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ANNUAL MEETING.

On the morning of May 14th, 1878, the North Church opened its doors to receive an audience, whose happy faces and gently murmured greetings testified to the joy with which they gathered, to attend the Annual Meeting of our much-loved Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions. At 10 o’clock precisely, Mrs. Hart called the meeting to order, and in a few words welcomed most cordially the members of auxiliaries, and the missionaries present, and also all representatives of the Mother Board and of other Branches who had come up with us to our feast. The hymn, “Joy to the world” was then sung, followed by selections of Scripture read responsively, by Miss Prudden and Miss Hart. This reading was like a silken cord, every strand of which was a strong tie of love or duty to bind us to our missionary work.

Mrs. Hubbard, whose voice was a sound of remembered music to many, offered prayer, after which the Annual Report was read by Mrs. Fairchild. It opened with thanksgiving for the strength and success given to weak instrumentalities, a thanksgiving which all hearts echoed most warmly, as we heard that though “the pressure of the times has been felt upon our treasury, and fears have been expressed lest dear work should have to be relinquished,” yet the Banner of the Cross has moved onward, one half of our auxiliaries having given much greater sums than before, thus supplying the deficiency caused by retrenchment in others.

The Treasurer's Report, which followed, showed the actual receipts of the year to have been somewhat in advance of that given last year, exclusive of the legacy then received.

Mrs. Thompson, President of the Hartford Branch, brought loving salutations from that society, saying that they rejoiced in all the good work we had been able to do, and that it was their greatest pleasure to be humble instruments in God's hands to accomplish little or much, as He might give the power.

Mrs. Barnes, Secretary of the Bureau of Exchange, Boston, followed, saying: "Six times the Mother Board at Boston has greeted this daughter, now grown so strong as to seem more like a sister to her. The daughter shares all the parent's joys and sorrows, and so we bring you tidings of our great joy, that so many are hungering for information, that not only in foreign lands do they ask for the Good News, but also at home there are constant demands for books and papers, for costumes and pictures, showing how the interest in our work is spreading. But the Mother Board asks sympathy also in her difficulties. When we hear of smaller receipts, while much unappropriated work is urged upon us, it is cause for anxiety. If each auxiliary or each Branch comes just a little short of its pledged work, the effect is disastrous. The work is growing. Dr. Clark tells us that fifty missionaries and $100,000 are called for to-day. One appeal says, we suppose that woman's work will go forward, whatever other retrenchment may be made. And these Secretaries of the American Board have to refuse many such appeals for help. They are not hard-hearted men, but they represent the churches. They can do no more than the churches furnish means for."
Miss Gilman then brought greetings from Eastern Connecticut, her few words being like all the work of that young Branch prompt, pleasant, and suggestive. An original hymn by Miss Susie Day was here sung, Miss Sanford's sweet voice alone giving utterance for us to the retrospective thought of each stanza, while the glad chorus rang out from many a heart and tongue:

Serving Jesus every day,
Serving Jesus as we may,
In the great things and the small,
Serving Jesus, that is all.

The Reports of Auxiliaries in Middlesex and Fairfield Counties were read by the Vice-Presidents; that of Fairfield County being made memorable by the joy expressed in welcoming the Darien Auxiliary, always a loving helper, but now one with us in deed and in name. Mrs. Ray Palmer, of the Philadelphia Branch, brought warm messages of love from that older sister, a love deeper and stronger because of the sacrifice she made in giving us our beloved President. Those who remember how few are the Congregational Churches in the large field of the Philadelphia Branch, can sympathize with Mrs. Palmer in her closing words: "We wish we could repeat your success, but it is impossible. We are a feeble folk, sowing seed for future harvests, but glad to be one with you in this good work, however small our share may be."

Miss Twining read a paper, suggesting first the question, Is it an advantage to labor for an especial object? This, she said, might be answered yes, and no. If it leads to much research for information, much prayer, and a new, strong love for that particular field, then the answer is, yes—but if it paralyzes effort, then most emphatically,
Again, to — "who constitute the New Haven Branch?" the answer was, not the Executive Committee at New Haven, but all the societies and circles composing the Branch, each one of which shares in its success, and also in the responsibility for its failure. A few words of suggestion of the good we may continue to do, after our lips shall be silent, by means of legacies, and an appeal for a permanent fund, on which we may depend for necessary expenses followed, and then the question was taken up—"Ought we not, as tributary to the W. B. M. to devote all our energies as organizations to that work alone, for which they and we were constituted?" One thought of the work assumed by the Mother Board, for the accomplishment of which she has only these Branches to depend upon, would seem to answer this question. If we send to other objects the money upon which she relies, what will become of these schools already opened? Shall these scholars be sent back into heathenism?

Mrs. Gordon then told of the progress recently made in Japan. Christians who had been imprisoned having been released, and the Government having pledged itself not to persecute. And as she spoke of one small church that in a few years had grown into thirty-six churches, with twelve hundred members, we felt that mission work had not been there thrown away. More freedom is allowed to women in Japan, than in other heathen lands, girls joining in their brothers' sports, and mingling with them as they grow older, but considered mentally inferior, and wives being liable to have the marriage tie dissolved at the pleasure of their husbands. The inactivity of their minds, so long neglected, is painful. Mr. Neesima reads and prays with his mother over and over. She seems impressed, but the next day it is all gone; her
mind a blank. But many have awakened. The wife of one of the deacons testifies that though she used to think only of dress, the theater, or the visits she was to pay; she now tries to study and to make her home as pleasant as possible, for the sake of her husband. Mrs. Gordon's description of Mrs. DeForest coming into Sabbath school, with perhaps thirty children, bare foot, with their shoes in their hands, whom she had picked up on the way, many of them with little ones on their backs, so that they ought to count double—was very vivid. The testimony of the women to the worth of Miss Talcott at the Kobe Home must not be forgotten. "She teaches us every thing, from the way of feeding our babies at night, to the way to go to Heaven." And even the men would listen to Miss Dudley, because she talked of railroads and steamboats, "like a man," they said.

As Mrs. Hart's able paper which followed, is given entire in our later pages, we need only ask that all will read it thoughtfully, and go on to repeat a part of the story told by Mrs. Schneider, of the work in Eastern Turkey. She said she wished to confirm the spirit and words of Mrs. Hart's paper,—that the first cry of every new convert from heathenism is, "Where are our ancestors?" "Why did you not come before, to save them from eternal death?" She described Miss Proctor's tours, through cold and storm, every thread of her clothing often wet through, with only a pan of coals to dry herself by in her lodging place at night, her couch a rack of torture, rather than one of rest; her teachings simple Bible talks, recommending cleanliness as well as godliness to the girls who sat around her, their faces daubed with paint, and their hair matted and decked with coins. Mrs. Schneider told us of one such girl changed by three years of instruction into so successful
a teacher that in six weeks she made good readers of the
girls in one mountain village.

The hour of noon brought the usual pleasant gathering for the collation in the chapel, and at half-past one we gathered again in the church for a half-hour of prayer, led by Miss Gilman. The moments were precious, and their memory is fragrant with the faith and love with which the leader seemed inspired.

At the opening of the afternoon session, after the stanza "Shall we whose souls are lighted," had been sung, the report of the committee chosen in the morning to nominate officers was presented. Only one or two of the familiar names were omitted, Mrs. Murdock, whose gentle ministries are transferred to a distant parish, having been succeeded by Mrs. Fairchild. But a shade of sadness was thrown over all faces when Mrs. B. A. Smith, in presenting the report, said, that though the name of our dear President still stands at the head of the list, she must be excused from all care or responsibility for this year, in the hope that a season of rest may bring her back to us with strength renewed. The prayer of consecration offered by Mrs. Ray Palmer, which followed, seemed by its closing words to lift us into the Holy of Holies. "Our Lord and our God, we give ourselves to Thee. Bless us now and always, and be our Light and our Guide to all eternity."

The Reports of Auxiliaries in Litchfield County were given by Mrs. Bonar and Miss Hinsdale, and an interesting letter from Miss Andrews, of China, was read by Miss Prudden. It gave an account of a wonderful revival which began with the week of prayer, the Chinese conducting a meeting by themselves, and becoming so interested that they held on far into the night. Then the women began to pray by themselves, and by the end
of the third week, all but four of those in the school and at the station were converted, and still the interest was deepening.

A paper by Mrs. G. B. Willcox followed, urging a greater use of the romantic stories with which missionary literature abounds, and a division of the labor of preparation for meetings. The story of O Fugi San, a Japanese girl who came to this country with Mrs. Gordon, was read by Miss Hart. Though she received much attention, she was not spoiled, but continued to be a sweet, humble Christian. Going with Mrs. Gordon to visit a young ladies' school in California, she spoke to the girls in these words: "I want you to know English well. I used to pray idols, morning, noon, night. Great man tell me no pray idols. I all dark, dark, dark. Missionary say pray Jesus Christ. Now I love Jesus. I ask you pray, my brother love Jesus. Man say you not all love Jesus? Why not all love Jesus? You must love Jesus."

"I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest," were the words that next broke the silence, sung most impressively by Miss Sanford.

Mrs. Hart then introduced Miss Strong, our missionary from Mexico. "What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" were her first words of thanksgiving that she was at last permitted to look into the faces of those who had prayed for her for four years past. She described the city of Monterey, beautiful as seen from a distance, with the river looking like a light green ribbon thrown across it, but proving on approach to be a dirty, straggling town, with thousands of women bending their tired backs over the stones of the river-bank to wash their clothes. At night they go to their
comfortless homes, filled with tobacco-smoke, to wait on their idle husbands, and to bow down before innumerable crosses and shrines. Miss Strong said the habit of exaggeration, which made part of their language, was greatly against their conversion. "How could people be trustworthy who always called a lie, a mistake— theft, borrowing—a teacher who could not write his name, a Professor, and a muddy, sluggish stream, the Great River, Rio Grande." But many have found Christ, and some have died rejoicing in him, and, said she, "I come to you freighted with messages of love and gratitude for your kind letters sent to them, and with requests that you will not forget to pray for them."

After two more verses of the hymn "Serving Jesus," had been sung, an admirable paper by Mrs. Noble, was read by Mrs. Adam. It opened with the story of the alabaster box, and asked "Is there not a parallel between this story and our work for women?" Looking back over wicked thoughts, lost opportunities, and wasted moments, we feel that we have indeed sinned much and been forgiven much. Do we also love much? We have a business organization that has done more than countless petitions to legislatures to improve the condition of women. What lack we then? Is there not a want of love? The dear Lord knows the difficulties, but the call comes to us to work for him. Let us do this Christian work then as a loving service, though realizing its imperfection so much that we shrink from calling it an offering. Let us give with more than a willing heart, with a joyful love, that shall fill our souls to the exclusion of all petty ambitions for place or honor. So shall we be accepted in the beloved, and shall know the joy of his commendation and love. "More love to Thee, O Christ," was the song that followed this paper, sung by many voices.
Mrs. Hume gave from Mrs. Edward Hume a greeting to the dear ladies whom she received at the door of the church three years ago, assuring them of her presence with them in spirit at this time. Mrs. Hume spoke of the great work accomplished by medical missionaries, Miss Norris of Bombay, having treated 6,000 patients since January 1st, and sent out texts of Scripture in eleven different languages, wrapped up with her prescriptions, and then told us with what pleasure the New Haven Branch had received Mrs. Bond, who is to be our medical missionary, though not an M.D., when she goes back to Turkey.

