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PRESENTED AT THE

Annual Meeting, South Church, New Britain.

MAY 12, 1891.
The next annual meeting of the Branch will be held on the second Tuesday of May, at New Haven.

Monthly meetings of the Branch are held in New Haven, at 3 p.m., on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of May, July, August and September.

Letters from missionaries, manuscript papers, leaflets and maps can be obtained from Miss Ellen M. Prichard, 250 Church street, New Haven.

Reports of the annual meetings of societies, and all questions or communications relating to the general work of the Branch should be sent to the Home Secretary, Mrs. Emily R. Montgomery, 34 Trumbull street, New Haven.

Address letters with money, and requests for pledged work, to Miss Julia Twining, 314 Prospect street, New Haven. All checks should be made payable to the order of the Treasurer.

Twenty-five dollars given by one person at one time constitutes an individual a Life Member of the W. B. M.; and may also be used for specific work. One hundred dollars given by a society during the year may constitute a Life Member and be used for specific work.

The Missionary Library has about two hundred volumes, which subscribers may draw at the close of each monthly meeting, or at other times by applying to Miss Landfear, 125 St. John street. The yearly subscription is twenty-five cents, or the gift of any suitable book not already in the library.

We call attention to the following publications:

"Life and Light." Sixty cents a year, in advance.

"Mission Dayspring," a monthly periodical for children. Address Secretary of Life and Light, Cong. House, Boston, Mass. $3.00 for twenty-five copies to one address per annum, postpaid. Ten copies, $1.50. Less than ten, twenty-five cents each.

"Mission Studies." Price, thirty-five cents per annum. Address Secretary of the Woman's Board of the Interior (Room 603), 59 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

The observance of the hour from 5 to 6 p.m. each Sabbath in prayer for missions is earnestly commended.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same after my decease, to the person then acting as Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, to be used for the objects of said society.
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Mrs. Fannie G. Bond, Monastir, Bulgaria, " 400.00
Miss Amy Bridgman, Umsumbe, South Africa, " 450.00
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Mrs. Gertrude C. Eaton, Chihuahua, Mexico, " 600.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Lindley, South Africa, " 450.00
Miss Flora A. Fensham, Constantinople, W. Turk., " 440.00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume, Bombay, W. India, " 600.00
Miss Cornelia Judson, Matsuyama, Japan, " 675.00
Miss Dency T. M. Root, Madura, India, " 450.00
Miss Elizabeth M. Trowbridge, Turkey, " 375.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Constantinople, American College for Girls, 4 ....... $500.00
Marsovan, Turkey, 10 ........................................ 400.00
Harpoot College, Turkey, 3 .................................. 75.00
Madura, S. India, 10 ......................................... 300.00
Ahmednagar, W. India, 16 .................................. 320.00
Udupitty, Ceylon, 6 ......................................... 180.00
Foochow, China, 4 ........................................... 80.00
Lindley, S. Africa, 11 ...................................... 380.00
San Sebastian, Spain, 2 .................................. 200.00
Broosa, Turkey, 4 ........................................... 180.00
Talas, W. Turkey, 1 ......................................... 40.00
Kraabschitz, Austria, 4 .................................. 360.00
Chihuahua, 2 .................................................. 100.00

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Salveen, Miss Ely’s School, Bitlis, Turkey, Salary $44.00
Miss Anna B. FeliciafT, Marsovan, Turkey, " 176.00
Miss Annie Graham, High School, Bombay, India,, " 192.00
Dalita Isaac, Africa, " 120.00
Laura Zarate, Atotonilco, Mexico, " 120.00
Jesusita Montoya, Las Cueras, Mexico, " 120.00
BIBLE WOMEN.

Nanapirakasi ..........Madura, S. India, Salary $31.37
Paripuvanum ..........Madura, S. India, " 31.37
S. Parkium ..........Madura, S. India, " 31.37
Packiam ..............Madura, S. India, " 31.37
Dayabai ..............Wai, W. India, " 48.60
Kashibai ..............Wai, W. India, " 37.80
Kasubai ..............Wadale, W. India, " 43.20
Kamalabai ...........Sirur, W. India, " 48.20
Baizabai .............Sirur, W. India, " 32.40
Gaubai ..............Sirur, W. India, " 21.60
Saloubi ..............Parner, W. India, " 37.80
Sagunabai ..........Ahmednagar, W. India, " 37.80
Ramabai ..............Ahmednagar, W. India, " 27.00
Miraibai ..........Ahmednagar, W. India, " 16.20
Rahimbai ..........Dedgau, W. India, " 37.80
-------------------.Roha, W. India, " 66.00
Changunobai ......Bombay, W. India, " 81.45
Mrs. S. Muttu ......Udupitty, Ceylon, " 21.11
Mrs. Ramsey .......Manepy, Ceylon, " 21.11
Mrs. Alfred ........Manepy, Ceylon, " 21.11
Chinapulli .........Manepy, Ceylon, " 21.11
Mrs. Ming ..........Pao-ting-fu, China, " 40.00
Sultan ..............Hadji Keuy, Turkey, " 13.20
Melek ..............Hadji Keuy, Turkey, " 13.20
Excipit ..........Vizir Kupree, Turkey, " 13.20
Mariam ..........Bizmeshen, Turkey, "  5.28

SCHOOLS.

Bombay, W. India .................................................$300.00
Parell, W. India .................................................168.00
Palani, India ...........................................38.18
Tillipally, Ceylon ........................................16.00
Andiaman, C. Turkey ........................................14.90
Killis, C. Turkey ..............................................7.04
Arabkir, E. Turkey .......................................26.40
Egin, E. Turkey .............................................31.68
Vizir Kupree, W. Turkey ....................................17.60
East Harpoot, E. Turkey ....................................23.76
MISCELLANEOUS.

Dispensary at Foochow, China ..................................... $100.00
Dispensary at Madura, India........................................... 200.00
Sanatorium at Mahableshwar ......................................... 400.00
Tungcho Hospital, medical expenses ................................ 420.00
Miss Trowbridge, salary ................................................ 375.00
Huntington Kindergarten Training School Building, Smyrna ................................................................. 2,000.00
Chihuahua School Building, Mexico .................................... 2,000.00
Outfit for a Medical Missionary ..................................... 1,000.00
Madura Hospital ............................................................ 1,000.00
Pao-ting-fu Home ............................................................ 400.00
Morning Star Mission ..................................................... 300.00
Kindergarten at Smyrna .................................................. 190.00
Kindergarten at Mardin ................................................... 66.00

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Mrs. John Hopson ................................................ Kent.
Mrs. G. S. Pelton ............................................... Higganum.
Mrs. Wm. Cottle ................................................ Waterbury.

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1. Mrs. C. W. Morrow ........................................ Danbury, del.
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   Mrs. A. S. Benedict ................................ Bethel, sub.
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   Miss Emily C. Mather ................................ Darien, sub.
   Miss C. E. Raymond ................................ Norwalk, sub.
5. Mrs. Robert Pegrum ........................................ Watertown, del.
   Miss Abby Potter ........................................ Thomaston, sub.
6. Miss Alice B. Eldridge ........................................ Norfolk, del.
   Mrs. G. H. Welch ........................................ Torrington, sub.
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   Mrs. Julia A. Strong ................................ Winsted, sub.
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    Mrs. E. E. Baldwin ......................North Cornwall, sub.
10. Miss Emma Johnson .......................New Milford, del.
    Mrs. Austin Gardner .....................Warren, sub.
    Mrs. Franklin Payne ....................Portland, sub.
12. Miss Estelle Nettleton .................Killingworth, del.
    Mrs. George S. Pelton ....................Higganum, sub.
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    Miss Eliza F. Clary ......................New Britain, sub.
15. Mrs. Caroline Leach .....................Ansonia, del.
    Miss Minnie Tyler .......................Middlebury, sub.
    Mrs. A. E. Baldwin .......................Birmingham, sub.
17. Miss Miranda B. Merwin .................New Haven, del.
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    Mrs. John C. Eastman ....................New Haven, sub.
    Mrs. G. H. Munger .........................North Branford, sub.
20. Mrs. E. F. Thompson .....................East Haven, del.
    Miss Lottie Street ......................East Haven, sub.
    Mrs. D. M. James .........................New Haven, sub.
    Mrs. F. P. Gilbert .......................New Haven, sub.
23. Miss Caroline E. Richardson .........New Haven, del.
    Miss Dotha Bushnell ......................New Haven, sub.
    Miss Catherine Richards ...............New Haven, sub.
25. Miss Emma E. Dickerman ................Mount Carmel, del.
    Mrs. Charles H. Gough .................New Haven, sub.

Delegates will please notify the Vice-Presidents of their county by Dec. 1st, whether they expect to attend the meeting or not.
ANNUAL MEETING.

The ladies of New Britain opened the hospitable doors of the South Church for the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, May 12, 1891. Every arrangement had been made for the comfort and convenience of their guests, and beautiful floral decorations everywhere contributed much to the enjoyment.

At the early devotional service, Miss Hinsdale read the passage of Scripture, Matt. xxv, 31-40, and many and fervent prayers were offered that all might realize the world's need of its Saviour, and the blessedness of ministering to that need, as unto him.

The morning session was opened by Miss Daggett. Mrs. Hart was detained by severe illness, and her absence was the only thing which marred the perfect enjoyment of the day. An interesting feature of the opening exercises was a responsive scripture reading by Miss Prudden and Miss Hopson. Prayer was offered by Miss Wells, of Hartford. The report of the Recording Secretary touched several encouraging points—the two legacies, the interest taken in medical work, the impulse imparted by Miss Child's stirring paper on "Aggressive Work," and the in-gathering of new workers.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary presented vividly the large demands and larger promises of mission work at this very juncture when the Board, from lack of funds, has called for retrenchment. It must be
evident to every one who carefully studies the present condition of the mission-fields that this is not the time to retrench, but to expand. The Treasurer's report gave in substantial figures the result of the urgent appeals for the new aggressive work. The gain is gratifying; but it is not yet commensurate with the demand, nor does it satisfy the givers. With the remittances the assurance often comes, "This is only the first step; we shall go on." The County reports showed favorable conditions prevailing among the auxiliaries and mission circles; less enthusiasm perhaps, but more sustained and earnest work.

Miss Hart, "freighted with her mother's love for all the workers," presented our President's "Glimpse of our Second Decade." Mrs. Crawford from Broosa, Turkey, spoke briefly of the Sunday schools, day schools and coffee house, in which it was her privilege to labor for five years in Constantinople. Founded by our beloved Mrs. Schneider, the schools have outgrown their original quarters, and now established in more spacious and comfortable houses, are again full to overflowing. The coffee houses, where addresses are made every day by native missionaries, draw many hearers, who cannot be reached otherwise. Opportunities for new schools are opening, but there are not laborers enough upon the field to take advantage of them. Mrs. Montgomery next addressed the meeting, and with impressive words, presented new possibilities of home work.

Miss Child brought the Branch a lovely greeting and commendation from Boston. She appreciated the gratifying increase in receipts, but rated higher than that, the increase in membership, reckoning each live woman a power. The impulse from the Hartford meeting is
felt through all the churches. The 25 per cent. advance asked for has not been quite attained in these three months; but every one must be in earnest in the work, and not permit it to fail.

A few items of business followed, and the morning session closed with prayer. The ladies gathered in the beautiful rooms of the parish house, where a delicious lunch was royally served, and the hour passed in pleasant social conference.

The afternoon session opened at two with a hymn, the election of officers and prayer. Miss Fensham, from the Girls' College at Constantinople, brought the message of the women of Turkey to the women of America. Out of the utter poverty of their homes and lives, they plead with us, "Let us be sisters!" What can we do for them all? The hope of Turkey for the future is in the new generation. The Girls' College, formerly the Constantinople Home, was originally opened for Armenians, but Greeks, Bulgarians, Turks and others besought admittance, until now twelve nationalities are sometimes represented on its roll. There is no more attractive spot in the city than this Girls' College at Scutari. Its language is English, which the girls learn with ease and rapidity. The same text-books are used as in America, so far as these will pass government inspection. The College is not only developing the intellect of the pupils, but building character. Its ninety graduates are strong, noble, self-controlled young women, widely different from their mothers. They are ready for all the education we in America can give our daughters; they can appreciate and use it. In the inevitable and fast-approaching change in Turkey, these Christian women will come forward, and do woman's best work.
Mrs. Gulick, from San Sebastian, Spain, portrayed in an interesting manner the religious condition of the country; and by her vivid account of the ignorance, superstition and saint worship of the lower classes of the people, answered the question sometimes asked why missionaries are sent to nominally Christian countries like Spain. The opposition of the priests to all evangelical work has excited the curiosity of the people; many have come to see and hear, and ended by confessing Christ. The priests asserted that the missionaries threw incense into the air which had the effect of keeping the people at the meeting, whether they were willing or not. The “incense” was the spirit of God which pervaded the place, and which made their little chapel the gate of heaven. The day-schools have proved feeders of the church. The missionaries had no thought of establishing such a school, but one girl asked to be taught, and others followed. Two, employed for housework and care of children, in a week were begging to become scholars; and so with their successors. Graduates of the school cannot be admitted to the normal school, the preliminary examination being religious; but a professor in the University, who made a heavy demand upon missionary time and patience in learning English, proved a friend at court, and secured the admission of four of the young girls into the State University without the religious examination. They will graduate in 1892, with a government diploma; fourteen more have since entered. The girls’ school was truly a child of God, born of the Holy Spirit.

