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## Annual Report of the President.

To the Electors of the Southern Industrial  
Educational Association in  
Annual Meeting Assembled, March 16, 1915.

### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

1. The past year has been one of activity. Notwithstanding the unprecedented demands upon American generosity, our receipts have been fairly satisfactory.

The report of our Financial Secretary is presented herewith and shows that the receipts for the year ending February 26th, from all sources, amount to \$11,920.79. These include the donation by Mr. Cleveland Dodge of \$5,000.00, for the salary and expenses of a Field Secretary, who is engaged in investigating conditions in the Mountain Districts. Other subscriptions have been made to meet the necessary expenses of the Association. Separate accounts have been kept of funds collected for educational purposes and administration needs.

The disbursements for the year have amounted, for all purposes, to \$9,075.86. We have in the treasury \$6,000.00, which have been set apart for the erection and maintenance of a school, the location of which has been deferred pending a survey of the mountains which is now being made by the Field Secretary.

During the year we have contributed \$3,816.75 to the purchase of scholarships, employment of industrial teachers, and other aid to approved schools. An itemized statement of all these is contained in the financial report herewith presented.

2. Our auxiliary associations have been active during the year and have given us much financial aid. An auxiliary association has been organized in the city of Philadelphia since my last report, from whose industry and zeal we have derived substantial benefit.

3. The office of the Association has been maintained in the Southern Building during the year. There our Trustees' meetings are held and all business transacted. There also have been exhibited many products of mountain industries, consisting of weavings, baskets, wood carvings, and other handiwork. The object of the exhibition has been not only to show the skill and industry of the mountain workers, but also to furnish a market for their products. The sales during the year at prices fixed by the producers, have aggregated \$1,577.41. The proceeds of sales have been transmitted to the workers and have been of material benefit to them, stimulating the increase and efficiency of their work. The increase of these exhibits and sales has demonstrated the benefits of the exhibition to the producers, and the importance of procuring a salesroom on the ground floor of a building centrally located where they can be brought to the attention of the public. A committee has been appointed to secure such a place to be opened in the coming fall. This, we think, will result in a great increase of the sales of the mountain workers.

4. Since April 15, 1914, at which time his services began, our Field Secretary has been investigating conditions in the Southern mountains, examining and reporting upon the conditions there prevailing; inspecting the conditions and the character of the work done in the various schools, public and private, and particularly the industrial schools that have been aided by the Association, as well as reporting upon their efficiency and needs. He has obtained and tabulated much valuable information in respect of these matters, the particulars of which are on file in the office and open to the inspection of persons seeking information. These inspections and reports will continue until we shall have a practical and complete knowledge of the mountain conditions and needs.

5. Our quarterly magazine, under the efficient editorial management of Mrs. Mary H. White, has obtained a wide

circulation. It contains information of the work of the Association, and relating to conditions in the mountains, and has been of great benefit in advertising our objects and needs. Its mission of usefulness will be continued and broadened.

6. Our officers have performed their duties most efficiently. Mrs. Augusta S. Stone, our Corresponding and Financial Secretary, has kept the office open during each day, receiving visitors and furnishing information. In addition, she has exhibited the products of the mountain industries and made the sales, and has kept the accounts of the several contributors.

I am sorry to say that our Vice-President and Organizer, Mrs. Martha S. Gielow, has been ill during the past year and has not been able to prosecute her labors in behalf of the Association. Her services have been of inestimable value and I hope soon to have her resume her work for us in the field in which she has shown so much ability and zeal.

I regret also to say that our Treasurer, Mr. Corcoran Thom, through the pressure of other duties, has felt himself unable to continue his services and has resigned. In his stead, we have elected Mr. Joshua Evans, of the Riggs National Bank, who is also a member of the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer is under bond for the faithful performance of his services.

7. The many schools that have been aided by us have shown continuous improvement. They are, as far as possible, extending and improving their methods of industrial education, and report progress.

8. The accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer have been audited and found correct. The Auditing Committee will make their report to that effect at this meeting and it is the right of the electors to have the accounts re-audited if they see proper.

9. The terms of four members of the Board have expired by limitation of the By-Laws and it is one of the duties of the electors at this meeting to select their successors.

10. On behalf of the Association I return our grateful thanks to our auxiliary societies, the Societies of the D. A. R., Colonial Dames, and the U. D. C. for their interest in the objects of the Association and for their financial contributions to the cause.

We also return thanks to the various schools and to the many kind friends and patrons who have contributed so materially to the advancement of our work.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Sg.) SETH SHEPARD,  
*President.*

### Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting, March 16, 1915.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Southern Industrial Educational Association was held at the home of Mrs. Samuel Spencer, a Trustee of the Association, at 4 P.M., March 16, 1915.