Mrs. Bond gratefully acknowledging the new tie that binds us, said she felt in coming to New Haven that it was coming home. She told the story of Marika, who though persecuted at home, had grown strong in faith. The missionaries called her their "walking concordance." Her success as a Bible reader was wonderful, her gentle manner disarming those who came with clubs to beat their friends who listened to her, and persuading them to stay and listen too. One woman, who had beaten a teacher named Setka, came to Mrs. Bond, the tears pouring down her cheeks, saying, "I did not know I was persecuting Jesus." Another woman told her she could not understand their priests, and "what good to go to church?" "We talk about dress and our babies all the time." No wonder, said Mrs. Bond, that Paul said "let your women keep silence in the churches."

Mrs. Hubbard spoke of the joy she felt in the growth of the Branch, and reminded us of the early promise made to one another, to observe some part of the hour between five and six every Sunday evening as a concert of prayer.

Mrs. Hart urged every one to stand by the Woman's
Board. Do not believe anything adverse to it. If you hear that women are breaking down under it, ask what else they are doing? Dr. Humphrey writes: "It has become an essential helper; cannot be spared." Our mothers desired to see this day, and did not see it. We see it, and are glad. There is yet much more work to do in this direction, for the heathen, and for our own hearts.

Miss Borden, of the Boston Board, thanked Mrs. Hart for these kind words, and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the fellowship of the saints, for union with hearts beyond the seas, for the prayers of converted ones, who pray for us while we pray for them, closing with renewed consecration to the missionary work.

Mrs. C. R. Palmer, of Bridgeport, then moved a resolution of thanks to each and every one who had contributed to the pleasure and profit of the day, the doxology was sung, and the Seventh Annual Meeting of the New Haven Branch was adjourned.

So great had been the interest awakened by Mrs. Bond, that for half an hour more, many remained to hear from her lips the account of the flight from Eski Zagra, a story which grows in interest as we realize more and more the wonderful faith and courage which sustained those missionaries, through hunger, fatigue, and danger, till the brethren at Constantinople received them, "as risen from the dead."
ANNUAL REPORT.

The record of the labors of the New Haven Branch for the year just closing may be briefly told. For whatever of success or encouragement has been accorded to weak human instrumentalities, we would first thank Him to whom belongs the silver and the gold as well as the hearts of men.

Among the home influences that have contributed to our growth and enlargement has been the establishment of County Branch Meetings, which sprang into existence some three years since for the dissemination of missionary intelligence, sustaining an interest already awakened and arousing one where none or but little has been felt. Last autumn there were held three in the different counties connected with the New Haven Branch, leaving out New Haven County, which is expected to draw supplies more immediately from the monthly meetings at home. These were of Middlesex at Middletown, of Litchfield at Wolcottville, and of Fairfield at Norwalk. Mrs. Snow, of Micronesia, was present at these meetings, together with some one or more members of the Executive Committee, and all felt that in them good work had been done for the Master. Through these meetings the auxiliaries and the Branch come in closer contact, and realize more fully that each is but a part of a perfect whole.

The monthly meetings of the Branch are held in New Haven, and with no diminution of interest as compared with former years. If anything, we may say the interest increases. Miss Dodge of the Dacotah Home and Mrs. Farnsworth, addressed us in June. Mrs. Snow was here at the October meeting. Mrs. Schaufler in December
and Mrs. Morrison, of China, in January. With these exceptions the meetings have been sustained by the reading of missionary letters, original papers which have been contributed in a few cases, reports from the Secretaries and addresses from one or more of the county Vice Presidents, who have cheered us by their presence and sympathy as well as by the reports given of growth and interest in their immediate vicinity. Two meetings were devoted to the study of Turkey, and with the help of maps, original papers and letters, much light was thrown upon the subject, and with great profit.

A children's missionary meeting was held in Center Church on Friday afternoon, April 19th, Mr. Hawes presiding. There were a large number of children present, as well as many grown people. The exercises were varied and interesting, particularly the recitations by the little girls. Of these, the first was given by the "Young Workers" mission circle, in costume of different nations, and was both pretty and touching; another, the "Rainbow," by some little girls from the Orphan Asylum was also very pretty, and was given with remarkable ease and clearness. Dr. Wells Williams gave an interesting address on China, and showed in illustration a Chinese praying machine, a paper idol that a Christian convert had torn from the walls of his house, and other objects of interest touching their faith.

The copying of missionary letters has been taken in charge by the different churches in this city in rotation, some taking one month and others two, furnishing from twenty to forty copies in the month. We have tried as far as possible to supply auxiliaries with letters for their meetings.

The Executive Committee have been deprived, by removal from the city, of one of their number, Mrs.
Murdock, who so long gave faithful, loving service in this department of the home work. But while our hearts are saddened by the loss, those in the distant home, to which Providence has assigned her, will have occasion to rejoice that one of His chosen ones has come among them. Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss also resigned some months since her position, as Vice President, on account of ill-health.

We count to-day one hundred and ten auxiliaries, those added since last May are Wallingford, Portland, Milford, Millington, New Hartford and Darien. The society at Darien, which has long been an efficient auxiliary of the W. B. M., has very recently joined our Branch. Of our seventy-one mission circles and Sunday schools, twelve are new—Winsted, "Mountain Rivulets," and the "May Flowers," Derby "Forget-me-nots;" West Chester "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," New Haven "Young Workers," "Willing Hearts" and "Willing Helpers," Ridgefield "Gleaners," Roxbury "Centennial" Mission Band, Salisbury "Resolute" Mission Circle, Washington "Willing Workers," and "Young Folks' Mission Circle" at Stanwich. Of individual membership we have about six thousand.

The missionary library has increased very slowly, there are now something over one hundred volumes; these books have been useful to those preparing papers on different countries. We wish there were more interest in the library, for with more knowledge of the mission fields there would be more love and zeal. Missionary societies in all parts of the country are feeling the importance of the "literature of missions" and are forming missionary libraries.

This year a pressure has been felt in the money market altogether unparalleled in the history of the Branch, and
we have scanned the horizon sometimes with anxious fears lest some work that had become dear must be relinquished. These fears, however, have been felt unnecessarily, for one-half the auxiliaries have done more than ever before, one sending a contribution twice as large as last year, another three times as large. But the deficiency from the remaining societies was so great that the sum total is about the same. One writes, "more than one-third of our entire membership have had their income cut off by business failure. Of those that have given, it has been with much sacrifice—they have literally done what they could." This encouragement comes from the "Mountain Wide Awakes" and "Home Jewels" of Norfolk. "This money, eighty dollars, is the proceeds of a festival and fair for which we have been working for several months. Our mission circles are very flourishing. We meet together every two weeks for work. Oftentimes some one reads missionary items while we are at work." All honor to the boys' and girls' circles of Norfolk. From New Britain one writes: "I take pleasure in enclosing to you a check for forty-three dollars, the results of a sale of fancy articles by the "Little Helpers," a mission circle of girls from seven to eleven years of age, many of them German girls from our poor families. We formed our circle in February and this is our first offering." A second gift of over sixty-eight dollars has since been received from them, the result of another festival.

Our missionary, Miss Strong, has been obliged to relinquish work in Mexico and return home, on account of the transfer of that mission to the Presbyterian Board. On the foreign field everything bids us press forward. Turkey is relieved from the devastating war that laid waste her territory one year ago. Is it too
much to hope that she will now all the more readily welcome the glad tidings of a crucified and risen Saviour—the Prince of Peace. All the mission stations there are doing well and promise better things in the future. Mrs. Leonard writes that she has just passed her twentieth anniversary as a missionary, which now seems but a dream in its duration. After speaking of indignities received from rude boys in the streets, she says: "But on the other hand, the love and gratitude we receive from our friends more than balances and makes us forget these petty annoyances; but a few days more and we all shall have passed away from these earthly homes to that which is eternal." The Home at Marsovan which our funds helped to erect is completed, and will we doubt not be a power for good in all that region. From a recent report of the Ahmednuggur girls' school, under the care of Mrs. Robert Hume, we learn that "although the past year has been a year full of hardship and suffering, full of anxiety and care, yet that our God has spread over us his banner of love. Our wants have all been supplied, the many mouths been filled, sickness has been kept from our girls, and better than all, the Spirit of God has been with us teaching us lessons of simple trust." Says one writing of the famine in India, "though it has been very severe in our land, yet we have ample reasons to be grateful to the wise Providence that ordered it for good. By means of the relief afforded, the people see clearly now the nature and fruits of Christianity." God grant that the famine in China may produce the same results in opening new avenues for giving the bread of life to souls perishing for want of it. Even in the dark regions of Africa are seen signs of dawn; perhaps even now the most signal successes of the great Captain of our salvation await him there,
where a highway has been opened for the entrance of the word of life. Look in whatever direction we may the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. O that we could arise to an appreciation of the privilege of living in this day when so many fields are ripening with abundant harvests. The Spirit of God seems brooding over the nations. The iron-bands that form the highways of travel are so many material forces to hasten His coming. Even war, famine and pestilence are His ministers, and most surely execute His will. Exploration, commerce and education are opening the way for the grander triumphs of the cross.

Mrs. Wyllys Peck.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

While it is true that every auxiliary, like every church, has a separate individual life, and must to a great extent pursue its own work alone, yet we find it greatly to our advantage to be associated with others in County and Branch work, and the general interest centers largely in the public meetings which we of Fairfield County hold twice a year, and which serve to bind us very strongly together.

The rain has interfered largely with the attendance this year, as weeping skies prevailed both at Wilton in June, and Norwalk in October, but at both meetings we had a "feast of fat things," and light and joy within. The promise to such as faithfully sow the good seed, that they "shall reap in due time if they faint not," is already beginning to be fulfilled in our County. Two years ago we were privileged to tell you of Miss Wheeler, who had gone from Darien to Japan; now, we can report the departure of another, Miss Knapp, of Greenwich, who sailed last summer to join Miss Ferguson at Wellington, going with a truly consecrated missionary spirit, (though not sent by any Missionary Board,) to that Mt. Holyoke of South Africa.

Miss Knapp was with us at Wilton, where we were favored not only with the presence of Miss Lindley, of South Africa, whom we expected, but also had the unexpected pleasure of greeting Mrs. Farnsworth, of Caesarea, on her return to America, and of introducing her to the first Woman's Missionary meeting she ever attended in this country. It was our privilege also to hear earnest words from the full heart of Miss Wilson, and to bid her
“God-speed” on her way to Japan, thus mingling our good-byes and our welcomes, as the out-going and the in-coming missionaries met together.

