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STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

125 East 27th Street, New York

Date Dec. 23, 1912.

Before writing any answers please read all the questions in the blank.

Please do not hold the blank; if you cannot at this time answer all the questions, fill out as accurately as possible and return by the next mail.

Additional information may be sent later.

1. Name in full (initials are not sufficient)? *Abbie Gertrude Sanderson*

2. If a married man, the maiden name of your wife; or, if a married woman, your maiden name and your husband's name

3. Year of birth? *1893*

4. Present address? *Mary Lou Hall, Waterville, Maine.*

5. Home or permanent address (i. e., an address, if possible, which will always reach you)?

Sedgwick, Maine.

6. Of what branch of the Church are you a member? (As there are in the United States 17 Methodist bodies, 12 Presbyterian, 13 Baptist, etc., please give the full title).

Regular Northern Baptist.

7. Have any members of your family been missionaries, (give facts)?

No -

8. In what institution are you a student?

(If not now a student give name of institution you last attended.)

Colby College

9. In what year will you graduate?

1914

10. What degree will you receive?

Bachelor of Arts.

11. In what other institutions have you been a student, and courses taken?

Graduated from Classical (Latin) course (College Preparatory) of Colburn Classical Institute (Waterville) in 1910.

12. Nature of work (e. g., physician, preacher, teacher, nurse, etc.), for which you are preparing?

Not sure, teacher, I think.

13. Present intention as to further course of study.

My decision is so recent that I have as yet no plans beyond graduation.

14. If you carry out your present plans, in what year will you complete your preparations and apply to your Mission Board or Society to be sent to the foreign mission field?

I cannot tell, for I am planning to teach some years to pay up college bills.

15. Are you, or have you been, a member of Bible classes? Please mention courses.

In college I have taken "Studies from the life of Paul", "Studies in the Book of Acts", and the course this year is "Social Teachings from the life of Jesus".

16. Are you a member of the local Student Volunteer Band?

There is no other girl at Colby who is a Student Volunteer, and no S. V. band.

Do you attend the meetings?

17. Are you a member of the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A.? If so, where?

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Active member of Colby College Y. W. C. A.

18. Are you or have you been, a member of mission study classes? Please mention courses.

*Last year I studied "The Church of the Open Country" (Home Missions) [over]**I think the course will be studied in 1913. (not sure what textbook yet.)*

19. To what extent have you made a study of missions, in addition to the work done in mission study classes? I have not, as yet, made any scientific study of missions; however I have been brought up in a family where I heard always a great deal about missions.

20. When, and under what influence, did you first seriously consider becoming a foreign missionary?

I cannot tell. My father is a clergyman, and I have all my life heard missions prayed for and preached about. Missionary speakers have often stayed with us. I remember especially L. H. Croukhite, and Mrs. E. F. Tatum (sent out under Southern Board). I cannot remember the time when I first thought of being a missionary.

21. When, and under what influence, did you finally form the purpose to become a foreign missionary?

This, too I cannot exactly tell. At Mr. Schwartz's last visit to Waterville I was profoundly impressed by what he said, and during the next day I decided - but the whole day before I even knew he was coming, my mind was almost constantly upon this matter. I feel as though the Holy Spirit has guided me.

22. Please name any persons who have influenced you in forming this purpose, either in private conversation or in public addresses?

I do not know how many people have influenced me, but not a little was due, I think, to my home influence.

23. Please name any pamphlets or books which have influenced you in forming this purpose?

I do not know.

24. Date on which you signed the volunteer declaration.

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25. What experience in spiritual life and in Christian work have you had? (Preaching or pastor's assistant, Sunday school, settlement, city or country missionary work, etc. Please make complete statement).

Practically none.

26. What professional or business experience or training have you had?

None.

(Please give as much detail as possible. The missionary societies have called for men as follows: Civil, mechanical, electrical, telegraph and sanitary engineers; teachers of English, French, German, music, mathematics, agriculture, chemistry, biology, physics, philosophy, accounting and commerce, manual training, stenography; all-round athletes; physical directors; architects and builders; physicians, surgeons, business managers, stenographers, printers, dentists, ordained preachers. And for women: Nurses, physicians, surgeons; teachers of primary and intermediate subjects, as well as specialists in biology, mathematics, music, kindergarten; physical directors, stenographers, Bible teachers and evangelists, superintendents of philanthropic institutions.)

27. Do you know of anything which may prevent your going to the field? (Such as health, family, debt, etc.).

I know of nothing now.

28. Remarks: I think a great many influences at work around me have helped bring about my decision, as great many of which I have been unconscious.

How old must a person be to go to the foreign field?

Please return this blank promptly to the Candidate Secretary, Student Volunteer Movement, 125 East 27th Street, New York

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STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

25 Madison Avenue, New York

Date December 21, 1915

Before answering the questions, it is suggested that the whole blank be read.

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SENT Jan 1917

1. Name (in full—initials are not sufficient):

Abbie Gertrude Sanderson

2. a. If a married man, the maiden name of your wife; or, if a married woman, your maiden name and your husband's name:

- b. If engaged to be married, the full name of person to whom engaged:

3. Present address:

Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton, Maine

4. Permanent address (i. e., an address, if possible, which will always reach you):

Bridgewater, Maine

5. Names of institutions in which you have been a student, courses taken, degrees received, and year of graduation:

*Colby College; specialized in English, French, and German;
A. B. degree; June, 1914*

6. Experience in business or profession since leaving college
or professional school:

(Please indicate as accurately as possible what work you are best fitted to perform. The missionary societies have called for men as follows: Civil, mechanical, electrical, telegraph and sanitary engineers; teachers of English, French, German, music, mathematics, agriculture, chemistry, biology, physics, philosophy, accounting and commerce, manual training, stenography; all-round athletes; physical directors; architects and builders; physicians, surgeons, business managers, stenographers, printers, dentists, ordained preachers. And for women: Nurses, physicians, surgeons; teachers of primary and intermediate subjects, as well as specialists in biology, mathematics, music, kindergarten; physical directors, stenographers, Bible teachers and evangelists, superintendents of philanthropic institutions.)

A year and a half teaching experience; subjects, English and History.

7. In what work are you now engaged?

I am now teaching English at Ricker Institute, in the position of preceptress or dean of girls.

8. Have you applied to any Foreign Mission Board or Society? Please give name of Society or Board in full and action taken:

Have not applied, but have had some correspondence with Miss Ellis, of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, signifying my wish to be sent out under that society.

- a. If you were rejected, please give reason:

- b. Do you consider the reason a permanent disability?

9. If you have been prevented from applying to a Board or Society, please give reasons:

Have simply delayed application; no reason.

10. Shall we keep your name on the list of Volunteers who may sometime be available for foreign missionary service?

yes.

11. Do you regard yourself as permanently hindered from ever entering the foreign mission field?

12. Remarks:

My plans now are to teach three or four years before taking my special preparation. By that time my brother will be out of college and I shall feel free to leave this country.