

Woman's Missionary Society of the N. C. Conference

Contributions for this Department must be sent to Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Editor, Raleigh, N. C.

ATTENTION.

On a recent visit to Baltimore your editor had the pleasure of a few hours in the hospitable home of Mrs. T. J. Copeland, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference. She is also editor of the Woman's Page in their Conference paper.

Mrs. Copeland is full of the spirit and has given much time to the study of our new constitution. Below we have the benefit of her study.

We are glad to pass it on to our women in order that they may be better able to plan for the new year so soon upon us.

SANFORD AUXILIARY.

Dear Mrs. Duncan:—Our Woman's Missionary Society observed last week (7 to 14) as "The Week of Prayer and Self Denial."

Five meetings were held from as many different homes. The leaders for each day rendered interesting programs on the subjects assigned them, and seemed very enthusiastic.

We have only a small membership. However, we are hoping that as a result of continued effort our little band may yet be enlarged to go forward with renewed zeal in the work for the Master.

Our collection for the week amounted to \$6.36.

Sincerely,
MRS. GUS WOMBLE,
Cor. Sec.

SOUTH MILLS AUXILIARY.

Dear Mrs. Duncan:—The McBride's W. H. M. Society met October 11, 1914, and reorganized. The officers are as follows: Mrs. Lucy Jones, president; Miss Addie Pearce, first vice-president; Mrs. Maggie Small, second vice-president; Mrs. Sarah F. Pearce, corresponding secretary; Miss Lizzie Whitehurst, recording secretary; Mrs. Lucy Spence, treasurer.

There were some new officers and some of the old ones kept in. The work was doing well and thriving under the old officers, but we are in hopes it will still do better with new ones. We enjoy our Home Mission Society and think it a fine work. We had a delightful meeting and I think most all of the members were present that could be. I feel like God has a hand in this good work and that by striving and praying we may accomplish great good. We have a Ladies' Aid Society in our work and it does a good business at home. The Aid has gotten an individual communion service for McBride's Church. They are also doing some other work in the Church. This letter is not very long, but we hope it will be published so that all can see it. Pray for our Society that we may be strengthened, and that we may feel like doing our Master's will, more in the future than we ever have.

Yours in Christ,
MRS. SARAH PEARCE,
Cor. Sec.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To Auxiliary Presidents.

First: Yours to familiarize yourselves with this new constitution item by item. An easy matter, as it is couched in simple language. Its phraseology is almost wholly divested of technical or parliamentary words.

Second: Yours to have appointed a Nominating Committee, yours to furnish it with copy of the constitu-

Officers of Woman's Missionary Society.

President—Mrs. R. B. John	Fayetteville
1st Vice-President—Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson	Goldboro
2nd Vice-President—Miss Lillie Duke	Durham
3rd Vice-President—Mrs. Harvey Bouey	Rose Hill
4th Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Speight	Raleigh
Corresponding Secretary, Home—Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon	Maxton
Corresponding Secretary, Foreign—Mrs. F. B. McKinne	Louisburg
Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Stanbury	Clinton
Treasurer of Home Department—Mrs. N. E. Edgerton	Selma
Treasurer of Foreign Department—Mrs. B. B. Adams	Four Oaks
Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. I. T. Wilkins	Weldon
Superintendent of Literature—Mrs. C. V. Albright	Raleigh
Publicity Superintendent—Mrs. E. C. Duncan	Raleigh

District Secretaries.

Elizabeth City District—Mrs. J. N. Winslow	Elizabeth City
Durham District—Mrs. B. N. Mann	Trinity Heights, Durham
Fayetteville District—Miss Vara Herring	Dunn
New Bern District—Mrs. H. J. Faison	Faison
Raleigh District—Miss Nettie Allen	Fairview Farm, Henderson
Rockingham District—Miss Georgia Biggs	Rockingham
Warrenton District—Mrs. R. H. Willis	Littleton
Washington District—Mrs. W. P. Baugham	Washington
Wilmington District—Mrs. W. F. Murphv	Wallace

tion and to see that it understands its provisions; yours also to post your Nominating Committee as to its duties.

Third: Yours to explain the constitution to the auxiliary; yours to tell it that there are no abrupt changes and no impossible requirements; yours to inspire courage, to radiate hope, to create an atmosphere of love, to, in short, show your faith by your works.

To the Nominating Committee.

First: Know your constitution. (I wish I might emphasize that expression.) Without that knowledge you are, to paraphrase a current expression, doing something, but you don't know what, and that is unworthy of this high calling.

Second: Know your women, then act with single judgment as to those best suited to the office. That a woman has held an office for years is not of itself a convincing reason that she should continue to do so. On the contrary, if a woman has never held office that is no reason why she never should. Consult the woman whom you contemplate putting in office. She knows herself better than any one else knows her and if you pray over the selection and put the matter to her she is likely to render capable judgment. This plan might do away with the office-holder who continually tells her auxiliary that she is "not the one," that they "ought to get somebody else," etc. Is there any more uninteresting feature of a program than such as that or any calculated to do less good or more harm? Do away with it at any cost.