At the Branch meeting at Norwalk in October, Mrs. Prudden presided, and gave us her map of Turkey with the accompanying lecture; and Mrs. Snow, of Micronesia, celebrated her fifty-seventh birthday by telling us of her life and labors in those far-off islands of the Pacific.

Echoes from the meeting of the American Board at Providence also reached us, and tender memories of one whose life-motto had been, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,” rested like a gracious benediction upon us.

These general meetings proved so inspiring and satisfactory, that the ladies in the southwestern part of the County, desiring to meet more frequently, have held several smaller meetings during the winter, at old Greenwich, at Stanwich, and at Darien, and as a result we can report to-day one new Mission Circle formed at Stanwich in February.

At Darien, a resolution was adopted to “hold an informal meeting of an hour’s length, in the interest of Woman’s Foreign Missionary work at each session of the Fairfield South West Conference,” and a Secretary (Mrs. Mead, of Darien,) was appointed to make all preliminary arrangements and to report to the New Haven Branch.

By these various meetings, and by laboring each to do what we can in our own auxiliaries, we hope to deepen the interest in the work in our County.

“Afraid to come and take part, ashamed to come and not take part,” as one expresses it, does not this explain the small attendance at many missionary meetings? If
all felt the interest of one who writes concerning the monthly meeting of her own auxiliary, "I plan days beforehand to go, and count it pleasure to make sacrifices if need be, that I may be there," we are sure we should not so often be told, "very few attend our meetings," and perhaps the Master might oftener say of us, "She hath done what she could."

In Bethel, despite an unusual pressure of home work, paying off a church debt and repairing their edifice, both their membership and subscriptions have slightly increased. Supporting a Bible Reader in India, they have recently taken up the study of that country, and not satisfied with the small maps in common use, have drawn large maps for themselves, a good example for the imitation of others.

At Danbury the ladies have continued with great interest their study of the missions of the American Board. The history of the Mission School at Cornwall, the Mission to Ceylon, the one to the Cherokee and Choctaw Indians, and that to the Sandwich Islands, together with letters from those now in the field, have furnished abundant material for profitable gatherings during the year. Several are making themselves life-members of the Woman's Board.

In Georgetown, "being yet as a Congregational Church only three years old, and having their third minister (all unmarried men), with no minister's wife to lead them," they feel that they deserve praise for even attempting anything abroad, when the pressure at home is so great, but are, "determined not to stand still," and are encouraged by increased interest in the foreign work. The meetings of the children, the "Buds of Promise," are well attended, and of much interest. They had an ice cream festival last summer, netting them twelve dollars,
and the exercises of the last monthly concert were conducted by them.

*Monroe.* After a season of discouragement light has again arisen on their path, and as their "last meeting was more fully attended than any other of the year," they are feeling more hopeful.

*Newtown* is one of the few auxiliaries able to report an increase of contributions over last year amounting to sixty-six per cent. Regular missionary meetings have been exchanged for reading missionary letters at the Sewing Society, and as all who are present hear what is read and said on the subject, the Secretary thinks some have become interested, who would never come to a meeting strictly missionary.

*Redding* maintains regular meetings, those who do go manifesting great interest by their efforts to be present, and many others regretting their inability to attend. They are mourning sadly the prospective removal of their loved President, fearing lest her departure be at the expense of much of the life and zeal of the Society.

*Ridgefield,* "beautiful for situation," reports both clouds and sunshine in its path as an auxiliary. Though not realizing its highest hopes, it circulates well its few copies of *Life and Light*, supports a pupil at Madura, and with the help of the Mission Circle, aids in the support of a Bible Reader in Western India. A good record truly.

The members of the Mission Circle, "the Gleaners," are not as their name implies, all *workers*, but are largely *honorary* members.

*Sherman* has thirty-four members, and holds its own, but reports no marked progress. What their Secretary writes, "We who attend all the meetings, are interested in them," would doubtless be true of most places. Moral, if you would be interested, attend every meeting.
Trumbull is the banner auxiliary in my district in subscriptions to Life and Light, fifteen copies being taken. The ladies being scattered, meet but quarterly, and then on Sunday noons, "but to contribute cheerfully, and to remember missions in their prayers daily," is indicative of no slight interest, and to such we feel sure the Master says, "Well done!"

Mrs. S. J. Hough.

The Bridgeport Auxiliary after reaping faithfully its three fields, the three Congregational churches, has brought rich golden sheaves to strengthen the hands of Miss Andrews, their Missionary in China. Though rumors come to us from time to time of most stimulating meetings in Bridgeport, the influence of which is felt throughout the neighboring churches, the report modestly makes no mention of these, but speaks of their quiet half-hour of prayer before each business meeting as their most precious means of culture and growth.

A small Mission Circle is reported which acts in concert with the ladies’ society and under the same officers.

The Easton Auxiliary reports that there are very few female members of the church, whether young or old, who do not contribute something to the Woman’s Board. Many of them bring their contributions unsolicited, and others welcome gladly the calls of the Secretary with her subscription list. This faithful Secretary mentions the Annual Reports of the New Haven Branch as some of her most efficient aids in kindling missionary zeal.

The Norwalk Auxiliary thankfully records a great increase of interest in Foreign Missions. The support of Mrs. Williams at the Constantinople Home is their
first care, but other gifts have been made to the Dacotah and Kioto Homes. The Secretary writes: “Our funds have been raised by the envelope plan of systematic giving supplemented by freewill offerings and extra sums as occasion required, or as our Heavenly Father’s added gifts gave us the additional power.” The course of training in benevolence adopted by this Society three years ago is one that may well be recommended throughout our Branch. By this course the Infant Class in the Sabbath School forms the youngest Mission Circle, there being two of different ages above it, before the height of honor, the Woman’s Auxiliary is attained, each circle gradually rising into the next, to give place to a younger band. It is the consummation of a plan suggested by their much loved President, who only a few months since entered within the vail.

In closing this record of the work of our Norwalk sisters, let us all take as our motto and inspiration, one of the many sweet messages, sent to them from the sick chamber of this dear saint.

“We have learned in these few years that cheerful giving is blessed giving, and if we break our alabaster box of ointment for our dear Lord, its precious perfume will be fragrant for an eternity.”

Stamford. With a small membership in Stamford, the Secretary writes, that the contributions have averaged about two dollars and fifty cents to each member. No words could better express the state of things there, than these which we borrow from a report given in Boston.

We cannot speak of great things,  
We're only a little band,  
Working from month to month,  
With willing heart and hand.
The "Rippowam Circle," after many discouragements, rejoices to be able to send means for the support of a scholar at Harpoot, and to take a share in the new building at Aintab.

The Secretary of the Westport Auxiliary, after giving pleasant memories of the earlier meetings of the year, assures us that no ground has been lost, but that rather a deeper interest prevails. And she adds that each worker has found the benefit to her own soul one of the best results of faithful service.

The statistics sent by our Wilton Auxiliary, though offering the only instance of nearly four-fold fruitfulness in this part of Fairfield County, give little hint of the untiring labors of the few young workers there. Every Friday finds them gathered together, for either a prayer meeting, a sewing circle, a business meeting, or a social reunion with missionary reading. And so having been well watered with the sweet dews of love and zeal, this field has borne a large harvest for its youthful reapers.

And here we may express something of the joy we feel in our part of the County in welcoming the Auxiliary at Darien into our ranks.

On either side of us Darien and Greenwich have ever been like Aaron and Hur upholding our hands in all County work. And it is a great pleasure that we are permitted to anticipate that hereafter our beloved Branch shall share in all the zeal and devotion which has for years been given to the Mother Board.

Our youngest pet, the "Young Folks’ Mission Circle" of Stanwich, was organized January 7th. It was the outgrowth of a precious little meeting of an hour’s length, between the sessions of Fairfield Southwest Conference. Beginning modestly, they report but two officers, a
Secretary and a Treasurer, though any one who looks on may see that there is besides these a spirit within the wheels that is untiring. They shrink from making great promises, only assuring us that they mean to be faithful and to "hang on the year round," though their name is not "Pine Needles."

Mrs. G. B. Willcox.

Litchfield County.

In bringing Litchfield County before you at the close of another year it is with the conviction that this missionary work has become a part of ourselves, has been adopted into our very hearts, and we gladly welcome the opportunity it affords us of obeying our Saviour's last command. There is no doubt that a prayerful interest heretofore unfelt is deepening in very many of our auxiliaries. As knowledge increases so does love for the work. There is little or no increase in contributions for this year. The pressure of the times has been felt by merchants and farmers alike, but we trust that brighter times will witness our quickened sense of duty and privilege in giving as the Lord has prospered us.

Bethlehem reports the loss of a number of their members by death, but the interest in the work continues.

Cornwall. Their monthly meetings are held regularly and are very much enjoyed. The "Hillside Workers," by a "parlor sale" and a "children's concert," have realized the sum of sixty dollars. No one can doubt their enthusiasm.
Ellsworth. Meetings are held every two months, and we have every encouragement to hope that the interest will grow and deepen as they become better acquainted with the work.

Milton has an average attendance at their monthly meetings of two-thirds of their membership. These continue to be the most enjoyable meetings of the church and have been productive of great good to themselves.

Litchfield presents a very encouraging report of a membership of seventy-two and contributions quite in advance of any previous year. They are doing nobly, going on, reaching forward to even better things in time to come. In connection with "the Daisy Chain" they have assumed the support of a pupil at Harpoot and a Bible reader in India.

New Preston has an average attendance of nearly one-half their membership. The work is still very dear to them and increasing in value and importance.

Bridgewater realizing far more than they expected or dared to hope for, have a living, growing love for the work. They feel that they themselves have been blessed in their meeting together to pray for the coming of Christ's kingdom.

Kent can show an increase both in members and in interest during the past year. Those composing the little band of workers are all united heartily in the work, and have great faith that their efforts and labors will not be in vain. Their monthly meetings are well attended.

Roxbury has recently decided to hold quarterly meetings instead of monthly, but they have had during the winter "Missionary Sociables" every other week, afternoon and evening, when the gentlemen join them, which
gatherings have been very pleasant and profitable. "The Centennial Mission Band" is doing well. At a little sale gotten up by themselves last July they realized nearly fifty dollars.

Woodbury sustains monthly meetings, and those who meet together feel that their own souls are benefited while they pray for their heathen sisters. The mission circle of young ladies, "The Valley Workers," has disbanded. It is with sincere sorrow we mention this, the very first discouraging item in our report. Let us hope they may again organize for permanent usefulness.

Washington has held meetings more frequently during the past year, and a new spirit of interest has been awakened. Both of the County Vice-Presidents have visited them and given needed help. One delightful evidence of progress, is the forming of a mission circle at the suggestion of one of the little girls. They call themselves "The Willing Workers" and meet regularly, taking special topics for each meeting.

