

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, SYNOD OF OKLAHOMA*

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In compiling this history of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Oklahoma, the writer is taking a retrospective view of events covering a period of thirty-two years, having been associated with the organization in various capacities during this time.

The background of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Oklahoma is unique, differing from any other Synod in the General Assembly, and it is a factor in the progress of the church which is the purpose for its creation and perpetuation.

Oklahoma has three races: a large percentage of Indians, some negroes and a predominance of whites. Oklahoma was given to the Indians and was opened in four different sections to white settlement. These settlers came from every state in the Union, so each community was cosmopolitan in its composition, in church affiliation as in other aspects, and every church membership was composed of people from several denominations. Even today there is a lack of knowledge of church history and doctrine. Thus speakers at Presbyterian and Synodical meetings, representatives of the church committees, brought much information and literature to the women. The missionaries, who not only spoke at meetings, but for years visited most of the churches in the Synod while here, had an incalculable influence in spreading knowledge of the missionary work of the church and inspiration to forward the work.

Many did not affiliate with any church, so Oklahoma had eight-five percent of its population unchurched forty years after its opening to white settlement.

Many witnesses can be found among those touched by the Presbyterian Church U. S. to testify that the Woman's Auxiliary has been a tool used of God to enlighten and foster spiritual development in their lives.

Mangum Presbytery, formerly attached to Texas, and other churches obtained from the Dutch Reform Church Board in 1911 from the Mangum Presbytery of Oklahoma. Some churches had no members who had previously been members of the Presbyterian

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Church U. S. It was a struggle to lead Missionary Societies into the large field of Auxiliary work.

Three months after the four Executive Secretaries of the church, the Synodical Presidents, and other representative women met at the Alba Hotel, Montreat, North Carolina, to perfect the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church U. S., nineteen women responded to a call to meet in Central Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, November 14, 1912, for the purpose of organizing the Oklahoma Synodical Auxiliary. Mrs. H. P. Winsborough, Superintendent of Woman's Work, accepted an invitation to attend this meeting and under her direction the organization was effected.

Since three Presbyterial organizations were required before a Synodical could be formed, Mangum Presbyterial was organized as the first step. Indian Presbyterial had been in existence for many years and Durant Presbyterial was organized previously.

Mrs. Winsborough acted as temporary chairman and a motion prevailed that the delegates present from Mangum and Durant Presbyterials go into the permanent organization of Oklahoma Synodical and that a cordial invitation be extended to Indian Presbyterial to join the Synodical organization. A Constitution and By Laws were then adopted.

Mrs. Winsborough clearly outlined the Woman's Work in the church. Officers were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Kib Warren, Shawnee; *Vice Presidents*—Mrs. A. L. Payne, Waupanucka, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Shawnee; *Recording Secretary*—Mrs. L. Fountain; *Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. J. Rowland, Shawnee; *Treasurer*—Mrs. A. L. Payne; *Secretary of Foreign Missions*—Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh, Bennington; *Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions*—Mrs. Wallace, Hugo; *Secretary of Young People and S. S. Work*—Miss Catherine Wauchope, Durant (now Mrs. J. L. Read, Norman); *Secretary of C.E.&M.R.*—Mrs. Maria Moseley, Bromide; *Secretary of Local Home Missions*—Mrs. D. T. Dunlop, Gotebo; *Secretary of Literature*—Mrs. E. L. Wilson, Oklahoma City.

The Executive Board held a meeting in Shawnee, November 10, 1913. President Mrs. Kib Warren, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Mrs. J. Rowland and Mrs. A. L. Payne were present. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a Secretary of Y. P. & S. S. work to fill the office vacated by Miss Wauchope's resignation and to discuss the progress of the Synodical.

Mrs. Warren visited the Presbyterial Meetings and set the machinery of the Synodical in motion through the Presbyterial and local Auxiliaries. Development was slow and June 5, 1914

the Executive Committee met in Durant. It was decided to have a meeting of Synodical the next year with Synod. Those present were Mrs. Kib Warren, President, Mrs. J. M. Clark of Mangum Presbyterial, Mrs. C. C. Anderson and Mrs. Payne of Durant Presbyterial and Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh of Indian Presbyterial.

The second annual meeting of Synodical was held in Coalgate, October 28-29, 1915, with every Synodical officer present and Mrs. Winsborough also attended. This was a long stride forward. Mrs. Kib Warren financed these first meetings, even to paying the delegates expenses. This was a time of testing, of trial by fire, for the new Synodical and called for sacrifice and real devotion on the part of the officers, but these pioneer women were equal to the demands. Many of the first officers elected did not serve and this was an added burden upon the president. The big question at this time was how to bring the work before the women of the church and to get them interested. A prayer circle was formed to ask Divine guidance and help. It was decided to promote the use of Mission Study books. The need of a systematic and proportionate financial program was evident so it was decided to make a budget to cover Synodical expenses and to ask each Presbyterial to supply its relative quota. The following report was given:

"Two years ago at Oklahoma City the Synodical was organized. The representation at the organization meeting was small, one from Durant Presbyterial, none from Indian Presbyterial. Four Societies which had that very day organized the Mangum Presbyterial, represented the youngest daughter. The outlook was far from encouraging and the officers elected to carry on the work undertook the heavy task realizing that only entire dependence on our Heavenly Father could solve the many problems awaiting them. The results in these two years are most encouraging. Mangum has seventeen Societies enrolled with a total of 320 members who gave to all causes of the church a total of \$929.00. They enrolled sixty-one new members.

The women of Indian Presbyterial are beginning to understand the Auxiliary plan and to adopt it. They have had the Constitution for Presbyterial and local societies translated into Choctaw by Rev. Silas Bacon. Eleven societies of this Presbyterial have 175 members and have contributed to all causes of the church \$432.00.

Durant Presbyterial has thirteen societies but only four sent in reports which contributed \$522.00 to all causes. To summarize, there are fifty-four societies in Synodical. Gifts equalled \$1883.00. We earnestly request our pastors to cooperate with us in helpful sympathy and prayer."

Mrs. Warren was reelected President, but later on account of ill health resigned. Mrs. Winsborough called a meeting in Oklahoma City to fill the vacancy. Mrs. G. T. Ralls of Coalgate was elected President and Mrs. Wade Boggs of Shawnee Secretary. Mrs. Boggs was unable to serve, so Mrs. H. B. Sears of Shawnee was appointed to fill the office. Mrs. J. J. Read of Wapanucka

was elected first Historian. In the third year of work the fifty-four auxiliaries reporting were the largest number in the history of the Synodical to 1946.