Besides Trustees and Electors there were present Miss Margaret Wilson, the Honorary President, Mrs. Mary Mildred Sullivan and Mrs. J. Lowrie Bell of the New York Auxiliary, Mrs. Louis Lewis, of the Philadelphia Auxiliary and three guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4.15 P.M. by the President, Judge Seth Shepard.

The minutes of the eighth Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Stone, presented a statement of the finances of the Association, a copy of which appears on page 18.

The chairman of the Auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. Day and White, reported that they had examined in detail the accounts of the Association; the books, the receipts, the disbursement warrants, cancelled checks, bank books, etc., and had found them correct throughout. The committee commended the complete and business-like methods of the Financial Secretary.

Upon motion the reports of the Auditing Committee and the Financial Secretary were approved and ordered to record.

The President, Judge Shepard, presented his Annual Report, which will be found in this number of the QUARTERLY.

The next order of business was the reading of the reports from the Auxiliaries, the first one being that of Mrs. Mary Mildred Sullivan, President of the New York Auxiliary. This report which showed continued interest and wider activity in behalf of the work was most encouraging. Mr. Calhoun expressed the sense of the meeting in a motion of appreciation and hearty congratulation of the New York Auxiliary on its success, which was unanimously adopted.

The report of the youngest auxiliary, that of Philadelphia, was presented by Mrs. Louis Lewis, and at its close the Electors expressed by their hearty applause their appreciation of the splendid co-operation and enthusiasm of the members of this newest auxiliary. Informal reports were received from the Maryland and California Auxiliaries.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun it was voted that the reports of the New York and Philadelphia Auxiliaries be printed in the March QUARTERLY and copies should be sent to the other Auxiliaries for their inspiration and suggestion.

The next order of business was the election of four trustees, the President announcing that the terms of Dr. P. P. Claxton, Rev. James H. Taylor, Mr. Herbert E. Day and Miss Clara Wilson expired at this meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Electors for the re-election of the retiring trustees. This motion was unanimously carried.

The President informed the Electors that a vacancy existed in the Board of Trustees because of the resignation of Mr. Thurston Ballard. Upon motion of Mrs. Samuel Spencer, seconded by Mr. Calhoun, the name of Miss Helen Woodrow Bones was presented to fill this vacancy. The Secretary was unanimously instructed to cast the ballot. The President announced her election.

The Field Secretary, Mr. Charles G. Burkitt, was then called upon to tell something of the work he had done during the past year. He stated that he had just completed and filed at the office of the Association the manuscripts of five reports, as follows:

1. Central Governing Boards of the Church and Independent Schools in the Southern Appalachians.
2. Church and Independent Schools in the Southern Appalachians.
3. Schools Visited.
4. A Review of the Year's work to March, 1915.
5. Some Factors in the Solution of the Educational Problem of the Southern Appalachian Area.

He said that he had visited many mountain schools in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, that he had studied analytically the work of the schools and the conditions found at each. Everywhere there was apparent the desire for larger opportunity for industrial training and he observed a distinct movement in that direction and a general attitude of co-operation.

Judge Shepard stated that the substance of these reports would probably be printed and that such manuscript as might be too long or too detailed for such publication might be placed temporarily in the hands of the Auxiliary officers for their information and use.

The formal business being concluded the meeting was thrown open for general discussion and suggestion regarding the work of the Association.

Mrs. Sullivan spoke of the desirability of forming junior auxiliaries.

Mrs. Lewis gave in detail some of the methods of the Philadelphia Auxiliary and said that much help other than financial had been extended to some of the mountain schools by contributions of table and bed linen, cutlery and other necessary articles for the equipment of a school.

Mrs. Sullivan announced the appearance at Easter of Mrs. Gielow's new story, entitled "Light on the Hill," and

urged that the book be purchased directly from the author, so that she might have personal advantage of larger commission thereby allowed by her publisher.

Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Bell spoke of the continued ill-health of Mrs. Gielow, which made it impossible for her to do much active work in behalf of the Association. Mrs. Sullivan explained that Mrs. Gielow had been requested to form an Auxiliary in Boston and asked if it would be desirable that she undertake it. The chair expressed the sentiment of the Electors of the very great value of a Boston Auxiliary and the hope that Mrs. Gielow's health would allow her to visit Boston and effect the organization.