New Milford reports no new members added during the year, while they have lost several through removals and death. Although the contributions have been less than any previous year, they do not confess to any less love for the work. The profit and pleasure derived from their monthly meetings, has been greatly increased by the plan of studying up one special country for each meeting. In this way, Japan, Africa and China have been brought very near their hearts. The mission circles are earnest and persevering in the work. The "Star Circle" is composed of young ladies, and the "Golden Links" of the pupils of the infant class. The latter have lost many of their numbers, owing to their promotion into the Sabbath School proper.
Goshen has somewhat increased its contributions over last year's amount.

Warren has done likewise, making a life member. They express a desire to do more, and each and all of them are willing to do all they can.

Mrs. J. B. Bonar.

We have one new auxiliary in our part of Litchfield County since last year, and that is in New Hartford. It has the best of foundations—the ladies' prayer meeting which gives place to this society once a month.

The next best thing is the reviving of a discouraged society in Colebrook. The "Laurel Leaves" mission circle still continues to report to the treasury.

Norfolk has two mission circles, the "Home Jewels," composed of girls, and the boys call their society the "Mountain Wide Awakes." They have raised more than one hundred dollars by a fair during the year, and have an annual gathering in the church, when the service is devoted to them. In working for the Saviour, some of them have learned to love Him.

Canaan continues steady work, and has an increased membership.

South Canaan has lost somewhat in numbers.

Salisbury has been doing thorough work. They gave a copy of "Thanksgiving Ann" to every female member of the congregation, and appointed committees to visit all these persons and invite them to join the society. The result is fifty-three members. They have also commenced a mission circle, called "The Resolutes," because they started under discouraging circumstances, and thought the name might stimulate them. There are thirty children and they are much interested.
Sharon, though losing some members by death, and some by removal from town, still maintains the numbers of last year. The “Busy Bees” are interested and report a fair attendance. Two little girls got up a festival in August, from which they netted nearly forty-two dollars.

Falls Village feel that they are among the weakest of the societies, but are not discouraged. The “Little Seekers” are young children, working with much interest.

Winsted works steadily on, but there is no apparent increase of general interest. They have a mission circle in each church, the “May Flowers” in the First Church, which have raised one hundred dollars by a fair last winter, and the “Mountain Rivulets” in the Second Church.

Barkhamsted is at present too feeble to sustain its auxiliary, the ladies work to aid in supporting preaching in their own church.

Riverton has lost a few of its members.

Wolcottville. Our annual county meeting was held here last October, the week after the American Board met in Providence. Mrs. Hume and Mrs. Snow both brought to us the inspiration of that meeting. The stimulus of this gathering was very apparent, and we feel that these county meetings are most efficient agencies in widening the interest in this work.

Torrington has raised more money this year, and there has seemed to be more of a spirit of prayer than before.

Northfield feel it a privilege to sustain their meetings.

Morris numbers forty-eight members. A noble record for a town of seven hundred inhabitants.

Plymouth sustains its society, and sends word that their contribution “was collected through the efforts of
a lady eighty-eight years of age, who is not willing the auxilliary should be given up, although we are a feeble society.” "The Arbutus Gleaners" continue their meetings.

Thomaston has sixty members, the largest paying membership of any year. This has been accomplished by personal solicitation and persistent work. Their best meetings are when they take some missionary field, one lady giving the geography of the country, another the social condition and literature of the people, another the beginning and present aspects of the missionary work, etc. They have two mission circles. The "News Bearers" are boys, who are too young to work. So they have singing and Bible reading, and take tea together. At each meeting a committee is appointed to select a Bible story for the next time. Mrs. Snow spoke to them last fall, and one little fellow said afterward, "I tell you, I felt good that day." The "Free Givers" have strictly devotional and business meetings in the afternoon, often having a report from some mission field. After tea they have a social time.

Watertown, in looking back over the five years of their organization feel truly thankful for the share they have been permitted to take in the work. During the year they have met twice in outside districts, and have had one large meeting with friends from New Haven present. They still maintain three mission circles, the Earnest Workers, the Boys' Mission circle, and the Little Gleaners. The last had a necktie and apron festival, including an archery last October, which proved a success.

During the year two missionaries have gone from our county. Rev. Mr. Ferguson, the minister at Torrington-ford, has gone to founded a school for boys, in the Dutch
colony at South Africa, and Miss Steele from New Hartford, who while teaching in Torringford became interested in Mr. Ferguson's plans, and sailed last August for Stellenboseh, South Africa. These missionaries are both supported by the Dutch settlers.

Miss Mary P. Hinsdale.

Middlesex County.

Again we come before you, bringing the offering that we, during the weeks and months of the year, have been so carefully gleaning. An offering not rich alone with increasing numbers and outward prosperity, but one fragrant with a deepening love and an abiding interest in the cause for which we are laboring.

Where at the beginning of the year hearts were indifferent to this part of the Master's vineyard, now the earnest inquiry, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" is made, and voices, that before were hushed in our churches, are, from time to time, heard in our missionary gatherings, tenderly and lovingly pleading for the onward movement of gospel truths in foreign lands.

East Hampton First Church comes not as weary, jaded workers, but fresh with the new life and zeal which another year's experience has given. The monthly meetings have been well attended and not the officials alone, but the individual members have felt a responsibility in this work, and each has tried to impart of her influence and strength. While there has been a growing earnestness in this auxiliary other benevolent objects have not been forgotten, and they have thus learned that the Christian's power lies not in exclusive attention to one field, but in sowing beside all waters.
East Hampton Union Church, although they have met with discouragements by the way, still “hold with a firmer grasp to that which they have already attained.” In the removal of their President to another parish they encountered a difficulty which was not until recently overcome. They find in their new pastor’s wife a willing helper, and are looking forward hopefully to the opening year with the brightening prospect it brings to them.

The Circle, “Earnest Mission Helpers,” although for want of a leader, they have not this year been able to make their usual contribution, still claim an organization.

Middle Haddam speaks of meetings being interrupted somewhat by sickness and death in families of the officers. We long to enjoy with them the sweet communion and loving words of their returned sister from Monterey, Mexico. Surely, her presence will enliven, strengthen and press them on to nobler ends.

Middletown First Church still finds toil for the Master sweet. They report an “interest well sustained and an average attendance larger than last year.” They support one Bible Reader, one scholarship, two pupils and two schools. Nineteen of their number are life members and more than half of their members are subscribers to “Life and Light.”

Middletown South Church is also endeavoring to bear a part in the evangelization of the world’s millions. Meetings have been held, as usual, during the year. “The interest of the Society has been generally turned to Japan.” While no accessions to numbers have been reported, yet we rejoice that they are enabled to hold the ground already possessed.

Portland, our youngest sister, has proven that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” The young Secretary writes, “Truly God is blessing our feeble efforts
to awaken and increase an interest in the cause of missions." There has been an enlarging of membership since the time of organization and a spirit of earnest research after missionary intelligence and the best methods of conducting the monthly gatherings. A fresh impetus has been given, by the return among them of one who, for a season, was connected with the work at the Constantinople Home.

Westchester rejoices that "the race is not alone to the swift nor the battle to the strong," but that the Spirit of the Lord, abiding in the hearts of His faithful followers, creates new desires which bud and blossom and yield a noble fruitage. High hills and rock-bound homes present no barriers to this work, for the average attendance has been greater, the membership larger and the interest deeper than ever before. Home papers have been carefully prepared and the question system adopted, both of which have added much to the interest of the society. The sweetest offering this humble parish brings is the band of youthful workers; "The Young Ladies' Mission Circle." Organized but six months ago, they now number twenty. Their meetings which are held once a fortnight are of a devotional and social nature. They have occasionally given evening sociables, which have been made entertaining and attractive by previous preparation, and the mites thus gathered have all been lovingly cast in the Lord's treasury.

A life-inspiring County meeting was held in October, with the auxiliary of Middletown First Church, who received us with loving hospitality. Mrs. Hart presided and in her usual happy way spoke only encouraging words to the waiting hearts before her. Mrs. Thompson, President of the Hartford Branch, gave in a brief but earnest manner, an account of the meeting of the A. B.
C. F. M. held at Providence. The interest of the meeting was much enhanced by the reading of home papers prepared for the occasion; also, by an address given by Mrs. Snow, a returned missionary from Micronesia.

MRS. W. T. HUTCHINS.

Middlesex County reports an increase of two Auxiliaries and one Young Ladies' Mission Band, during the past year. Though death has been busy, taking from us some of our most efficient workers and liberal donors, we are grateful that our ranks are not lessened but that new recruits of volunteers have come forward to fill the vacancies, and we trust the spirit that animated those who have gone to a higher service, will be imparted to the new workers. In some cases delegates from one or more auxiliaries have met with a neighboring society, thus encouraging each other and strengthening the bond of fellowship among us.

When we receive from our Auxiliaries such messages as the following—"We enjoy our meetings more and more," "Send us material to interest our young ladies, for they are coming in," "We cannot dispense with the influence of this missionary work on ourselves," "Pray for us that we may not only continue but may increase in numbers and efficiency"—we are not discouraged but look thankfully and hopefully forward to the future, believing that He who has helped us in the past will still grant us His aid.

Centerbrook reports no decrease in membership or interest, though the meetings, from sickness and other causes, have not been as fully attended as in some years past.

Chester's returns are not much varied from those of
last year. A few are faithful in attendance at the meet­
ings, and much regret the slow growth of interest in
missionary work in general.

Clinton with a large number of members reports
small meetings and less interest than the first year of
their existence, due in a great measure to the diversion
of labor and means to the liquidation of a church debt.

Deep River. The Secretary writes, "While our Aux­
iliary is not all that could be desired, the outlook at
present is very encouraging. The membership has
largely increased, the interest, as compared with last
year, is far greater, and there is a heart-felt sympathy
with those who are laboring in this cause. Our desire
is that we may consider no sacrifice too costly if thereby
we may aid in sending the words of Jesus to the be­
nighted heathen.

East Haddam has increased its membership and
nearly doubled the average attendance at monthly meet­
ings, in which a growing interest is manifested, arising
in part from the "question system" which enables a
greater number to participate in the exercises, besides
extending their knowledge of the different mission fields.
The members of the Mission Circle have been so scat­
tered in the pursuit of education that their meetings
have been suspended during the year.

Haddam. The Secretary writes of "increasing inter­
est, a larger number ready to take an active part in our
gatherings. While we miss the enthusiasm and zeal of
our pastor's wife, who during the year has been called
to a higher sphere, we are thankful that she was per­
mitted to dwell for a season among us and infuse into us
some of her love for this work. Her death has caused
us to feel a greater sense of responsibility, and also that
there is resting upon us the need of a fresh anointing
of the Holy Spirit, that while we learn of His doings in heathen lands, our hearts may become enlightened and in full sympathy with His work."

The Young Ladies' Mission Band have continued their meetings with interest and have contributed towards the support of Mrs. Hume of Ahmednuggur.

Higganum has suffered from the removal of several active members but the interest among those remaining is undiminished.

Killingworth. Meetings are held in connection with the monthly meetings of the Church, owing to the scattered population. The membership is large.