In 1917 Mrs. Ralls conceived the idea of having a summer Conference. This was while World War I was in progress. She called a meeting of the Executive Board in March 1918. Mrs. John Scott Johnson, Mrs. R. W. Calhoon, President of Mangum Presbyterial, Mrs. G. T. Ralls and some of the local women met in the home of Mrs. H. B. Sears and the Encampment was born. It was held at Price's Falls on the grounds owned by the Oklahoma Baptists in July with a good representation. There were only two buildings on the grounds, so most of the people lived in tents and all cooked over camp fires. Mrs. Ralls was ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Sears in the management. Attendance was eighty-seven. The Synodical financed the first meeting. A permanent organization was formed, known as the Oklahoma Presbyterian Assembly, under the control of Synod.

The second year two more buildings were erected including a kitchen and dining room. The stove was a huge wood stove and the women took turns in cooking in groups of four. It was then that Mrs. Ralls introduced her famous Fritters which were produced by the dish pan full.

Mr. Sears acted as Business Manager and arranged for food and fuel supplies. He served for six years until they left the church bounds. Quoting from *Oklahoma Trails*, "Mr. and Mrs. Sears were both blessed with executive ability, zeal and piety and served the cause of Presbyterianism in Oklahoma in a splendid way."

The attendance grew from year to year until it reached 160. The Executive Committees of the Church were generous in sending representatives to help in the programs of the Encampment.

The Synodical meeting was held in Shawnee in October 1916 with a fair representation of the Auxiliaries of the Synod. Mrs. Winsborough attended this meeting. In 1917 the meeting was held at Durant, Oklahoma. Oklahoma City Central Church entertained the Synodical in 1918. In 1919 the meeting was held in conjunction with the Encampment at Falls Creeks, near Davis, Oklahoma.

In 1920 the Lawton, Beal Heights Church was hostess to the Synodical. Mrs. R. W. Calhoon of Gotebo was elected President and Mrs. Ross Frazier, Secretary. Mrs. Maria Moseley, President of Indian Presbyterial, attended this meeting. This year Mrs. Winsborough made a trip to the mission stations of Latin America. She went as General Assembly's representative to gain knowledge of the work in these fields to give information and inspiration to the church at large. Mrs. C. E. Everts, Gulfport, Miss., field

worker for the Woman's Auxiliary, visited Auxiliaries of Oklahoma. Due to illness the President was not able to attend Presbyterian meetings but attended Woman's Advisory Council Meeting and School of Missions. This year some forward steps were taken in the W. A. C. to unify the programs and work of the auxiliaries. Standard constitutions for Synodical, Presbyterian and Local Auxiliaries were adopted, also a standard of Excellence and those who attained 100% of the points listed were designated as gold star auxiliaries. This plan served its purpose to promote a well balanced program and giving for a number of years and was adopted and followed with gratifying results by the auxiliaries of Oklahoma. The Synodical Constitution was also adopted by Oklahoma.

The ninth annual session of Synodical convened in Indian Presbyterian for the first time October 18, 1921. Eight of the fourteen officers and other delegates were present although Bennington is in the extreme southeast corner of the state. Mrs. W. L. Hickman, Texarkana, Texas contributed much to the meetings by her talks and counsel. Rev. and Mrs. A. C. McKinnon of Luebo, Africa were also guests and Rev. McKinnon's address on "The Dark Continent" was enjoyed by a large audience.

The Synodical expressed its interest in Oklahoma Presbyterian College by contributing the Encampment surplus fund to girls who were willing to work in the dining room for their board. All the Executive officers were re-elected to serve one year. This year the Synodical was pleased to have its own stationery with officers' names, another step was to have its minutes printed. Synod generously offered to have them printed with their minutes and Synodical pay the extra expense incurred. This plan continued until 1930.

The tenth annual session of Oklahoma Synodical convened at Shawnee, Oklahoma October 10, 1922 with a gratifying attendance. The delegates and visitors represented a large number of auxiliaries and the Executive Committees representatives included Dr. and Mrs. H. McCallie of Korea, Miss Charlotte Jackson, field worker for the Committee of C. E. & M. R. who contributed much to the program in various ways and Dr. S. L. Morris of the Home Missions Committee, Dr. J. W. Moseley Jr., Synod's Chairman of Woman's Work, delivered a fine address on Presbyterian Progressive Program, Miss Ruth McBride, State Distributor for Korean Mission Handwork, had a display and sold many beautiful articles.

The constitution was amended providing for the election of officers in two groups each to serve for two years and one group to be elected each year. This year the idea of a birthday offer-

ing by all auxiliaries to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary was conceived by Mrs. H. P. Winsborough, Superintendent of Woman's Work, while visiting Miss Annie Dowd's School in Japan. The response was generous and \$28,168.57 were given to build a school in Japan to supplant the inadequate one to which Miss Dowd had given so many years' service, and \$2,075 were given to erect a gate and lodge at the entrance to Montreat. Oklahoma Synodical responded to the call but due to the dire need of the work of Synodical, one half of the funds were retained for that purpose. Closer contact with Indian Presbyterial and the understanding strengthened by the attendance of the Presbyterial at Synodical enabled them to conform in a greater degree to the Auxiliary plan, undertake more lines of work and send more complete reports. The President was called home from W. A. C. by her mother's illness.

The place for the meeting of the Synodical was changed to a joint meeting with Synod to be held at Prices Falls, in an Executive Board meeting held at Oklahoma City in the home of Mrs. Travis. The plan to retain 50% of the birthday fund collected for Oklahoma use was again decided upon and the Birthday Mexican Fiesta program to be supplemented by material presenting the work of Oklahoma Synodical and the President was instructed to prepare a supplement to present local needs. This plan was adopted as the years expenditures exceeded the amount received from the Presbyterials as contingent fees by about 30%. However the per capita for contingent fee was raised to fifty cents instead of twenty-five cents.

This year also it was decided at the W. A. C. to count every woman member of the church a member of the Auxiliary. This met some opposition but was adopted. Group conferences had their beginning but only one was held, that in Mangum Presbyterial. White Cross work was begun, which is the sending of supplies to the Mission Hospitals by the auxiliaries.

Synodical meeting with Synod at Oklahoma Presbyterian Assembly gave opportunity to hear many fine speakers. The President by much persuasion was able to get Miss Carrie Lee Campbell as a speaker and she was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Synodical gave a Mexican Fiesta for the children, with candles and small gifts, Rev. J. H. Wray, missionary from Mexico, assisted. Stunt night in which the men, women and young people joined was a scene of much merriment. \$10.00 were given to Indian Presbyterial for field work. A reception was held for Synodical and all Encampment visitors. Miss Campbell said she had never seen greater devotion, more intense heat and inconveniences.