In accordance with the suggestion of Judge Shepard, resolutions were unanimously adopted that a message of remembrance and sympathy be sent Mrs. Gielow because of her protracted ill-health, and an expression of hope that she might be able to resume, in part at least, her active labors in behalf of the Association.

At 5.30 the meeting adjourned and the members spent a pleasant social hour in conversation and the enjoyment of the delightful hospitality prepared by the gracious hostess.

MARY H. WHITE,  
*Recording Secretary.*

→ That the weavings of the Southern Appalachian mountain people have a high artistic value is shown by the fact that the Association was asked to co-operate in the Exhibition of Art, Old and New, recently held in Washington under the auspices of the Art and Archaeology League. In addition to the collection of modern weaving and basketry the Association was fortunate in being able to send some pieces of weaving a hundred years old or more, the colors of which had been softened and enriched by age and use.

\* A small exhibition was sent by request to the Missionary Society of the Eckington Presbyterian Church. Literature and cards showing the interior of the Exchange of the Association were distributed which resulted in creating much interest and attracting many visitors to the office and exchange.

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### Thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Again the Association desires to acknowledge the generous co-operation of the D. A. R. in helping to carry on the work of reducing illiteracy among the mountain people. By their contributions we have been enabled to pay the salaries of industrial teachers and to provide scholarships for children who could not otherwise attend the settlement schools where efficient training is given. We trust that the Chapters that have aided us in the past will continue their help and that still others may join in this cause of patriotism and education.

During the week of the Congress there will be a special sale at the Exchange of the Association and all the visiting members of the D. A. R. are cordially invited to come and inspect the products of the mountain industries. Those who are in search of articles of the colonial period will find beautiful blue and white coverlids, the pure white linen or cotton spreads with elaborate tufted or knotted designs, rag rugs, homespun towels and turkey-tail and peacock feather fans. There is also a large collection of baskets of new designs and coloring which will make special appeal to those who like the unique and unusual. A specially attractive novelty will be found in the dainty blue and white hand bags woven at Berea and copied from an old Italian design.

### Report of the New York Auxiliary.

To the Southern Industrial Educational Association,

For the year ended February 2, 1915.

#### MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS:

Since our last report we have increased our membership by adding to our Managers nine women.

We have lost two members who resigned because of their continued absence.

We deeply regret the loss by death of two of our associates, a subscriber, Mrs. Charles G. Olmsted, the wife of the Bishop of Central New York and a Manager, Mrs. Josiah L. Chapin.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. J. Lowrie Bell we held in her residence an Arts and Crafts sale of the products of the mountaineers, also of the pupils of the schools to which we contribute.

We held an open meeting at the Woman's University Club to hear an address by Miss De Long in the interest of the Pine Mountain Settlement. The audience was encouragingly large and enthusiastic.

In the late Spring we gave a Thé Dansante and Auction Bridge at the Biltmore, which was a most brilliant affair.

Owing to the generosity of several of our members and the excellent management of our Entertainment Committee we were able to contribute to the National Association and through it to several mountain schools, \$2,354.00.

We wish to express our especial appreciation of the indefatigable work of Mrs. Dinwiddie, the chairman of the Committee on Entertainment.

We were represented at the Convention of the State Federation of Clubs by Mrs. J. Lowrie Bell, our delegate, and Mrs. Edward McClure Peters, our alternate.

Among our guests during the year were Mrs. Gielow, Mrs. Wetmore, Miss De Long and Miss McCullah.

In view of the severe financial depression and the countless other demands upon generous Americans for contributions we feel that the National Association and its Auxili-

aries are to be congratulated upon being able to do so much and we hope that nothing will arise to deprive our friends in the Southern mountains of the much-needed assistance during the coming year.

Respectfully,

MARY MILDRED SULLIVAN,  
*President of the New York Auxiliary.*

March 16, 1915.

#### Report of the Philadelphia Auxiliary.

*Hon. Seth Shepard, President, and Electors of the  
Southern Industrial Educational Association:*

With much pride, the arrogance of youth, and more mis-giving, the saner thought of age, this first annual report of the Philadelphia Auxiliary is tendered you. Although an infant, the last of Mrs. Gielow's offsprings, she has termed it "a healthy, precocious infant," and we who have striven to make it worthy of its heritage, take pleasure in her commendation. We have worked with original, untried methods, which each member was urged to suggest, and working in harmony, conclusions were reached after careful consideration was given; the best interest of the Association being always the determining issue. We have known a deep, sincere pleasure in the work and the fruit of the labor I now present.

