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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

HELD MAY 31, 1899.

That was a bright and beautiful morning which ushered in the yearly gathering of 1899, and the audience-hall was most attractively embellished with white lilies, their fair beauty, purity and perfume significant of what the Christian woman of to-day seeks to robe herself withal.

Vice-president Miss Chamberlain presided in the absence of Mrs. Hyde.

The opening hymn was sung, "Father hear the prayer we offer." The topic for thought, was first that of prophecy, as found in the book of Isaiah, considering war and its peaceful end—Second, that of fulfillment, from St. John, showing that it is the Light of the World which is ushering in the era of Peace Congresses—arbitration, and the lessening of the horrors of war.

Prayer was offered by the President pro tem., speaking eloquently in behalf of Mrs. Hyde. The minutes of May meeting were given, some miscella-

neous business attended to, and then the reading of the Annual Reports began: That of Mrs. Judd, as Foreign Secretary, was given by Mrs. Dillingham; Mrs. Bowen, as Home Secretary, read her own and that of the Hilo Branch Society. Then followed reports of the Auxiliaries:

The Gleaners, Lima Kokua, that of the Pauahi Missionary Band, also those of the Superintendents of mission work, the Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese and Japanese, all of full and sustained interest. Following were the Annual Reports of Recording Secretary and Treasurer; this latter showing a fine financial footing for the Society. A pause was given, while Miss Kudick gave a pleasing piano selection.

The President announced that she had two messages to deliver from missionary mothers unable to be present. The first, Mrs. Parker, now in extreme old age, but whose soul, still young, shines undimmed through every feature of her face, and declares itself by words of wisdom and sympathy most rare—"Give my love to all," she said. Mrs. Rice, whose interest and sustainment has ever gone far to make our society a living, active one, also sent a message of love. The President then spoke, "I wish to introduce to you a Hawaiian sister who, after forty-six years of self-denying labor in the Marquesas, has come home to rest in her advanced years." It was a pleasure to see such a high native type as appeared in Mrs. Kekela, her face gentle, patient, good, her voice pleasant as are those of her people. The Report of the Nominating Committee was approved. Adjournment was now made for luncheon and a most agreeable social hour.

Afternoon Session.—The Girls of Kamehameha School, under the leadership of Miss Clymer, grati-

fied the audience by their excellent rendition of "Lead Thou me on"—a second number was called for, and then a beloved Vice-President asked for a third "Only remembered by what I have done." The intelligent faces of the choir, their admirable appearance and deportment, spoke volumes for the care and encouragement that watches over them.

The event, to which all else was preliminary, was the Annual Address given by Mrs. John Gulick in her paper on Japan. Mrs. Gulick went to the "Sunset Land" more than a score of years ago, consequently she has gone with the progress of the people since the doing away of the old feudal-system, and the course of enlightenment which has so marvelously widened and deepened in that ambitious and rejuvenated country. The returned Hawaiian Missionary then spoke, the Rev. Mr. Gulick interpreting, in the following words: "I rejoice to meet you this day Christian friends. We left our native land in 1853 and went to the Marquesas, the land of darkness and civil war. We taught them of escape from darkness. Later, some listened and became good Christians; now darkness fled away, war ended, cannibals were no more. I speak not English but my mother-tongue. It was the Emerson family that taught me, and after that Miss Ogden of Wailuku. As the Hawaiians study English, so the Marquesans study French. I am glad I went there. Should be glad to go back. We, our children and grandchildren, are forty in number." Miss Winne, a grand-daughter of Mother Thurston now sang, accompanied by Mrs. Frear. Mrs. Newman of Nebraska, who was among the visitors, being asked for a word, said: "I represent the Woman's National Council, and I feel myself 'stepping heavenward' while here,

not through trial and stress as she of Mrs. Prentiss good book, but in elevated and joyous experience." Mrs. Pearson, wife of the Methodist Episcopal minister, gave a cheery word of appreciation. Since she came among us, she has so extended the hand of fellowship that both pastor and people of her church seem in a way identified with us. We felt the absence of Mrs. Garvin of the Christian Church, who used often to grace our meetings by her presence, and lend us timely assistance. Mrs. Bagwell, formerly a valued visitor among our Chinese women, has returned and was given a welcome. The Rev. John T. Gulick spoke saying, he echoed the words of Mr. Doane when away from his beloved Islanders "My heart, my heart is over the sea." 'I say it too'—Mrs. S. Adams of Maine, made a tearful acknowledgement of all she has gained while here. Mrs. Hall told of Nanpie, of Ponape, prisoner of Spain during the past year. He was not treated with severity, however.

The Annual Meeting was now drawing to a close. As is the custom, the acting-President gave the watchword for this coming year: "I am the Light of the World," and "Come ye, Oh, House of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

The luncheon committee, which had regaled the company most generously under charge of Mrs. Fuller, as usual, was voted thanks, and "aloha," added the President. Also those who had beautified the place of our gathering, and all who, by their activities, keep our missionary ship well on her course. It was voted, finally, that Mrs. Hyde should be advised of the prosperity of her much loved organization. Respectfully submitted,

THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1899-1900.

Miss Green's Salary.....	\$ 200 00
Car Fare.....	12 00
Hawaiian Bible Readers.....	48 00
Portuguese " ".....	120 00
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Japanese Mission Work.....	60 00
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Donation to one Hawaiian Missionary...	10 00
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E. L. DILLINGHAM,
Chairman of Committee.

Report of Committee on Work for the coming year:
JULY—Eminent Missionary Women, Mrs. S. E. Bishop.

Report of Portuguese Work.

AUGUST—Missionary Intelligence, Mrs. Angie E. Newman.

Report of Japanese Work.

SEPTEMBER—London Missions, Mrs. J. T. Waterhouse.

Report of Chinese Work.

OCTOBER—Recent efforts toward Christian Comity, Mrs. W. F. Frear.

Report of Portuguese Work.

Report of Gleaners.

NOVEMBER—Sketches from the Life of Rev. Hiram Bingham, Mrs. L. B. Coan.

Report of Japanese Work.

Report of Lima Kokua.