O. P. C., Durant was hostess to the Synodical during its twelfth annual meeting, October 9-10, 1924. Mrs. L. Fountain was elected

President. The faculty and students contributed much to the program in the way of music and a pageant. Mrs. H. B. Sears resigned as Vice President at large as she had moved to Stillwater where there is no Presbyterian U. S. Church. This was a distinct loss. Mrs. Sears had served in many capacities and always abounded in enthusiasm and love of the work.

The President was presented with a lovely bouquet of roses by the incoming President at the closing meeting of Synodical.

Mrs. L. Fountain assumed the duties of President of the Synodical Auxiliary October 9, 1924. Mrs. Fountain was at the meeting when the Synodical of Oklahoma was organized in 1912 and had kept in close touch with the work continuously through active service in various capacities. She was serving as President of Durant Presbyterial at the time of her election as Synodical President. The year witnessed the development of Group Conferences which brought many women in touch with leaders and members of other Auxiliaries. These meetings were both informational and inspirational.

The Synodical recommended the Big Sister Movement adopted by the W. A. C. and that the stronger auxiliaries help the new and weaker ones. Miss Charlotte Jackson from the C. E. & M. R. Committee office spent some time visiting auxiliaries and young people's groups. The Presbyterial presidents planned her itinerary in their respective territories.

Synodical meeting was held in Beal Heights Church, Lawton, October 21-24, 1925. Mrs. H. L. Cockerham attended this meeting through the courtesy of the Home Mission Committee and proved a most resourceful person; she gave an address on "Home Missions", reviewed the Home Mission Study Book, "Out of the Wilderness", presented her plan for "Building of the Auxiliary" and conducted a devotional service. Mrs. Cockerham could do this because she combines consecration, thorough knowledge, human sympathy and understanding with a sense of humor. Rev. J. W. Allen, missionary to Africa, was speaker for the closing session and presented the appeal of Africa in a way to arouse the interest of his hearers, in the work in the Congo. He also showed specimens of the native's handwork and other curios which gave an insight into the life and habits of the natives.

The Beal Heights Auxiliary presented a drama "Oh, Doctor" showing the need for support for the various church causes through the auxiliary budget. The Historian, Mrs. S. B. Springs, reported the creation of a Christian Endeavor district, composed of Choctaw, Pushmataha and McCurtain counties in the fall of 1924 known as the "Baby District". A separate Conference for Young People within the Synod was planned during the Encampment at Falls Creek.

Reports indicate an increase in gifts, Prayer Bands, Mission and Bible Study Classes, but there was a decline in some other objectives.

In the years 1925-1926 a gratifying increase in membership was reported. In volunteers for Life Service, Oklahoma ranked sixth in the Assembly. There were also more Foreign Mission Study classes.

The outstanding achievement was the securing of the Auxiliary Birthday Gift to endow a Bible Chair for Oklahoma Presbyterian College. Our President, Mrs. L. Fountain, in the name of the Oklahoma Synodical, offered to give a dollar for each dollar given by the other Synodicals. The women of the Auxiliary were urged to give one dollar each, and almost reached the goal. The full-blood Indians of the state were also solicited and in response pledged about \$25,000. These donors were not Presbyterians but appreciated the work O. P. C. is doing. The total gift was \$42,573.79.

Mrs. H. P. Winsborough, Superintendent of Woman's Work, recommended that each Synodical finance and edit a history of the Presbyterian Church within its jurisdiction. It was decided to postpone this project until next year as the time was not sufficient to prepare a satisfactory history for the current year.

The annual Synodical meeting was held in Goodland, October 21-22, 1926. Mr. J. E. Watts, President of the Southwest School and Home at Itasca, Texas, gave a report of the conditions and progress of the school. Oklahoma has a responsibility for this school to which it contributes.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of this year was the publication of the book, "Oklahoma Trails", compiled and edited by Mrs. G. T. Ralls. A number of church leaders contributed to this historical collection which covered all phases of the church work and will remain a valuable possession of Oklahoma Presbyterians. For the edition of this book, Mrs. Ralls was enrolled among the "Who's Who in Oklahoma".

The Executive Committee of Synodical cooperated with Synod in promoting the "Laymen's Convention" held in Oklahoma City. A successful Young Peoples Conference was held at Falls Creek in July. The promotion of Daily Vacation Bible Schools was the outgrowth of a recognized need and some successful schools were reported.

Mrs. Winsborough planned to attend this meeting, but through a mistake in a Western Union message, was not able to make the trip. By a change in the By-Laws, Art. II, Section I reads: "No

member shall be eligible to the same office more than two times successively."

The missionary speaker this year was Mrs. C. H. Smith from our China Mission. She pictured the life and need of the Chinese and made a strong appeal for the prayers and gifts of the women of the church. Mrs. Fountain, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest School and Home, gave instances of boys and girls who had finished high school and entered into successful careers. The Encampment was held this year at Boulder in the Wichita Mountains Preserve with an attendance of 150. Synodical requested Synod to continue the Encampment.

The Synodical Meeting was held in Mahota Memorial Church of Marietta, October 25-26, 1927. Miss Elizabeth Harnsberger conducted the Bible Hour periods. Miss Nancy White represented the Assembly's Home Mission Committee and presented the program and needs of that branch of the church work. Miss White also gave helpful talks on Auxiliary methods. An historical pageant, "Glimpses of the Past", written and directed by Mrs. Dave Stovall, was a feature of an evening program. Dr. C. D. Fulton's address on Mission work in Japan was a high light of the program.

A knowledge of the need for hospital supplies in foreign mission fields led to the establishment of "White Cross Work" in the Auxiliary. The hospitals were assigned to the Synodicals and sent lists of their needs. This was a heaven sent idea. It brings our women nearer the mission fields than any other method. Oklahoma Synodical fell into line and some supplies were sent to the foreign field. Mrs. Dave Stovall presented the Synodical President, Mrs. Fountain, with a gavel made of laurel wood from Montreat, on behalf of Durant Presbyterial. The President recommended:

"That we forget what we have done for other people and remember what other people have done for us; ignore what the world owes us and think what we owe the world; put our rights in the background, and our duties in the middle distance and our chance to do more in the foreground. Trim our lamps so they will give more light and less smoke; to make a grave for our ugly thoughts and a garden for our kindly feelings with the gate open".