The Philadelphia Auxiliary organized on December 1, 1913, as the result of a call by a Volunteer Committee began its work with a membership of 16 and a deficit in its treasury of \$25.00 for hall rent, lantern hire, etc., for its inaugural meeting. Since that time it has steadily grown, until the first Annual Meeting, held December 3, 1914, when the following reports offered, indicated its precociousness.

Membership, 98.

Total receipts, \$1,003.20.

Sent to Washington, \$288.71.

December 3, 1914, balance in treasury, \$714.49.

The Corresponding Secretary reports 3,000 cards and letters sent out and besides this number over eleven hundred personal notes, cards of invitation, etc., were sent by the President to Ministers, Home Mission Boards, Christian and Social Workers and especially our wealthy citizens, hoping to extend the knowledge of the existence of this local medium of communication between the wealth of Philadelphia and the Mountaineer's needs.

We have been asked to speak on the work by various churches and their organizations which, fortunately, one of our members was fitted to do, with profit to the cause. Many boxes have been sent out at Christmas, and other times; 30 lbs. of candy being sent to each of 3 schools, at Christmas, 1914.

During the year we have been most fortunate in meeting and having with us:

Mrs. Gielow, Miss Margaret Henry, Miss Eethel de Long, Mrs. Thomas C. Wetmore, Rev. John Grant Newman, Miss Mary Worden. The personality of these makes praise unnecessary. We can only thank them and the work for the pleasure and privilege which we have known in meeting them and hearing their inspiring messages from the fields of activities.

Thanking Mrs. White and Mrs. Stone for their many courtesies extended to the Philadelphia Auxiliary, I beg to submit the above report.

ELIZABETH OWEN LEWIS,

*President of the Philadelphia Auxiliary.*

March 16, 1915.

#### A New Book by Mrs. Gielow.

In spite of her continued ill health Mrs. Gielow's pen does not remain idle. Her most recent book, entitled "Light on the Hill," is another story of the mountain people, in which she makes a powerful appeal for the co-operation and sympathy of the outside world. Prof. Penniman, of



Berea, writes in these high terms of commendation concerning it: "Having spent twenty years, more or less, among the mountain people, I feel it almost a duty to call attention to this addition to American literature. The story is an interpretation of heartache and joy. The insight comes from intimate acquaintance with the pathos and potency of our Saxon log-cabin kin, dwelling in the southern Appalachians."

The book, which costs one dollar, may be secured from Mrs. Gielow at the Park Ave. Hotel, New York City.

#### "Hit's" Funeral.

"Hit's a little right-smart better," was the invariable reply given the question of, "How is the baby today?"

The poor little thing had been ailing all summer. Its home was a two-roomed cabin, dirty and squalid, beside a creek in the midst of the mountains. The room where the family of eight cooked and ate was windowless. One small half window graced the other room, which contained three old iron bedsteads covered with dirty bedding, and a clock atop of a box fastened on the wall.

Mammy and Pappy worked in the field all day. Fidelia, who was ten in years, but a woman and mother to the flock of five left daily in her care. Carefully she tended the ailing eleven-months-old baby with love and solicitude, but all to no purpose. Its hold on life was weak. Why should it be strong? Life had been very meagre in its gifts, and promised nothing, and so little Elvia quietly loosed her hold, and slipped away one hot August afternoon. She was to be laid away in her last and only cradle the next afternoon at three o'clock.

It was a strange funeral and stranger in preparation; there was no undertaker to call in, no preacher to tell of a haven for little folk, no white casket, and no dainty clothes in which to sleep time away.

Nothing—absolutely nothing—expressed all there had been in that cabin home, all there was, and all there might

be. It all seemed so terribly pathetic and pitiful to the friends from the Settlement School nearby who went early that they might assist if necessary.

One would never have guessed that a life had come and gone in that cabin. Mountain people from far and near had come to give help and sympathy in their primitive and elemental way. There was no particular sorrow shown. Groups of girls stood here and there laughing and chatting, unwashed and unkempt children wandered in and out, curiosity and wonder written on their soiled little faces as they watched a neighbor woman wash the dead baby on her lap. For a day it had lain untouched.

Men sat in small groups—chewing, spitting and talking politics or discussing the damage the drouth had done. In the windowless room sat the family at whose door Death had knocked and in kindness to the baby, entered.

On a bed in the room where life and death so strangely mingled stood a little black covered pine box cradle. Beside it slept the baby cousin of the dead child. Around the top of the cradle two men tacked a strip of white embroidery, while to the sound of the hammer's tap, tap, the kindly neighbor woman went patiently on with her task of washing and dressing the tiny, unknowing form on her knee. A man had gone over the mountains the day before to buy materials for the going away clothes. This had been converted into dainty white garments by a friend and mother, who, as she sewed, doubtless thought of her own babe, laid away a year before.

