

MISSION REPORT INDICATES GREAT ACTIVITY IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS DURING PAST YEAR

Progress of the Union Mission during the past five years is indicated in the annual report of the institution submitted to the board of administration Monday night.

During the years named the mission school has tripled its attendance. New features have been added to the mission's regular Sunday and weekday program of activities, and the mission has been moved from a small frame house on North Fourteenth street to much larger quarters on North Twelfth street. A formal dedication of this new building is to be held soon.

Following is a copy of the annual report by Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Propst:

The Union Mission has always stood for the presentation of the highest ideals to the boyhood and girlhood, to the manhood and womanhood of the community. It extends a welcome to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are lonely and need companionship; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; to all who need help in their temporal, social and spiritual life.

The activities of the Sabbath day have been held without interruption during the year with especial emphasis upon the need of clean Christian, Christ-like lives and service and sacrifice as the expression of the true Christian life. During the year several other ministers have caught the Macdonald vision and come over to help us, among them: Rev. Shelby C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, (singers), Rev. Ruth P. Brown, Franklin P. Chant, James Whitacker, Chester Harter, William Hanshut, Rev. Cassie Compton and others. We observed Gideon Sunday, May 16, with the other churches of Richmond. The morning and evening services were placed under the leadership of Perry Wilson of the Y. M. C. A.

An evangelistic campaign was held in January covering a period of 17 days. The results were very good by way of promoting a deeper spiritual interest among the members as well as attracting many outsiders to the gospel of Jesus Christ which alone is the true foundation of noble manhood and womanhood. "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us."

Christian Endeavor Society.

The Christian Endeavor society meets regularly each Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock and a competent leader with the members discuss the Christian Endeavor topics with prayer and personal testimonies going to make up a very helpful young people's service. A Christian Endeavor business meeting and social is held quarterly. There is a real Christian enthusiasm for the up-building of the mission in every channel of service in the Christian Endeavor society.

The Bible school has an enrollment of 275 members. Highest record of attendance during year, 215; lowest record of attendance during year, 81; average record of attendance during year, 122.

The Bible school is on an organization throughout every department with efficient Christian teachers at the head of every class. At the Christmas time the beginners, primaries and junior girls were given a lovely Christmas party by the teachers in charge of these classes. The junior boys, the intermediate department, seniors and the adult division of the Bible school have regular monthly business meetings and socials. Decision day was observed in November in the Bible school with the result of about 45 decisions for Christ. Many of these children come to the prayer meetings and Christian Endeavor and give bright personal testimonies of their love for the Saviour.

The Bible school has a cradle roll and home department membership under the direction of faithful superintendents.

Weekly Activities.

Prayer meeting convenes regularly each Tuesday at 7 p. m. throughout the year. The spiritual life of the prayer meeting is very good. Three-fourths of those who attend take an active part. Average weekly attendance:

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is first taught or tested in making the different stitches. After this work is satisfactory, the children under 12 make a tri-colored pen wiper. The intermediate girls in their second lesson began making gingham dresses for themselves. The third lesson the junior girls began making gingham aprons for themselves, the girls in these classes furnishing their own materials. Each child is school furnished a box in which their work is kept, with a spool of thread, needles, scissors, tape, and any other needed articles during the school term.

The Loyal Temperance legion was organized Oct. 22, 1921, with 10 charter members. Up to date there are 66 members. These children sign the pledge and pay 10 cents dues each year. After the dues are paid each child is given an L. T. L. button to wear as a reminder of the sacred pledge. The children have their own organization and conduct the business of the legion with the wise superintendence of Mrs. Roy Babylon. There is an intense interest among the children in this work. Mrs. C. V. Moore and Mrs. William A. Bond have charge of the story hour. Miss Bessie Boomershine has charge of the play hour.

Booster Chorus.

The Booster Chorus is made up of boys and girls under 16 years of age. A program of music, Bible lesson, the story hour and physical culture is carried on. They have learned many beautiful hymns and sometimes sing in the Sunday evening services. They usually bring their parents with them to the evening services.

The children memorize Bible verses and learn many practical lessons which planted firmly in childhood will take root and bring forth fruit later in their lives and save them from snare which otherwise would entangle them.

Miss Emily Parker and Bessie Boomershine had charge of the physical training of the children. During the months of the year we were located on North Fourteenth street, the public school opened its doors for this department because of an inadequate equipment of the Fourteenth street location.

There is a means of inspiration to the boys and girls through the play hour which is essential to the best development of body, mind and character: rapidity of thought, accuracy of judgment, promptness of decision, self-control, respect for others, the habit of co-operation, self-sacrifice for the good of the group; all these products of true education are called out in their plays and games.

The summer sewing school was organized June 23, with an enrollment of 36 and an average attendance of 32. Four classes were organized according to age and Sunday school classification. The program was carried out on the following basis: 1:30 to 1:45 p. m.—Music and prayer. 1:45 to 2:00 p. m.—Story hour. 2:00 to 3:00 p. m.—Sewing. 3:00 to 3:30 p. m.—Bible lesson.

April 7: Of the fathers' and mothers' meeting the United Brethren church had charge of the program. Rev. H. S. James conducted a very helpful devotional. A very practical missionary program was given by some of the members of the church.

The fathers' and mothers' meeting for July and October were dismissed on account of the unfinished state of the buildings.

Each pupil upon entering the school

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Read This Letter from Mrs.
W. S. Hughes

Greenville, Del.—"I was under the impression that my eldest daughter had some internal trouble as since the first time her sickness disappeared she had to go to bed and even had to quit school once for a week. I always take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound myself so I gave it to her and she has received great benefit from it. You can use this letter for a testimonial if you wish, as I cannot say too much about what your medicine has done for me and for my daughter." — Mrs. W. M. S. HUGHES, Greenville, Delaware.

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June—Mrs. Beatrice Snively, Ps. 19: 1, 2. July—Miss Elizabeth Henderson, "Health Talk." August—Miss Nettie N. Springer, "Watch."

September—Miss Amy Spaulding, "Americanization." October—Mrs. Beatrice Snively, Mrs. Roy Babylon, Mrs. Harry Reeves, Mrs. Maude Sweet Winder, "Short Talks" on the State W. C. T. U. convention. November—Mrs. George Deets, "Books Our Boys and Girls Should Read."

December—Mrs. Margaret Dennis Vail, "Citizenship." Mrs. Sylvester Jones, "Missionary Work in Cuba."

Quarterly Activities

The fathers' and mothers' meeting convenes the first Thursday, 7:30 o'clock p. m., each quarter.

January—Rev. R. W. Stokes gave a sermon-address on "The Kingdom of God." Math. 6: 33. A tableau, "Little Gray Lamb," was given at the close by the senior girls. The booster chorus furnished the music for the evening.

Provide Bibles

Thirty-one Bibles were given out during the year to those having none. Daily vacation Bible school: Nineteen children were sent to the Daily Vacation Bible school. Eight of them were provided with Bibles.

The Children's Day exercises were held in Glen Miller park in July. A short but interesting program, games on the lawn, the children's playground and a picnic supper made a pleasant Saturday afternoon for all.

Sunday school picnic, Sept. 5, Labor Day two wagon loads, consisting of 118 persons, besides two automobiles drove out one mile north of Chester to H. A. Mikesell's woods for a picnic.

Thanksgiving Day was observed according to the usual custom. The Rev. W. McClean Work, his mother and sister, were present at the mission and had charge of the morning service.

The loyal temperance legion, directed by Mrs. Roy Babylon, furnished special songs during the service. The morning hour closed with a praise service which was freighted with a Thanksgiving offering.

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