Mrs. W. B. Morrison had charge of our Oklahoma Training School this year which was held at Falls Creek, July 24-August 2, 1927. Credits were offered to adults in Bible and Mission Study Classes. Dr. Long taught Bible Classes and Miss Van De Vanter taught Missions. Miss Dorothy Fincher became a Young Peoples Area Worker in Oklahoma and Mangum Presbyterial assumed a partial support for this worthy cause. Durant Presbyterial pledged funds to support a Bible woman in Korea and also to aid a mission worker in our own state. Indian Presbytery held their sum-

mer conference at Cherokee Lake and both men and women studied *Oklahoma Trails*. Miss Dorothy Fincher was in charge of the Young People's conference at the same place. One new auxiliary was organized in Indian Presbytery.

The Civil War in China, which caused the withdrawal of many missionaries in China, was subsiding and 100 of the 176 missionaries had returned to their fields. Our White Cross Supplies amounting to \$96.37 were sent to Korea.

The Oklahoma Synodical became conscious of the value of collecting and preserving historical data and records. The Historian, Mrs. E. L. Pitchlyn, corresponded with Mrs. Earl Fowler and Dr. S. M. Tenney, Curator for the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of America and began the process of collecting and depositing in the Foundation, histories of local Churches and Auxiliaries, Presbyterials and the Synodical.

Mangum Presbyterial was represented at the Summer School of Missions by its President, Mrs. J. P. Stewart. The Presbyterial decided to send its President to this school once during her term of office.

A total of four new Auxiliaries was added to the roll of this year, Oklahoma Synodical stood at the top of the list in per capita gifts.

The annual meeting convened in Central Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, October 16-18, 1928. Miss Dorothy Fincher had charge of the Bible Hour. As Synod was also meeting in Oklahoma City, the Synodical joined them in the evening service when Dr. S. L. Morris of th Home Missions Committee gave the address of the evening. This closed Mrs. L. Fountain's term of office and Mrs. Wilbur Garvin of Lawton was chosen as her successor. The Synodical presented Mrs. Fountain with a fountain pen and pencil as a token of their appreciation of her faithful service.

When Mrs. Wilbur Garvin of Lawton assumed the duties of President, she was imbued with a great love for the work and faithfulness to her responsibilities. In the spring of 1929 she attended the meeting of Indian Presbyterial at Cold Springs. A group of the women were talking and smiling and they decided on a name for Mrs. Garvin. It was "Mineo Cheta", which means, "Big Queen". Mrs. Garvin was a big woman and the name was given affectionately. This was her name to them as long as she served.

The Synodical contributed \$50.00 in money as well as its service to the Encampment this year. The Training School Department was in charge of Mrs. L. Fountain. We lead all Synodicals in our per capita gift of \$18.00.

Mangum Presbyterial pledged \$175.00 to the support of Miss Dorothy Fincher as Young People's Worker in Oklahoma. Two Auxiliaries of this Presbytery, which had not been active, were reorganized and a new Church and Auxiliary were organized at Carnegie, Oklahoma.

The Annual meeting was held at Hugo in October, 1929. Miss Mary Bittinger had charge of the Bible Hour. Miss Dorothy Fincher gave an encouraging report of her work. Rev. W. A. Rolle, Superintendent of Home Missions in Oklahoma, gave an address on Home Missions. Mr. J. E. Watts brought a message from the Southwest School and Home at Itasca, Texas. He reported that Oklahoma had five children in the school. Dr. Tenney's request for historical material to be sent to Montreat was presented and a motion was made to comply with his request.

Rev. Conway Wharton, missionary to Africa, gave a report of the work and conditions in the Congo. He said that where Livingston and Stanley first camped, there is a church of 30,000 people. Mrs. Fred Hancock, former missionary to China, but whose husband is now a pastor in Oklahoma, gave an enlightening talk on China.

There were 30 Auxiliaries reported in Oklahoma this year and the membership was increased. A new Auxiliary was organized at Duncan.

The President of Durant Presbyterial, Mrs. W. B. Morrison, and Mrs. Wilbur Garvin attended the Montreat Conference.

A new venture in Mangum Presbytery was the establishment of the Oklahoma Student's Center for Mexican Young People, in the Manse of Central Presbyterian Church. It was supported largely by Central Church. Rev. and Mrs. James Wray, former missionaries to Mexico, brought a group of Mexican young people with them when they returned to the United States and have been responsible for their maintenance. They attended various schools and colleges.

Indian Presbyterial continued its Encampment at Cherokee Lake and admitted Dr. John Crockett and Dr. W. A. Rolle into the Choctaw Tribe. Mr. S. B. Spring, who was Superintendent of Goodland Indian Orphanage, passed away in April. He was instrumental in the erection of several new buildings on the campus and the addition of valuable land. His wife served as historian for Synodical for several years. The old log cabin home of Governor Basil LeFlore, first Governor of the Choctaw Nation, was moved to the Campus to be used as an historical museum.

Mrs. Fred Hancock was Chairman of the Training School at Price's Falls in July. A well organized curriculum was prepared.

Dr. Alexander of Dallas, Texas, taught the Bible Course. Mr. Craig taught Stewardship. Mrs. W. B. Morrison conducted the Missions classes.

Beal Heights Lawton Church entertained Synodical October 7-9, 1930. The innovation of this year was the issuance of the minutes of Synodical independent of Synod. They were type-written and were the result of much effort, but it was a step forward. Miss Irene Hope Hudson visited Young People's organizations and Auxiliaries in Oklahoma under the direction of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. At the meeting of Synod, Mrs. G. T. Ralls was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Austin College at Sherman, Texas.

The highlight of the Synodical meeting was the presence and guidance of our Secretary of Woman's Work, Miss Janie McGaughey, who lead the devotionals and also gave helpful instruction in various lines. Miss Dorothy Fincher, in her report, expressed her opinion that the Encampment this year was the best one yet held.

Oklahoma Synodical led all Synodicals in five points, namely: per capita gifts to all causes, 50% attendance at Auxiliary Meetings, Home Mission Study Class attendance and per capita gifts to Home Missions and the Birthday Offering. The Synodical presented a scholarship for the Goodland Indian Orphanage to be known as the "Bella McCallum Gibbons Scholarship."

The Annual meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Durant, October 7-8, 1931. Miss Sammy Hogue led the Bible Study Hour. Rev. and Mrs. Lardner Moore, missionaries to Japan and former Oklahomans, both contributed to the meetings by their talks on Japan.

Two Indian boys, products of Goodland, entered Austin Seminary and the Synodical gave \$50 to their support. A new plan for Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reports was recommended by the Woman's Advisory Committee and was adopted by the Synodical. The Presbyterial Secretary of C. E. & M. R. would choose the best five reports sent to her and send to Synodical Secretary of that Cause. She in turn would select the best one in each Presbyterial and send to Miss Irene Hope Hudson. A committee would choose the best one from each Synodical and it would be presented at the Auxiliary Training School at Montreat.

