

jector. We have quite a few house calls and ambulance calls to squeeze into the free time.

We feel the Lord is blessing these efforts to reach souls for Christ through the medical ministry. Lately we have noted a more marked concern of our patients in respect to their spiritual needs and a greater response to the invitation to surrender their hearts to Christ. We have felt that some must be remembering Bethesda Hospital in prayer. We feel that the medical work should provide a framework or contact on which the evangelical work and the church can be built. We need more ward space, increased surgical, tuberculosis, and office facilities but as yet we have not been able to add these. We also need a larger evangelistic emphasis to keep up with the contacts that are being made through the medical work. This is a real prayer need."

Bethesda Mission Hospital,  
Victoria Falls, P.O.,  
Rhodesia  
January 30, 1967.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Ruth and Roberta. Our period of service is now nearing the half-way mark and we find ourselves feeling like veterans, especially as we recollect our first few weeks here.

First of all we frequently marvel at God's guidance and definite help in many situations where we feel totally inadequate. Every day we are feeling more aware that this period of service is God's plan for us this year. God is blessing us personally and teaching us many spiritual lessons. Experiences we have had have caused us to develop a greater and more child-like faith.

Our Christmas was indeed a unique one, quite unlike our traditional ones at home but never-the-less was a most interesting experience. Our Christmas day was crowded with such things as ambulance calls, arrival of newborns, funerals, as well as the usual Bethesda Christmas activities. We wish to thank each one who made our Christmas a joyous one by sending cards (never have they looked so beautiful to us) letters and parcels.

Our experiences here have been many and varied. Since we are quite isolated here in the "bush" we welcome many of these opportunities (perhaps we should say "some" of them!). Attending a Sunday evening hospital service is quite an experience in itself. With our usual 60-70 patients crowded into a 33 bed hospital, perhaps a mental picture can be formed of a service in the center of this. Staff, visitors and patient's relatives are crowded into the male ward into every conceivable space, two or

#### NOTES FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

All churches have received subscription material to the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY. This magazine should be in every home. Make sure that you have a responsible person getting subscriptions. Also there is THE GUIDE, a magazine for Missionary Society Presidents. This would be a real help in planning programs for our missionary services.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church promotes a reading course for all its church members. Participation in this would be extremely beneficial and rewarding.

1. Each church is asked to buy the books and set up a circulating system with someone responsible to care for the books.
2. Someone must be appointed to keep a record of those reading the books and the number read.

three per cot and usually all floor space utilized. If you change your position you carefully scan the floor in the dim light to avoid stepping on hands and feet. It never ceases to amaze us that even in cramped and uncomfortable positions the natives invariably give their full attention to the service.

We take great delight in receiving the boxes from our auxiliaries for hospital use. Several boxes arrived this week, not a moment too soon. We found one day on rounds that many of the children had no gowns on and on bare mattresses, and on return to the office we found three boxes with sheets, bandages and a few gowns. They were welcomed with smiles from all and were all put into immediate use. We hope to have some slides on our return to show our auxiliaries the worthwhileness of their efforts.

Never before have we been so grateful the prayers of God's people. We can assure each of you that there have been many times that we have been aware that we had been "held in prayer". We are so aware of how very inadequate we are unless God works through us.

Sincerely,  
Ruth and Roberta.

Hazen.  
Bethesda Mission Station  
P.O. Victoria Falls, Rhodesia  
February 4, 1967

Dear Highway Friends,

It seems that each year as I send you a report of the yearly work done at Bethesda Hospital that I begin with similar words, to the effect, that this has been the busiest year yet at Bethesda Hospital. This past year, 1966, has been no exception. A brief run-down over our statistics shows an increased number of patients treated in every department. We admitted to the hospital 2,256 patients; of these 28 were tuberculosis patients. Our daily average was 78 patients. In our outpatient clinics at Bethesda and farther down in the native area at Jambezi, we saw 3,904 patients and gave out 13,047 treatments to these patients. Besides these, I have attended the Government clinics at Victoria Falls for both Africans and Europeans once weekly.

We have been greatly overcrowded in the hospital with our official 33 bed capacity although we are, in fact, maintaining 42 beds. At the height of the malaria season last year we had 140 inpatients on one occasion. Needless to say, a number of patients slept out of doors on the ground. The Rhodesian Government has asked us to build a 24 bed tuberculosis unit at Bethesda Hospital. We hope that this may soon become a possibility.

3. This is a four-year program begun in 1966.
4. Each individual completing the list will be recognized from headquarters.
5. It is not too late for our Atlantic Conference to begin!
6. See your February Issue of the "Wesleyan Missionary" for the prescribed list.
7. Individuals in the church may wish to purchase a book and then put it in circulation for the duration of the reading course.

Besides our early morning devotions at the hospital led by our African staff, we have had an evangelistic service at the beginning of each clinic. We also have a special service each Sunday evening at the hospital for our patients. Ambulatory patients are requested to attend the regular services of the church on the mission. God has been moving in the hearts of our patients, we believe in answer to the prayers which many have been making for Bethesda Hospital. Recently a weekday service has been started at Victoria Falls by Brother Hudson around several patients who became concerned about their souls while at Bethesda Hospital.

We have had several missionary staff changes during the past year. The Haywoods were transferred to the Republic; Sister Uta Chase has returned home on a much deserved furlough. We have deeply appreciated the contributions of Sisters Ruth Symonds and Roberta Nevers who have brought a number of new ideas in streamlining our nursing program as well as adding to our evangelistic efforts.

We have deeply appreciated the faithful support of our auxiliaries this year. We depend heavily upon our auxiliaries for many hospital supplies and the clothing of our patients. We have appreciated the faithful financial support which we have received. Above all, we have appreciated your faithful prayer support and would enlist it again for this new year that God will continue to use this work in the salvation of many of our patients.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Dr. Emmett.

#### HELP EVANGELIZE AFRICA while DOORS are OPEN

Budget for 1966-67  
\$50,000.00

Raised to February 28  
\$26,000.00

Goal for Easter Offering  
\$10,000.00

#### MISSIONARY MOTTO

Earn all you can,  
Save all you can,  
Give all you can,  
to

Wesleyan Missions  
Easter Sunday  
March 26th, 1967

REV. FRED WHITTEY  
PERTH, N. B.  
Conference Treasurer

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