Miss Child gave a brief account of the Student Volunteer movement, and the recent convention of the Volunteers held in Cleveland. They met to confer with the various Boards and associations, and to learn from
returned missionaries the best methods of work. Their pledge is, "We are willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries," and their motto, "The Evangelization of the World in the present generation." Six thousand two hundred students are on the roll, of whom eighteen hundred and sixty are young women. They will not accept the want of money as a reason for abandoning their purpose; the young men and women who cannot go, must be educated to send these volunteers.

The large audience rose to sing, "The whole wide world for Jesus." Mrs. Cogswell expressed the thanks of the Branch for the cordial and bountiful hospitality which had welcomed them in New Britain. Mrs. Bartlett presented a message of loving remembrance and sympathy for our absent President, and sincere regret at her absence, which was sent to Mrs. Hart, by a unanimous vote. Miss Gilman gave as parting texts, the command, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it," and the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee." After a few moments of silent prayer, Mrs. Gulick uttered the petition of all hearts for a more complete consecration to the service of our Lord.

CATHARINE M. BUNNELL.
A GLIMPSE OF OUR SECOND DECADE.

By Mrs. Burdett Hart.

Beloved, you see on our program a compromise,—a mere "glimpse" where you expected a Review of a Decade. Some of you are disappointed that we take so little notice of our twentieth mile-stone. We seem to you like the blushing maidens when passing out of their "teens," who do not count the years. But our twenty-fifth anniversary looms up just before us, calling us with its silvery bugle notes to make ready for a jubilee then. Five years more of faithful work days will give us an uplift, a steady advance all along our lines, so that we shall need a two days' meeting in '96 to report the progress of a quarter of a century. Yet we must pause a moment on this sacred threshold before stepping over.

At the close of our first decade we made a good deal of the landmark. We had a hymn written for the occasion. Mrs. Bowker, first President of the Woman's Board, and Mrs. Hubbard, first President of the Branch, came to us and both spoke words of cheer. Our faithful and gifted Mrs. Prudden prepared a "Ten Years' Review," which is well worth perusing to-day. Had she been spared to us, she would doubtless have continued the history in a second decade chapter. One writes, in urging that we do not overlook the close of this decade,—"We shall not all be here when the twenty-fifth anniversary comes,—new workers will be at the front,—so let us now take a look at the old paths." How true, and confirmed by the backward glance. Mrs. Hubbard meets with us no more. A fit-
ting memorial of her, written by Mrs. Prudden, was read at our annual meeting in '87, and in turn, two years later, the same office of love was rendered to the memory of dear Mrs. Prudden. Other beloved helpers have gone—Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Tuck—you will complete the roll of those we needed so much—Did heaven need them more? Whose loss impresses us anew that we must redeem the time.

For obvious reasons the second decade has been less marked than the first by the work of organizing. It is time now that this laboring oar should be systematically taken in hand again. We are glad to know that a vast amount of missionary literature has been broadcast through our territory in these later years, which must prove good seed,—indeed has already borne good fruit.

The advance in contributions is a matter of joy today. Our receipts during the first ten years amounted to $81,728, including $4,500 in legacies. During the last ten years our receipts have reached the round sum of $121,898, including $8,820 in legacies.* This is about 50 per cent. gain in this decade over the previous one, while our membership has not essentially increased. The money given is a test of interest, of faith and prayer, and consciences that have been quickened to larger giving are not going to fall asleep again. Since we reached the $10,000 in 1875 and sang the doxology over it, has it not been easier to attain that standard?

We have no thought of other than a steady advance upward from this time. And this brings us back to the Scripture lesson of the day, which in one word is work. How? Here is a question which deserves a practical answering. If we have secured this amount, while only

* We have no record of legacies sent from our Branch without passing through it.
one-third of the women in our churches are enlisted, what could we do if all of them, about 20,000, within our four counties, were sharing in the blessedness of our work! President Storrs in a grand missionary address has lately said that one Christian soul alive with consecration will "illuminate and enkindle a church." Let us assume that one to be a woman,—one in each church of our four counties where the New Haven Branch has no auxiliary. Here is a specific task at our hand,—to find that one woman—and help her in every way to form and sustain, each in her own church, a society for adults and another for the children. Let this be our aim, and if we can secure it before that time our twenty-fifth will be a golden mile-stone. Today we call for a sturdy volunteer corps for field work, —first for this special work,—(finding and helping that "one woman"), then to infuse life where any workers faint by the way, leaving no feeble society to pine away for want of tonics and medical care—nor to be cut off when skillful nursing would save from surgery, even with lame leaders. Secretary Judson Smith writes, "The time is at hand when the work of foreign missions is to be greatly accelerated; when its results are to be multiplied beyond all past example, and great multitudes are to be brought quickly into the kingdom."

We believe the next five years will unfold marvelous things in the foreign work and necessarily in the home field as well. But it means work for each Christian woman,—a liberal laying on of hands where only personal contact is needed,—an anointing with the oil of joy, where discouragement has impeded the life currents. Who will offer her service today? It is no time to "sit and sing our souls away to everlasting bliss,"—a sure way to miss the bliss.
At our first decade meeting our little paper closed with the watchword "Outward"—"outward from ourselves on every path where we may tell of our Risen Lord."

To-day let us make the motto, Outward and Upward. Outward from our self-bound horizon, Upward toward Christ-like devotion—Outward and Upward.
REPORT of the RECORDING SECRETARY.

It is delightful to open our twentieth annual report with this cheering statement from the treasurer: There is a larger amount in the treasury than ever before. This encouraging fact results largely from two legacies, amounting to $3,600. Of this sum, $2,000 was the gift of Mrs. Jane E. Huntington of Middletown; and $1,600 was bequeathed to us by the late Henry J. Prudden of New Haven. A few moments may well be given to tracing the beneficent course of these two streams. One of them found its outlet on our own continent, and gently overflowed into Mexico, irrigating a dry and thirsty land in the city of Chihuahua, where our courageous and executive Mrs. Eaton has been laboring almost single-handed for years in her girls' school. A year ago she asked us to pray with her for another teacher and the means of enlarging the school building to suit its growing needs. She added, "Do you suppose we dare ask for so many things?" Mr. Prudden's legacy gives us the privilege of answering, "Yes," and of lifting a heavy burden from faithful hearts, and of enabling them to enter in through the open doors before them.

Mrs. Huntington's legacy met a somewhat similar necessity on the other side of the world. It crossed the ocean and the Continent of Europe to provide a kindergarten building in Smyrna. The kindergarten, opened there five years ago, has never had a home of its own,
but has been sheltered by different departments of the mission work having room to spare, leaving always the anxious open question,—What will become of the kindergarten, when this room is needed? Just the right place for it was for sale, but there were no funds for securing it; and yet this work among little children seemed one of the most important measures of the mission. The appeal for help reached us not far from the time that Mrs. Huntington's gift came to us. Miss Bartlett wrote, on hearing that we had appropriated this gift to that purpose—"I cannot tell you how full of gratitude our hearts are at this new token of God's love, and of your love for the work among the little children of Turkey. I could hardly take it all in at first; and yet it is just the continuance of the blessings which the Heavenly Father has been bestowing upon the kindergarten work from the beginning." We are in good company in ministering to the saints that are in Smyrna. Shall I give you chapter and verse for it?

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write . . . I know thy tribulation and thy poverty (but thou art rich) . . . . Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer . . . . Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Rev. 2:8-11.

But it is not wholly to bequests that we owe the increase in our treasury. Strong influences have been at work among the living. Our special, extra effort this year for medical work has been enthusiastically carried forward in one division of the Branch. In last year's report, Fairfield was our banner county. This year Litchfield county stands at the head. The meeting held there last October by the Misses Leitch has already resulted in that county alone in the grand sum of over
$1000 for the Madura Dispensary under Dr. Root; and we have the assurance of $500 more in the months to come.

In the three remaining counties of our Branch, however, the mite-box gatherings for the outfit of a medical missionary have fallen below our expectations, and we fear the boxes have been neglected.

Another very powerful influence is Miss Child's appeal for aggressive work, which has brought most generous responses. Some societies, acting at once on the suggestion to put one copy in the hands of every woman in the church, have already been able to send doubled amounts to the treasury. A few others have increased two-thirds—one-half, one-third—and quite a number promise the quarter advance. This is very encouraging so far as it goes, but as these represent only a small part of the Branch, we must bear in mind that unless every society and circle faithfully tries to do its part, an effort to make a permanent advance of $4,000 may prove a failure.

From one small country town an officer wrote: "I, for one, want to do what I can, but my only way is to work and earn the money. There is no use of praying for more missionaries to be sent unless we can help pay their expenses." She then asked if the sale of some rag-carpeting could be secured. This happily was arranged; contributions of rags at once came in; busy fingers began sewing and weaving; the carpet was finished and sold, and a gain of two-thirds recorded.

Some valuable suggestions come from Mission Circle methods. Our latest circle is the New Haven English Hall Sewing Class, composed of poor children in the city. When asked if they would like to educate a
heathen boy, every little hand was raised, and forthwith they began to earn the needed sum. At the end of the time fixed, each brought the treasure gained wrapped up in little scraps of paper telling how the money was obtained. Of those that could be deciphered are the following: "I earned ten cents by going to the store." "I earned my money by cleaning sidewalks." "I sewed rags for mats, washed dishes, and took care of the baby." "Got five cents apiece for working four button-holes." "Did errands for a lame lady." Thus in six months the five dollars for enrollment in our Branch was raised, and one more boy in India will, we trust, be brought into the light of the Gospel.

From another division of the Branch we hear:—"A mother wished to train her five little children in mission work; so a Family Circle was started, where the president was only nine years old, the older sister was secretary, the mother vice-president, and the father, treasurer. Two babies constituted the remainder of the society. Later a little baby cousin and his mother were admitted. They hold meetings once a month on Sunday afternoons, the mother looking up interesting matter, and reading from "Children's Work for Children." They have a fine of two cents for absence, or for not taking part, if present; a membership fee and a yearly tax. They earn money in all sorts of little household ways;—prizes for good behavior, overcoming faults, self-denial, and "missionary hens." This training is fitting the children for larger work by-and-by. They graduate into the church auxiliary as naturally as a duck takes to water. The mother is often asked how she interests her children. The explanation is,—she is interested herself and devised this way to attract her
children. This society is called the "Mission Helpers," and sent ten dollars last year for a scholarship at Erzroom.

Five new mission circles have been organized this year; but we are very sorry to report the loss of ten circles. Some of them have become merged in Christian Endeavor Societies, others are wholly disbanded. Has there not been some faint-heartedness here? Other reports show many lines on which mission circles can prosper; and the field of the young ladies' circle is by no means covered by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

A small box of articles for prizes for the closing school exercises in Chihuahua has been sent to Mrs. Eaton, filled by contributions from nine different circles; and for Miss Denicy Root other busy fingers have also prepared articles.

The Children's Annual Missionary meeting was held as usual on Good Friday, in Center Church, New Haven, Dr. Phillips of the Church of the Redeemer, presiding. Mr. Fairbank, a theological student, coming from and going back to India, held the attention of the children in an interesting address; and a number of young people in Hindu costumes, sang Hindu songs under Mr. Karmarkar's training.

Our auxiliaries are increased by some subdivisions of those already existing. The one auxiliary of Bridgeport, representing five churches, has resolved itself into five societies. The Milford auxiliary has on the same principle become two. This is a gain, because each separate organization will feel more stimulus and will naturally put forth more effort when carrying a separate responsibility; but we wish we might report wholly
new working force added from uninterested and unenlisted churches.

The Monthly Branch meetings have been held regularly in Center Church Chapel, New Haven, with the exception of the January meeting, which was omitted in the hope of increasing the attendance at the annual Woman’s Board Meeting at Hartford.

At our usual gathering of the vice-presidents in November, an appeal was made which seems most suitable to lay before the whole Branch also; that we remember the distant members of our Branch, those at the ends of the earth, doing the work for which we are organized; and remember them as Branch members, in our prayers and sympathies as well as in our gifts.

