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*For Devotion.*

**MISSIONARIES**  
**of**  
**Nebraska Christian**  
**Women's Missionary Society**



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## CORRECTION

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The missionaries here listed and pictured are not missionaries of the Nebraska Christian Woman's Missionary Society in any sense except that they are "Nebraska claimed" and are therefore near to the hearts, homes, and interests of the members of the N. C. W. M. S.

Nebraska put her arms about those whom she may call her native sons and daughters, those who resided for some time within her borders, and those who received their education in her institutions of learning.

Nebraska missionaries have gone out under the various mission Boards of our brotherhood, the C. W. B. M., the F. C. M. S., the A. C. M. S. and since the uniting of the mission Boards; under our United Christian Missionary Society. Through these organizations we have contributed to their support.

Mary Ellen White, Gen'l Sec'y  
Nebr. Christian Woman's Missionary Society

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## Preface

"All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Matt. 28:18-20.

Heeding that command and claiming that promise there has gone out from Nebraska a host of young people whom we call "missionaries." They have served and are serving in the homeland and in nine of the ten foreign fields.

In a desire to draw closer to them and draw them closer to us, this little book has come into being. We regret that we could not secure the picture of each one and also regret that all of the achievements of these laborers in His vineyard could not be set down as an inspiration to us all. We are sure that many of those pictured will be amazed to note the antiquity of some of the pictures. Where apologies are due we apologize.

It must be remembered that the work of all of the missionaries is evangelistic even though we may have stated that their work was medical or educational. To lift up the Christ is the purpose of every missionary as he uses these various avenues of approach.

There are others whom we do not forget as we mention the missionaries claimed by Nebraska, for our fair state produced also Stephen J. Corey, Bert Wilson and we find that Grant K. Lewis graduated from Cotner in the class of 1898. We have found that Walter G. Menzies of India and W. A. Bruner of South America held pastorates in Nebraska as did also Elmer Ireland who had been to Porto Rico. We could mention also a number of Home Mission pastors and give as an example Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hannan who graduated from Cotner in 1920.

We must share honors with other states for Iowa also claims the Picketts, C. H. Thomson, Ira Crewdson, Ray Rice and Vena Clark. Kansas claims Paul Kennedy, L. Emerson, and Mrs. Fey, while Montana joins with us in claiming K. Potee.

We wish to express sincere thanks to the United Christian Missionary Society and Cotner College, for the use of the cuts and the furnishing of data, to Mrs. Hemry and Miss Hemry and to friends and relatives of the missionaries for the information so kindly given. Last but not least to Mr. and Mrs. Warp of Minden who have so graciously made this book possible as well as to act as the publishers.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified."

II Thessalonians 3:1.

Mary Ellen White.



## AFRICA



Dr. G. J. P. Barger

Dr. G. J. P. Barger of Bolenge, Africa on the trail of death dealing microbes. This unassuming doctor has wrought wonderful works for the Master at Bolenge, but his friends must tell of his work for he never will.

At one time a student of Cotner College, he went to the field in 1915. Birthday: March 3rd.



### Myrtle King Barger

Myrtle King Barger was experienced in the work of a printing office, which knowledge was valuable with the printing presses at Bolenge.

Birthday: January 2nd.

Dr. and Mrs. Barger have four children, Wenona, Erva, Benjamin and Rex.

Mrs. Barger, not Dr. Barger was a student in Cotner.

During those student days she was associated first with A. G. Smith and later with Mr. Wetherell as publisher of the state paper which was the predecessor of the Christian Reporter, the Christian News. Although she was making her way through school a friend says: "Devoted to the church and her Lord, she did her work on the paper as a contribution to the cause rather than for the meager pay which she got from it. She had a keen mind and was a clear and concise thinker."