Indian Presbytery presented Dr. R. C. Anderson, of Montreat, with a large bow and arrow and they were placed over the fireplace in the lobby of Assembly Inn. A similar presentation was made to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Currie as a wedding gift. Mrs.

Currie's maiden name was Dorothy Fincher and her marriage meant the loss of her services to Oklahoma. The year saw a new member enter in the person of Miss Sarah Hamilton as teacher at O.P.C. Dr. W. B. Morrison had a gavel made from a piece of wood from the original Le Flore's Governor's mansion and Dr. Firebaugh presented it to the General Assembly.

An outstanding historical incident was the publication of the book, "The Red Man's Trail", by W. B. Morrison which was used as a study book by many Auxiliaries.

Much credit is due the Auxiliary of Bennington for their part in the erection of a new church there.

The Goodland Church was the scene of the 20th annual session of the Synodical, September 27-28, 1932. A great effort was made to have all past Synodical Presidents present, but illness and other causes prevented. Messages were read from most of them, however. Miss Sarah Hamilton conducted the Bible Study periods. Rev. A. R. Craig, missionary to Japan, and a former Oklahoma pastor, delivered the evening address. Goodland school students furnished the music. Dr. H. H. Sweets, Secretary of C. E. & M. R., was a speaker and delivered a stirring address. Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh was elected to succeed Mrs. Garvin as Synodical President.

Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh was the first Synodical President chosen from Indian Presbytery and was well equipped for this service by her years spent in Indian Presbytery as wife of a missionary and her years of service in the Auxiliary, having been one of the group of officers elected at the organization of the Synodical.

The reports indicated a growth in family altars and prayer bands this year. The recipient of our Synodical's White Cross work has been changed and we now send supplies to Luebo, Africa.

Both the Indian Conference at Cherokee Lake and the other at Goodland were helpful and well planned. The Training School, the faculty of which included Rev. H. H. Applegate of Ft. Worth, Texas who taught "Studies in Psalms"; Rev. R. A. Partlow, Sherman, Texas, "Personal Evangelism"; Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, "Auxiliary Methods"; and Mrs. L. Fountain, "Missions," included adults, young people and children.

A new dormitory was built at Cherokee Lake. The plan to give a "Joy Gift", at Christmas to Ministerial Relief was developed which bore fruit for many years.

Mangum Church entertained Synodical October 18-20, 1933. Miss Margaret McMullen conducted the Bible Hour. Dr. R. M. Firebaugh and Mrs. Andrew Bramlett were guest speakers. An unusual number on the program was a song by Mrs. R. M. Fire-

baugh and Mrs. L. A. Lawrence in the Choctaw language. Mrs. Chris Matheson conducted the Devotional periods.

The comparative chart prepared by the Committee on Woman's Work showed that Oklahoma Synodical maintained its high rank in per capita gifts and was also first in attendance and held second place in Christain Social Service Work and in the use of Prayer Calendars. There was an increase in membership and in White Cross Work. The Historian reported better cooperation in the task of collecting data and sending in histories. Foreign Mission Study and Contributions also improved. Mrs. Firebaugh again acted as Chairman for the Training School held at Price's Falls, July 24-August 2. Three credit courses were offered, namely: Bible, Rev. Chris Matheson; Missions, Mrs. Chris Matheson; Auxiliary Methods, Mrs. W. B. Morrison. Dr. W. B. Morrison taught "Church History." Two social features were the Synodical Party and a reception given in honor of the faculty.

The twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Synodical was held at Oklahoma Presbyterian College, October 23-25, 1934. Mrs. T. M. Cunningham, the President of Texas Synodical, was a guest at this meeting and contributed to the program. Miss Amy Robinson conducted the Bible Hour. A unique incident was the visit of the Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Sherman, Texas.

Miss Janie McGaughey, Secretary of Woman's Work, again visited Oklahoma. She addressed the audience on the subject, "Jesus our Guide and King". She also presented Mrs. Firebaugh a diploma showing her completion of twelve units in the Auxiliary Training Course at Montreat. This was a meeting of distinguished visitors. Another was Mrs. J. J. Read, a pioneer missionary and the first Historian of the Synodical. The Goodland Indian girls furnished music for an evening program. Mrs. R. R. Craig directed the closing Bible Study.

The Synodical membership increased again this year, being 958. This was paralleled by an increase in carrying out the programs of the Auxiliary and in gifts. Indian Presbyterial reported a good Conference at Cherokee Lake. Mrs. Firebaugh taught the Bible using "Studies in the Holy Spirit."

The Auxiliaries at St. Matthews and Cold Springs were re-organized. The President, Mrs. Firebaugh, acting with a committee of which Mrs. Chris Matheson was chairman, arranged the program for the Synodical's Training School, which was held in conjunction with the ministers and laymen's Conference at Oklahoma Presbyterian College, June 18-25, 1935. Platform Bible Studies were conducted by Dr. Thos. Currie using "Studies in the Holy Spirit".

Missions, "That Other America", was under the leadership of Miss Edith Foster, missionary to Brazil. Mrs. Chris Matheson taught "Stewardship", and Miss Anne Cameron, "Planning the Good Life". A Leadership Training Class was directed by Miss Frances Shise. Dr. H. H. Sweets, Chairman of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, was also a guest speaker and spent several days at the Conference.

The contingent fee was under discussion and it was decided to base the quota on the giving strength of the Auxiliary rather than on the membership. This was a step toward getting all the women of the church reported and getting away from the idea of fee and thinking in terms of a quota.

The Synodical met again at Goodland, October 22-23, 1935. Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Anderson, of Montgomery, Alabama were guests of the Synodical and both made contributions to the program. Miss Myrtle Williams, Director of Religious Education in Paris Presbytery, Texas, presented that cause. Miss Edith Hodgson of Oklahoma Presbyterian College, conducted the Bible Study. Dr. W. A. Rolle gave an outline of Synod's Work.

The newly ordained Indian Ministers, Rev. Oscar Gardner and Rev. Grady James presented a vivid picture of the life of the Choctaws and their needs. The death of Miss Janie McCaughey's mother was announced.

The year 1935-36 was the Diamond Jubilee Year of our Church. The President of Mangum Presbyterial attended the Auxiliary Training School at Montreat. More White Cross Work was done this year than ever before. Miss Mada I. McCutcheon, missionary to China, attended the Presbyterial meetings and contributed to their programs. Indian Presbyterial invited members of the U. S. A. Church to join in some of their Group Conferences. More Negro Conferences were held this year.