Millington Church has in the past twice sent its offerings to our treasury. Now we welcome its young but thrifty Auxiliary to our number. "Starting in September last, with a membership of six" it has increased to twenty. Their monthly meetings, preceded by a half-hour prayer meeting, are well attended with an interest that proves that they consider hills and valleys, wind and rain, small obstacles to surmount when the hour arrives to pray that "earth's remotest nations may learn Messiah's name."

Saybrook stands at the head of the Auxiliaries of Southern Middlesex in point of members. It has recently adopted the "envelope system" with beneficial results pecuniarily. It also serves to some as a reminder of the meetings, thus increasing the attendance, the present interest compares favorably with last year. The Sea Side Mission Band, now conducted by the young misses themselves, has been quite successful. They report increasing interest.

Westbrook speaks of a successful experiment with the "envelope system." The average attendance at meetings has doubled during the year. The Secretary writes,
"The desire to gain missionary intelligence is increasing. Some who have hitherto felt there was plenty of missionary work at home, are now giving their sympathy as well as substantial aid to this cause." A new Mission Circle has recently been formed, including the boys as well as girls, and the interest exhibited by its members is very encouraging.

Mrs. E. E. McCall.

**New Haven County.**

*Ansonia* continues to do well. The Secretary says: "The interest here in missions is steadily increasing, and those who attend the meetings enjoy them exceedingly." Whatever is raised beyond the forty dollars pledged for their pupil in Foochow is to be given this year towards a scholarship in North Spain.

*Birmingham* remains about the same as last year. Some of the quarterly meetings have been merged into church sociables, at which collections were taken. Contributions and membership are the same as formerly.

*Cheshire.* The meetings are not very largely attended, still the interest seems to deepen. The President writes: "The willingness manifested this year to take hold of the work makes me more happy than I can express." They support a Bible reader, and have begun a life-membership. Five dollars of the amount contributed for the support of a Bible reader are given by a class in the Sabbath school.

*Derby* has had quarterly meetings this year instead of monthly. The Secretary writes: "The collectors bring in good reports, and we do not intend to fall behind with our contributions." They do not give the number of
members, as any one may be a member by the payment of any sum, however small.

*East Haven* has quarterly meetings, with an average attendance of seventeen. The Mission Circle has disbanded in the meantime, but hopes are entertained of reviving it soon.

*Madison* sends an inspiriting report. The Secretary says: "Owing to the common financial depression, it seemed as if our contributions would fall short, but catching something of the spirit of the Providence meeting, we made an extra effort, and have made up our pledge, viz: one hundred and ten dollars for the support of Anna Bedrosian." There are two active Mission Circles here—thirty-six little "Willing Hearts," and twenty-two "Boys of Promise." These last have made their President a life-member.

*Meriden*, First Church. The ladies here have not been able to meet so regularly during the winter as formerly, on account of illness in the families of two of their officers; but since the meetings have been resumed the numbers have increased, and the interest instead of diminishing has grown. Forty copies of "Life and Light" are taken, which fact accounts for the interest being kept alive even when they could not hold meetings. There is one Mission Circle, the "Cheerful Givers."

*Milford* is one of our youngest auxiliaries, but it has begun with good promise of future usefulness. It was organized in November last, after a meeting brought together to listen to Mrs. Snow, and they have held interesting monthly meetings since.

*Mount Carmel* Auxiliary is doing well. Their meetings are always interesting, as must be the case wherever the plan is adopted as it is here, of allotting particu-
lar fields or subjects to different individuals to report upon. They continue to support two scholarships in Udupitty.

Middlebury is little more than a year old, but sends a report of regular meetings held, and encouraging amount of contributions for the size of the society.

North Branford reports an increasing interest in the meetings during the past six months, and more readiness in the members to assist in sustaining them.

Northford has fifty members, and continues to do well.

Orange was our youngest auxiliary last year, having organized the day before the annual meeting. They began with twenty members, and have now thirty-five, and they have raised forty dollars for a Marsovan scholarship.

Oxford has revived and begun with a new organization. They have chosen their officers from the younger members, thus starting with fresh life and vigor.

Southbury reports a weak society, there being three churches in the place, all of them feeble. The past year they have met once in two weeks to raise money for repairing their edifice, but notwithstanding have sent nearly the usual amount to our treasury. Though they have as yet no Mission Circle, two little children sent to us a small sum, their own earnings.

South Britain, though feeble, still holds on. They have recently responded to an appeal made in support of our new field in North Spain.

Wallingford was organized in June last year with twenty members. They have increased since then to fifty-three, and sixty-five dollars have been raised. The Secretary writes: "The hour of our monthly meeting passes too soon for all we have to learn."

Waterbury, First Church, has fallen off considerably
in membership. Notwithstanding this discouraging fact, the Secretary says: “An increased interest is manifest of late, indicating progress.” “The Centennial Workers’” Mission Circle have had two very successful entertainments, by which they sent two hundred dollars to our treasury. They still work on bravely.

Waterbury, Second Church, has had good meetings during the year. Their Secretary writes: “We feel greatly encouraged as to the future prosperity of our auxiliary.” The young ladies’ Mission Circle hold regular working meetings at different houses, every two weeks, making fancy articles, as much as possible for special orders. Besides these they have quarterly meetings, where business is transacted and two or three original papers on mission fields, prepared with great willingness, are read by the girls.

West Haven is able to sustain good monthly meetings. There are two Mission Circles here, one of girls, the “Missionary Seed Planters,” and the other of boys, the “Willing Helpers.”

Westville sends a good report both from the auxiliary and the young ladies’ Mission Circle, of continued interest and increased subscriptions.

From Whitneyville we have the cheering report that the interest of their members is shown by the cheerfulness with which the offerings are made. One collector said she had never known them to be more gladly given.

New Haven, Center Church, has fallen short of last year both in contributions and membership. It is just, however, to say, that the ladies have given generously to a special call for a particular field.

Church of the Redeemer reports its condition the same as last year. The three Mission Circles, “Aurora,” “Faithful Workers,” and “Morning Star,” grow in missionary knowledge and spirit.
College St. Church has an increased membership, but has lost several subscribers to "Life and Light." The Mission Circles, "Cheerful Givers," and "Givers on Trust," continue to give their portion, and the Sabbath school contributes towards the support of a Bible reader.

Davenport Church has considerably increased their contributions, which is very hopeful in these times.

Dwight Place Church is also growing in interest and fruitfulness. A new Mission Circle has been formed here lately, and has already borne good fruit.

East Church has made a slight advance in both members and contributions, and is steadily growing. They have a Mission Circle here doing good work, under the name of "The Children's Missionary Aid Society."

Fair Haven, First Church, reports a little falling off, owing partly to the ladies having assumed a share of the expenses of the recent improvements to their own church. The Mission Circle, "Lilies of the Valley," took a fresh start this winter, and increased their offering to the treasury.

Fair Haven, Second Church, reports contribution and membership same as last year.

Howard Avenue Church reports a continuance of interest and condition the same as last year.

North Church has fallen behind somewhat in its offerings, not in individual subscriptions, but no life-member has been made this year. A new Mission Circle of little girls was formed last summer, and they promise to become efficient as well as "Busy Workers" for the cause.

Third Church sends a delightful report. Their contributions this year are more than three times the amount of last year's, and the missionary spirit seems to be so alive in this church that a member of the "Faithful
Workers' "Mission Circle" collected easily fifty dollars for Mrs. Edward Hume's school.

*Temple St. Church* continues its interest and material aid.

*Yale College Church* reports continued interest, but they regret that they have not been able to put more into the treasury, when so much is needed.

*Colchester* sends a report of delightful monthly meetings, a deepening interest in missionary intelligence, and a readiness to respond to every appeal made for help.

*New Britain Center Church* has sixty-five members, fifteen of their number being life-members. Their contributions, which at first it was feared would fall short of last year, were found at their annual meeting to have exceeded their pledge by ten dollars.

*New Britain South Church* writes of largely attended meetings, with increasing interest throughout the year. The Mission Circle, the "Cheerful Givers," have most of them graduated into the parent society, but their place as a Mission Circle, has been taken by a band of "Little Helpers," who have sent as the result of two entertainments, over two hundred dollars.

We have received no report from *Meriden Center Church*, Naugatuck, North Haven, Prospect, and North Woodstock.

*Mrs. J. N. Adam.*
TREASURER'S REPORT.

New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, in account with Julia Twining, Treasurer.

New Haven, May 14, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, May 8th, 1877, ........................................ $1,525.70
Subscriptions from auxiliaries, ........................................ 7,361.05
Subscriptions from mission circles and Sunday schools, 1,731.89
Contributions for expenses at Branch monthly meetings, ... 79.32
Contributions at Litchfield and Fairfield County meetings, ... 38.01
Miscellaneous, ........................................................... 133.97

$10,869.94

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent Treasurer of W. B. M., ........................................... $9,378.78
Printing, ................................................................. 139.25
Postage, stationery and incidentals, ..................................... 115.08
Expenses of missionaries to address meetings, ....................... 71.02
Delegates to meetings, .................................................. 21.75
Balance in treasury, ................................................... 1,144.06

$10,869.94

New Haven, May 28, 1878.

I have examined the foregoing account and compared the items with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct.

Roger S. White, Auditor.

* Actual receipts for 1877-78, $9,344.24
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Ansonia, ........................................ $50.00
For a scholarship at Foochow.

Bethel, ........................................... 43.03
For a Bible reader in West India.

Bethlehem, ............................... 33.00
Towards a scholarship at Marsovan.

Birmingham, .................................. 60.00
For a scholarship each at Madura and Inanda.

Bridgeport, ............................................. 612.64
For Miss Andrews' salary: $100 from Mrs. David B. Nichols, Mrs. Calvin E. Hull, Mrs. James C. Loomis and Mrs. Hanford Lyon, to constitute themselves life members; $25 from Rev. C. R. Palmer, to constitute Mrs. Ephraim C. Goff life member; $25 from Mrs. Henrietta E. Sterling, to constitute Miss Hattie E. Barrett life member.

Bridgewater, .................................. 30.00
$20 for a scholarship at Ahmednuggur, and $10 for Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.

Canaan, .......................................... 35.88
For a scholarship at Foochow.

Cheshire, ........................................... 52.55
For a Bible reader at Madura.

Chester, ........................................... 50.00
To constitute life members Mrs. Lysander T. Spaulding and Mrs. E. C. Hungerford.

Clinton, ........................................... 44.35

Colchester, ..................................... 95.25
$25 from Mrs. Joshua Clarke to constitute life member Mrs. Sarah Dinsmore.

Colebrook, ....................................... 10.00

Cornwall, .......................................... 40.00

Danbury, .......................................... 200.00
$13 from Mrs. L. P. Treadwell and $10 from Miss Mary Birchard, to complete life membership; $10 from Miss Mary E. Stone and $15 from Mrs. G. E. Ryder towards life memberships.