The year marks some deplored changes and absences in the Executive Committee; but no loss by death. Mrs. Gleason and Miss Acton have felt compelled by pressure of cares and ill health to sever their official connection with us. In their places, we welcome Mrs. Washington Choate of Greenwich, and our dear former co-laborer, Mrs. A. W. Hazen of Middletown. Mrs. Cady has felt obliged to relinquish the care of New Haven City auxiliaries as a County Vice-President, and Miss Mary A. Hart takes her place; while Mrs. Cady and Mrs. Theodore H. Sheldon are added to our list of general vice-presidents. During the temporary disablement or absence of Mrs. McCall, Mrs. McLaughlin, and Mrs. Squire, we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Lucius R. Hazen of Middletown and Miss Charlotte B. Bennett of New Milford for their able services as substitutes.

Among the encouraging features of this year, we would call attention to a new committee on our list of officers, and a new department just inaugurated for the
enlistment of the Young People’s Societies of Christian Endeavor, in our foreign missionary work. The committee in charge have sent out circulars to all the Congregational societies in our four counties, inviting them to cooperate with the Branch, and giving six cogent reasons for doing so. With interesting definite work, partly medical, adopted for this purpose, and with the aid of the Yale Volunteer Band (and possibly that of Wesleyan University also) our committee feel strong and hopeful.

The Bureau of Information continues to receive many grateful letters from societies awakened to new interest in missionary work by the letters, leaflets and papers which it distributes, and the calls for this kind of help are increasing. The secretary, Miss Prichard, is always glad to know of any whom she can help from her stores. There are many requests for new supplies of the paper on "Aggressive Work," which seems to be quite living up to its name, judging from the testimonies and the funds received. As we study how we may best carry out its suggestions and secure its ends, some of its advance lines become more and more plain. One of the chief of these is personal influence. However small our ability to give, each one of us has some of this power to persuade others to join our ranks. Let us use it.

Among the favored Twelve, whom the Lord Jesus Christ chose as the companions and witnesses of His earthly life, was one whose name is mentioned in every list of the apostles among the first four, following next after Peter, James and John. And yet we know absolutely nothing of Andrew's ability, achievements, distinctions or destiny (in this life) except from three recorded facts: he brought to Christ's notice "certain Greeks" who "would see Jesus"; he brought the little
laid who had the five barley loaves and two small fishes with which the five thousand were fed; and he brought Peter to Jesus. We owe the stimulating, transformed character of the greatest of the Twelve (under God) to this quiet, unostentatious, almost unknown disciple who brought him. We know Andrew only as the man who "brought" others into right relations with Christ and His work. Was it not good life-work to do? Shall we not imitate him?

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REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The rays of the sun, after having traveled ninety-six millions of miles, all freighted with life, light, and beauty, will fall useless upon our eyes, if we keep them closed. Even in the full blaze of a summer's sunlight, we can, if we choose, sit in darkness. In like manner, those who have never opened up their hearts to the delights that come from a loving union with Christ, cannot appreciate the joy of souls filled with the Sun of Righteousness, as they gather together to hear and tell how the darkness of heathenism is fleeing away; how the light of the Son of God is filling the whole world with joy and peace.

Looking heavenward, to-day, we seem to hear the command of our ascending Lord sounding out with new emphasis: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," because the day of the world's redemption draweth nigh. Looking heathenward we find nations prepared for progress in remarkable ways. Missions are expanding and calling for help, with welcomes and progress everywhere. If we have gathered here to-day without our songs of thanksgiving, it seems as if the very stones must ring out joyful anthems of praise.

AFRICA.

The new geography of the Dark Continent brings new lessons for us every month. Even the comprehensive volumes of Henry M. Stanley only prepare the way, for the student, into the marvellous revelations of this vast continent. Nothing, this side the millenium, can
gladden Christian hearts more profoundly than the opening up of Africa to the gospel. The enthusiasm of the nations, and the zeal of the church, pressing on toward the very heart of the continent, as well as into every landing place along her unmeasured coast-line, are proofs positive that the day of her redemption is fast drawing nigh.

The New Haven Branch has smaller investments in the African than in some other Missions; but our first missionary, Mrs. Edwards, has given more than twenty-two years of faithful service to the Inanda Seminary for Zulu girls. She has made it a model institution, with no parallel in the Natal colony. The colonial government has recognized its superiority and for several years has awarded generous “Grants in Aid” for its support, a fact, in itself, more valuable than even the pecuniary assistance. Some one has called the early missionaries “giants in faith and courage;” and without doubt it was true. Their situation and the importance of the cause in which they were enlisted, gave them a claim to strength and wisdom according to their need. Our good Mrs. Edwards, though not one of the “early missionaries,” has been a leader in her department, and may justly be enumerated among them. Her whole self has been devoted to this school, and to the interests of the degraded Zulu women around her. Her perseverance, her ingenuity in finding means of support for the native Christians and the school, have won admiration. Best of all, the practical every-day work has never lured her from the basis upon which her divinely appointed mission work rests. Her aim has been to train up efficient, reliable Christian workers for Africa and the African church. She hopes they will feel as she does, that no life is worth living that is not consecrated, in aim and purpose, to the service of Christ.
The school has had ninety-eight names enrolled this year, with an average attendance of sixty-seven, all that could be comfortably accommodated in the buildings. Nineteen were members of the church, five having been received in the year, while a large number are in a class of catechumens. These girls have long been remarkable for their love of Bible study, and none leave the school without being familiar with its teachings and doctrines. The industrial department has added largely to the substantial support of this wonderful beehive. The fields, garden, laundry, and sewing-room, which have met a large part of the running expenses, have raised the pupils to a dignity and self-reliance which they will find valuable in the future. To the Zulus, who do not enjoy work, this institution has been a valuable object lesson.

In the drought of last summer a malarial fever broke out in the family, caused by the poor, insufficient supply of water. Though many were ill, there was only one death; but it caused quite a panic, which made it necessary to disband the school for a time. There were many signs of special religious interest among the girls at the time, and everything was prospering. This made the sad and mysterious dispensation a very great trial to the missionaries, who ask us to pray that some permanent blessing to both teachers and pupils may result. The teachers had many fears that the girls would not return. After a time, however, they wrote and asked them to come for a month to complete the school year. Thirty-nine came and the term closed at the regular date. The new year was to commence on the 31st of January. That very Saturday night forty-six girls had arrived; and before a week had gone there were seventy-six, while several had been sent away. Mrs. Edwards refers
very gratefully to the helpfulness of Nomasonto, the cripple, and Nomgadhlala, the blind daughter of a Zulu chief, whose aid and sympathy in the days of sickness brought some of the sweet compensations that follow faithful labor sooner or later.

Dalitha Isaac, our Zulu missionary, who returned a year ago from the Eastern African Mission, to her home in Inanda for a rest and change, has been retained for the present to assist in teaching and carrying on the kraal day schools. She is a graduate of the Inanda Seminary, and a valuable helper, doing valuable service.

Miss Amy Bridgeman, daughter of one of the older missionaries, after completing her education in America, returned a year ago to work with her parents in the old mission home at Umzumbi, Natal. The delight of the natives in welcoming her back, together with what we know of her special fitness for Christian work, prove that she is a valuable addition to the mission and to our company of workers. In a recent letter, after her return from a visit to various mission stations, Miss Bridgeman wrote: "Having traveled some two hundred miles on horseback, sixty by rail, eighty by wagonette, and seven by 'post cart,' I was glad to reach my home;" and adds: "We feel our entire dependence upon God, and beg you to pray that wisdom and strength may be given us for our work."

Austria.

The same bitter opposition to all Protestant efforts and institutions exists in Austria as in years gone by; no public religious services can be held except for invited guests. Still, in and around Prague, the mission has made marked progress during the year, having added, to the churches, the largest number of converts from Romanism ever added in one year.
The first Protestant Church was organized ten years ago; now the mission has five churches, with three hundred and sixty-five members, and three ordained pastors. The tenth anniversary of the first church was celebrated in June last, and it was a high day, indeed, for the little band of believers, who had come up, out of much tribulation, to enjoy the occasion together. Six Bohemian preachers from those mission churches have been transferred to churches for their own people in America, where they can worship God in freedom, with none to molest or make them afraid.

This mission has been carried on, in the face of ceaseless opposition; but heavenly blessings have rested upon it all the way. The circulation of the Bible has been a powerful agency. More than four thousand seven hundred Bibles, thirty-eight thousand New Testaments, and nearly as many copies of single gospels, have been circulated, besides hundreds of thousands of tracts and religious papers. Young Men's Christian Associations, and a Rescue or Reform Home, have been established; while among their first and most valuable institutions has been the Kraabschitz Seminary or Normal School, where from twenty-five to forty young women are receiving a solid Christian education in preparation for teaching. As this is the only school of the kind for Protestants in Austria, it commends itself to us with special claims. The prayers and almost passionate pleadings of the sainted Mrs. Schaufler, with the indefatigable labors of good pastor Schubert, laid the foundations of this institution; and their influence still rests like a halo upon it. But for its pecuniary limitations, the Kraabschitz Seminary might have an extensive moral as well as educational influence, and prove to be, what it has been called, a "Mount Holyoke" for Austria.
The four New Haven Branch scholarships are given to promising members of the “Free Reformed,” i.e. the mission churches. The graduates have almost a passionate love for this school; and though poor in this world’s goods, they contribute most generously for its support. The last has been an exceedingly pleasant and successful year.

CEYLON.

The Mission in that beautiful island “where only man is vile,” like a great field in a new country, is slowly being redeemed from the tangled growth and undergrowth of centuries. The whole area shows the effect of the axe, fire, and plough of the pioneer. The borderland is being brought under cultivation, while here and there, good grain, and some fruits prove what a few more years of faithful work and growth will do. Christian education for women brings results that cannot but rejoice the hearts of the sowers. Multitudes are all ready for the mighty showers from on high, which must follow the seed sowing, if a full harvest is to be gathered.

The missionaries report a growing feeling, in the community, that church membership means Christian service. The churches all have prosperous Sunday schools, while a few have mission schools for heathen children. Special attention is everywhere given to the education and training of youth. Just before his death, Dr. Hastings wrote, “on our station we have twenty-five boys and girls, who meet weekly to repeat Bible verses; twenty-three of their number have signed the Children’s Covenant,” which reads: “Because I love the Lord Jesus with all my heart, I solemnly accept Him as my Saviour and my Guide. I give myself to Him to be His forever, and I promise to try to please Him all my life.”
The Bible Women of this mission are doing valuable work; some of them are eminently faithful and earnest. The mission report says: "these devoted women are living epistles, known and read of all men, and doing much to evangelize the land." What they ask above all things, is the prayers of God’s people for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The New Haven Branch supports four of these Bible women, Mrs. Muttoo, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Alfred, and Chinnapulli; and it gives us great satisfaction to hear such delightful reports of them.

We have also, six scholarships in the Udupitty Girls’ Boarding School, one of the valuable institutions of the Mission. The teachers have expressed great confidence that the nine girls, who finished the course and left this year, were all christians. The new year opened with thirty-three pupils. This school meets with a great loss in the departure of Mrs. and Miss Hastings, who are on their way to America. Miss Hastings has given us many interesting facts about the graduates of Udupitty Seminary. More than two-thirds of the female members of the large church at that station have been pupils of this institution. One, the wife of a catechist in a remote station, is a successful Bible Woman, and also teaches in a girls’ school near her home. Another, also the wife of a catechist, in addition to the care of her five little ones, is one of the most valuable teachers in the Valvetty Girls’ School, which is always in a flourishing condition and invariably attracts the favorable notice of the Government Inspector in his annual visits. She resides in the most depraved part of the mission field, among the vilest heathen. But she is everywhere recognized as a true christian. And no one believes that she could be induced to deny her Saviour under
any persecution or temptation. Still another, the daughter of Mrs. Muttoo, one of our Bible Women, is a successful teacher in a village where her husband, a catechist, is gathering a church, over which it is hoped he will soon be ordained pastor. His worthy wife is a consistent helpmeet. Two other graduates teach in the seminary; two in the station day school; while others are employed as teachers in other parts of Jaffna. All have not followed the "good way;" but the number who have disappointed their teachers has been very few.

**China.**

With its hundreds of millions now open to the gospel is asking to-day for a thousand missionaries. Our humiliating answer to this request will be seen in our report. The religions of the Chinese are so wholly external, so ceremonial, that the Christian doctrines of sin, repentance, regeneration and holiness, find no counterpart in them. For this reason the missionaries have been cautious in receiving inquirers. Nothing less than a new creature, a being "born again," a long probation and decided fruit-bearing, secures confidence. But there have been true converts in China and many choice Christians who have endured life-long persecutions, and have won many souls for the kingdom. Pastor "Uga," one of the first four, who embraced Christianity in Foochow, ten years after the mission was opened, preached Christ thirty years, the last fourteen as a beloved pastor. At his death the entire Christian community was in mourning; the loss seemed to them irreparable.

