AYRES, HARRIET
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Dear Missionaries, or Friends of Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

The task of revising and bringing up to date the "Roll Call" of our missionaries has been assigned to me. This necessitates your prompt assistance. To all missionaries living whose addresses we can secure this will be sent—otherwise to friends. Please remember that delay on your part means delay here, so give this little blank proper consideration. This is only a skeleton. If you will write fully concerning yourself or your friend as to why you went, your preparation, the work you have done, giving some interesting incidents of redeemed lives, you will make it possible for me to present a living picture, not a catalogue. Please do not confuse this with the blank sent out from headquarters in New York and think you have already compiled. Anticipating your very hearty and prompt response, I am

Yours in the service,
Miss Kate E. Moss,
3021 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Name in Full.

2. Date and place of Birth.

3. Name of Father and Mother.


5. Present Residence.

6. When Did You Become a Christian?

7. When Did You Join the Methodist-Episcopal Church?

8. What Led You to Become a Missionary?


10. Have You a Specialty—if so, What?

11. Date of Appointment.

12. From What Branch?

13. Positions Held Before Going—When, What, Where?

14. Positions Held in Foreign Field—When, What, Where?

15. Dates and Lengths of Furloughs.


17. Send Picture from Which "Cut" Can be Made to Me.

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MISS GRACE STEPHENS is an Eurasian by birth and was discovered by Dr. and Mrs. Rutland in their work in Madras. In April, 1886, Miss Stephens began woman's work in that great city and has developed into an ideal missionary. It is Miss Stephens who not only has bound women behind the purdah, but persuaded them in many cases to come out. After working some time she became a deaconess, and in our Deaconess Home in Madras is doing invaluable work. Her

servant, she escaped with but a slight wound from a terrible death. The nervous shock and the experience of the following days, made it advisable that she return home as soon as possible. She reached this country in September, 1895, for a year's furlough, doing excellent service as a speaker in the home field during her sojourn in America.

MISS ELLA C. SHAW of Morrisville,Ind., sailed for Nanking, China, June 23, 1887, under the auspices of the Northwestern Branch. After five years of evangelistic service she returned to this country, spending most of her time in the Chicago Training School. Sept. 17, 1894, she returned to work next at Nanking, where associated with Miss Mitchell
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