REPORT OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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The Christian Association work of the last year was under the efficient direction of Rachel B. McMaster, President; Ruth Miller, Vice-President; Laura B. McComb, Secretary; and Clementine Bosh, Treasurer. Meetings were held every Wednesday evening and were led for the most part by members of the Association. Among others who led were Doctor Floyd W. Tomkins, Doctor C. A. R. Janvier, Miss Helen Barnes, a national secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, and other secretaries; Doctor Everitt and Doctor Potter. A particularly interesting series of meetings arranged by the committee, Carrie Weaver Smith, chairman, was on the epistles of the New Testament; another equally instructive was on the life of Christ.

One of the regular meetings of each month was given to the study of missions, as planned by Guifellma F. Alsp, of the Missions Committee. Two study courses were provided by this committee. One—"The Christian Conquest of India"—was led by Laura B. McComb, the other—"Aliens and Americans"—by Rachel B. McMaster. About $45 was raised for the North India School of Medicine for Women at Ludhiana.

The Bible Study Committee conducted two regular classes with student leaders, and a class of great popularity led by Doctor Everitt at her own home.

The Social Department, with Marianna Taylor as chairman, provided much pleasure and profitable recreation during the year, especially in the Wednesday afternoon gatherings in the parlor at Brinton Hall. On several occasions the Japanese students in native costumes served tea. These occasions were rendered particularly enjoyable by the presence at various times of visiting secretaries, members of the Faculty of the College, and other friends of the Association. The reception to new students was an
event of the early fall. The Social Committee was assisted in receiving by the Dean of the College, with other members of the Faculty and the Presidents of the Student’s Association and the Christian Association.

The work of the Hospital Prayer Meeting Committee, which was previously confined to the Woman’s Hospital, has been extended to the College Hospital, where during the latter part of the year meetings were held every Sunday afternoon. In the latter place the work is somewhat hampered by the lack of a musical instrument, and it is hoped that some of the friends of the Association may in the not distant future provide an organ such as is used at the Woman’s Hospital.

The Association House was fully occupied during the year, and the income, besides paying all incidental expenses, was sufficient for new pieces of furniture in several of the rooms, as well as to improve somewhat upon the general keeping of the house.

The Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Woman’s Hospital presented a handsome table for the parlor; and we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Chas. P. Turner for the addition to the reading room of the *Outlook*, the *Century Magazine*, and other magazines.

Representatives of the State, the National, and the International organizations visited the college during the year, and $25 given to these three departments of the work.

Four students were sent to the summer conference at Silver Bay, New York. It was largely due to the assistance of the honorary members that so good a representation was possible.

Closely connected with the Christian Association has been the Student Volunteer Band of Missions, numbering about fifteen members, four of whom joined during the year. Meetings were held weekly, and one Sunday evening meeting at Brinton Hall, which was well attended and much enjoyed. On one occasion Doctor Forsythe, of Korea, and on another, Doctor Mabie, of Africa, spoke of the medical work in their respective places. The latter told of the forms, symptoms, and treatment of the sleeping sickness, of which she has many cases in her practice on the Guinea coast of Africa.

Of special interest to all members of the Association, as well as of the College, was the high average attained in the examination of the Massachusetts State Medical Board by Amy Rohrer, ’07, who was president of the Christian Association in 1906-1907. In October last she sailed for India to begin work in the Lutheran Hospital at Rajahmundry, Madras Presidency.