Deep River, ...................................... 17.00

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   $30 for scholarship at Inanda; $30 at Ahmednuggur; $40
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   $40 for Bible reader in India; $5 from Mrs. E. H. Good-
   rich towards life membership; $5 from Miss Marianne
   Clark towards life membership; $25 from Mrs. H. Bunce
   to constitute life member Miss Sarah Sill; and $20 from
   Mrs. J. Kilbourne to complete life membership Miss Lizzie
   Kilbourne.

Middletown, South Church, ........................................... 38.00
   Towards Dakota scholarship.

Millington, .............................................................................. 10.00
   Towards support of Gracia Martine in Spain.

Milton, ...................................................................................... 20.00

Monroe, ................................................................................. 25.00

Morris, .................................................................................... 28.20
   To complete life membership Miss Libbie Butler, and
   towards another.

Mount Carmel, ........................................................................... 60.00
   For scholarships at Ceylon and Ahmednuggur; $10 for
   school building.

New Britain, Center Church, .................................................. 243.60
   For Constantinople scholarship, Madura scholarships and
   Bible reader.

New Britain, South Church, ................................................... 283.00
   For Mrs. Leonard’s salary, $50 from Mrs. Wm. H. Smith,
   to constitute life members Miss Louisa Flagg and Miss
   May Churchill; $10 from Mrs. T. B. House towards life
   membership; $5 to complete life membership of Mrs.
   Charles Peck.

New Hartford, ................................................................. 18.57

New Haven, Center Church, .................................................. 462.00
   $35 from Mrs. J. Dickerman for Marsovan scholarship;
   $25 from Mrs. Ezekiel H. Trowbridge to constitute life
   member Mrs. Wilbur F. Day; $35 from Mrs. Wooster
   Hotchkiss to constitute life member Mrs. Cyrus Hamlin;
   $20 for scholarship at Ahmednuggur; $10 for Bible
   reader at Harpoot; $5 for a clock for Marsovan school;
   $15 each, from Mrs. Leonard Bradley and Mrs. W. I.
   Townsend; $10 from Mrs. E. C. Scranton; $10 from Mrs.
   D. C. Collins; $10 from Mrs. A. C. Wilcox and $10 from
   Miss Shipman; $5 from Mrs. H. C. Kingsley and $5 from
   Miss Thomas for Bible readers.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer,........................................................... $164.00

$50 from Mrs. H. B. Bigelow to constitute life members
Miss Ida Darrow and Miss Lizzie Atwater.

College St. Church,........................................................... 58.00

To support a Bible reader; $25 from Miss Jane A. Maltby to constitute
life member Miss Stella A. Smith.

Davenport Church,........................................................... 55.00

$25 from Mrs. S. P. Bolles to constitute Mrs. Sarah M. Bradley life member.

Dwight Place Church,........................................................... 56.00

East Church,........................................................... 17.00

Fair Haven, First Church,........................................................... 143.50

$25 from Mrs. Sarah Morris to constitute life member
Mrs. Edmund Goodrich; $10 from Mrs. G. E. Thompson
towards life membership.

Howard Avenue Church,........................................................... 31.75

North Church,........................................................... 98.68

$1.78 from W. E. Institute mite chest.

Temple St. Church,........................................................... 23.25

For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Third Church,........................................................... 284.00

$120 from Mrs. Wm. Ives for teacher at Marsovan for 1877 and 1878;
$25 from friends to constitute life member
Miss Sarah T. Landfear; $25 to constitute Mrs. Wm. A. Ives life member;
$50 to constitute life members Mrs. Susan E. McQueen and Miss Sabrina R. Ives;
$50 collected by Miss Annie L. Thompson from friends for Mrs. Edward Hume's School.

Yale College Church,........................................................... 165.00

For Constantinople scholarship.

New Milford,........................................................... 158.39

For Mrs. Robert Hume's salary.

New Preston,........................................................... 40.00

For scholarship at Madura.

Newtown,........................................................... 25.00

To constitute life member Mrs. James P. Hoyt.

Norfolk,........................................................... 16.50

North Branford,........................................................... 30.00

For Ahmednuggur scholarship.

Northfield,........................................................... 30.00

For a Bible reader.
Northford, ............................................................ $ 24.50
North Haven, ........................................................... 7.00

From three friends.

Norwalk, First Church, ........................................ 520.00
Towards Mrs. Williams' salary.

Orange, ................................................................. 47.23
For scholarship at Massoven.

Plymouth, ............................................................. 14.55
Portland, ............................................................... 15.00
Redding, ............................................................... 20.13
Ridgefield, ........................................................... 34.50

$30 for Madura scholarship; $4 50 towards a Bible reader in India.

Riverton, ............................................................... 8.00
Roxbury, ............................................................... 75.00

$50 for Japan.

Salisbury, ............................................................. 82.39

$50 to constitute life members Mrs. Lyman Warner and Mrs. B. S. Thompson.

Saybrook, ............................................................ 47.02
Sharon, ................................................................. 21.00
Sherman, .............................................................. 11.75
South Britain, ........................................................ 15.50

$1 from Ruth Mitchell for Mrs. Gulick's school in Spain.

Southbury, ............................................................ 40.90
For scholarship at Foochow. 80 cents, earnings of two little children.

South Canaan, ....................................................... 6.00
Stamford, ............................................................. 90.00

$50 to support Salveen at Bitlis; $10 towards life membership of Miss Louise Chase.

Thomaston, ........................................................... 57.00
Towards scholarship at Constantinople Home.

Torrington, .......................................................... 25.55

$10 from the children for famine sufferers in India.

Trumbull, ............................................................. 42.00
To constitute life member Miss Sally Fairchild.

Wallingford, .......................................................... 65.00
Towards Mrs. DeForest's salary.

Warren, ............................................................... 27.00
To constitute life member Mrs. Catharine Barnum.
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**MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

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Derby, “Forget me not,” .......................... $ 1.00
  “Mission Workers,”.................................... 8.00
Falls Village, “Little Seekers,” .......................... 2.21
Fair Haven, “Lilies of the Valley,” .......................... 21.28
  Towards Mrs. DeForest’s salary, proceeds of a fair.
  “Willing Workers,”.................................... 9.00
Georgetown, “Buds of Promise,” .......................... 12.00
Haddam, “Young Ladies’ Mission Band,” .......................... 15.00
  Towards Mrs. Robert Hume’s salary.
Litchfield, “Daisy Chain,” .................................. 10.50
Madison, “Boys of Promise,” .......................... 25.00
  To constitute life member Miss Kate H. Crampton.
  “Willing Hearts,” .................................. 45.00
  For Madura scholarship.
Mount Carmel, “Gleaners,” .......................... 5.50
New Britain, Center Church, “Little Givers,” .......................... 13.81
South Church, “Little Helpers,” .......................... 111.10
  For scholarship at Inanda and Japan.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, “Aurora,” .......................... 20.00
  “Faithful Workers,” .......................... 13.00
  “Morning Star Circle,” .......................... 15.00
Church of the Redeemer Sunday School, .......................... 25.00
  Fitting up recitation rooms at Aintab.
College St. Church, “Cheerful Workers,” .......................... 5.00
  “Givers on Trust,” .......................... 5.00
Sunday School, .......................... 20.60
Davenport Church Sunday School, .......................... 30.00
  For scholarship at Marsovan.
Dwight Place Mission Circle, .......................... 28.50
East Church, Children’s Missionary Aid Society, .......................... 11.00
North Church, “Young Twigs,” .......................... 15.00
  “Young Workers,” .......................... 15.00
Towards support of Ahmednuggur scholarship.
Third Church, “Faithful Workers,” .......................... 10.00
  Sunday School, .......................... 25.00
  Infant class, .......................... 20.00
New Milford, “Golden Links,” .......................... 17.00
  Towards Madura scholarship.
  “Star Circle,” .......................... 70.02
  For Dakota scholarship and general funds.
Norfolk, "Home Jewels," ...................................................... $40.00
Proceeds of a fair and festival.
"Mountain Wide Awakes," .............................................. 40.00
Norwalk, "Sunbeam Circle," .............................................. 45.00
For Dakota scholarship.
Plymouth, "Arbutus Gleaners," ........................................... 50.00
For Dakota scholarship.
Ridgefield, "Gleaners," ..................................................... 5.50

Roxbury, "Centennial Mission Band," ................................... 50.00
$30 for a scholarship at Madura.
Salisbury, "Resolute Mission Circle," ................................ 20.00
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band," ....................................... 37.20
$20 for scholarship at Ahmednuggur.
Southport, S. S. of Congregational Church, .......................... 30.00
To support Badashan Peribosian at Harpoot.
Stamford, "Rippowam Mission Band," .................................... 65.00
For Harpoot scholarship and bath-room at Aintab.
Thomaston, "Free Givers," .................................................. 40.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.
"News Bearers," ............................................................... 21.39
Towards scholarship at Marsovan.
Washington, "Willing Workers," .......................................... 5.00
Waterbury, First Church, "Centennial Workers," ...................... 200.00
Proceeds of two entertainments; $100 for Kioto Home;
$100 for Japan.
Second Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Band," ...................... 125.00
For Constantinople Home scholarship.
"Five Brothers," .............................................................. 1.57
Watertown, "Earnest Workers," .......................................... 12.00
"Juvenile Missionary Association," ................................... 21.50
"The Gleaners," ............................................................... 30.00
For Inanda scholarship, in memoriam of Jennie L. Allyn
and Carrie I. Baldwin.
Westbrook, "Seaside Mission Gleaners," ............................... .53
West Chester, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ......................... 15.00
West Haven, "Missionary Seed Planters," .............................. 8.50
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ............................ 40.00
For two Ahmednuggur scholarships.
Winneted, "May Flowers," .................................................. 91.80
For Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Woodbury, "Valley Workers," .............................................. 18.00
MISCELLANEOUS.

Contributions at Branch monthly meetings,.................................... $79.32
Left from collation at annual meeting,......................................... 11.00
A friend,................................................................................... 5.00
South Britain, a friend, to constitute life member,......................... 25.00
Miss Ruth Mitchell,...................................................................... 41.75
Sharon, proceeds of festival by Lottie E. Bullions and Gracie
Kellogg,..................................................................................... 41.75
Fairfield County meeting collection,.......................................... 5.51
Litchfield County meeting collection, for Mrs. Snow,..................... 32.50
Collection at Waterbury for Mrs. Snow,...................................... 8.37
Guilford, Mrs. Starr, a thank offering that the debt of the
A. B. C. F. M. was paid,......................................................... 2.00
Lakeville, a friend through Mrs. Hume,...................................... 1.00
Kent,......................................................................................... 2.50
Canaan,.................................................................................... 2.35
Woodbury, Mrs. C. P. Churchill,............................................... 5.00
A friend towards scholarship in Spain,...................................... 25.00
Mrs. O. P. Hubbard,.................................................................. 5.00
## BENEFICIARIES.

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Scholarships in Boarding Schools.