The claims of this vast nation are so overwhelming, that only when laying hold of the secret power they have in union with Christ can our missionaries ever ex-
pect large results. Those on the ground ask for the best men and women for China, good linguists, consecrated and enthusiastic workers. And it is the duty of the church to send them, if they can be found. But the Lord Himself has said, that it is not by might, nor by power, but "by my Spirit," that spiritual conquests are won. His Spirit must convert China; but in His benevolent plans there is service for us all. Those who may not have the extraordinary gifts required, or who, for other reasons, cannot go in person, may share in the service. All can pray for those who do go; and can plead for the effectual workings of the Holy Spirit among the heathen.

For many years the New Haven Branch has had no missionary in China; but we have had shares in the Foochow Model Boarding School for girls, and Bible Women in Tung-cho, and Pao-ting-fu. Miss Newton, the principal of the Foochow School, is in this country for rest, which she has not been able to find in China for years. Miss Garretson, in her absence, is alone in charge, carrying a heavy burden as teacher, house mother, companion, and preacher. Even though the number of pupils is not large, the one head must be all things, at all times, in such an institution, when there is no substitute. There is really no resting place for missionaries in heathen lands where every individual needs instruction and uplifting. The opportunities for giving out are constant; but very few for taking in, making it imperative for missionaries to live very near the divine source of wisdom and strength. The Foochow School has thirty-one pupils, nineteen being over twelve years of age. All the highest class are Christians, six having been received in the present year. The Bible is studied every day, but forms an especially important part of
the Sunday duties. The girls are well taught, also, in all domestic work. We can better understand what such an institution means in a country of three hundred and fifty millions, after hearing Miss Pierson's statement that in twelve years' residence in China, she never heard of one girls' school, except those supported by missionaries.

The "Celestials" as a people, are not friendly to foreigners; but the injustice of England in enforcing the iniquitous opium traffic, as well as the unrequited indignities of Americans, have given abundant provocation, even had they, as a nation, been always cordial. To overthrow the walls raised by the injustice and selfishness of Christian nations, between themselves and the Chinese, the Divine Father sent floods, famine, disease and hopeless destitution, to open the hearts of needy millions that had hated foreigners. At the same time He roused the sympathies of Christians, who, through their munificent gifts for the starving people, their humane, and grand medical work in homes and hospitals, their schools, churches, and house-to-house visitation, have broken down the mighty barriers. The gospel is the one sure remedy for every want and every alienation. This blessed gift which we have received without money and without price, it is our duty to pass on to China.

**INDIA.**

There are many indications in India, that the years of Christian seed-sowing are nearing those of harvesting. The Hindus are a religious people, but educational influences are fast weaning them from the unsatisfying superstitions of their own idolatry. They must have some religious belief to satisfy their cravings for the
supernatural. And the Bible so wonderfully satisfies the soul that is searching for truth, that we confidently expect early and great results. But now is the time to double and treble the workers. Colporters and teachers with the Bible in their hands, missionaries to educate and enthuse the native preachers, evangelists to rouse the masses, are needed; not one or ten, but large numbers to reach the multitudes. There is a growing friendliness among the higher castes in Western India. Not a few who are honestly seeking after the truth, are only restrained from accepting it by social or pecuniary considerations. They need only a spark from on high, to inflame their hearts with the love of Christ.

The Marathi Mission reports "progress in every department." Never has the outlook been so cheering or the promise of great results so bright as at present. The best interests of the work demand enlargement at once in every direction. But just at this propitious time, every missionary's heart is saddened by the overwhelming announcement that 25,400 rupees had been cut off from their mission's allowance. One universal tone of disappointment finds its way into every line they write. Notwithstanding their poverty and the failure of crops in many places, the native Christians have contributed more than five thousand rupees this year for Christian work, which means many times more to them, than the same amount would to the poorest churches in America. A majority of those Christians seldom average more than one good meal a day, supporting their families by daily labor on an average wage of twenty-four cents a day.

Queen Victoria pays out of the income from taxes in British India, ten million dollars a year for the education of the people taxed. From this sum large grants
are annually given to the mission schools, which this year saves many schools from the entire disasters of retrenchment. But the grant is only given to well sustained schools, which necessitates generous plans and support by the missions as well.

The Ahmednagar Girls' Boarding School has one hundred and fifty pupils, seventy or more being boarders. Sixteen of these are supported by the New Haven Branch. Miss Bissell writes, "it is with feelings of real gratitude, that we report the last six months' work, which has been a time of spiritual growth to many. A larger number than usual have been received into the church; among them several for whom we have been anxious a long time." Thirteen have left for homes of their own; in every case but one, the girl was over sixteen, a record in which the teachers find much encouragement. Several of the last class, who had been a number of years in the school, by their faithful and conscientious characters had endeared themselves to their teachers, and now give promise of usefulness in the church and community to which they severally go. By tithing their allowance for food, the boarders in this school saved twelve rupees, which they gave to help sustain feeble churches. Their missionary society, the "Christian Banner," was able to contribute from their earnings, ten rupees toward the support of one of their classmates.

The government examinations were conducted as usual by a heathen, who would not think of pleasing the christian ladies in charge, by any words of commendation; but he was heard speaking, to another heathen, in high praise of the school. He even asked for some of the copy-books to show to the Municipal Boys' School, "to put them to shame." In many such ways the mis-
sion schools prove healthful stimulants and models to the natives. The examination in Bible study, by one of the missionaries, proved generally satisfactory, a few mere marked "excellent."

Thirty-two Bible Women are employed by this mission, eleven of the number being agents of the New Haven Branch. The wonderful testimony these faithful women give of kindly welcomes to heathen families, from high as well as low castes, when compared with the hatred and opposition of years gone by, compels us to exclaim, surely it is "the Lord's hand that hath wrought for us." Sixteen Bible Women, besides a number of volunteer workers, attended the November semi-annual gathering and examination in Ahmednagar. Two hours were given to hearing reports, followed by a second session for the examination on the Bible lesson that had been assigned. The whole occasion was one of great interest to the women, and of satisfaction to Mrs. Bissell and the other ladies who received and instructed them.

Dayabai and Kasubai, the New Haven Branch workers in Satara, had not been able to be present before for three years, on account of the distance. But they were delighted to meet so many other christian workers this time; and to tell of their experiences at Wai or other places where the people are still "mad on their idols and temples," and where as yet very little is known about Christianity. Changuuabai, our good old Bible Woman in Bombay, was able to attend this gathering for the first time in many years. "Every one rejoiced to see her dear face again." She is a woman of sorrow, but the report of her work in Bombay was so full of encouragement that all were glad to listen. The exercises occupied a whole day, and there was a mingling
of hearts as at five o'clock they sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name," before adjourning to meet later for a social gathering where seventy Christian women enjoyed an hour together, with tea, bread and butter, and cookies.

_Mumbai._—One missionary writes, "we should not only be saddened by the retrenchment orders, but wholly discouraged were it not for these good native helpers. Our hands are tied, and we dare not take a step forward, lest a debt be incurred. We have been looking and praying for the very opportunities before us, and now, with tears in our eyes, we stand dumb and hopeless before them. We begin to fear that those who do not give, will forget even to pray for us." The church in Mumbai is very satisfactory, having a small, but working membership, the whole constituting, virtually, a large Christian Endeavor Society. Every member is given Christian work, and is expected to do it regularly and faithfully.

The leaving of Mr. and Mrs. Hume for a much needed furlough, has laid very heavy burdens on others, and is really a very sad necessity. In July it will be sixteen years since they left America. No other mission family ever had so long a consecutive residence in Mumbai; and yet they left very reluctantly, and only under the physician's peremptory advice. Their work has been divided between Mr. and Miss Abbott, and the Misses Lyman and Millard, all of whom had as much as they felt able to do before. Miss Abbott writes: "The Anglo-Vernacular School is going on well; and the teachers are trying to do their best. Both dormitories are prospering. Faith is carrying them on at present, but the money will come in time. There have been one hundred and fifty scholars in attendance this year;
and although the school feels the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Hume's supervision, the regular curriculum of studies and system of work for the boarders is maintained.

The Government Inspector expressed himself as more pleased than ever with the results of the examination; and commended both teachers and scholars. Lord Reay, the late Governor of Bombay, visited the school and manifested much satisfaction, especially with its high Christian phase.

During the year, a former choice pupil and afterwards a valuable teacher, left to accept a position in Pandita Rumabai's Home for Widows, on a high salary. Another valuable graduate and teacher has become the wife of the Bombay pastor. Two are now teaching in the school where they were educated. Two have entered Government offices; another has married a teacher. Last summer the girls were moved from the unhealthy quarters, where they had been surrounded by the worst of influences, to their new home in Bowker Hall. Since that time there has been no serious illness, and the happy, healthy appearance of the girls testifies to the wisdom of the change. This school for years has received generous grants from the government, and repeatedly the highest commendations from the Educational Department.

The common village schools, such as the one at Parel, supported by the New Haven Branch, prove the most effectual means of introducing Christian workers into a new community. The day school soon adds a Sabbath School, and the children eventually introduce the teachers to their homes.

The Madura Mission is suffering greatly for lack of laborers. While a score of new villages are open to Christian instruction, the missionaries are unable to carry on, efficiently, the work they have in hand.
Our missions in India have been too slow in developing and educating native helpers. But the Normal School in Madura for Young Women is very promising, and is raising up an efficient Christian agency, which is greatly needed. In all departments, there are one hundred and sixty-nine scholars; with ninety boarders; among them are some who promise to make valuable teachers. The New Haven Branch provides for ten girls in this institution, and in years to come we expect to reap grand results from this investment. Nine from the higher classes were recently received to church membership, while several candidates were kept back on account of their youth.

Each year the missionaries place more value upon the efforts for heathen women and children, for they find that the men, even, are influenced more by their wives and mothers, and by the children in their homes, than by anything the missionaries can do for them in the mass. Miss Root, in Madura, tells of the little noon meetings her heathen girls hold, in which they sing Christian hymns, tell over the Bible stories they have heard, and even pray together. These influences in their childhood days can never be lost. A missionary in the South Sea Islands tells of hearing the sweet voice of some native woman in her hut, voicing the tune in which we sing: "Jesus loves me, this I know;" and he claimed her as a friend, by singing in his own language the same words she had sung in hers, to the same tune. They had a common friend which neither had seen; and the melody, not the words, drew their hearts together with the memory of His love.

Our missionary, Miss Dency T. M. Root, conducts four schools for heathen girls with four hundred and eighty names enrolled; with the same number of Sun-
day Schools. She is planning to open a fifth. The gathering of so many girls of school age, from the high castes, has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of every one. The High priest from one of the temples, summoned the Brahmin, and tried to make them swear not to allow their daughters to attend the mission schools, but they would not. Miss Root's scholars enjoy their schools, and from June to December they attend quite regularly, making good progress. During the remainder of the year there are so many festivals and weddings that very little good school work can be done.

Miss Root herself takes charge of these schools, visiting them on alternate days while native christian teachers conduct them regularly. The Sunday School sessions are held two each Sabbath morning, and two in the afternoon; Miss Root attends two one Sabbath, and the other two the following week. In addition she has a class of older scholars in English, in the Church Sunday School, which has proved a great comfort to her.

The children in the Hindu schools make no objection to Bible instruction, and they find great enjoyment in singing the sweet gospel hymns, which have been translated into Tamil and which are full of the same precious truths sung by our children in this christian land.

The annual prize giving is one of the gala days of the year for these children, to which they look forward with delight. No one would begrudge the gifts bestowed if they could see how much brightness they bring into the cheerless homes of the dear children, who treasure them up with the greatest care.

The last annual government examination was very satisfactory, and secured a grant of four hundred rupees more than in previous years. This grant covered about
two thirds of the expenses of all the schools; without this aid nearly the whole of Miss Root's work must have been given up. One grade higher has been added to these schools this year, and it is hoped that it will induce the children to remain a year longer in school, which will be a great advantage.