Oklahoma Synodical stood first among the Synodicals in per capita gifts, Prayer Groups and Family Altars. The Annual meeting was held in Shawnee, October 27-28, 1936. Miss Edith Hodgson was Bible Teacher again this year.

Mrs. Kib Warren, first president of the Synodical, was on the program but her mother passed away on that day so the Synodical sent flowers to the home instead of the corsage which was planned to be given to Mrs. Warren.

Rev. Claud Pritchard, Educational Secretary of the Home Mission Committee, was a guest at this meeting and added much to the program by giving two addresses. Four Indian boys from Goodland Orphanage sang a quartet. Their music teacher, Mrs. Dave Stovall, presented the work of the School. Mrs. W. B.

Morrison, Durant, was elected to serve as President for the ensuing four years.

The program of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Oklahoma moved steadily forward during 1938-39 under the leadership of Mrs. W. B. Morrison, as Synodical President. Though the number of Auxiliaries reported (41) and number of members (1089) were the same as last year the officer's reports showed evidence of advance in several fields of endeavor. Those making greatest gains were: "Women enlisted in some study or service," "Business Women's Circles," "White Cross Work and Bible Study," and a new Auxiliary in Indian Presbytery.

Fourteen women attended the Auxiliary Training School at Montreat. Twelve of these took courses for credit. It was gratifying to have the president of the Auxiliary of Indian Presbytery, Mrs. Emet John there. Young People's Work, under the leadership of Miss Evelyn Green, increased in interest. Conferences for negro women were held and splendid results were seen. Both Presbyterial and Synodical Meetings were well attended and outstanding speakers were on the programs. Mrs. Rowena McCutcheon, former Missionary to Africa, and Miss Janie McCaughey, Secretary of Woman's Work made the program unusually attractive and helpful. Miss Margaret Shelby, Missionary to Mexico, was an interesting speaker at the Presbyterial meetings.

The Adult Conference held at Oklahoma Presbyterian College in June 1938, was well attended. Eight of the twelve Auxiliaries of Mangum Presbytery were represented. Mrs. Sarah Lee Timmons taught methods of Auxiliary Work and Dr. Geo. W. Diehl, of Corpus Christi, Texas, taught Bible. Our Synodical President, Mrs. W. B. Morrison was honored by being elected Chairman of the Woman's Advisory Committee for the year. She was privileged to attend the Council of Women for Home Missions in Baltimore and the Post-Madras meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. This was an echo meeting of the World Conference in Madras. The Young people of Indian Presbytery under the leadership of Rev. Oscar Gardner bought a \$25 station share in Paticuare, Mexico, helping in the task of "Running youth around the world to Christ."

Among the many items of news sent in to your Historian for the period 1939-40 there was none more interesting, I think, than a letter from a woman in Indian Presbytery. I had been told that I could get from her a history of her church and so I wrote asking that she send it to me. To this she replied that I had been misinformed. That the history was not complete and probably never would be because of lost data, and added the significant comment that they were not so much concerned about keep-

ing records but they hoped that God was keeping a record of their work. I do not even remember the name of the writer but I think when I reach that General Assembly Above I shall see and know her as she stands with her records which God has kept.

The lady had never a thought, I am sure, that she was contributing to my history and I am afraid I owe her an apology for making this reference, but I am wondering if hers is not the attitude of many of our Oklahoma Auxiliaries—they are planting and watering, trusting God to give the increase—and keep the records. Oklahoma Synodical is most surely advancing—more than the reports disclose—but there is still much unused talent and ability waiting to developed—and “The harvest is white.”

The Young People's Encampment at Craterville in the Wichita Mountains conducted by Miss Evelyn Green, Rev. Baker and other helpers was of untold benefit to those who attended, and sent them home filled with an earnest Christian zeal eager to work in a Young People's organization. How tragic when the home church has no organization to offer them! Let us pray that the time may soon come when every church in our Synod will have a live working Society for our Young People—the future Oklahoma Synod.

The Five Hours of Intensive Bible Study is a real spiritual feast—one that under the direction of earnest, qualified teachers grows in interest each year.

The Vacation Bible School financed this year by the Birthday Offering was a forward step and a revelation to many of our churches, proving ability and powers before unknown. In one of our churches which heretofore had had no Bible School because they felt they had no leaders and no money to bring in outside talent, there was a ten days school with a large attendance and a corps of sixteen instructors and workers, all local talent, and all unpaid! They were a bit afraid when they found that there was no help available at the time it was convenient for them to have the school but Miss Green met with an interested group and gave plans and instructions the week before and the work moved on nicely.

Mrs. Askew's itinerary was most helpful as representatives from almost every auxiliary were privileged to hear her inspirational messages.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall and Rev. R. R. Craig have brought added interest to our work this year with their wholesome suggestions and helps from their reports of the work in the Home Field.

This year marks the closing of a four year term of office for our President, Mrs. Morrison, and as she rounds out her work

she leaves behind an enviable record and one which will be a worthy stimulus for her successor. She has represented our Synodical at Montreat each year, serving the year 1938-39 as chairman of the Woman's Advisory Committee, and in that capacity attended the Council of Women for Home Missions at Baltimore, the Post Madras meeting in Kansas City, and other meetings of interest in various parts of the country. She has kept in close touch with the Synodical by meeting with group conferences and Presbyterials. Her Christ like spirit, earnestness, wholesomeness has been a constant inspiration to her work-fellows.

I watched a workman lay the stones and firmly
mortar them in place
For strong foundation to support some edifice
of stately grace;
And questions idly passed my lips as steadily
he placed the stones:
What was this edifice to be? Or what its use when
it was done?
What of its style? And would it stand with
sturdy doric columns tall?
When would the building be complete with roof
o'er head and windowed wall?
But to my questions he replied with humble mien
"I did not ask.
The architect assigns the work and knows the
plan. "This is my task."
O, soul that restless grows, ask not to know the
finished work—the final goal.
The Architect assigned your task and in His Hand
the plan doth hold.

At the twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Synod of Oklahoma, at Lawton, Mrs. Chris Matheson of Shawnee, was elected President and she served for the three years included in this historical sketch. Co-operant with her as Presbyterial Presidents were: Mrs. T. H. Atkins, Bromide, of Durant Presbytery; and Mrs. J. S. Skaggs, Oklahoma City, of Mangum Presbytery; and Mrs. Frank Hotema, Goodland, of Indian Presbytery.

In 1940, the Second World War was in progress and though the U. S. was not involved, our country was making preparations for such an eventuality. In 1941 we were actually participating in the struggle and this changed the even tenor of life throughout the nation. While many changes necessarily came, the work of the Church was not diminished. Our Missionaries in Asia were compelled to come home, but Home Missions and local expansion assumed greater importance.

