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WESTMINSTER HOME.

NOTE.--The Westminster Home, of which we here give a view, is intended for the younger boys and for all the girls. It is situated on College Avenue, about three or four squares from the University.

The Livingstone Home, for all boys over twelve years of age, is still nearer the University with its beautifully shaded campus of nearly thirty acres, and of the gymnasium and its complete outfit, including baths. Thus the location is all that could be desired.

ABOUT one year ago an offer was made to the Foreign Board of \$5,000 on condition that \$15,000 more was secured for the establishment of two homes at Wooster, Ohio, where the children of missionaries in active service could have the comforts and advantages of a home, while receiving an education. Every one who has given any thought to the question knows that it becomes necessary to send the children away at about the age of eight or nine years, sometimes sooner, for the double reason of withdrawing them from the unfavorable surroundings which a residence among the heathen or the semi-Christianized people offers, and also in order that they may be educated in the regular way in which others are.

This offer of \$5000 was conditioned upon the Board securing \$15,000 additional. In a surprisingly short time after the offer was accepted and the project made known, the entire amount was secured. The board considered it wise to fix the minimum subscription from any one individual or church at \$100. They did this in accordance with their known rule not to allow special objects to interfere with the steady inflow of small offerings.

It will be gratifying to all who are interested, to know that the two properties on which the total estimate was based have been

purchased for the sum of less than \$18,000; but necessary repairs and some additions will consume the whole amount contributed, and something additional. Nowhere could more admirably located houses have been found, or any better adapted for the purpose. Each is surrounded by ample and beautifully improved grounds. The larger one, intended for the girls and small boys, has been for years the home of Rev. Dr. Taylor, formerly the President of Wooster University. The other, for the elder boys until through college, was the residence of Professor Stoddart, also of Wooster University. These details are given in order that those interested may have a clearer idea of what has been done.

The Board of Managers has been formed, composed of twelve ladies, four of whom are residents of Wooster. An Advisory Committee of three clergymen in Wooster, includes President Scovel of the University. The entire management is subject to the approval of the Board of Foreign Missions, as the homes are "for the strengthening of the work in the Foreign field." The first regular meeting of the board will be held on the first Tuesday of June.

The question of furnishing those two houses is not a small matter. The more extended the co-operation the better. One way would be for each room to be in a sense a memorial of some one dear to the giver of the amount required. Could a more suitable object be found than thus to provide for the children of our Church? The approximate cost of furnishing a single room would be about \$75; and a larger room, intended for two or three (never more), about \$100. Then the parlors, library, in each house, and

other apartments, including play room, infirmary, or nursery, would average from \$100 to \$200 each. If any who read this recognize the appropriateness of such a memorial for some child, or parent, will they not write to Mrs. S.F. Scovel, Vice President, or to Mrs. Horatio Brown, Secretary, Wooster, Ohio, and learn the particulars if this is not sufficiently explicit.

The further sum of \$500 per year was offered at the same time toward the maintenance of the homes, provided \$1,500 more per annum was promised. Only a small part of this \$1,500 has been offered, and it is well to say that this sum can be made up of any amount, from \$25 upwards, provided it is promised as a regular annual contribution.

Nothing need be said of the blessed prospects opening before parents and children through the provision made in the establishment of these homes. The amount to be paid by each child is \$150 per annum, which it will readily be seen will go but a short way toward the cost of the support of each. Tuition will be furnished free in the excellent schools and in the University, and every good influence will surround the children.

Much more could be said, but space will not permit. This is the Lord's own work and it is a blessed privilege to have a share in it for his sake.

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May 10, 1893.

CONSTITUTION.

First: The object in establishing these Homes is the strengthening of the foreign missionary work, by providing for the home life of the children of missionaries in such a way as to enable the parents to remain at their posts in the foreign field.

Second: Only the children of those actively engaged in foreign missionary work in connection with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. shall be entitled to apply for the privileges of the homes.

Third: The Homes shall be under the direction of a Board of Managers, consisting of twelve ladies, assisted by an Advisory Committee of three gentlemen, both, with their successors, to be chosen by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., as provided in the action of said board taken at its session February 20th, 1893, and which is as follows:

1. "That the Homes be under the supervision of a Board of Managers, consisting of twelve ladies elected by the Board of Foreign Missions, arranged in classes of four each. Of the first board to be chosen, the first class to serve for three years, the second for

two and the third for one, subsequent classes to serve for three years each ; said Board of Managers to be appointed by and responsible to the Board of Foreign Missions, the character and limits of their supervision to be determined later.

2. That a committee of three gentlemen, residents of Wooster, Ohio, be appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions as an Advisory Committee who shall advise with the Board of Managers when requested. The members of the first committee shall serve respectively one, two and three years, and thereafter the members of the committees shall serve three years each, the Board of Foreign Missions electing one annually."

Fourth: The Board of Managers shall be divided into three classes of four each to serve for three years, subject to re-election, it being understood that the classes already chosen shall serve respectively one, two and three years, as provided in the action of the Board of Foreign Missions cited above.

The officers of the board shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those ordinarily pertaining to such positions.

Fifth: Four members of the board, residents in Wooster, shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the President shall be an ex-officio member, said committee to have general oversight of the Homes under the direction of the Board of Managers. The board either directly, or through its Executive Committee, shall furnish to the Board of Foreign Missions a quarterly report, including a statement of all monies received and expended. Neither

the Board of Managers or the Executive Committee shall have power to contract debts or to make extensive alterations without the authority of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Sixth: The Executive Committee under general direction of the Board of Managers shall employ suitable persons as matrons of the homes, and directly or indirectly such help as may from time to time be necessary. It shall also receive and act on all applications for admission to the homes, forwarding the same to the boards for approval.

Seventh: The board shall meet annually in Wooster, Ohio, on the first Tuesday in June, and at such other times as the Executive Committee may deem wise.

BY-LAWS.

First: The Board of Managers, together with the Advisory Committee, shall meet annually in Wooster, Ohio, on the first Tuesday of June.

Second: The meeting shall be opened with reading of scriptures and prayer.

Third: The Secretary shall read the minutes of all meetings held during the year, including those of the preceeding annual meeting.

Fourth: The Executive Committee shall meet every month. At these monthly meetings all bills against the homes can be presented.

Fifth: The Treasurer will, after the bills have been approved by the Executive Committee, pay the same on order of the President or Vice President.

Sixth: All payments for boarding shall be made to the Treasurer. Quarterly payments are desirable.

Seventh: If a child by permission of its parents and the board, shall spend one week or more in visiting friends elsewhere

a credit at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per week shall be placed to his or her account.

Eighth: "The Westminster Home" is to be occupied by all girls, and by boys under the age of twelve years. "The Livingstone Home" by all boys of twelve years and upwards.

Ninth: These by-laws can be amended by a three-fourths vote of the board, provided notice is given, in writing, three months prior to the annual meeting, and all such changes are submitted to the Board of Foreign Missions for approval.

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