Of the twelve Bible Women, employed in the city of Madura, four belong to the New Haven Branch. In the year under review, they have visited thousands of women in their secluded homes; have distributed more than a hundred portions of scripture and tracts, some of them by sale. But the greatest joy of all lies in the fact that these faithful workers recommend the truths they teach, by their exemplary lives and true womanly manners. They have one thousand and twenty-three scholars, of whom three hundred and forty-three are reading the Bible regularly. When asked how many of these women pray to God only, and never worship idols, they replied, after counting carefully, "over eighty." Miss Houston, who has charge of these Bible Women and their work, has a great desire, to gather all these learners together in one big meeting, feeling sure they would be astonished to find they belonged to such a large school, instead of being discouraged by studying alone, each in her own home. Only a few can ever come to church, or even to the missionary in her own room. But she hopes sometime to induce them to come together to learn to sew.

JAPAN.

This year opens the third decade of the mission to Japan. The progress of this hitherto secluded and idolatrous nation, toward civilization, self-government, and knowledge of the true God, in twenty years, seems more than marvelous. This mission, so generously sup-
ported heretofore, is greatly crippled this year, for lack of funds and laborers. It is something like tying a man’s hands and feet, and then telling him to walk and work. The number of ordained missionaries we have in Japan is less now than two years ago. Those in the field are anxiously asking what twenty-six men can do for sixty-six churches, in addition to all the educational, literary and medical work which claims more than half their time. But for the valuable help of the assistant missionaries, one half the present work would have to be dropped and every opening door left to the Romanists or unevangelical aspirants, who are already there waiting for the invitations which the Lord’s own are failing to accept.

True economy calls for advance now, because each year’s delay adds to the difficulties to be overcome, and the cost of securing the same results. Could the missionary force be enlarged immediately, humanly speaking, Christianity would soon become a vast national power able to work out its own problems, proving its excellence by its fruits.

The unmarried ladies in this mission have been compelled to fill positions in almost every department, and in doing so have secured universal respect. Station after station has been kept up by them, with only Japanese helpers, and an occasional visit from an ordained missionary. They fill most of the important positions in the educational work unoccupied by Japanese. After four years of faithful work in Niigata our missionary, Miss Judson, was obliged to leave, on account of her health and has been transferred to Matsuyama, one of the stations on the island of Shikoku. She writes:

“I never found a climate I liked so well, and confidently expect a complete cure in the near future. I should be
glad to think that a large part of the remainder of my life could be spent here." Miss Judson received a warm welcome from Miss Gunnison, who had been teaching alone in Matsuyama, in a girls' school of forty scholars.

The government Normal and High Schools of the city are thoroughly furnished and fitted up. Many of them are taught by Atheists, bitter haters of christianity, and most persistent in their opposition to the christian schools, which makes it very desirable that the mission school should be thorough and attractive. Their buildings and apparatus however are sadly deficient; and Miss Judson is anxious to enlist the interest of her friends in behalf of the noble band of christians there, also in a special effort she is making to open an orphan asylum. In addition to her work in the day school, she has, with the help of some young Japanese christians, opened an evening school for poor children, who cannot pay, or cannot give their time in the day. This school has increased in numbers until every vacant spot in the room is filled and numbers are turned away. She writes of having besides, a class composed of government school teachers, which has proved a most encouraging and interesting work.

Mrs. DeForest, our missionary at Sendai, writes: "Our Sunday School work is promising. The children gather in large numbers and are interested in writing out their Bible verses on bits of paper to take home and commit to memory, that they may repeat them the following Sunday. Twenty-eight new members have been received to the Sendai church in the year; and we have been stirred to a new effort for enlargement, by the members promising, each to try to bring one new person into the church during the year."
One of our missionaries most gracefully introduces herself to the Japanese ladies as a representative of the Christian women of America, who are not satisfied to enjoy the blessings of Christianity alone, but wish to share them with others. In this she gives in a nutshell the impetus if not the motive of our work, and our hearts are gladdened by hearing of the opportunities open to such representatives. A prominent newspaper in Japan in a recent issue said: "Christianity will ultimately attain to power by gradual accumulation of merits, a fact of which we are convinced, by long observation. If it progresses at its present rate its future is assured."

MEXICO.

Notwithstanding their trials, persecutions, and disappointments, the missionaries in Northern Mexico are able to report steady growth. Eight churches have been organized (since the mission was opened eight years ago), having two hundred and sixty members. The missionaries have met all the bitter experiences which accompany the introduction of the gospel among an ignorant and superstitious people, except death and banishment. But by patient, prayerful efforts they have brought home the truth to many darkened hearts.

In Chihuahua, the Central Station, public religious service is held regularly in both English and Spanish; while the work has been extended to four other stations, and twice as many out-stations. Among the converts are many active and substantial men; but the missionaries feel very much the need of trained Christian helpers.

The Chihuahua Girls' Boarding School, the first educational work of the mission, has grown to be a most promising institution. It has labored under difficulties
from lack of suitable rooms, and well qualified teachers. But now some enthusiastic, and promising young women are ready for Christian work. The progress of the school the last year, together with the exceptionally good conduct of the scholars, has been a great joy to Mrs. Eaton our missionary who has devoted herself most untiringly to its interest from the beginning. The new building, which, through the legacy of Mr. Henry M. Prudden, we are to have the joy of providing for this school, will be a great blessing to the pupils, as well as a delight and encouragement to the missionaries. Good substantial buildings with appropriate accommodations for school and church, do much toward securing the respect even of enemies, and bring hope and inspiration to converts. This year there are thirty pupils in the school, most of them preparing themselves for teaching. The older ones are all exemplary Christians.

The New Haven Branch has adopted two of the new village schools opened by this mission at points quite distant from the missionaries, where there were no Protestant schools, and only recently any converts. At first there was considerable opposition, but the one at Atotonilco, though opened only six months previous to the last report, had become quite popular. At the close of the term an old-fashioned exhibition was such a success that quite an interest in mission schools was awakened. The parents and friends could hardly find a standing place in the room, which has served as chapel one day in the week, and school-room the remainder. Even the entrance hall was crowded, while those who could not gain entrance hung about the windows to catch a glimpse of the wonders within. Universal satisfaction was expressed, and unmeasured surprise that such mere children could learn so much in so short
a time. Many regrets were heard that the school was to be closed, even for a short vacation.

The new term commenced with much enthusiasm on the part of teacher and scholars. The indifference of the parents will soon be overcome by the interest of the delighted children, who are already fulfilling the prophecy "a little child shall lead them." The young teacher, a graduate of the Chihuahua school, is a zealous christian, and one who will not rest satisfied until she has won the consent of the parents to allow her to read the Bible to them, as well as to the children. She was delighted to find in her new book on "Teaching" a department devoted to the "Duties of parents." She has already organized a Christian Endeavor Society, and holds meetings with them on Sunday afternoons. Special prayer is requested for this young disciple in her first christian work among strangers with few to give aid or sympathy. We expect to hear soon that this school has proved the foundation of a church. The children are asking permission to attend the meetings as well as the Sunday School and they bring their Bibles so as to follow the reader.

SPAIN.

While the truth and a knowledge of the Protestant faith makes little apparent progress in this land of national pride and bigotry, there is marked advance. Protestants are still persecuted and despised, but not as they once were, and not, it is generally understood for misdemeanors but because they are Protestants. They have eighteen small churches, in as many distinct towns, some of them at considerable distances from each other, with a membership of nearly four hundred. Within a few years they have lost, by emigration, more than a third of their number, which accounts for the
apparently slow growth. But these Protestant churches are already a power in the communities where they are established. And the government must soon recognize the superiority and value of their honest, godly membership, as citizens. They are the leaven which is working out, all unknown and unconsciously, the redemption of the kingdom.

What is most needed now, are educated, consecrated teachers, preachers and leaders of their own nationality, men and women to unify and lead the Protestant community until they secure in the rising generations a body that will show by their lives of purity and integrity what Christianity really is, and what the Bible teaches.

Any report from this mission would convey an unjust impression if it failed to state that its history covers only twenty years. One ordained missionary and his wife with one other lady have constituted the entire missionary force.

The San Sebastian Seminary has been one of the most important factors in the work of the Spanish Mission. Its aim has been to thoroughly educate and train young women for Christian teachers, bringing them up to the government standard for teachers' certificates, by which they can claim a degree. The institution has had in the last year nearly two hundred scholars, in all departments, with thirty-six boarders; also sixty men and women in an evening school. The government's offer of diplomas to the graduates of private schools, where their examinations should reach the government standard, proved a new stimulus to the members of this school. The advanced class gave up their entire vacation to study, and preparation for the examinations; and were rewarded by at least two of their number re-
ceiving the highest marks required, while others were nearly as successful. The examination of all the classes proved very satisfactory this year; while the musical entertainment, as usual, was greatly appreciated and drew an audience composed largely of Romanists. Influential citizens show their appreciation in many friendly ways. The limited accommodations into which this school is still crowded fills our hearts with sympathy; and we are ready to cry out with the patient workers who have waited so long for help, and whose disappointment would drive them almost to despair, had they not the everlasting arms to rest upon.

Turkey.

The New Haven Branch has assumed more work and supports more laborers in Turkey than in any other country. In European Turkey we have one missionary, Mrs. Bond; in Central Turkey two village schools, one at Adiaman, another at Killis; in Western Turkey one missionary, Miss Fensham, Dean of the "American College for Girls," and four scholarships in the same Institution; four scholarships in the Broosa Seminary; and one in the Talas Teachers' Training School; for the Marsovan Girls' Boarding School ten scholarships, besides the salary of Miss Anna Felician, their own well beloved native missionary; in Hadji Keuy and Vizir Kupri two Bible Women and one teacher; in Eastern Turkey, one missionary, Miss Barnum, and four scholarships in "Euphrates College," in which she is an instructor; one teacher in the Misses Ely's boarding school in Bitlis.

Moslems have ruled the fairest portion of the old historic world with despotic power for nearly five hundred years. But their influence is fast waning; and we re-
joice in confident hope that the day is not far distant "when the Cross will rule where the Crescent reigns."
The christian population is steadily gaining, in percentage, upon the Mohammedan. At the present rate of increase, numerically, the strength will soon be in the hands of christians. The mysterious enigma that still holds the sublime Porte in subjection remains unsolved. Not only the rulers but all Mohammedans would rejoice to have every "christian dog" swept from their soil. But they are helpless. The "Great Powers" of Europe claim the right of citizenship and religious liberty for christians in Turkey under their protection.

Protestant missions are making substantial progress; the last has been a favored year. Revivals have gathered hundreds into the churches; while the entire membership has been greatly quickened. The spiritual uplifting and presence of the Holy Spirit among the pastors and native helpers has been very marked. Friends and patrons may feel sure that the foundations of truth have been laid so deep that whatever political changes come in Turkey, the kingdom of Our Lord there is fixed upon the everlasting Rock. The four Missions in Turkey have one hundred and seventeen churches, with nearly twelve thousand members, and some good substantial buildings in the larger cities and towns. Not a few promising churches are nestled among the mountains, or scattered in the villages on the plains, all of which have enjoyed precious revival influences in this year.

In European Turkey, woman's work has been advanced more in the last two or three years than other departments. The dissemination of the Scriptures and christian literature has also been carried on extensively. Although the Turkish government still exercises the most stringent scrutiny over every page printed by for-
eigners, yet the missionaries have given thousands of volumes of valuable Christian books to the people, and thousands of children have learned to read them.

The work of the Bible Women, and the tours by missionaries, especially the ladies, have proved a great blessing in the new field of Albania, as well as in Bulgaria. House-to-house visitation, bearing loving words to the mothers and children, has revealed the way of life to multitudes of the people, and they are rejoicing in it.

Our Mrs. Bond writes enthusiastically about the welcomes she received from the women in the villages, when touring with her husband. Many times she was asked to "tell us over again the story of Jesus;" to "sing to us another song about the King in heaven," and was urged to "come again to-morrow." These fruits, with the pathetic repetition of the experiences of those who had found the Saviour, made every day a glad one to our missionary. She counts such work as "delightful," and her privilege of service "the joy of her life." Her heart is lonely without one dear child in the home; but the promise from friends to have a friendly interest in her far-off children is a comfort to her mother-heart. Pages could be covered with the stories Mrs. Bond has written about the experiences of the people and their testimony to their joy in the Christian life.

Miss Barnum writes most enthusiastically of her work in Euphrates College. This institution has a male and female department, with a membership last year of three hundred and twenty-four, of whom a large number gave their hearts to Christ. Ninety-three have been graduated from this College. All the young women of this number were Christians, as also most of the men. The former, without an exception, are usefully employed as teachers or "home builders" in Turkey. Some thirty
of the latter are in America, most of them for further study. Several graduates have been employed as teachers by other sects; and the missionaries are much gratified by the fact that they are allowed to give religious instruction using the Bible as a text-book and praying with their pupils. One who graduated last year is employed in a Gregorian School on more than twice the salary received by her classmates who are retained as teachers in the college, nor is she restricted in the religious instruction she gives.