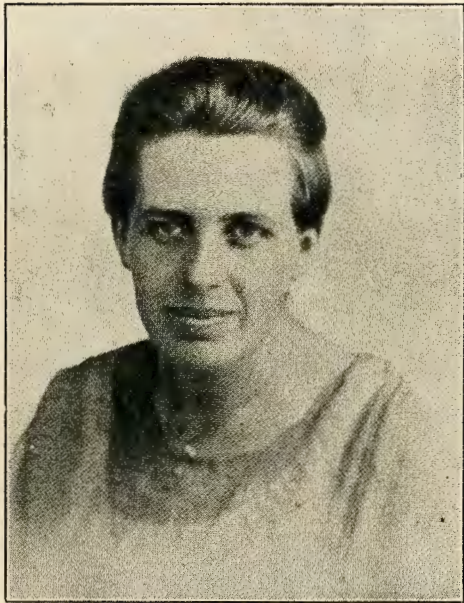


## CHINA



George E. Ritchey

George E. Ritchey went to Nanking in 1920 as an agricultural expert and was connected with the University of Nanking, but the Civil War in China caused the Ritcheys to terminate their work there in 1927.



Mrs. A. C. Bro

Margurite Harmon Bro graduated from Cotner College in the class of 1917. Service in Luchowfu, China 1919-1927. Mrs. Bro is a versatile writer and gave us many vivid pictures of conditions in China.  
Birthday: August 5th.



Miss Lillian Collins and Wenona Wilkinson

## Wenona Wilkinson

Wenona Wilkinson, a daughter of missionaries is an outstanding missionary in her own right. Miss Wilkinson went to Luchowfu, China in 1915 and is at present at her post in war torn Luchowfu. Coe Memorial School and Wenona Wilkinson are names so closely linked that we never separate them in our thinking. Graduated from Cotner in class of 1911.

Birthday: March 15th.



Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schafer

### Marvin R. Schafer

Marvin R. Schafer graduated from Cotner in 1921. He taught in Nebraska schools and usually occupied a pulpit on Sunday. He received his Ph.D. from Chicago University in June, 1929, and sailed the following July for Nanking, China, where he is engaged in teaching in Nanking University.

Birthday: July 22nd.

### Ruth Oberlies Schafer

Mrs. Schafer went to Nanking, China, with her husband in the summer of 1929 and is also engaged in teaching.

She graduated from Cotner in the class of 1922, attended the College of Missions and received her A.M. from Boston University.

Birthday: July 17th.

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C. Wayne Sorrell and Alice Gadd Sorrell

Mr. and Mrs. Sorrel graduated from Cotner College in 1922 and entered College of Missions that fall. They went out to China in 1926 and are stationed at Nanking.

War conditions of China have been especially trying for this splendid young couple and little James Frederick who will never forget the siege of Nanking.



## TIBET

Norton H. Bare M.D.

Dr. Bare received his college education at Cotner and the University of Nebraska.

His work in Batang, West China, (Tibet) is of course medical. At the present he is the only doctor at the station and is doing excellent work.

Birthday: December 16th.

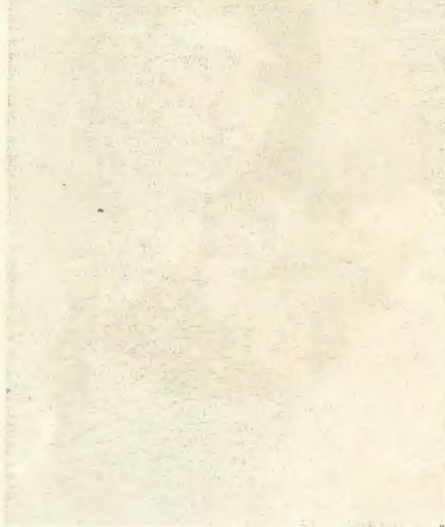


Mrs. Norton Bare and son Edgar Aylsworth

Lois Nichols Bare

Mrs. Bare is one of the five missionaries who graduated from Cotner with the class of 1919. She, with Dr. Bare and five weeks old baby, Edgar Aylsworth, went to Batang, Tibet, "the roof of the world" in 1925. The story of "the three Bares" must give way to the story of "the five Bares" since the coming of Lyrell Marguerite and Albaray.

Belated announcement has been received of the birth of a baby brother to gladden the hearts of Edgar, Marguerite and Albaray and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Norton Bare. We gladly welcome him as the newest standard bearer for the "Old Rugged Cross."



