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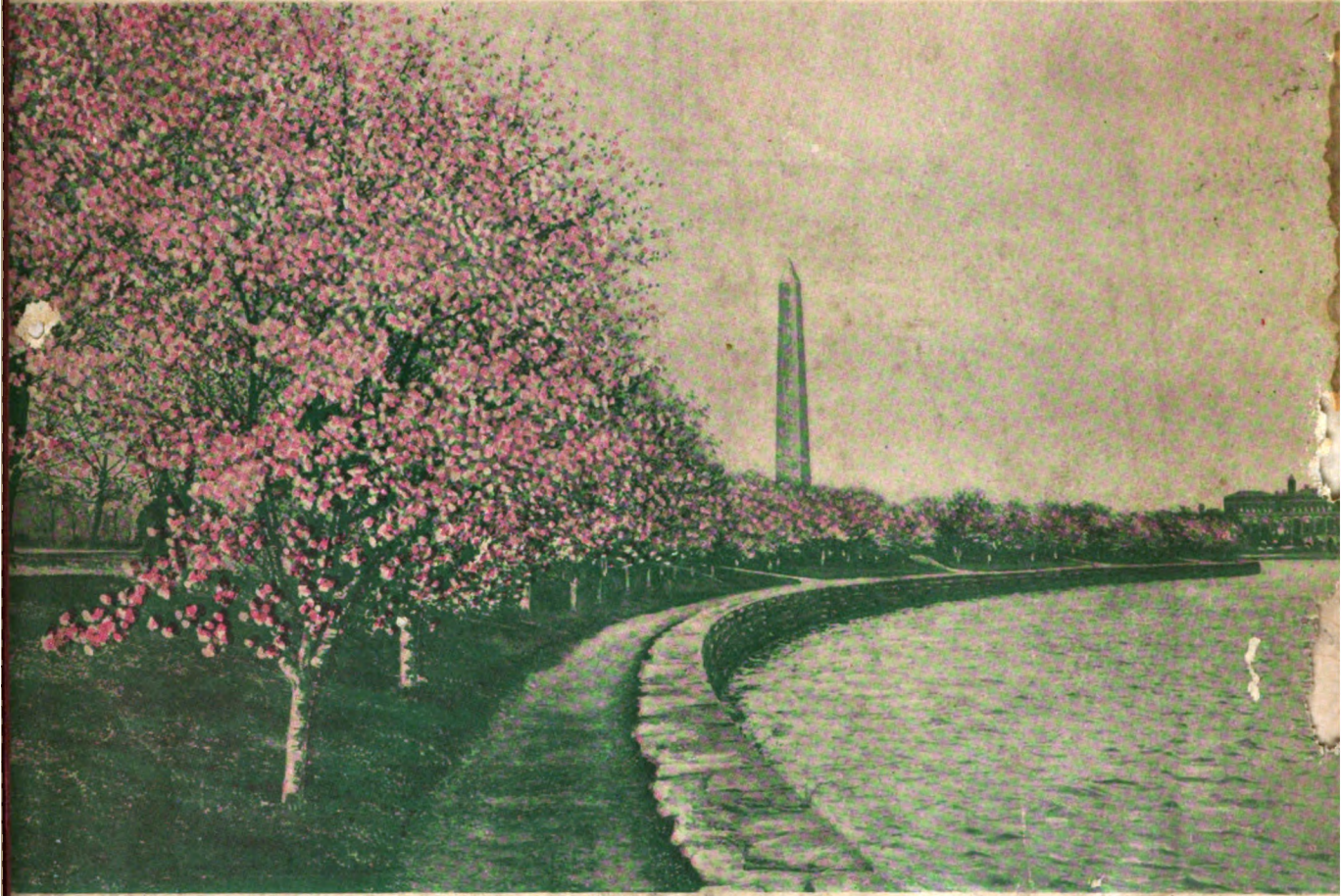
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"Come to Washington when the Japanese cherry trees are in bloom" is the answer usually given by Washingtonians to those who wish to know the best time to visit the National Capital. Nearly two thousand cherry trees from the land of Nippon border the Speedway and the Tidal Basin in Potomac Park. The flowering period usually begins early in April and closes around the first week in May. The Managing Editor of the SURVEY was in Washington Easter of 1923, and some of the trees were in full bloom at that time. A prettier sight we have never seen.