A Kindergarten has been added to the preparatory department which is under Miss Barnum's superintendence. Only a small dark room could be spared for its accommodation; but thirty little children have been very happy while learning some of the beautiful lessons of order, obedience, self-control and love to God which must help them to become good, true men and women. With better accommodations and the necessary material this can be made a valuable work. Miss Barnum is occupied most of the time with classes in the College proper; but "The King's Daughters" meetings and other general work comes to her care also. Last winter she accompanied Miss Bush on one of her interesting tours, which may be called the Lord's husbandry of Turkey. The journey to Malatia, the first place, occupied three days on horseback. During this time they were often obliged to dismount and walk long distances over the wretched roads to get warm. But the welcomes they received, with the help and encouragement they were able to give to the poor people, were a full compensation.

In the Harpoot field there are churches or schools in most of the cities or larger towns, in connection with which regular Christian services are held. In their tours
the missionaries visit these places, remaining many days in each, and accompany the Bible Women or catechists in their house-to-house visits. In hundreds of families these visits are repeated every year, when Catholics as well as Armenians and Gregorians, welcome the missionaries. Arabkir has a large population; but it is spread over an extensive area, making it difficult to gather the girls into one school. The people are waking up to the importance of female education, and are begging for a second high-grade school. But this year there is little probability of a second school being opened up, even though the call may seem promising.

Our school there has a very energetic teacher, "Varter Lucia," who has thirty-eight scholars making encouraging progress.

The school at Egin is taught by Nagloo, a young woman from Euphrates College, who has gathered about twenty-five enthusiastic scholars. Egin is a very aristocratic place and Protestants have made but little progress; still there are a few choice Christian spirits.

The school at Bitlis, the child of the Misses Ely, has at present forty scholars, and is taught mainly by native teachers. Salveen, so long one of the adopted teachers of the New Haven Branch, was obliged to leave on account of her health. Her place is filled by Surpoohi, a graduate of the Bitlis School. She writes most gratefully of the aid received from the New Haven Branch, and since there is nothing else they can do to show their gratitude, she says, "we have often prayed for you and we love to remember you and your benevolence."

The Marsovan Girls' Boarding School has had a year of rich spiritual blessings. The school buildings have been so crowded that much real discomfort must have
been experienced in accommodating a hundred boarders, where eighty could hardly find room before. Good Miss Fritcher, though feeble, still nominally holds her post while rejoicing in her associates, the Misses Smith, who are fast taking up the responsibility. Miss Fritcher's twenty-eight years of seed-sowing, are already yielding grand results. The last has been a year of continued blessing. Nearly the whole school decided to live for Christ. The formation of a circle of "The King's Daughters," early in the year, proved the beginning of a blessed work of grace. The need of Divine help led them to The King himself, where the spiritual help they received, led them to efforts for others. These efforts were continued until twenty-three circles were formed, including many outside the school. Nine at one communion were received into church membership, and other five united with village churches at their homes. A number from Gregorian families were considered christians, and desired to unite with the people of God; but they were not of age and the parents would not consent, lest it should interfere with their matrimonial prospects. The Greek Department seemed as doubtful, a few years ago, as a Turkish Department does now, but it is becoming quite popular. And the whole institution is in great favor among all classes.

Miss Cull's School, in the beautiful city of Broosa, has not shared in the revival influences that have reached so many of the mission stations in Turkey, during the past year. But the teachers report very successful school work, and express so much of satisfaction in the individual scholars, that we can easily see the great advantage these smaller schools have in a closer contact with the missionaries. Including a few day
scholars, Miss Cull has forty pupils. Students from this school have filled the new and growing demand for Greek teachers in Talas and other stations.

The Kindergarten work in Smyrna promises to be a model, as well as training school, for the juvenile department in other parts of Turkey. Sixty-six little ones enjoyed its privileges last year, and when the new building, with all its accommodations, is completed, we expect Miss Bartlett will ask us to send a resident delegate to report to us all the wonderful developments of the Kindergarten institution of Smyrna. We can but hope that the Apostle John is still familiar with the “tribulations and poverty” of the disciples of our Lord in this historic city, and can say as he did in apostolic days: “thou art rich,” in the accumulation of the true riches of God’s grace in Christ Jesus.

The New Haven Branch educates but one of Miss Closson’s girls, in the Talas Boarding School; but we long to have ten shares instead of one, when such a grand work of grace is going on, that our hearts may be filled with thanksgiving and praise. The revival season of last summer reached the Talas school, and brought nearly every pupil to her knees. Out of a membership of eighty, there were only six professing christians in the Talas School, before the Holy Spirit’s presence, like a gentle shower, seemed to touch every heart. The meetings were very solemn, and fifty-five decided for Christ. Some may not hold out in their new service; but the blessing has wrought great changes in the life and spirit of the school.

We call the beautiful home at Scutari by a new name; but it is none the less a joy to the hearts of its friends, as “The American College for Girls at Constantinople.” The advance steps have won our admiration; and we
can say, with much satisfaction, that from its begin­ning this institution has never once disappointed our hopes. The new position and higher grade of studies have attracted marked public attention in its immediate vicinity, while both graduates and the present members have been enthused with a new loyalty to their college.

The membership is larger than it ever has been, reaching seventy-five boarders. Five were graduated last year, making seventy-six who have received diplomas since the school was opened. With great satisfac­tion we hear that there has been no lowering of the standard in spiritual aims, but an honest acceptance of the divine claim for more and better service, according to the talents bestowed, proving that much material of promise lies hidden in the womanhood of Turkey. The absence of two instructors and the repeated illness of others, have laid burdens upon the faculty which we regret to report. But they write that these things have given the students the best possible opportunities for sharing in the responsibility and proving the generous nobility of their characters. Among all the claims and petitions of the faculty, none seem to come to us like their pleadings for our prayers, not a petition now and again; but such calls upon God as come from hearts that cannot be denied.

Micronesia.

Among the most welcome words from heathen lands are those that come under the heading "Morning Star." It is always news, because we get from this source what we could get from no other. The news is sometimes very, very sad; and it makes us wonder how long Satan will be allowed to spoil this beautiful world which our Heavenly Father owns. And we turn to our dear
children to help answer the question, with their beautiful little ship and its new sister. It is going to require millions of money, besides hundreds of men and women, to finish the war with Satan; and we must ask the Holy Spirit to help us and our dear children to continue faithful to the end. The children must never forget that the Morning Star is *their* enterprise and that it is for the loneliest missionaries out on the ocean's praries, to whom only one messenger, with words of love and cargos of good things, finds its way. The children's pennies and prayers are needed to raise the anchor of their Morning Star, and send her out on every voyage.

A well trained army, pressing on to war and certain victory, could not feel the disastrous effects of a command to "halt," more keenly, than our foreign missionaries feel, to-day, the bitterness of the word, retrench! Hundreds of converts have been educated and drilled into line; thousands of children are waiting to be taught the story of Jesus; multitudes of Christless ones are reaching out their hands for the Bread of Life, which our sons and daughters are waiting to carry to them. But just at this important point, the Church of the Living God dares to command a halt!

She has carried her commission eighteen hundred years, overcome unnumbered difficulties, conquered foes within and foes on every side. And now, when the tribes are nearing the promised land, we are told, there are giants in the way, "we cannot possess the land." Alas! we admit there are giants in the way, many and mighty too, but we dare not name them . . . because they are so costly . . . all made of gold and silver and diamonds, the work of men's hands!

Are there no Calebs or Joshuas in these days who can persuade the Lord's own that we are able to press right
on and possess the world for Christ? We have God Himself for our leader, and his own promise to be our guide. In this warfare we cannot fail, if we follow but one Master.

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COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

It is pleasant to note signs of progress and encouragement, and the more so when they outline themselves upon a gloomy background. Fairfield County has, during the year, had her seasons of depression. The interest of the Mission Circles has languished. Zeal has been too often allowed to take the place of thorough organization and business methods. As a result, in some cases the dues pledged have not been collected, and in others the funds actually paid in have been diverted to side issues, often praiseworthy, but not the objects to which the circles have pledged themselves, and for which they are depended upon by the Branch. Just when the appeal for new aggressive work was made, and the cause was to be personally presented to each auxiliary, Mrs. Gleason, the loved and honored vice-president of the Southern Division, found it imperatively necessary to withdraw from the work. Never had we seemed in greater need of an experienced and judicious leader.

With the emergency new strength has been developed. The very urgency of the new work has roused enthusiasm and energy to meet its demands. Some of the hillside towns have no stated gatherings, and the members living widely apart are difficult to reach; but here the circulating letters have made their way, carrying from house to house their messages from far countries; and except in three or four instances the call for an advance has been bravely met.

The auxiliaries in which regular meetings can be held are wakening; some to a realization of what they ought
to do—others to thoughts and plans of methods to be adopted for advance, and still others have struck boldly out and really done aggressive work. One already reports twenty-eight new members—and this is in the town where our new vice-president lives—speaking for itself of her personal work.

The system pursued for the last two years of sending to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board delegates, who on their return shall report, either personally or by letter, to the seven auxiliaries which they represent, has been an important factor in this year's success. Of our twenty-nine societies, eleven were personally visited and eighteen immediately pledged themselves to the 25 per cent. advance. Much has been accomplished by correspondence, 225 letters and over 100 postals having been written.

Our vantage points have not been easily won. But we will remember that unremitting labor and prayer can accomplish much. Our aim for the coming year is to increase the membership of our auxiliaries and to infuse new interest and establish better organization in our Mission Circles. So shall we endeavor to redeem the promises of the past and meet the larger demands of the future.

Bethel.—This seems to be a society which holds its own well, keeps up its regular meetings and finds little change to record from year to year. It derives pleasure and profit from the Bureau of Information, the documents from which are a marked feature of the meetings. The treasurer reports an increase in funds. Baizabai is still their beneficiary. One member expressed by a special gift her sympathy for Mrs. Edwards in the epidemic which prevailed in the Inanda Seminary.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle meets regularly once a month, the meetings being opened with devotional
exercises; usually some missionary items are brought to be read, and sewing done. The money is obtained by regularly-collected dues, and the extra sums hitherto raised by entertainments have this year been procured by solicitation, which has proven the better way.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor have a missionary committee who prepare the programme for the monthly meeting, bring forward special objects in the home and foreign work and take up a collection for them. Missionary corn was planted last year and a corn supper given in the autumn. Pretty booths thatched with stalks, decorated with brown corn and colored ears, contained corn-made articles for sale. The smallest tots in the society sang and recited and the supper followed. Then the corn meal was auctioned off, the first package bringing two dollars. The result of their missionary enterprise is very satisfactory. Fifteen dollars was donated to the dispensary at Pao-ting-fu and the same sum to medical work in Madura.

_Brookfield Center._—During the winter there was not much church activity evinced in foreign missions, but this spring interest was aroused by an afternoon tea at the home of an officer. Miss Child's paper on "Aggressive Work" and Mrs. Montgomery's letter were read and five persons enrolled themselves as new members. A little son of a Presbyterian missionary appeared in Chinese costume and sang "Jesus Loves Me" in Chinese. In March, when the contributions came in, they were discovered to have increased forty-five per cent. over last year. Some have doubled their pledges, and some have signified their determination to give at least twenty-five per cent. more. Certainly this shows growth in spiritual gifts, for during many previous months the outlook was dark—these things are wrought only by faith and prayer.
Danbury, First Church.—The annual county meeting was entertained and bountifully lunched by this auxiliary in October. Some one hundred and fifty persons were provided for. The services opened with a prayer meeting in the chapel, but the half hour assigned seemed too short for all who wished to take part. Mrs. Montgomery, from Turkey, spoke both as our home secretary and our foreign missionary. At noon she made the acquaintance of many workers from the different societies. Miss Julia Bissell, from India, now a medical student at Philadelphia, gave from her own experience illustrations of the value of medical missionary work. Many encouraging results have been traced to that day in Danbury.

The auxiliary during the summer months omitted its meetings, the president being absent from town. At the seven meetings held, the average attendance has been fourteen—the stormy Fridays are supposed to account for the few present. Two new members are reported. The gifts have decreased noticeably this year, although an effort was made in behalf of the new medical work, which resulted in ten dollars.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle have held since last October two meetings a month, devotional and social alternating. These do not differ particularly except in the reading matter. At the devotional meeting a programme is prepared in which all can engage, and the exercises bear on one special country or the work of one missionary. A given number of members have selections, leaflets or letters to read. In the social meetings an interesting missionary book is read aloud in turn by all present. "Seven years in Ceylon" has thus been read. Two-thirds of the members regularly attend. A bazaar which enlisted much earnest work during the
past months has, to the surprise and delight of all, netted sixty dollars. Three-quarters of this will be applied to the medical work and the remainder to Miss Judson's salary.