## INDIA



O. J. Grainger

O. J. Grainger was a missionary to India 1901 to 1927. Mr. Grainger has worked at Harda, Jubbulpore and Mungeli. His service has been evangelistic, educational and literary.

His college work was received at Cotner and Hiram and his A.M. degree was received from Chicago University. Mr. Grainger was on leave of absence the last five years of his service and was connected with the College of Missions.





C. C. Drummond M.D.

Dr. Drummond received both his M.D. and A.B. from Cotner and has had post-graduate work in both New York and Chicago. Going to India in 1897 with his bride, he has rendered unique and outstanding service first at Harda and later at Mahoba. He was decorated by the British government for his service to humanity. Ill health caused the Drummonds to retire from mission service in '26.

Birthday: February 15th.



Mrs. C. C. Drummond

Miss Elizabeth M. Iams, who became Mrs. C. C. Drummond, was educated at Cotner and went out to India as a bride in 1897. A missionary wife and mother makes a beautiful contribution which is difficult to measure and Mrs. Drummond is one of the best.

The children who have blessed this home are Donald, Lois, Clarence, and Helen.

Birthday: August 24th.



Dr. C. C. Drummond ready to visit sick patient



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Olive Griffith

Miss Olive Griffith received her education at the University of Nebraska and at Chicago University. Her service in India dates from 1905 to 1926 and she was stationed at Damoh, Bilaspur, and Jhansi.

Before going to India, Miss Griffith served as State Organizer and Secretary for the C.W.B.M. from 1898 to 1902.

Birthday: July 17th.



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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thomson and three oldest children

Mr. Thomson received his A.B. degree from Cotner in 1914 and Mrs. Thomson her M.D. in 1913. They were married in July 1914 and entered the College of Missions the same fall. They went to India in 1915 and were stationed at Mahoba for the first term and at Hata for the second, until the untimely death

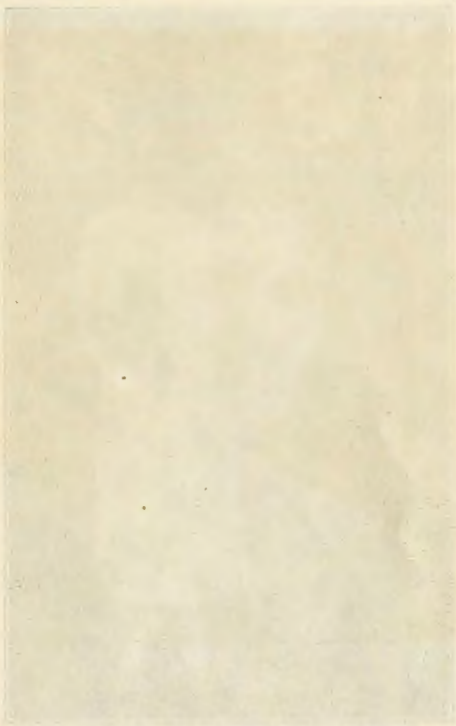
of Mr. Thomson the day before Christmas of 1927. This sad accident caused Dr. Thomson to return at once to the homeland with the five children, Paul, Margaret, Catherine, Alice and Ellen.

The contribution of these consecrated missionaries cannot be estimated. Mr. Thomson was outstanding in his evangelistic work and Dr. Bertha Magnon Thomson, one of the blessings of christianity, a woman doctor in a needy field.



Minta E. Thorp

Miss Thorp graduated from Cotner with the class of 1917 and received further preparation for her work in India, in the College of Missions. On the field she served first at Kulpahar and later at Bilaspur, India. Her term of service was from 1919 to 1924.



A graduate of the University of California, Mr. [Name] was born in [Location] and spent his early years in [Location]. He is a member of the [Organization] and has been active in [Activity]. He is married to [Name] and they have [Number] children.



Mr. and Mrs. Church Smiley of India

Church H. Smiley

A graduate of Cotner with the class of 1919, Mr. Smiley entered the College of Missions the same fall and went out to India in 1921. While in India he married Mrs. Nelle Sloan who was one of our mis-

sionaries there. Coming to America for the first furlough in 1929 was not "coming home" to little David and Betty.

While stationed at Barela, Mr. Smiley's work was evangelistic and at Jubbulpore he was manager of the mission press which has made such a great contribution to Christian work in India.