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## *\$1,519,472 Needed---Thirty Days to Go!*

Thirty days of the Church year remain and the four Executive Agencies are short \$1,519,472 of the amount the last Assembly named as adequate to carry existing obligations and make a modest advance in our program.

Through the year unparalleled opportunities have opened for extending our usefulness, and pathetic appeals have reached us for reinforcements and better working facilities from our overworked representatives on the firing line. In the light of diminished and belated receipts we have been forced to decline the vast majority of these urgent appeals and pursue a policy of retrenchment rather than of worthy advance.

E. F. WILLIS,  
*Treas. Foreign Missions*

A. N. SHARP,  
*Treas. Assembly's Home Missions*

The end of eleven months finds the Foreign Mission Committee with a decrease of \$77,800 and Christian Education and Ministerial Relief with a decrease of \$14,648 as compared with the same period of last year.

	Goal for Year	Receipts for eleven months	Deficit to be raised in thirty days
Foreign Missions	\$1,581,750	\$730,521	851,229
Home Missions	760,000	341,334	418,666
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.....	356,250	119,276	236,974
Publication and S. S. Work .....	95,000	82,397	12,603
Totals .....	\$2,793,000	1,273,528	1,519,472

Less than one-half of the amount asked for by the Assembly was received from the churches up to March first.

The collections during the remaining thirty days of the Church year

will shape the character of our financial reports to the Assembly and will in a large measure determine whether we shall progress or retrograde as a Church next year.

A static condition is not possible for a Christian organization.

JOHN STITES,  
*Treas. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*

R. E. MAGILL,  
*Treas. Publication and Sabbath School Extension*

# The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States

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## A Visit to "Carlotta Kemper Seminary"

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"Aunt Lottie" as she looks today. While on furlough, Miss Kemper may be reached at Mission Court, Richmond, Va.

In the heart of the little city of Lavras, Brazil, is a beautiful city park with stately trees, gay and fragrant flowers and a bandstand from whence sweet music issues on certain afternoons when the entire population seemingly stroll back and forth along the gravel walks in pleasant social intercourse.

Just across the street from this park we see a group of buildings enclosed by a high wall and as we enter the white iron gates we find ourselves in the grounds of the Carlotta Kemper Seminary, the oldest of the Southern Presbyterian Church Schools for Girls in Brazil.

We are met at the door by "Donna Anna," the faithful and competent first assistant, who at once ushers us into the office of Miss Hattie Tannehill, the dean of the school. Miss Tannehill came to this school only a few years ago after years of successful educational work in her native state of Texas, and she has wrought marvelous changes in the school during her short stay there. She is enthusiastic, consecrated and practical. Here we also meet Mrs. Ora Glenn Roberts, the beloved missionary and teacher of music.

We are led from classroom to classroom to see the student body. Eager intelligent faces greet us, bright black eyes gaze at us and as we see the products of the classroom work we are filled with admiration for the ability of the children and the skill of the teacher. To the regular literary work of the pupils is added domestic science, sewing classes and large music classes. The Bible is taught in every grade. Some of the children are from very humble homes, some have no home at all, some are from the prosperous of the town, some are children of Protestant parents, others from Catholic homes, yet all are eager to learn from these strange foreigners who have come from America to direct the work of the school.

Yet it is not all these things that cause the greatest amazement in the mind of the visitor. Her wonder increases every hour as she sees the absolute lack of any proper equipment for the work they are trying to do. The school has no chapel or assembly room and when the opening services are held each morning the pupils must crowd into adjoining classrooms to hear the Bible reading and prayer.

A large primary class is housed in a small adobe house where the walls and roof are made of mud. Constant rains rendered the walls unsafe and the day of our visit one class had been removed to "double up" with another class lest the roof fall in, a catastrophe which actually occurred a day or two later thus justifying Miss Tannehill's anxiety over the situation.

One room in the main building with no window light it was formerly known among the enemies of the school as the room where Miss Kemper "talked with the devil and received from him the money with which to run the school."

Everywhere one turned it was the same thing—fine children eager to learn, gifted and consecrated teachers who have given their lives to the cause and *nothing* with which they can adequately work, crumbling walls, unsanitary rooms, crowded quarters, no furniture, disgraceful conditions!