In 1940 there were 40 Auxiliaries with a membership of 1,151. In 1943, 37 Auxiliaries reported 1059 members with 80% of these enlisted in some study or service. Four Auxiliaries were lost:

Cordell, of Mangum Presbytery, was transferred to the U. S. A. Board and the Apache Church was sold. Old Bennington of Indian Presbytery and Mead of Durant Presbytery were also lost. However, a new Church was organized in Oklahoma City, called the West Nichols Hills Church, and a thriving Auxiliary has been enrolled there. A steady increase in the number of daily Bible readers, Bible Classes, Prayer Groups, Season of Prayer for both Home and Foreign Missions, with Self-Denial offerings for same are evidence of the interest and service of the women of the church.

Section 3 of Article 2 of the By-Laws of the Auxiliary of the Synod was changed to fix the term of office for all officers except Historian for three years. Oklahoma followed the recommendation of the W. A. C. as did all the Synodical Auxiliaries of the Assembly. The Auxiliaries of the three Presbyteries made similar changes. This year completes the first three-year-term of office in the Synodical. The revised Constitution and By-Laws were printed in the 1942 Minutes.

In July of 1941 the Auxiliary of the Synod financed the expenses of a car to make the trip to Montreat for the Auxiliary Training School. By this means, five Auxiliary members were enabled to attend. Three women went from Oklahoma City, in addition to the President, Mrs. Matheson, and Mrs. W. B. Morrison, member of Committee on Woman's Work. Thus, there were ten women from Oklahoma enrolled with all three Presidents of the Presbyteries present, the largest group to attend.

In 1942 it was impossible to send a car, due to gas restrictions, but two Auxiliary members from Oklahoma City made the trip with the President, Mrs. Chris Matheson and Mrs. W. B. Morrison.

Due to submarine warfare in the Atlantic Ocean, the shipment of White Cross supplies to our Mission in Africa was discontinued in 1941-1942, but in 1942-1943 we were able to send them again.

An increase in interest and promotion of Religious Education in the Synod was evident in the attendance at two Religious Education Institutes held in Durant and Oklahoma City in 1941 and 1942. It was also evident in the large number of Auxiliaries sponsoring Vacation Bible Schools.

In 1943 a meeting planned by Mrs. Matheson and a committee appointed at the Annual Synodical meeting, was held in Norman for Presbyterian Students in the State University. A fine program and a good attendance featured the Student Dinner. A similar meeting was planned for A. and M. College at Stillwater and will be held later. Since there is no Presbyterian U. S. Church in either College center this was a step to keep in touch with our Young People.

Due to the difficulties of travel, it was not expedient to send a car to Montreat, N. C., in 1943, so an Oklahoma Conference was planned by the President, Mrs. Matheson, and an able committee. This was held at O. P. C. in Durant, and was well attended considering the restrictions of the time. There were 114 delegates which included Pioneer, Young People and Adult groups. The program was comprehensive and included such leaders and teachers as: Dr. W. B. Guarrant, Austin College, Sherman, Texas; Miss Amy Robinson, former Missionary to Japan, now at O. P. C.; Miss Wilodine Gisler, O. P. C.; and Miss Verita Barnett, from the Presbyterian Book Store, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

The Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign was loyally supported. The allotment from this fund for building new churches in Oklahoma will greatly strengthen the Church.

Conferences for Negro women were held each year where the Negro population was sufficient to warrant this phase of work. These with the services held for them on the World Day of Prayer each year were greatly appreciated by those reached.

A new venture matured in the giving of two Honorary Life Memberships in 1941 to Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh and to Mrs. W. B. Morrison. In 1942 one was bestowed upon Mrs. Wilbur Garvin and in 1943 Mrs. Chris Matheson, Mrs. G. T. Ralls and Mrs. R. W. Calhoon were the recipients.

The Synodical Auxiliary was glad to have Mrs. S. H. Askew, Field Worker of Committee on Woman's Work, visit all three of our Presbyterial Auxiliaries in April, 1943.

Each year Oklahoma has been 100% in its participation in the Birthday Gift Offering. In 1943, Oklahoma had the largest per capita gift of any Synodical Auxiliary. The total gift of over \$67,000 went for Christian Literature in Mexico.

Oklahoma was honored when Mrs. W. B. Morrison was made a member of the Assembly's Committee on Woman's Work, and Mrs. Chris Matheson was elected Vice Chairman of the Woman's Advisory Committee for the year 1942-43.

Three interesting Annual meetings were held. Their programs were built to advance and to strengthen our cords.

In 1941, Idabel was hostess. Stress was laid on Christian Education with Dr. Henry H. Sweets and Dr. W. B. Guarrant as speakers. Some students from O. P. C. and Goodland conducted a most impressive Worship Service. It was a real joy to have Miss Grace Wisner from the Committee on Woman's Work as speaker and counsellor, and Mrs. Lardner Moore, returned Missionary from Japan. A report of what Montreat meant to them was given by those who attended the Auxiliary Training School.

In 1942 the meeting was held in Talihina, Indian Presbytery, and the guests were served barbecued chicken which is a tradition with Talihina. This year there were two outstanding objectives: The Home Mission Emergency Fund presented by Dr. R. D. Bedinger and the Religious Education Advance by Rev. Thos. B. Gallaher, Regional Director for Texas and Oklahoma. Dr. B. K. Tenney gave a stirring message on Stewardship. The thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the Auxiliary of the Synod of Oklahoma was celebrated, giving "Thirty Years In Review." Five of the eight Presidents gave reminiscences of their terms of service and messages from the other three were read by women associated with them in their work. Rev. Chris Matheson, D. D., who knew all the presidents personally gave a characteristic introduction to each.

Oklahoma City Central Church entertained the Auxiliary in 1943. The high light of this meeting was the emphasis on the Christian Home. Dr. P. H. Carmichael came from Richmond, Va., to deliver the address on the subject, "The Christian Home in World Crisis." Dr. R. P. Richardson, returned Missionary from China, gave a stirring address on conditions in the Far East. Dr. M. E. Melvin gave information on Sunday School Extension in war areas and Miss Ann Pipkin, Area Worker and Miss Elizabeth Becknell, S. S. Extension Worker, spoke on Work in Defense Areas. The hostess church gave a most enjoyable "Musical Dinner" which will long be remembered.

At this meeting Mrs. D. A. Stovall of Hugo, was elected to succeed Mrs. Matheson as President.