Birthday: November 22nd.



Mr. and Mrs. Church Smiley and David





Lucile G. Ford

Dedicated, when a baby, to the Lord by her mother who desired her to become a missionary, Miss Ford has carried out her mother's wishes. Her education was received in the public schools of Bethany, Cotner, and the College of Missions. Work in our Children's Orphanage at St. Louis, Missouri prepared her for the orphanage work which she has done so well in India. One year was spent at Harda,

but the major part of her service has been given at Mahoba. She is now at Kulpahar.

Birthday: May 12th.



Lucile Ford with flag given her by Nebraska

Nebraska has presented each out-going missionary with a United States flag. We here see Lucile Ford with hers on the occasion of her first Fourth of July in India.



Miss Ford and some orphanage children at Mahoba



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Ray E. Rice

This "Boy's Man" was born in Iowa. His college work was received at Fairmont College of Wichita, Kansas, the University of Nebraska, College of Missions and Butler College.

To Nebraskans his name is almost synonymous with Damoh, India, where he with Mrs. Rice has labored since 1914. Church Smiley is one of the many young folk who have been inspired to missionary service because of the zeal of Ray Rice.

Mr. Rice once said to students in Cotner, "If you take your Atlas and place your finger in the exact center of the map of India you will have it on the roof of my house."

Birthday: August 31st.



Merle Thomas Rice

Her college education for mission work was received at University of Nebraska, Chicago University the College of Missions and Butler.

Mrs. Rice has stood shoulder to shoulder with her husband in the great task of rearing and training the great annual family of more than one hundred fifty boys at Damoh, as well as caring for her own home and family. The names of their three children are Donald, Thomas, and Katherine.

Birthday: November 22nd.



Kenneth L. Potee

Mr. Potee went to India in 1921 and was engaged in educational work at Harda and later at Nagpur in Hislop Collegiate High School. He has the ability to attract and hold people and this is a great helping factor in his work. Born in London, Ohio, he received his common school education at Great Falls, Montana, graduated from Cotner in 1919 and College of Missions in 1919. In 1920 he married Miss Esther Gale who was also preparing for mission service. They have three children.

Birthady: July 18th.



## JAPAN



Fred Hagin

Missionary to Japan, 1900-1921. He attended Cotner but is a graduate of Eureka. He was the one who began the work at Hachiji's Island and did much to interest Americans in the institutional church in East Tokyo. His boyhood home was Ansley.



Ira D. Crewdson

Born at Woodbine, Iowa, February 19th. Education received in Woodbine public schools, Cotner College and College of Missions. Graduated from Cotner in class of 1919.

He went to Japan in 1922 and was stationed at Osaka for first term. Now on his second term he is stationed at Fukushima.

Mrs. Crewdson is a Michigan girl and a Hiram graduate.



Crewdsons and the "Dendo Jidosha"

Ira D. Crewdson, Luella M. Crewdson, Kenneth, Donald and Glen. The Chevrolet sedan is the gift of the Nebraska people.



## MEXICO



Miss Hallie Lemon

Mexico claims this winsome young woman since her advent into that neighbor country in 1920. Stationed at Aguascalientes she has served in this field, her work being with little children.

She received her A.B. from Cotner College with the class of 1915, further work was done at the College of Missions.

Birthday: October 19th.

### Harriett Elizabeth Young.

Miss Young, whose specialty is music, graduated from Cotner with the 1919 class. Her first work was in the home fields of San Antonio and Southern Christian Institute.

In 1926 she was stationed at San Louis Potasi. At present she is in the new school at Charcas.

Birthday: February 5th.

## PHILIPPINES

C. L. Pickett M.D. and Leta Majors Pickett M.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett received degrees from Drake and from Creighton Medical School. They went to the Philippine Islands in 1903 and built up the splendid hospital work at Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

Young Filipinos of Dr. Pickett's Bible Class have become governors of provinces, members of the Philippine legislature and the treasury department of the government, doctors, university professors, etc. More than a hundred of this class are now in America attending college.

Mrs. Pickett was a blessing to the Islands with her medical skill and training of nurses. She was one of the three Majors sisters who became missionaries. Her untimely death occurred October 1928.