Danbury, West Street Church.—The society is small, but on the increase. Five members were added this spring. Regular meetings have been appointed, but have not always resulted in bringing the ladies together. Mite boxes have been distributed for the medical fund and twenty-five copies of "Our Suffering Sisters" are in circulation.

Easton.—The ladies answered the call for larger contributions with evident hope that an increase would be obtained. When a portion of the money expected was gathered, the treasurer's house was robbed and the foreign missionary money went to enrich the thief. They feel much disheartened, but it is hoped they will make such energetic efforts as to realize a larger amount than ever before—all of the twenty-five per cent. asked for from them.

Monroe.—No report has been received from this auxiliary. It no longer holds meetings, but important items and letters are circulated among the few members. There are earnest workers in the town who will not allow the cause to disappear from the minds of the ladies, and we look for results later.

Newtown.—Several members attended the Danbury meeting and on returning imparted a new impulse to their own meetings. These gatherings are considered very helpful by those who attend, but the larger number of ladies are detained by home duties and long distances. When the appeal was made for twenty-five per cent. advance, the society responded finely and sent three times as much as last year. An absent friend, who loves the
cause and the society to which she formerly belonged, sent through the auxiliary to make herself a life-member.

**Redding.**—No meetings are held, but leaflets, letters and many interesting items are in circulation. The money is obtained by collectors.

The "Ready Folks" hold quarterly meetings and also informal ones to prepare for concerts and discuss matters relating to missions. They number twenty-four; only fifteen can be relied upon as active members. Some are absent from home a part of the year; others too small to take part in meeting, and some too young even to attend. In November a concert was given in the church; all the exercises related to Japan. The pastor gave a sketch of the life work of Mr. Neesima. The jugs continue to be a source of revenue.

**Ridgebury.**—"We are a feeble folk," is the cry of this little society. Discouragements are manifold, but they "will do all they can." There are efforts put forward from time to time in the missionary direction, and a more loving interest is prayed for.

**Ridgefield.**—For more than a year, on the first Sabbath evening of the month, a missionary meeting has been held in the church instead of the usual service. Two ladies are appointed by the pastor to arrange a programme which he carries out. The subjects cover both home and foreign work, and a hearty interest is shown by the excellent attendance. In addition to these, ladies' missionary prayer meetings have been held; the number attending is small, but the result has been good. A hundred penny-a-week bags have been distributed instead of mite boxes or pledge cards. When the call came for twenty-five per cent. more, one lady found it in her heart to make herself a life member.
The "Snowflakes" have held eight meetings and two sociables, which latter proved very successful both financially and socially. One was a corn supper in October, and the other a bag sale in March. Considerable sewing and other work have been done. In January a box valued at ten dollars, which contained clothing, books, pictures and various other articles, was sent to Mrs. Harding in India. Her two daughters are members of the Circle. Birthday jugs and monthly collections are established facts.

Stratford.—In May and September the monthly meetings are omitted, because of the annual gatherings of Branch and County. There are forty-seven members, but only a fifth attend the meetings. In January fifty invitations were sent out for a missionary tea; thirty-one persons came. It was the annual meeting; after the reports were given, plans for aggressive work were discussed over a social cup of tea. Six new names were enrolled. Some of the ladies have been quite enthusiastic in distributing mite boxes and pledging others to membership. It is the aim of the auxiliary to meet this year's extra demand by enlisting nineteen recruits. It supports a scholarship in China, has a share in the new medical work, has fulfilled its obligations to the Permanent Fund and notes a small increase in gifts every year.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle meets for an hour every other week, and after devotional exercises, sewing is in order. Garments have been made and sent to an Orphanage in Niigata, Japan, in which Miss Judson was interested, and for the same institution Japanese articles were sent here, which sold well and realized a good sum. The treasury is supplied by the regular fees of members and an occasional supper.
The "Alpha Band" has met every other week for four months to sew. The attendance varies from seven to fourteen. They are following out a plan suggested in the Dayspring of last year, preparing a box for China. An ice cream festival was held in November. A birthday box is kept by the society. Each child has received five cents to invest, and the proceeds are to be brought in on the first of June: the plan has been received with enthusiasm and is working well.

Trumbull.—An extra effort has been made to increase the contributions. The Hartford meeting had a widespread influence, and those who attended went home with renewed zeal. Quarterly meetings are held. Two life members have been made by the society.

Wilton.—It has been difficult to hold meetings regularly, owing to the stormy weather. Notwithstanding, six for prayer and missions have been well attended. An orange tea was held on two successive evenings. An occasional entertainment is found to be helpful. With thankful hearts they send this year an increased gift to the New Haven Branch.

Cordelia Sterling.

Fairfield County—Southern Division.

We are enabled to report an increase of five auxiliaries in southern Fairfield County, brought about by the change of method adopted by the ladies of the Bridgeport Union.

While sickness has in some cases interfered with missionary zeal, and the stormy weather and bad condition of the roads have prevented some of our auxiliaries in the country from holding their customary meetings, still the reports indicate a deepening sense of personal respon-
sibility, an increased interest in the work, and in some instances active and aggressive movement. To realize our indifference and lack of earnestness and consecration is the first step towards better things. May we all enter upon the new year with the earnest prayer that our weaknesses and failings may be so revealed to us that we shall cling more closely to Him from whom comes all our inspiration and strength.

On account of the increase in the number of auxiliaries in this division, Stratford and Wilton have been transferred to the care of Miss Sterling, that the division between the two county vice-presidents may be more equal.

The auxiliaries have acquiesced with great reluctance in the resignation of Mrs. Gleason, who has for many years served as one of the county vice-presidents. The loving testimonials which have come from the auxiliaries which have been under her care testify to her earnest and affectionate efforts in this work.

Bridgeport.—The Bridgeport Union continued its monthly meetings until January of this year, and offers the following report: "The monthly meetings were much enjoyed by those who attended, but the numbers were not so large as they should have been for Union meetings, being generally composed of ladies who attended the church where the meetings were held. We should have become quite discouraged if our annual meetings had not been so large and enthusiastic. During the year we have paid the salary of Miss Barnum, of Harpoot, Turkey, and have also sent a contribution to the mission in Mexico. At the annual meeting in January it was decided to hold two meetings each year of the Union; the annual meeting, and a semi-annual meeting in June; the intervening meetings to be carried on in the separate churches, under the leadership of a lady
selected from each church, who shall also hold the position of vice-president of the Union. Thus far we are gratified and encouraged at the much greater number that attend these meetings."

_Bridgeport, North Church._—The ladies of the North Church held their first auxiliary meeting in February, at which time they were addressed by Miss Colby. The new move is still too much of an experiment to allow us to speak of results, but we have thus far had encouraging meetings. The leader of this auxiliary has issued an earnest letter to the ladies of the church, calling upon them for their support, encouragement, sympathy and prayers, in behalf of the Foreign Missionary work.

The "Memorial Mission Circle" report, "During the year just closed we have held nine meetings led by different members of the Circle. We have lost no one from our number, but have added only one new name to our list. Still we feel that the meetings have been well sustained and well attended, as our average attendance has been larger than in any previous year. In order to raise money (outside yearly dues), we gave a musicale which netted for us $90.63. This with yearly dues, $4.24 from the mite jugs, and $11.00 earned by members, and the balance in the treasury, makes a total of $150; $125 went to Mrs. Eaton in Mexico. In the summer we sent a box to Miss Barnum, of Harpoot, containing books, fancy articles, cards, and material for fancy work. Perhaps some other society may be prompted to send something of like nature. How can we more fully realize, than by such deeds, the Master's own words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

_Bridgeport, Olivet Church._—"In some respects the past year has been a most encouraging one. At our
monthly meetings, eleven in number, the average attendance has been larger than ever before, a fact which proves that the women of our church and society are becoming more deeply interested in the missionary cause. Through the Bureau of Information we have received many letters which have added greatly to the enjoyment of our meetings. For the first time in our history we have lost one of our members by death. But with gratitude we report the addition of five new members.

The 'Olivet Mission Band' numbers thirteen members. They meet once a month, and all the children are interested in the work. They raised for the foreign field last year about $25."

Bridgeport, Ladies' Union of Park Church.—"Following the decision of the Bridgeport Union, the ladies of the Park Church have organized under the plan of giving alternate months to Home and Foreign Missions. The numbers attending the early meetings have been good, a proof of the interest among the ladies in the general work of missions. We have a band of earnest women whose interest, we trust, will grow with the Society. The 'Pearl Seekers' have no longer a separate existence, but are merged into the Christian Endeavor Society."

Bridgeport, South Church.—"In accordance with the action of the Union, the ladies of the South Church have organized an auxiliary for Foreign Missionary work. Pledge cards and letters have been distributed, but the work is still in too immature a condition to furnish material for a report."

Bridgeport, Auxiliary of the West End Church.—"The ladies of this church organized a Home and Foreign Missionary Society on March 18th. The church is
a new one of only four years' growth, and the church building is just now completed. In these past years the efforts of the ladies have been turned in the direction of nourishing their home plant, but hope now to extend their benevolent work. They have at present no especial report to present, but hope next year to make good progress.”

_Darien._—“The meetings of our auxiliary during the past year have been full of interest and very helpful to those who have attended them, a few of them having been a special inspiration, owing to the presence of ladies from other places, who have spoken of the work in which our societies are engaged. We have voted to raise next year the twenty-five per cent. advance so earnestly desired by the Board. We have canvassed for the book, ‘Seven Years in Ceylon,’ and have thus far sold seventy copies. The money which will be coming to us from the sale of this book is to go towards paying our part necessary for the yearly expenses of the New Haven Branch. We are trying to increase our membership and hope to obtain on the pledge cards a good many names of those not counted with our auxiliary.”

_Green’s Farms._—“Meetings have been held regularly each month during the year, and although the attendance has been small in proportion to the membership, they have been maintained under the leadership of our president with a great deal of interest. Our work is the same as formerly, the only new feature being the support of two Bible readers in Ceylon, in which every member feels deeply interested. Our membership is twenty-two, with an average attendance of eight, when it should be twice that. Still we hope that each member may feel the greatness of her responsibility, and work while it is day. This auxiliary has voted to in-
crease its offering this year the desired twenty-five per cent."

Greenwich.—"The Greenwich auxiliary has held its monthly meetings regularly with an average attendance of twenty-five ladies. These meetings have been made interesting by map exercises and missionary letters. In October Miss Landfear was present and spoke of her work at the Wellington Seminary, also of the good work done at the diamond fields. At our annual meeting in February we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Montgomery. One new feature of our home work deserves a place in this report—the circulating of missionary letters and papers to those of our number who are unable to attend the meetings, giving them, too, a greater interest in the work. The auxiliary has also gladly decided to increase its contribution the twenty-five per cent. called for by our parent society. We have lost five members by death and one by removal, but have been enabled to add twenty-nine names to our roll. We raised during the year $196, a gain of $90. The 'Bearers of Light' has a membership of fifty-seven—three less than last year. At the beginning of the year ten withdrew to join the auxiliary. There has been an average attendance of fifteen at the regular monthly meetings. During the summer two extra meetings were held, and three boxes have been sent to different missionaries. The amount pledged for the present year ending in May is $60."

New Canaan.—"The later reports of the New Canaan auxiliary have been characterized by a little note of discouragement. The Secretary does not like to report a slight falling off in membership, and a corresponding decrease in contributions. The falling off in attendance signifies a loss to us personally in spiritual growth; but
the diminishing contributions is a matter of vastly more importance. It means that our hands, too, are stretched out not to open the door of opportunity to our heathen sisters, but to shut it on these dark, pathetic faces turned so eagerly toward these Western shores, looking for the Gospel light. But this auxiliary is going to try, with God's help, to do better things this year; and if we fail, still we shall have the benediction, 'They have done what they could.'"

North Stamford.—"We have had no meetings the past year. However, we have raised our usual fee, and have been enabled to increase it by a small amount. Our President has been ill. The Lord has thought best to take, one of our number to Himself. We have one member 93 years of age.

The 'Do What You Can Band' report that the severe weather and the great distance at which some of the children live have prevented many meetings from being held. A concert last autumn proved a success."

Norwalk.—"The routine of our work has been altered somewhat, from the fact that a little more than a year ago it was thought best to revise our constitution. By subdividing our work it has been our object to bring in more helpers and make the work less burdensome to a few. Our meetings are held regularly and are well attended. In May we heard Miss Tyler, of Africa, and in June Mr. Leitch was with us. Miss Fensham, of Constantinople, addressed our annual meeting in January. We also had the pleasure of having Miss Child's admirable paper on Aggressive Work. Mrs. Prentiss, of Bridgeport, reported the Hartford meeting more at length in February. The King's Sons, King's Daughters, Fruit Bearers and Sunday School Mission Circles all add their mite to our auxiliary. One circle has
pledged to support a girl in the Udupitty School, Ceylon. We have added some new members to our auxiliary, and hope when the debt on our new chapel is cancelled to be enabled to turn our efforts into broader channels. We may safely say that there is much enthusiasm over and interest in the work of both Home and Foreign Missions.”

