

Report of the Foreign Committee

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Maryland Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

For years the Woman's Auxiliary of Maryland had wished for a Foreign Committee, but it was not until after the death of James Addison Ingle, the late beloved Bishop of Hankow, that it came into being, and it is a direct result of his influence and character.

On March 7th, 1904, just three months after Bishop Ingle's death, a few of his personal friends, zealous to perpetuate his memory in some enduring form, and feeling that in his native Diocese a special effort should be made, met at the Diocesan Library, with Mrs. Sioussat as chairman, and thus the Foreign Committee was formed. This effort, at first, was concentrated on raising money for "Ingle Hall," the proposed memorial to Bishop Ingle to be erected at Boone School, Wuchang, China.

To arouse general interest in this, the Foreign Committee arranged for an Ingle Memorial Service, which was held in Emmanuel Church May 24th, 1904. The preacher was Rev. J. H. Eccleston, D. D., who delivered an eloquent sermon on the life and character of Bishop Ingle. He was followed by Rev. Logan H. Roots (now Bishop of Hankow) who in burning words told of the last hours and glorious end of him "who being dead yet speaketh." This service was one which those who attended it can never forget, and was successful in arousing great interest in "Ingle Hall" throughout the Diocese. Similar services were held in 1905 at Memorial Church and in 1906 at Emmanuel, and it has been decided by the Committee to hold an annual Ingle Memorial Service to serve both as a memorial and an inspiration. A parlor meeting in the interest of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, and of St. John's College, Shanghai, was also held, and produced good results.

The required amount of \$15,000 for "Ingle Hall" was in hand by the Summer of 1905, and to this Maryland contributed a total of \$1,657.43 through the Foreign Committee. The raising of this sum for "Ingle Hall" completed the special memorial work of the Foreign Committee, and it was then decided that it should do some work each year for the Diocese of Hankow.

For 1906 the Hankow Catechetical School was chosen, and \$450 pledged for its support. Of this \$247 has been paid, leaving a deficit of \$203. It is expected that this will be made up by the proceeds of an illustrated lecture by Mrs. Albert Sioussat on "The Early Colonial Church in Maryland," to be given at Arundell Club Hall on Thursday, March 7th, at 3 P. M. Admission 50 cents. This lecture has been very generously offered for this purpose by Mrs. Sioussat.

The special work for 1907 is the raising of money for the purchase of the ground for the new Training School at Hankow. Rev. S. Harrington Littell has aroused much enthusiasm for this all over the country and made a stirring appeal for it at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in November, 1906. He brought with him a card scheme for raising the amount needed, which has proved most effective and popular. The Foreign Committee felt that it could do no less than pledge the \$875 still lacking, and most of this is now in sight. Nearly every Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese has pledged itself for one or more cards at \$25 each, and those who have not yet contributed are asked to do so as soon as possible. The Secretary will be glad to furnish cards and explain the scheme at any time, and it is hoped that the pledge may be exceeded by a goodly sum, and thus make a record for Maryland.

The Foreign Committee is now the authorized channel through which all gifts for Foreign Missions from the Woman's Auxiliary of Maryland should pass. It is earnestly urged that all contributions for this cause should be sent direct to the Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Chew Williams, 407 West Lanvale Street, who will promptly acknowledge and forward them to the Church Mission House in New York. Each parish will be credited with the amount it sends in *The Spirit of Missions*, and also in the Annual Report of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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Ash Wednesday, 1907.

Below is found an itemized list of the disbursements of the Committee.

1904—Ingle Memorial	\$ 637 12
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St. Luke's Hospital (Tokio)	148 50
1906—St. Luke's Hospital (Tokio)	2 10
Miss Neeley's Work in Japan	5 00
Japanese Famine Sufferers	70 00
Mr. Welbourn's Chapel in Tokio	125 00
Akita, Japan	25 00
Bishop Ferguson's Work in Africa	10 00
Miss Ridgeley's Work in Africa	85 00
Ingle Memorial	5 00
St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai	33 03
Special for Rev. G. M. Sherman	50 00
Support of Catechetical or Training School of Hankow	247 00
Special for Ground for Catechetical or Training School of Hankow	275 00
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