Dr. and Mrs. Pickett and family



Dale Irene Ellis

Miss Ellis received her A.B. from Cotner in 1916. She taught in Nebraska High Schools before going to Laoag, Ilocos Norte, P.I. in 1920. Her father's illness and subsequent death caused her to ask for extended leave of absence and during the five years in the homeland she taught for three years in Cotner and served as Dean of Women the last two years. Returning to her beloved Philippines in July 1929 she is now stationed at Manila and serving as mission treasurer.

Birthday: March 14th.







Paul D. Kennedy

Claimed by both Kansas and Nebraska, Mr. Kennedy has been a credit to both states in his work at Laoag and the surrounding field. He went to the field in 1922.

He graduated from Cotner in 1920 and has had further special work at College of Missions and Kennedy School of Missions.

Birthday: March 7th.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy and three children .

### Alletta Brokaw Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy, with her husband and small daughter Margaret and baby son Paul, went to the Philippine Islands in 1922. Jean Rizala came to brighten their home at Laoag during their first term of service. Little Robert Dean arrived on November 12, 1929.

As a member of the class of 1919 she received her A.B. from Cotner and also took further work at College of Missions.

Birthday: January 22nd.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Fey

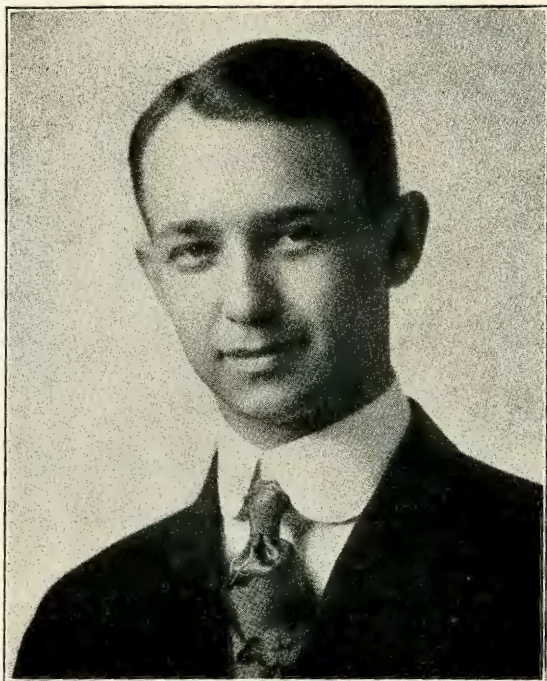
Going to Manila, Philippine Islands, the Feys were able to begin their work at once. Mr. Fey teaches in the Union Seminary and preaches for the Taft Avenue Student Church.

Mr. Fey graduated from Cotner with the class of 1922 and Mrs. Fey with the class of 1925. The Feys served the church at Hastings previous to their departure for the mission field in June 1929.

The Junior missionary is called Russell.



## SOUTH AMERICA



Robert B. Lemmon

Stationed for the first term at Buenos Aires and the second at Asuncion, this Nebraskan can rightfully be called a good missionary. He received his A.B. from Cotner in 1912 and went to South America in 1917.

Birthday: November 28th.





Mary Hilton Lemmon

Mrs. Lemmon was a member of the same class in college as her husband and received her degree in 1912. With devout missionary parents it is no wonder that she became a missionary.

Birthday: February 6th.





Robert and John Lemmon

The Lemmon's three children are named John, Robert and Martha Ellen. Each was born in a different country. Martha Ellen does not appear with her brothers in this picture.

Agnes Irene Fishbach

Miss Fishbach, the newest of our Nebraska missionaries, went to the field in November 1929. She is stationed in Asuncion, Paraguay, S. A. Her education was received in the Beatrice schools, Cotner, University of Colorado, California Christian and Kennedy School of Missions. Her work is educational.

Birthday: November 13th.

## HOME MISSIONS



Bertha Downing

Previous to going to Livingston, Kentucky, as a teacher in our school there, Miss Downing was a teacher in the Beaver City schools and an over-seas worker. She received her A.B. from the University of Nebraska and taught at Livingston 1919-1924.