The group about the woman and child kept shifting; babies cried, dogs wandered in and out, and still the preparations went on. It was long past the appointed time, but the delay occasioned no comment. Apparently it was the customary thing. At last the small black shoes were laced up, the bonnet strings tied beneath the wee chin and a large bow of purple ribbon with long streamers placed on the silent breast and fastened with a breast pin enclosing a portrait.

Everything was now complete. There remained but the taking of a picture and the wrapping of the baby in the long linen winding sheet pinked all around the edge as custom required, and then placing it in the little hand-made, mournful-looking pine box.

There were no flowers, except a few bright nasturtiums, which fairly flaunted their gaiety in the face of death. Carried on a man's shoulder, the little box led the way up the hot, dusty road, over the rail fence, and through the orchard. Mammy and Pappy and five little sisters, barefooted and dirty, with Lethal, the pet pig, trailed after, followed by others who came as they were from cornfield and cabin to climb the steep and dusty hillside; in a broiling sun, because a little child and death had asked of life a brief pause for rest and contemplation.

The little cemetery on the hilltop, desolate and uncared for, commanded a sweeping view of the valley. At the end the procession gathered about a newly made opening in the ground. Beside it the pine box was placed and opened that a last look and farewell might be taken. Barefooted Mammy bent over her baby in emotional sorrow, calling loudly to it, but the chief mourner, whose arms and heart ached most, was the ten-year-old mother, Fidelia. She had been more of a mother to baby sister than the woman who gave it life. Pappy sat to one side, a picture of hopeless misery. He wished for his family better things, but not so the woman who bore his name; she was the proverbial millstone around his neck. He shed no tears, but his face told that life had beaten him and death had baffled him and together they had well-nigh crushed out hope and faith.

A boy school teacher read a simple service. The friends from the Settlement School sang as the tiny box disappeared to its final resting place. It was all over in a few minutes, and to the dull thud, thud, of falling dirt the friends wended their way downward once more. As the sun sank to rest behind 'Kaintuck Ridge,' kind Mother Nature took the sleeping baby, with the purple ribbon on its breast, in her great arms to cuddle and keep for ever and a day.

#### A Word from Hindman.

In the December number of the QUARTERLY mention was made of an outbreak of typhoid fever in the school at Hindman, Kentucky. In spite of the fact that there were over fifty cases not one proved fatal. This was undoubtedly because the parents preferred that their children should remain at the school where there was a new little hospital fully equipped and a corps of volunteer nurses from the "Blue Grass," who responded to the call of need.

A doctor from the Public Health Department went from Washington and traced the sources of infection. Talks were given on the importance of cleanliness, preventive measures and sanitary conditions, which were of greatest value to the people all through that section.

#### Report of Auditing Committee.

March 12, 1915.

To the President and Board of Trustees of the  
*Southern Industrial Educational Association:*

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Southern Industrial Educational Association for the year ending February 26, 1915, respectfully submits the following report:

The committee has examined in detail the accounts of the Association, the books, the receipts, the disbursement warrants, the cancelled checks, the bank books, etc. The committee finds the accounts correct throughout, the bank balance is in accord with the bank balance reported by the Corresponding Secretary.

The Auditing Committee takes pleasure in calling to the attention of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Southern Industrial Educational Association the manner in which the accounts have been kept. It wishes to commend the business-like methods of the Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. DAY,  
DAVID WHITE,

## Financial Statement.

To the President and Board of Trustees of the  
Southern Industrial Educational Association:

SIRS: In accordance with Article II, Section 3, of the By-Laws of the Association, I have the honor to submit the following report of its financial operations for the year from February 28, 1914, to and including February 26, 1915:

Working balance on hand February 26, 1915.... \$3,188.26  
Since the last Annual meeting, the receipts of the Association from all sources, as per stubs and duplicate slips, up to and including February 26, 1915, amount to ..... 11,920.79

Total amount in treasury for fiscal year.....\$15,109.05  
The expenditures as disbursed through warrants properly executed in accordance with Article III, Section 6, of the By-Laws, and presented to the Treasurer for payment, amount to..... 9,075.86

Leaving in the Treasury this day a balance of... \$6,033.19  
Total receipts of the Association since its organization, amount to .....\$78,399.32  
Total disbursements amount to..... 72,366.13

Working balance ..... \$6,033.19  
Reserve Fund ..... 6,359.13  
Total balance .....\$12,392.32

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTA S. STONE,  
Financial Secretary.

Washington, D. C., February 26, 1915.