Third: You are to submit full quota of names for offices at the December meeting.

To the Members:

First: Accept the fact that the new constitution is necessary, that missionary societies are to operate under it and be subject to it. That is not a question at all. That is a settled matter. Emphasize its merits. It has them. It may also have its demerits, but it has been adopted by the Council, and remember, not by the Executive Committee of the Council, the conference representatives in same. This was done by written vote, permission for which was given in annual session at Fort Worth. So we would not play the role of the juryman who explained the verdict by uncomplimentary reference to the "eleven incompetent juryman."

Second: Be willing to sacrifice some personal opinions, some financial average to the general good. And not only seem happy to do it, but actually be happy to do it.

Third: Uphold four Auxiliary officers in their attempts to maintain a

legal institution of the Church. I have a friend who loves to quote, "It is not enough to be good; be good for something." I would like to add, "Be good at helping other women to be good." As members, do you help your officers to "be good" or do you "provoke unto wrath?"

What sort of a society

Would our society be,
If every member in it
Were just like me?"

May not be real poetry, but the question contained in it is a potent one.

In regard to the constitution to become effective in January, I am glad to register a personal opinion that it is near ideal. The organization is much simplified. Officers are fewer and duties more definite than under the old one. The main change is that there will be no departments named foreign and home. Foreign work and home work will continue to be done, but auxiliaries will contribute to a common fund, which will be used in the proportion of 60 per cent to the foreign fields and 40 per cent to the home fields. While you are straining every nerve of your souls to bring up finances, always so important the last quarter, we can think together of planning preparatory to January when this year's record has been sent on to help build our mansions in the skies. You know we will have to live in mansions of just the dimensions that our material stored there will build.

Changes in the Constitution.

First: There are no departments named foreign and home. The same work will continue in foreign field and home land, supported by a common fund divided on basis of 60 per cent to foreign work and 40 per cent to home work. The reason for this division is obvious. It is estimated that it costs 20 per cent more to maintain work abroad than at home.

Second: There are only two vice-presidents under the new, as against four under the old constitution. Note, please, that the first vice-president is chosen because of her fitness to lead in Young People's work, and the second because of her fitness to take charge of the children's work. The work of the third vice-president is given in part to the corresponding secretary, who, in addition to her former duty of conducting the correspondence and making reports, takes charge of "stewardship," and the Superintendent of Study and Publicity has, as is indicated, mission study in addition to distribution of the "Bulletin," etc. The fourth vice-president is to be known hereafter as the "Superintendent of Social Service." This is a most important office and officer.

Third: Local work, such as looking after the parsonage and the char-

ity work of the Church, is to be done through a committee and may raise funds as the Auxiliary directs. These funds are to be handled by the assistant treasurer.

Fourth: The monthly dues are 20 cents per month. This change does not affect the woman who has formerly been a member of both the foreign and the home departments. It doubles the dues of the woman who has been a member of only one. She, however, is far in the minority, and regulations must be made, as you know, on the basis of the greater number.

Concerning the Dues Matter.

The main reason, as indicated above, that dues are important, is because monthly dues each represent a woman and a woman's prayers. I would adjure that we keep true to the relations of value and be careful that we do not exalt the dues value above the woman value. I have not heard a single woman intimate that she herself would not cheerfully pay the increased dues, but have heard sometimes one speak for other women en masse, as it were. She is never more definite than is expressed in the general term "they." Really, my sisters, is it not arrogating to ourselves considerable virtue to assume that "they" are not just as loyal to missions and that "they" love the Lord of Missions just as much as we ourselves do? This denizen of "Doubting Castle" divides her "Giants of Despair" into two classes, viz: The woman who cannot pay the 20 cents dues and the woman who will not. As to the first class it melts away like snow before sunshine when the "Lady of the Castle" sees to it that a dues fund is provided in her society for this very purpose. The same loan that provides it will devise means for its use that will not leave a hurt, and it will become a blessing to the society that gives and the members that take. Now as to the woman "who will not." Flatly, I do not believe there is any such a one! If you find her then your acquaintances are of a different type to mine. I do not know a single member of the Missionary Society whom I have any reason to believe would refuse her Lord of Missions 10 cents or 20 cents per month on any such grounds.

In Matter of Reports.

It is common knowledge that officers elected in December do not assume duties until January. It goes without saying that "reports" in December are prepared by the same auxiliary officers and sent to the same auxiliary officers and sent to the same Conference officers as the past quarters. It will be three months after January 1st before any reports are to be sent. Long before that time they will be informed as to the sending of same.

MRS. T. J. COPELAND,
Conference President.

The report made at the mid-year meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council by Miss M. L. Gibson, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, shows that nine candidates for the Home Department and eight for the Foreign Department will be recommended by that institution. Miss Estelle Haskin reported for the Methodist Training School nine candidates for the Home Department and one for the Foreign Department.

The charities that soothe, heal and bless, lie scattered at the feet of men like flowers.—Selected.