In Marsovan, Turkey, Principal, Miss Fritcher, 16, expense, $600.00
In Constantinople Home, Principal, Mrs. Williams, 4, " 500.00
In Madura, South India, Principal, Miss Rendall, 16, " 480.00
In Inanda, South Africa, Principal, Mrs. Edwards, 11, " 330.00
In Ahmednuggur, W. India, Principal, Mrs. Hume, 15, " 300.00
In Dakota, I. Territory, Principal, Miss Haines, 6, " 300.00
In Udupitty, Ceylon, Principal, Miss Townshend, 7, " 210.00
In Foochow, China, Principal, Miss Payson, 6, " 240.00
In Harpoot, Turkey, Principal, Miss Bush, 4, " 160.00
In Santander, Spain, Principal, Mrs. Gulick, 1, " 100.00
In Mandapasalie, S. India, Principal, Miss Taylor, 2, " 60.00
In Kioto, Japan, 2, " 60.00

Schools.

In Aintab, Central Turkey, two Girls' Day Schools, expense, $50.00
In Bombay, Mrs. Edward Hume's School, " 150.00
At Harpoot Seminary, Badashan Peribosian, " 30.00

Buildings.

Aintab, Turkey, addition to the old building, expense, $200.00
Battalgundu, Madura, " 200.00
SOCIETIES AUXILIARY TO THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.

ANSONIA: Mrs. Mary Terry, Pres.; Mrs. J. H. Bartholomew, Mrs. C. Steele, Vice Pres.; Mrs. E. P. Payson, Sec.; Mrs. C. L. Hill, Treas., .................................................. 54  3

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BETHEL: Mrs. Geo. F. Waters, Pres.; Mrs. A. L. Benedict, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. W. Smith, Sec.; Mrs. C. G. Benjamin, Treas., .................................................. 37  4

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BRIDGEPORT: Mrs. C. R. Palmer, Pres.; Mrs. J. G. Davenport, Mrs. C. E. Sanford, Vice Pres.; Miss H. A. Hawley, Sec.; Miss Mary J. Clarke, Treas., ...................... 250  30

BRIDGEWATER: Mrs. Harmon Treat, Pres.; Mrs. J. B. Doolittle, Mrs. Geo. C. Bennett, Vice Pres.; Miss Julia A. Treat, Sec.; Mrs. S. R. Weeks, Treas., ...................... 34  10

CANAAN: Mrs. L. H. Reid, Pres.; Miss S. W. Adam, Sec.; Mrs. Geo. Gillette, Treas., .................................................. 32

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MORRIS.—Miss Libbie Butler.

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NEWTOWN.—Mrs. James P. Hoyt.

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SOUTH BRITAIN.—Miss Ruth Mitchell.

TRUMBULL.—Miss Sally Fairchild.

WARREN.—Mrs. Catharine Barnum.

WATERBURY.—Miss Josephine Carter.

WEST CHESTER.—Mrs. Samuel Brown.

WINSTED.—Mrs. George Carrington, Mrs. James Tuttle.
CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions in Boston.

ART. II. Its officers shall be a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, two Home Secretaries and a Treasurer, elected annually. These shall constitute an Executive Committee. There shall also be an Auditor.

ART. III. Its object is the conversion of heathen women and children by means of its missionaries, native teachers and Bible readers. To accomplish this it seeks by the systematic coöperation of many societies, having a common center, to cultivate a missionary spirit and promote union and harmony.

ART. IV. All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Board of Missions at Boston for the purposes of its organization.

ART. V. Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually, may form a society auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute a local Executive Committee, the terms of membership to be fixed by each society for itself.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, notice of the intended amendment having been given at a previous meeting.
BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The Executive Committee shall hold monthly meetings, one-fourth of the number constituting a quorum. To them shall be submitted all documents designed for publication, all important letters and the minutes of the Society. They shall call special meetings, cooperate in the annual and county meetings, recommend the appropriation of funds, and attend to all other business of the Branch.

ART. II. The President shall preside at meetings, have a general oversight of the interests of the Branch, and do all in her power to promote its welfare.

ART. III. One of the Vice-Presidents shall take the place of the President when absent, and in case of a vacancy in that office, perform its duties until another election. Vice-Presidents shall hold themselves ready to do what is necessary to promote the well-being of the Branch. Those having special work in the counties are expected to encourage and stimulate auxiliaries and promote new organizations in their respective fields, to make monthly reports to the Executive Committee in person, or through the Home Secretaries, prepare county reports for the annual meeting and convene a meeting in their own counties once a year.

ART. IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Branch and Executive Committee, presenting them at each succeeding meeting, take charge of records and papers, transmit votes to whom they may concern, and prepare a report for the annual meeting.
Art. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall write to missionaries and to the Parent Society, preserve copies of important letters, conduct other correspondence outside of the home work, warn meetings and provide information and speakers for the same.

Art. VI. The Home Secretaries shall perform such duties as tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Branch. One of them shall furnish the societies with manuscript letters, the other shall correspond with the Vice-Presidents and auxiliaries from time to time as circumstances may require, report at the monthly meetings, and gather during the year material for the annual report.

Art. VII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds according to the vote of the Executive Committee, report the state of the treasury at each meeting, and give a full report at the annual meeting.

Art. VIII. The duties of Assistant Secretaries are to be defined by the Executive Committee.

Art. IX. The financial year of the New Haven Branch shall close with the annual meeting.

Art. X. Auxiliaries are expected to send their annual reports to the Vice-Presidents of their counties the first week in April. These reports are to include the names of officers, number of members both in Auxiliaries and Mission Circles, the names of Mission Circles and number of subscribers to "Life and Light."

Art. XI. Any person may become a member of the "Missionary Library Association" by the contribution of one book, or the payment of twenty-five cents annually, each member being entitled to the free use of the library.

Art. XII. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually the following standing committees, who shall
act under their advice: Committee on Beneficiaries, Committee on County Meetings, Committee on Copying Letters, Committee on Hospitality to Missionaries and others, Committee on Publication, including the distribution of reports.

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CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

**Article I.** This Society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of ----, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, Boston.

**Art. II.** The officers shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Art. III.** The object of the Society shall be the cultivation of a missionary spirit among its members and the collection of money for missionary purposes.

**Art. IV.** All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch.

**Art. V.** Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ---- annually.

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CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

**Article I.** This Mission Circle shall be called the ----.

**Art. II.** The officers of this Circle shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Art. III.** The object of this Circle shall be to learn more about the heathen, and to do more than we have done to send them the gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.
ART. IV. We promise to come together once a
	to work for the cause, and to read or hear about
Missions, making our contributions to the Treasurer
at each meeting.

Note.—An association of youth, remitting annually
not less than five dollars to the Treasurer of the N. H.
B. of W. B. M., constitutes a Mission Circle.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AUXILIARIES.

We bespeak patience on the part of our youthful
friends in the matter of seeing their gifts reported in
"Life and Light." On account of early type setting,
contributions cannot be acknowledged the same month
they are received.

We recommend the envelope system as productive of
best results in systematic giving.

Make special effort to secure frequent meetings, with
full attendance. Cultivate, as much as possible, home
talent, which will thus be strengthened. Endeavor to
secure original essays, or histories of missions, to be
read at your meetings. Any person who will faithfully
glean missionary news from every available source will
be able to furnish much that is interesting and profitable
for a monthly meeting. Obtain manuscript missionary
letters to be read. Select beforehand suitable hymns
and music.

The more subscribers you have for "Life and Light"
the more interest will be felt. The subscription list of
this monthly should be greatly increased, not solely
because it is the organ of our own Woman's Board, but
because it imparts just the light and inspires the life
needed in our home work. It is for the interest of our
entire membership that "Life and Light" should be put upon a permanent basis.

We wish also that the circulation of the "Well-Spring," with its clear Missionary echo, could be largely increased, reminding the children every week of their duty to others. This attractive Sabbath visitant, with its beautiful illustrations and excellent teachings, we believe would be a valuable aid to many mothers and older sisters, in their work of educating the little ones.

Any of the following publications will furnish interesting material for meetings:

"Life and Light." Editress, Miss Abbie B. Child, Cong. House, Beacon street, Boston. Sixty cents a year in advance.

The "Well-Spring" and "Missionary Echoes. Sent by mail, postage prepaid, weekly, sixty-five cents per annum. Sent by express, weekly, sixty cents. Single copies seventy-five cents per annum. Moses H. Sargent, Treas., Congregational House, Beacon street, Boston.

"Woman's Work for Woman." Published once a month by the Presbyterian Woman's Board. Address Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Price, sixty cents per annum. One copy each of "Woman's Work for Woman" and "Children's Work for Children," one year one dollar, when ordered by the same person at the same time.

"The Missionary Link." Published by Woman's Union Missionary Society. Address Miss S. D. Doremus, 41 Bible House, New York. Sixty cents per annum.

"Our Mission Field." Published bi-monthly by the Presbyterian Ladies' Board of Missions. Address Miss Mary L. Post, 291 Madison avenue, New York. Sixty cents per annum.

The "Helping Hand." Baptist Board, W. G. Courttrell, Missionary Rooms, Tremont Temple, Boston. Forty cents.

"Good Times." Editor, Mrs. M. B. C. Slade, Fall River, Mass. One dollar per annum, fifteen cents a single copy.

Rev. S. J. Humphrey pledges free of expense a new edition of "Bartlett's Sketches of Missions," with statistics brought down to date, where it is to be used for missionary work.

A new set of Missionary Maps, just published by Rev. S. J. Humphrey, 112 West Washington street, Chicago, can be obtained in the same way for missionary purposes.

ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MEETINGS USED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Reading of Scripture, and Prayer.
Singing.
Minutes of last meeting, by Recording Secretary.
Report of Corresponding Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Discussion.
Business.
Addresses—Reading Missionary intelligence or letters.
Doxology.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Missionary Library Association has one hundred and sixteen volumes, mostly choice and valuable books, and subscribers can draw them at the close of each
monthly meeting and every Saturday between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 m.

The importance of such information as will keep the friends of missions familiar with the progress of the missionary work cannot be over-estimated.

An occasional book or a monthly pamphlet will not do it. This Association proposes to provide such books as those who love, support and pray for missions want to read, and hope this library will eventually comprise all the popular and standard books on missions, missionaries, and the countries in which they are located, and they invite the patronage and coöperation of all friends of the cause.

We invite, from our auxiliaries, manuscript missionary letters, original essays, papers and poems.

The Woman's Board of Missions acts in connection with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Twenty Auxiliaries united may form a Branch.

Twenty-five dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member; if given by one person, it may also be applied for a Beneficiary. This may be paid by installments, mention being made with each installment that it is intended for that purpose.

Missionary Leaflets and envelopes for the weekly pledge system may be obtained at F. T. Jarman's, 123 Church street, New Haven.

Copies of Missionary Letters may be had on application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 25 Trumbull street, New Haven.

Requests for Beneficiaries are to be addressed to Miss Julia Twining, 137 Elm street.

The difficulties in arranging for the support of pupils by name has rendered necessary a new plan of establish-
ing scholarships, which can be taken and retained as long as the person or Circle may desire.

Missionary meetings are held in the Chapel of the Center Church, on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of July, August and September.

A general meeting will be held in each of the four counties once a year.