### Lola B. Raver

Miss Raver is the fifth member of the class of 1922 to realize the dream of Student Volunteer days in Cotner. She went to the College of Missions in the fall of 1922 and was at one time under appointment to foreign work. After a successful teaching experience she has joined the Home Missions forces beginning her work at Southern Christian Institute in the fall of 1928.

### Miss Vena Clark

Miss Clark is an Iowa girl, but received her A.B. degree from Cotner with the class of 1925. She has a winning personality and ability as a teacher of mathematics. With the fall of 1929 Miss Clark took up her work as a teacher at Southern Christian Institute.

## SECRETARIES



Mrs. Calla Scott Willard



Miss Cora E. Hemry





Mrs. E. M. Johnson

## RETIRED MISSIONARIES

Caroline Vermillion Ritchey	Nanking, China,	1920-27
Dr. Frank Wilmot	Nanking, China,	1919-27
Ethel Ranney Wilmot	Nanking, China,	1919-27
Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Alton	Porto Rico and Mexico	
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mellinger	Mexico	
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Perry	Bayamon, Porto Rico	1919-27
W. A. Dobson, Deceased	Bayamon, Porto Rico,	1907-09
Mrs. Mary A. Dobson	Bayamon, Porto Rico,	1907-09
H. G. Wilkinson	Bayamon, Porto Rico,	1903-07
Rose Bush Wilkinson, Deceased	Bayamon, Porto Rico,	1903-07
Consuelo Perez-Guerra Beau- champ	Bayamon, Porto Rico,	1922-27
Leland Emerson	Batang, West China,	1924-26
Clara Dill, Deceased	Livingston, Tennessee	
Isola M. Curry	Livingston, Tennessee,	1926-27
J. H. Bicknell	England	
Burton Davies	Canada	
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Child	San Antonio, Texas, (Mexican Institute)	

## STATE PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Charles L. Schell	}	1884-1888
Mrs. N. B. Alley		
Miss Nina Gage		1888-1889
Mrs. W. P. Aylsworth		1888-1889
Mrs. Alice Hemry		1890-1898
Mrs. Minnie G. Himes		1898-1900
Mrs. J. S. McCleery		1900-1909
Mrs. E. G. Jones		1909-1918
Mrs. Henry Fishbach		1918-1921
Mrs. J. C. Wilson		1921-1923
Mrs. E. M. Johnson		1923-1924
Mrs. E. G. Jones		1924-1927
Mrs. J. W. Lanning		1927-1929
Mrs. L. W. Neumann		1929-

## SECRETARIES

Mrs. N. B. Alley	}	1884-1888
Mrs. Eli Fisher		
Mrs. W. P. Aylsworth		1889-1889
Mrs. W. A. Collins		1889-1892
Miss Nannie Clayton		1892-1895
*Miss Annette Newcomer		1895-1897
Mrs. Minnie G. Himes		1897-1898
Miss Olive Griffith		1898-1902
Mrs. Calla Scott Willard		1902-1915
Miss Cora E. Hemry		1915-1924
Mrs. E. M. Johnson		1924-1926
Miss Mary E. White		1926-

\*Miss Annette Newcomer had been State Organizer since 1891.

REPORT

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the membership of the Society since the last meeting of the Council. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of their surnames.

Mr. A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.

The names of the persons who have been admitted to the membership of the Society since the last meeting of the Council are as follows:

Mr. A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.

## A TRIBUTE

*To the Mothers and Fathers of our Missionaries*

(Melody—A Perfect Day)

When we come to this hour in this perfect day,  
And we think of friends far and near,  
We now sing their praise as we tribute pay  
To these mothers and fathers here.  
They have toiled, they have prayed, all the long years through,  
They've oft known the pain of loss,  
But they cling in faith to that friend so true,  
Who once bore for them His cross.

Though miles stretch between them and those they love,  
Though their eyes oft are dimmed with tears,  
Still they hear His voice from the realms above,  
And it drives far away their fears.  
May God bless each one through the future days,  
We pray ere we say adieu,  
Then when life's day is past, His dear name we'll praise,  
In that land where all dreams come true.

—Mrs. Carrol O. Stuckenbruck.

