wishes to study at Drew Theological Seminary, 1923.

Arthur Wesley - 13½

Finishes 9th grade in Jan.

Samuel Valenzuela, 11, in 8th grade.

Silvia Ann Valenzuela

Accepted as missionary 1907.

First child, Josephine Valenzuela.

Spouse, Luis in Florida.
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: Goodsell Tillie Arms, born January 22, 1837

Age when appointed: 34

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

Fields of labor and dates (month and year): Ordained Vermont Conf. in April 1850 on trial, and served 2 years preaching in large St. Philip's Day 9 years Williamsville; 7 years Evansville; 2 years Philadelphia; 1 year Princeton; 7 years Wilmington; 1 year Princeton.

Bishop appointing: R. S. Foster, Preacher in Chile. Resides in 1888 at 1888.

Date of departure from home for field: 1888

Present residence: Concepcion, Chile, R.O. Box Camilla, 230

Employment at the present time: President of Concepcion College; Pastor of Mult.; Episcopal Church of Concepcion (Yanadi), Acting Presiding Elder, Mission of Chile; District, So. America Conf.
Date of marriage. January 12, 1885

Wife’s full name. Ida A. Tegard Arms

Date of wife’s birth August 27, 1856

Children’s full names and date of birth respectively

Olivia 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)

Goodwin F. Arms, Mrs. Ida A. Tegard Arms, Olivia D. Arms (ugly)

Sailed from Valparaiso, May 23, 1894 — Cause the very serious

woundings of Mrs. Arms requiring a difficult operation

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

Goodwin F. Arms, Mrs. Ida A. Tegard Arms, Olivia D. Arms.

Name and address of representative in the United States in family matters

C. W. Cheppl, 832

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

Code name Arms
FINANCIAL.

Salary, past and present. 1888-1/2 year $180, 1889 $180—1890 $20—1891 $20.
1892 $300—1893 $25—1894 for 4 months $70—put up my bed abroad.

Committee on U.S. doing business with family—1895 $250, 1896 $500.

The salary was in Chilean currency but the amount of gold was as given above.

The salaried funds have been used purchase light and furnished met with the amount put up.

Received this year for children nothing extra paid for children by others for all usual.

Special aid asked, dates and amounts. When appointed to Chile I had a debt of

$340, which the Treasury Committee promised to pay if I remained

4 years, which amount they paid at the end of this.

Aid granted, dates and amounts.

Outgoing expenses each time in 1888 about $425 for self and family.

1894 $100

Home-coming expenses each time $445.00

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 6, after a long illness. He was born in Sutton, Canada, January 22, 1854, and educated at Montpelier Seminary and Wesleyan University (B.A., 1876). He married Ida E. Taggart of Northfield, Vt. After seven years in Vermont pastorates, he went to South America under the Transist and 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 of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Arms was a delegate to the General Conference at Baltimore in 1908.

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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 boy's 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 Mr. 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 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
Great Missionary Leader

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 Christians 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 trysting place, to make love 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 this and the others, 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 whirring 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...
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 8. Am.

2. Full name of missionary and date of birth.
   Goodale F. Arms, born Jan 2, 1854
   Elle A. Teggerd Arms, born., Aug 27, 1856


4. Date of appointment to our work.
   April 16, 1855.

5. Bishop appointing.
   Bishop Foxter.

6. Date of departure from home to engage in our work.
   June 11, 1855.

7. Date of arrival on the mission field.
   July 21, 1855.

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 Trueman & Binning Fund Society, and later over by the Missisippi.

9. Fields of labor and dates (month and year).
   Concepcion, Chile, from June 1855 to date.
   President of Calef's American 1885 - 1892.
   President Concepcion College 1892 - 1894.
   President English Junior College 1889 - 1892.

    Concepcion, Chile.
11. Employment at the present time

President, Concordia College, Yankton,
Elder of Concordia District.

12. Date of marriage

Jan. 17, 1853

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)

Alice Demanis, born June 21, 1885

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


17. Dates of leaving to return to the field, and names of persons returning

December 31, 1877

we sailed from N. Y. to return to Chile. Myself, Mrs. Arms, and one child, Alice.

18. Name and address of person who is your representative in the United States in family matters

Mrs. Rev. C. B. Currier, Tuscarora Springs, Florida

19. Code name to indicate said representative in cable messages

Currier
Dr. Kenneth J. Kelly

On or near the eastern coast of the United States, in the state of New York, in the town of Flushing, where he was born in the year 1860, he attended the

Flushing Academy. In 1879, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he obtained his degree in civil engineering. In 1885, he married Miss Alice M. Kelly, of Philadelphia, and settled in New York.

In 1889, he traveled to Europe, where he visited Paris, London, and Berlin. In 1893, he returned to the United States, where he continued his engineering work. In 1899, he was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences.
Jay was born on January 27, 1944, in which he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois. He then worked for Bell Telephone in New York City in 1966.

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Rev. J. P. was buried away at his home on the 5th day of December, 1927 after an illness of several months. He survives his wife a little over a year. She died October 10th, 1921. He has left as his survivors, his sister, Mrs. Julia J. Surrier, his two daughters, Mrs. Bertha L. James, his brother, Vernon, Mrs. Paula L. Surrier, and her husband, Mrs. J. O. S. Surrier, and three grandchildren, Julia, Lloyd, Roscom, and William James.
638 Tappan Ave.
Tappan, New York Dec. 9, 32.

The Christian Advocate,
130 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a sketch of Rev. W. D. Smith's work in China which I hope you will publish in a tribute to his long life of service as a missionary in China.

Chairly, W. Peter Jotham, residing at Boston University, will send me some contributions on his life work in China.

Thanking you for any articles you care to publish,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
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 thence 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. Arms, 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 1866, 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 Vermont, he married Miss Ida A. Taggard of Northfield, Vt., who lived with him as a co-worker of far more than ordinary ability until Oct. 29, 1921, 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. Arms 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. Arms was the author of the "William Taylor Self-Supporting Missions in South America" published by our Bodd Conference, and was a frequent contributor to the denominational press. Further, he represented the United States as a consul for a portion of the time he was in South America.
Dr. Arms died on Dec. 9, 1932.

[Signature]

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The Rev. Goodsell Milley 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 Ada A. Wagar, 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 Western South America Conference. Mrs. Arms has served as principal of the Girls' College in Concepcion except during 1894 and 1895 when she and Mr. Arms were on vacation in the United States. Their daughter, Miss Olive T. Arms, is now a missionary of the Board, and associated with her parents in the work of mission.

September 23, 1905.
Photographs from this file have not been included but are available upon request. For more information please contact research@gcah.org