Appreciation of Mrs. Chris Matheson's thoroughness in conducting the work of the Synodical Auxiliary to promote its expansion in scope and function in all its branches, her leadership in spirituality and encouragement to those associated with her, was expressed by Mrs. T. H. Atkins when she presented Mrs. Matheson with an Honorary Life Membership.

Interest in collecting historical data and making deposits in the Historical Foundation, Montreat, N. C., increased during these three years. A binder for Indian Presbytery was secured and we now have four binders, one for each Presbytery and one for the Synod. These are steadily being filled. Presbyterian Historians have been active in their work and have added considerably to our contributions to the Foundation. Durant Presbytery sent a Communion Set from the Wapanucka Church. This was the result of several years of endeavor.

The biographies of the eight Presidents of the Auxiliary of the Synod have been placed in our binder and several of the Historians. Data for the complete history has been collected, which will soon be ready for filing.

The war-torn world passed through the most abject suffering and want and the greatest loss of lives in the history of the human race, during this year, April, 1944 to March 1945. Also more was said in radio broadcasts and through the printed page of men calling on God. The women of the Auxiliary of Oklahoma did what their hands found to do, prayed and hoped.

New churches were organized and two new Auxiliaries were added to the Synodical roll. They were Seminole in Durant Presbytery and Westminster of Lawton in Mangum Presbytery. The total membership increased and gifts advanced in greater proportion. The per capita gift was \$9.50. The birthday offering was the highest per capita in the General Assembly.

A Family Conference was held in Durant at Oklahoma Presbyterian College, June 5-9, 1944. The attendance was as good as could be expected under prevailing travel conditions. The instruction and inspiration was well worth the efforts of the President, Mrs. D. A. Stovall and her committee. Indian Presbyterial Meeting conducted by Mrs. Frank Hotema, President, had as an outstanding feature, the dedication of a Woman's Building at Good Springs. They established a Scholarship for Oklahoma Presbyterian College. Mrs. Firebaugh was honored by being invited to be a hostess for the Home Mission Conference at Mountreat.

The new Auxiliary at Seminole was the fruit of the persevering efforts of Mrs. J. C. Gunter, President of Durant Presbyterial and her co-workers.

The church at Antlers was destroyed by fire but plans are maturing to build a new and better church building.

The president of Mangum Presbyterial, Mrs. O. L. Parsons resigned due to the fact that her husband, Dr. Parsons had been taken into Military Service and her family required her time. The Vice-President, Mrs. Marvin Woodworth of Minco assumed the duties of the office and completed a well rounded year's work.

The Historian accepted the responsibility of collecting funds for erecting a new building for the Historical Foundation at Mountreat, North Carolina. The three Presbyterial Historians, Mrs. Geo. Roesler, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Jack Andrews, Holdenville and Mrs. R. M. Firebaugh, Hugo, promoted the campaign in their respective presbyteries. Indian Presbyterial was 100% in giving to this cause and Mrs. Firebaugh was awarded special recognition for her services. The fund was designated, "The Bella McCallum Gibbons Memorial Fund" in recognition of the long and faithful services of this grand Christian woman as wife of a Missionary. She served as Treasurer of Goodland Indian School for many years and

Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Oklahoma and in other capacities in the Synodical.

The Annual Meeting was held in Sulphur October 19-20, 1944. As speakers we list: Dr. C. E. Melvin on Home Mission Emergency Fund, and Miss Anna Farr Pipkin on Sunday School Extension Work in Oklahoma. Miss Edith Hodgson conducted the Worship Services. Rev. J. W. Allen, Missionary from Africa, gave an address on the Congo Mission. This was of special interest since our White Cross supplies are sent there.

Two Life Membership certificates and pins were presented. One to Mrs. Kib Warren, first president of the Synodical and the other to Mrs. L. Fountain the fourth president, now of Paris, Texas.

The Presbyterian meetings were well attended. Women of the Presbyterials conducted the devotional periods and Miss Amy Robinson, Missionary from Japan, gave the Missionary messages.

This closes five years service as Historian for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Oklahoma. During this time, the history of each current year has been prepared and filed in the Historical Foundation, the biographies of the eight past-presidents, all but one of the past historians and material has been collected for the complete history of the Synodical and that manuscript will be filed in the near future.

The work in Oklahoma for the period April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946 has gone forward with courage and earnestness of purpose and we can see proofs of spiritual growth among our women.

One new Auxiliary was organized and officers installed. It was at St. Andrews Church in Oklahoma City, with Rev. Walter Bennett as pastor.

Oklahoma was again 100 percent in giving for the Auxiliary Birthday offering. The per capita gift was the highest of any Synodical in the General Assembly.

The Annual Synodical Meeting was held at Goodland October 25th and 26th, 1945. Mrs. George Floyd Montgomery of Marietta, Georgia, gave the address on Home Missions. The worship services were led by Rev. Coleman Luck with the Goodland School taking part. Mrs. W. B. Morrison, member of Assembly's Committee on Woman's Work, gave our Motto and Challenge. Rev. R. M. Firebaugh, superintendent of Home Missions, Synod of Oklahoma, gave us valuable information. Mrs. Chris Matheson led the Thanksgiving Service for all who served. Rev. Frank Camp of Synod's Committee on Woman's Work, brought a message from that committee.

The Presbyterian Meetings were well attended. Group conferences were held in all three presbyterials with good attendance.

Church Christmas packages were sent to Christian families in the liberated areas of Europe and Asia who had not had Christmas for a number of years.

Reverend and Mrs. William Pruitt and children left for Africa as Missionaries.

Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in many of the local churches, and World Day of Prayer Meetings were conducted.

Three years ago Indian Presbyterian started a fund for O. P. C. named the Melvina Baca Scholarship, raising \$100 each year for that cause. This year the amount was \$119.

Indian Presbyterian was among the first to meet her quota of Contributions to the Historical Foundation Fund.

There has been marked improvement in the use of the Survey and "The Day by Day", and "Presbyterian Guide". This is most gratifying to know that they are making an effort to use material recommended by the Committee of Women's Work. Many of our churches are still without pastors and we do pray that these vacancies will soon be filled.

Under the leadership of our very fine Synodical President, Mrs. D. A. Stovall, much good work has been done and without her interest in each Auxiliary we could not have carried on the work in the manner which we feel sure is well-pleasing in His sight.

Mrs. J. C. Gunter, Durant, Oklahoma, who is president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Synod of Oklahoma for 1947-1949 is of Chickasaw Indian and Irish descent. She is the daughter of the late Judge William Harrison Jackson and Anna Donovan Jackson. Mrs. Gunter, who is the tenth president of Synodical, is the first Indian woman to serve in this capacity. She is giving much of her time and talent, and feels daily the blessing that comes with the privilege of serving her Lord and Master.