The hospitalities for the annual meeting have always been generously provided in New Haven, but in the hope of increasing the interest in missions in other places, the Branch hold themselves ready to accept an invitation elsewhere.

It was early resolved by the New Haven Branch, that some hour of each Sabbath be devoted to especial prayer for a blessing on all missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and on all concerned in promoting the work of missions. We earnestly commend the observance of this hour to all our Auxiliaries. The time from five to six p. m. is that chosen by our sisters of the Presbyterian Church.
IS THERE SALVATION FOR THE HEATHEN WITHOUT THE GOSPEL?

BY MRS. BURDETT HART.

For months past, the air has been charged with electric discussions on themes momentous—the verities of Eternity. Waking from a long sleep, one might ask if there had been a new revelation superseding the old; or if the scholarly corps of revision had put new meaning into the old Scriptures. But no, we are assured that when this careful labor of years is complete, our dear old Bible will be so slightly disturbed that the changes, with rare exceptions, will only attract the eyes of exegetes, "who study it under the microscope." The old doctrines which were the granite in the faith of our Puritan fathers and mothers, will be found cropping out of each stratum in the different periods as aforetime. Yet on either hand the tournament of words goes on. All classes feel competent to make free expression. The devout Christian, and the flippant worldling, claim to have found new light on the darker portions of holy writ. The secular press has rivaled the religious in zealous endeavor to steady the Ark of God containing His truth. Across the seas, some of the Solons in sacred literature, Deans, Bishops, Canons, have made their batteries to reverberate along our New England hills, while from our own theological forts have sounded out notes of no less volume and authority. Do some of us fear lest these Samsons will pull down the middle pillars of the temple of truth, and that so doing, the whole superstructure will come tumbling over us?
Into this arena of discussion, woman has not chosen to enter—has only looked into it, over the walls of service and care which stand between her daily life and a subject so grandly vast. Yet with eyes open she will hardly escape the flood tide of literature on the great topic, borne to the home by the dailies, weeklies, quarterlies, nor may she close her ears to the questionings of incipient skeptics among our youth, who so readily accept the easy-going views, congenial to young human nature. To those who are called thus to meet the popular champions of Restoration or Annihilation, we can only say there are giants also at the opposite pole of these dangerous tenets, who are their compeers in intellect and learning. In the armor of these, some of you may prefer to meet the Philistine in your path. But for the most part you will choose the smooth stones from the brook, and the little sling familiar to your childhood's faith.

It is a question pertinent to this hour, What shall be the effect of this discussion upon Christian women? "Are the women and children safe?" is a proper inquiry whenever an earthquake shakes the foundations. In this moral upheaval, is the faith of New England women to be imperiled? We trow not. In the main, the feet that walked early in gospel paths will find the rock. But for a certain class, those reverent, timid souls, easily led, we have some solicitude. We have feared lest the very make-up of woman, the very tenderness that makes her turn from the severer pages of the Word till her eyes rest on the Love and the Heaven, may lead her within the vortex of doubt. Underlying this fear is the fact, that a something, undefined, unvoiced, stands between the heart of Christian woman and her widest activities for the unsaved, at home and abroad. Else who can
solve the mystery, long studied, and explain here to-day the fact that *two-thirds* of the women in our Connecticut Congregational churches stand utterly aloof from the work for heathen women, which the remaining *one-third* have felt clearly and divinely called to undertake? We venture to ask if a partial solution of this painful problem may not be found in this—that there rests on these minds a glamour of doubt at least as to the final destiny of the wicked. Is it asked, what has this misgiving to do with our missionary work? Much, verily and vitally. It takes the motive power out of all efforts for saving the race. If there be no final ruin overtaking those who have *rejected* Christ, then clearly, no such doom awaits those to whom the gospel has never been offered. And so the missionary ship, losing its enginery of motive, would at once be stranded on these shoals of doubt. Secretary Alden has well said, "no man will go forth as the messenger of good tidings to the heathen world, unless he believes that the heathen without the good tidings are *perishing*. If the heathen are not lost, then the human race is not lost, and there is no Saviour and no salvation."

How then can we become settled in our honest convictions, and in the potency of them, do strong aggressive work? When the Doctors of Divinity disagree, whither shall we turn for help, if not to Him who astonished the doctors in the temple by His divine wisdom? In Him is light. We believe in a divine illumination granted to the humblest seeker for truth—that the soul resting on Christ, whether a John leaning on His breast, or a Mary sitting at His feet, is likely to understand His words. We must think that in a Divine revelation to meet the needs of a race, the most vital lessons would be simple, within the grasp of the vast generations, so plain that "he that runneth may read."
thanked His father and ours that He had "hid these things from the wise and prudent, and had revealed them unto babes." Under the comforting shadow of these words, we may search not for what we wish to be true, but for the truth.

To docile minds and loving hearts, it would seem that these hard questions would be met, by the one sublime fact of the world, the atonement by Christ. Would the Infinite sacrifice have been made, if there were salvation for the lost race without it? If this great question does not include and answer all lesser ones, then let us study in our homes the words of Christ Himself, which we cannot even collate here. His parables and direct teachings will be found to confirm each other. Of isolated passages, Joseph Cook says, "every doctrine of the Bible should be confirmed, not by a biblical ripple, but by the biblical Gulf Stream." Does not this broad current bear on its entire sweep the truth, Christ came to seek and save the lost? Now what reason have we to include heathen nations in the same condemnation with all sinners, lost without a Saviour?

The biblical Heaven excludes from its purity everything that defileth, that worketh abomination, that maketh a lie. Without the gates of pearl the revelator leaves, with murderers, the idolaters. This harmonizes with the Old Testament teachings as to idolaters. "O do not this abominable thing that I hate." Idol worship, as a system, is the same now as four thousand years ago. Heathenism has no recuperative power. It is ever on a downward grade. The character it develops is so corrupt, so abhorrent to virtue, that our missionary sisters dare not describe it, even in meetings of their own sex.

1 Rev. 21: 27. 2 Rev. 22: 15. 3 Jer. 44: 4.
4 Ex. 22: 20; Deut. 16: 22, 32: 17.
"Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." These words must be fraught with significance on pagan ground, unfelt elsewhere. Our missionary friends see nothing suggestive of heaven in the lives of the heathen, until miracles of grace reward their labors.

Again, the whole system of sacrifices, the long fastings, the self-inflicted tortures, the weary pilgrimages, the dread of punishment which characterize the pagan races, make another count in the indictment against them. The costly offerings at temples and feasts, reaching sometimes in single cases, higher figures than the sum total of annual gifts to the A. B. C. F. M. are not made to buy off pain, but to appease the idol and atone for sin. It is a sense of guilt and not misfortune, that leads the Hindoo devotee to measure long miles by the length of his body, in one case, six years bringing him only one-third of the way to Benares, the holy city, where he hoped to wash away his sins. It is remarkable that sometimes the more thoughtful heathen accept Romans, 1st chapter, as a description of their own people. Years ago "a Chinese teacher told Dr. Dean that the Bible could not be so ancient a book, after all, because the first chapter of Romans gave an account of Chinese conduct such as the missionary could only have written after full acquaintance with the people." Hindoo teachers have also asserted the same idea. This self crimination is an added proof confirming the general verdict—guilty. One of our young missionaries was asked by a girl convert, "O teacher, why did you not come before my father died, that he too might have known of Jesus and been saved?" It is not strange that the youthful laborer was filled with the same spirit which it is said moved one at least of the scholarly writers against the
doctrine of endless punishment, viz: a desire "to relieve the distress of a personal friend," and she replied to the poor girl, "perhaps if your father did as nearly right as he knew how, he will in some way be saved. "But, teacher, he did not, he did wickedly every day and knew it." Such confessions could be multiplied numerously, and they are additional proof that the Creator has lighted a little torch in every soul, sufficient to reveal the darkness in which it is enswathed, and sometimes to recognize the purity of the missionary. Among Persian Mohammedans, Henry Martyn was known only as "the holy." Battal Bey characterized our dear Dr. Schneider as "wonderfully holy." The fearful arraignment of the heathen by Paul, made in the first chapter of Romans, leaves no room for the idea that he pictures misfortune and not guilt, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them"—"so that they are without excuse."

Some idea of the true God seems to be one of the intuitions of man everywhere. A little child in New Haven getting its first glimpse of the moon and stars, asks "who made them," and then "who made God?" We doubt if the most degraded pagan, in his best mood, could be led under a starlit sky, its wonders silently pointed out by the missionary, without some sense of a Being vastly superior to his idol. Paul was addressing Athenian heathens, when he spoke of God as "not far from any one of us."

We must not close without brief reference to an exceptional few, rarely found among the heathen, grieving over their sins in a manner akin to gospel repentance. Some of us will never forget the Armenian Doodoo who sat before us two years ago with Mrs.

1 Acts 17: 27.
Tracy. How touchingly she told of days and nights, made wretched by past sins, when she seemed to be feeling after a Saviour, if haply she might find one, and when told of the Saviour how joyously she accepted Him. Years ago, two Chinese went forth from their homes, burdened with conscious guilt in search of a way whereby they might be saved. They knew nothing of the gospel but knew their need. After walking 400 miles, they met with a Christian colporter who told them of Jesus the Christ. To hear was to believe, to embrace, and they hastened to tell of a Saviour found. President Bartlett relates similar cases, in which he sees a "ger­minal faith," and gives this thought concerning them. "I have supposed that these would be saved by that only Name [to them unknown] in the same general way as were the friends of God before Christ came in the flesh." But these cases are rare. And for the millions—the one hundred millions, falling providentially to the care of the American Board, what shall be said? Does the average pagan at once accept the Gospel when offered? Does he not cling rather to his idols with a tenacity very like that of sinners in our own midst? Is not the same paradox found in heathen lands as in Christendom, the so-called moralist among the sages, foremost in opposing the Gospel scheme and in hating its Author—the last to be reached by its beneficent provisions? This is indeed a dark back-ground, but upon it we get a gleam of the bow of hope, in the two millions already saved through the labors of a faithful few, and in the increased readiness of the nations to receive the glad tidings. Would not the Gospel rainbow soon span all the regions of darkness if only the church would shed forth light proportionate to her fullest opportuni-

1 Acts 10: 35; Rom. 2: 25, 26.
ties? "Ye are the light of the world." If these are lost, what is our duty toward them? Let Christ's last command be the answer. We must, if we are His disciples, go with His Gospel to every creature. Every one of us must go in person, or by proxy, by purse and by prayer. It is a matter involving our own hope in Christ, our claim to be His. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."1

Dr. Taylor observes, "it is not so much a question whether the heathen can be saved if we do not send them the Gospel, but whether we can be saved if we do not."

"In vain the name of Christ we bear,
Unless the heart of Christ we share;
The path that leads us to the skies
Demands love's perfect sacrifice."

Every Christ-lover shall have one heaven, with Him; every soul-lover, who leads many to Christ, shall have as many heavens, with them. Let us then be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in this work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 John 15:14.
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