And this is the oldest Girls' School of our Southern Presbyterian Church in Brazil! It is named in honor of that remarkable missionary of ours who is said to possess "the most brilliant mind of any woman in Brazil" and who has given more than forty years' service to her adopted land. Do you wonder we came away from the school embarrassed and humiliated for our great Church that one of her honored institutions should have been for years in such a plight?

But discouragement was not long continued. We



Miss Hattie Tannehill, Dean of Charlotte Kemper College.



Group of girls from Charlotte Kemper College in the "Festa of the Months."



A Group of beggars waiting at the gate of Charlotte Kemper College on weekly "Beggar's Day."

remembered the *Woman's Auxiliary* at home! We recalled with joy the splendid response she made to the appeal for Miss Dowd's girls in Japan! We reveled in the thought of those buildings on the plains of Western Texas where Mexican girls will have a school worthy of them and of our Church, because the *Woman's Auxiliary* cared! We saw with our imagination the substantial home the Auxiliary erected last year for the president of our great Assembly's Training School!

In a few months the birthday offering of the Auxiliary

will again be made and remembering the past achievements and relying on the spirit and liberality of the Auxiliary which has never yet failed us, your representative, speaking for you, dared to say to our faithful missionaries and to those dear children gathered there—"The Church in America has not forgotten you. She is not indifferent to your needs. She has simply not understood the situation. The women of the Church love you and pray for you, and they will help answer their own prayers and yours. The Birthday gift of May,

1925 will be given to erect buildings on this beautiful campus that will be an honor to the name you bear, a credit to the great Church in America which founded this school and a tribute of love to our Master in whose Name we come to Brazil."

Did we promise too much? Never! The Woman's Auxiliary will bring a new era to Carlotta Kemper Academy of Brazil with its birthday offering of 1925! The school and He are counting on us—we will not fail them!

## Springtime

This morning a cardinal was singing  
In a tree beside my window  
Just as I first opened my eyes.

Vibrant was his note,  
Rich and proud and tender,  
As full of color as his scarlet coat,  
Pulsing with deep, unspoken things.

Most High Eternal God,  
Had Christ not risen again  
There would be no Springtime,  
Though cardinals should burst their throats  
Proclaiming it.

—Isa'el Irby



## Setting Up A Presbyterian Meeting

MRS. CLEMENT R. VAUGHAN

A SUCCESSFUL Presbyterian meeting should be informational and inspirational. To meet these requirements a great deal of preparation and prayer are necessary.

One hears much of follow up work, but little of *go before* work. Both are essential if the meeting means to the constituency what it should mean. It is the lubricating oil which keeps in motion the machinery of the organization without friction during the session of the Presbyterian.

The Presbyterian president should write a letter to all local presidents several weeks before the Presbyterian meets. This letter should contain general information about the meeting, acquainting the women with facts the president wishes them to know. Call attention to outstanding speakers and features on the program.

Inform the president of the number of delegates to which her Auxiliary is entitled. Ask her to send names of her delegates, stating hour of arrival, to the chairman of hospitality committee, as soon as they are selected. Be sure to give the name of the hospitality chairman.

Tell her the offices to be filled in the Presbyterian. Ask her to send names of capable women in her Auxiliary who might fill these offices to the chairman of nominating committee, again be sure to give name and address of

chairman of nominating committee. Other information considered helpful should be added.

Make the letter a helpful personal message from the Presbyterian president to the women of the local Auxiliary, have them feel you want their interest and seek their co-operation. Close the letter by making a strong appeal for definite prayer of women for the success and blessing of the meeting.

A short while before the meeting send a program to all local presidents, also all Presbyterian officers. It helps to create interest, stimulates enthusiasm for the meeting. The psychology of this is good.

Write every Presbyterian officer soliciting her co-operation, telling what is expected of her. State the length of time given for her report, emphasizing her responsibility in making the meeting worth while. Several letters, and perhaps a visit near enough, to the president of the hostess auxiliary.

Acquaint her with plans, such matters as special music, organist and lunches, etc., should be understood. Ask her to have the registration committee ready to register delegates on their arrival at the church. Take up anything that may pertain to local conditions so there will be no misunderstanding about plans when the Presbyterian President arrives. Her mind should