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Dr. White announced the death on December 19th, 1907, of Mrs.

Henry Harris Jessup, and read the following Minute:

"Theodosia Davenport Jessup, was a daughter of the late Rev. Peter Lockwood, for many years pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Binghamton, N.Y. She was born in Cortland, N.Y., July 28th, 1839, and after receiving her education at Miss Greene's School, No 1 Fifth Av., New York City, she spent her life in Binghamton, N.Y., actively engaged in church work until she was married to Rev. Henry Harris Jessup, D.D., on July 23, 1884.

Since her marriage she has been an active missionary in Beirut, Syria, until the day of her death, December 19th, 1907. She is survived by her husband Dr. Jessup in Syria, and by two sisters Miss Mary E. Lockwood and Mrs. J. S. Leverett and one brother Mr. Radcliffe B. Lockwood, all of Binghamton, N.Y. Her burial was in the Mission cemetery of Beirut.

When Mrs. Jessup was a woman of rare spiritual gifts. From the age of 12 she united with the 1st Church of Binghamton, N.Y., until the day of her death, she was constant in the service of Christ and the Church. As a leader of the choir and beloved teacher of young women, she did her work quietly and efficiently. Her pastor says of her, 'side by side with a devoutness of spirit which made those who were in her presence feel a spiritual atmosphere, and think of her afterwards as one who walked very closely with the Lord, there was a forthgoing to practical activity so that with the gift of practical organization was coupled an energy that brought success to whatever she attempted.' This spirit appeared in her life and work in Syria, where just as at Binghamton she organized the young women into a band for Christian service, and added to the loving care of her husband's home many deeds of kindness, one of which resulted in the establishment of the Beirut Temperance Reading Room. The power and permanence of her character and influence was shown in the fact that at the Memorial service held on December 23rd at Binghamton though she had been absent for twenty-three years (only occasionally having returned for a visit) a large circle of friends were gathered together and manifested grief and sympathy as though she had been with them up to the time of her death.

Hers was a beautiful life and as her pastor said in his closing words, 'she has simply ceased to be seen of us, which is sorrow enough, but she lives and walks the streets of the Holy City with a transfiguring vision before her eyes and holy rapture in her whole being which she never knew or conceived of before'.

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Beirut, Syria, Dec. 23rd, 1907.

My dear Brother,-

Your cablegram of sympathy shows that you received promptly the sad tidings of the death of my beloved wife. She was confined to her bed only about five days, with pleurisy and pneumonia, and passed away so suddenly that we can hardly yet realize that she has left these earthly scenes of her Christian activity and service. When told on Wednesday the 18th that she could not recover, she received the tidings with perfect composure, gave directions about various matters, engaged with us in prayers, and at length fell asleep calmly at 2.15 A.M., December 19th. She said, 'it will be hard to leave you, and hard to leave so much work unfinished that I had hoped to do for the Lord'. But she yielded in calm submission to the Lord's will.

I cannot recount all that passed in those last sacred hours. The week had been one of constant occupation during our Annual meeting, and she was full of joy in the hope of a spiritual blessing upon the Mission and the College. She had entertained every member of the Mission at her table, presided at the Women's Missionary Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 10th, was at the Mission meeting Wednesday; was at the home of Dr. Daniel Bliss December 12th, on the 52nd anniversary of my sailing for Syria with Dr. & Mrs. Bless; attended a committee meeting that afternoon, and we returned home at 5.30 P.M. and spent the evening with Dr. & Mrs. Ford and my son William and my daughter, and all retired at 10.30 o'clock. The next day Dr. & Mrs. Ford left for Sidon, and she was ill with intercostal rheumatism. During the following days, pleurisy developed and then pneumonia, so that on Wednesday the 18th, the heart action became so weak as to preclude all hope of her recovery. At 8 P.M. we had family prayers with her and again at 10 she asked for prayer, and two of my daughters and their husbands, Dr. Moore and Prof. Day, Mr. Erdman, my son William, Miss Holmes and the nurse Miss Bull stood around her bed/ I offered prayer with the benediction and then asked if she would join with us in saying, 'Now I lay me down to sleep'. She said, 'Yes', and we all repeated it through in unison, her voice rising clear and distinct to the end. We then said goodnight, and she soon fell into quiet unconsciousness and never spoke again, and ceased to breathe at 2.15 A.M. December 19th, aged 68 years. She was a mature Christian, a remarkable Bible student, of strict and regular habits of private prayer, and earnest in Christian work. She organized the Christian Endeavor Society, the Helping Hand Society, the Women's Temperance Society and the Beirut Reading Room. She prepared a Lesson Book of Studies in the Life of Christ which was translated and published at our Press in Arabic.

I expect to live on in our old Beirut house with my daughter Anna as my helper.

I am in fair health and am comforted by the abounding grace of God.

I thank you all for your kind cable of sympathy.

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) Henry H. Jessup.