**Sound Beach.**—“We have been enabled to raise our annual subscription, which has been sent to the general fund of the Woman’s Board. We have determined to hold our meetings at each regular time, though but few attend.”

**South Norwalk.**—“Our meetings are held regularly every month, with the exception of July, August and September. The growth in our society has been manifested by the large and interested attendance at the meetings. The plan inaugurated last year of alternating the Foreign with the Home Missionary meetings has proved so successful that it has been continued through the year. Different fields have been studied and interesting letters have been received from the teachers in the college at Constantinople, towards the support of which our collections have been sent. The envelope system is used by our collectors, to whom we are indebted for faithful, self-denying work. The meetings of the Mission Circle have been interrupted during the summer months, but have been resumed this winter with a good degree of interest. Death has taken from us dear and valued members, but we know that the ‘work goes on, though the workers fail,’ and we trust many may be raised up to fill the places of those who have gone from this loved work of missions to the higher ministries of heaven.”

**Stamford.**—“Meetings were held every month, and also one or two extras. More enthusiasm was mani-
fested in the work than ever before. Last summer we were favored with a pleasant address from Miss Wilcox of the Sandwich Islands. In the fall Miss Gleason and Miss Sterling came to us with encouraging words. We earnestly hope that this year may be a prosperous one for us all. The 'Tiny Helpers' have had a very successful twelve months. They have sent $30 for a scholarship in Mrs. Hume's school, and $4 and a package to Foochow. The children are all interested and faithful.”

Westport.—“Our Society has been crippled in its work this year, owing to the ill health of our President and her absence in California this winter; the long illness of the Vice-President and the absence of our Secretary since last July. Two of our ladies who have been regular attendants are absent from town. Nevertheless, we have kept up our ordinary contributions, and we think our ladies have never been more earnest in their interest in and love for missions than this year, when circumstances we could not control have made our meetings few and small.”

Grace W. Choate.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

The first thought which many of us have in reviewing the work of the year is the loss which our individual societies have sustained by death. Since the formation of the Woman's Board a heavenly-minded soul among us has labored and prayed and given largely in its behalf. The coats and garments of this beloved Dorcas are represented by the missionary seed which she always scattered in her daily path. She gave not only money and prayer, but she gave herself. As she rested in our homes, as she ministered to the delight of the young
wherever she went, her missionary flag was always unfurled, and it bore the motto, "The World for Christ."

We drop a tear to the memory of the co-worker of us all, Miss Martha E. Beardsley, and linger only to catch of her spirit, while "she dwells with Christ, which is far better."

Litchfield County has not put on the beautiful garments of entire consecration to the missionary work. Her auxiliaries, some of them languish; her women are too busy to attend the meetings. But several societies are taking new life, and some are as firm and strong in their faith and love for the work as are the hills which surround their dwelling places. The missionary committees of the Endeavor Societies are putting forth new efforts to interest the young people. They want leaflets, and they want missionary letters, and they want missionaries to talk to them. They want each meeting to be more interesting than the last one. Mrs. Karmarkar and the Misses Leitch have done royal work in our county the last year. We bring our annual report with a deepening feeling of thankfulness for the past and hope for the future.

Mrs. McLaughlin, the beloved vice-president of Litchfield county, has been seriously ill for nearly a year. We miss her earnest work and the inspiration of her presence, but we are sure that she is with us in spirit.

Canaan.—The Secretary writes: "The new features of the year have been the use of boxes for distribution among those not members of our society; the $25 for the Madura Hospital; the monthly paper prepared and read by our ladies in turn, and the decision to inaugurate a system of sociables in connection with our missionary meetings."

The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle numbers ten. They follow the course in Mission Studies. They have have taken a share in Dr. Root’s Hospital.
Colebrook.—There is no organization; but missionary letters and papers are circulated, and the ladies contribute to cooperate with the Branch.

Ellsworth.—The Secretary writes: "We raise all the money we can and pray for the cause."

Falls Village.—No meetings are held. The Y. P. S. C. E. hold missionary meetings and have circulated cards for weekly pledges, which have been generally taken, and $25 secured for the Madura Hospital.

Harwinton.—There are a few who meet to read and pray together each month; earnest, faithful workers.

Norfolk.—There has been a larger average attendance at the meetings, and more money raised than before. The "Young Ladies' Mission Band" take much interest in study of the mission fields.

Plymouth.—The attendance has been good, and the meetings of unusual interest.

Salisbury.—The Secretary speaks of the help which the various letters and papers have been to their society, and she also reports increased contributions the last two years. The "Baby Band" is composed of twenty-two children under twelve years. Each child earns a penny a week as a membership fee, and reports how it was earned. They also have mite boxes at home for gifts or extra money. They are to travel to all our mission stations, and by the aid of maps and photographs are filled with enthusiasm at their meetings. The leader finds much help from "Mission Stories from Many Lands."

Sharon.—The meetings are better attended, and nearly every one takes part. The money gifts may not be as large this year, but the interest increases. The "Busy Bees" depend on their annual fair to raise the $50 which they send to the Woman's Board.
South Canaan.—This little society continue to do what they can to sustain interest in the work.

Thomaston.—The seventeen members of the society have a monthly meeting for prayer and study of the mission field. Death has made great inroads upon the ranks of the workers, but in many directions the outlook for the future is encouraging.

Torrington.—The meetings are well sustained, with increased contributions. The fellowship meeting in the autumn, the Secretary writes, “did us all good, bringing us into a closer sympathy with our fellow workers.” The “Highland Workers,” open their meeting with devotional services, and study of the lessons in mission studies, and after an hour of sewing close with Bible verses and singing. They support a scholar in Harpoot.

West Torrington.—This flourishing society is full of work and full of hope. They have adopted the motto, “We’ll work till Jesus comes.” The members have blank cards which they fill with items on some special subject which is assigned.

Torrington.—The Secretary writes: “The meetings have been full of interest and enthusiasm. The members are gradually awaking to the great need of pushing forward this branch of our Lord’s work. We have added ten new members to our list of workers the past year. The “Valley Gleaners” have fifty-two members, both boys and girls. The meetings are led by one of their own number, and held on Sunday afternoons. The Y. P. S. C. E. have taken up missionary work, and raising pledged sums for the Madura Hospital; $500 was pledged from Torrington for this object.

Watertown.—The society will make an advance in contributions, and think the interest increasing.
Winsted.—There is much interest in the monthly meetings by those who attend, but the two churches represented by the society do not create such a membership as was to be expected. The printed programmes for the year are still used with success.

Y. P. S. C. E. SOCIETIES.

Winchester.—One of the duties of the missionary committee is to aid in conducting the monthly concert. This has become a meeting of much interest; there is hardly time for all the missionary intelligence which has been prepared to be read. The society have contributed to the support of Miss Root.

Riverton.—They have as yet no missionary committee; but the whole society are interested in the work. They contribute to Miss Root's support, and the girls are sewing for her pupils.

New Hartford.—Quite a number of the members are giving a cent a day for missionary purposes.

MARY P. HINSDALE.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

Light and shade alternate in our reports as on our Litchfield County hills these fitful spring days; yet always, thank God, more of light than shadow. Bare statistics tell but half. Reading between the lines, we learn of patient continuance in well-doing under discouragement; of lives growing beautiful through personal sacrifice for the master's work; of seed sowing in remote corners that shall bear fruit in its own time. The long illness of our beloved vice-president has been a grief to all the auxiliaries, and her faithful, loving care has been sadly missed. Many influences have com-
bined to make the year one of progress. If there has been a waning of interest in the Mission Circles, there is encouragement in the growing interest in Missions in the Christian Endeavor Societies.

The County meeting at Kent was a memorable one. Mrs. Montgomery and the Misses Leitch stirred all hearts. The extra giving was a needed tonic, and strengthened us wonderfully. Its influence will be felt long after the pledges are in.

Bethlehem.—"A full history of our society is very easily written. For several years we have been simply 'a name to live and are dead.' Last year we tried to do better, and succeeded in holding four meetings. We are fortunate this year in a president who attended the Hartford meeting, and is very enthusiastic, so we hope to give a better report next year. We have already raised life enough to promise the twenty-five per cent. advance asked of us." The "Willing Hands" write of increasing interest. They have held meetings every month. Five new members have been added. Many missionary letters have added interest, especially those from Mrs. Eaton in whose salary they have a share. They have been of late making fancy articles to send to Mrs. Eaton, as prizes in her school.

Bridgewater.—"Our numbers are greatly diminished since the formation of our auxiliary. Many of our prominent workers have left their work on earth for us to finish. We have from four to six at our meetings. They are a faithful few, yet we need more of the spirit manifested at the Hartford meeting. There is tendency to discouragement, but when we think we are a part of so great an army of workers, we would give all the strength we have to so blessed a work. Though our numbers are small, our hearts are being stirred within us.
by the earnest appeals coming from the harvest fields. The Young Ladies' Mission Circle reports unabated interest, and the average attendance has been one more than last year. Six meetings have been held, as usual. "We have assigned subjects to each member, and the meetings have been interesting as well as helpful." A copy of Mission Studies is taken by the circle and circulated among the members.

Cornwall.—"We number eighteen members. Though our meetings are held regularly the first Wednesday in each month, often the weather is such that few can be present. Those living in the cities and large villages can hardly understand how this and other small societies are situated, and what peculiar disadvantages we labor under, especially in winter. We hope for larger attendance and increased interest as the spring comes."

"The 'Cheerful Givers' meet once in two weeks in summer, and once a month in winter. The meetings are devoted to making articles for sale at our annual fair; $50 was raised at our fair last August. We have lost several members during the year, by removal. We are hoping to do more work the coming year."

North Cornwall.—"The 'Mission Bank Society' held no meetings during the last year which closed in August last, except the annual meeting. Several have been held since, however. We were sorry our contributions were less than the preceding year, but are hoping to raise an extra sum this year."

Goshen.—"Our society is small, numbering only thirteen. We have not been able to meet through the winter, but look for more interest in the warm weather. Two copies of 'Life and Light' are taken."

Kent.—"There is no marked change in our auxiliary. The monthly meeting has failed but once. Three times
the record stands, 'Only five present; all offered prayer.' These days were stormy or oppressively hot. The painful illness of our Secretary has brought us low before the Lord in earnest supplication, and we continue our work as an auxiliary in grateful remembrance that our prayers have been heard. The event of the year was the county meeting in September, which was a veritable boom to the cause in our community. The eloquent appeals of the Misses Leitch for the Madura Hospital were responded to by Kent people to the amount of $112.50, which is additional to our regular contributions. Much of this has been raised by weekly and other pledges, involving considerable personal sacrifice, and many have contributed who heretofore have had no share in our work. The Y. P. S. C. E. gave $25, and the South Kent Sunday School a like amount for the hospital, while the church school and that at North Kent have given for the Micronesian Mission."

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle reports meetings every month, but each alternate meeting is devoted to the study of mission fields in our own land, and the money raised then is sent to the Home Missionary Society. Four new members have been added, making the whole number twenty-seven. "At the county meeting here last September the circle became much interested in the Misses Leitch, and took a half share in the Madura Hospital. We are thankful we are permitted to help even so little in the great work of spreading the Gospel."

Litchfield.—"We have had regular monthly meetings well conducted by our President. The attendance averaged nine. When we have no letters sent we follow the subject assigned for the month. The 'Daisy Chain' had a Harvest Home festival last autumn. At that time the Misses Leitch addressed us, and since then we have been
raising funds for the Madura Hospital.” The Young Ladies’ Mission Band has twelve active members, and meets every month. They have been working the past winter on sample sewing, prepared for the use of missionaries in their schools. Last summer they gave a lawn party on the parsonage grounds, selling flowers, plants, candy, etc. A concert was also given in the parlors at that time to which an additional fee was charged. It was, altogether, quite a financial success, the result being about $100.”

Milton.—“We are so scattered and few in number it is impossible to hold meetings regularly, but we meet as often as possible. We have had many missionary letters sent us, which have been circulated among the ladies and help to keep up the interest.”

Morris.—We meet monthly, but like all the country towns about us, the people are scattered and find it difficult to attend regularly. A few, however, always try to be present and do all they can to make the meetings interesting. Different fields are assigned to the members to report on, and we also receive a monthly missionary letter from New Haven which we enjoy much. We have never used mite boxes, but have collectors in different parts of the town.

New Milford.—“The year has been marked by no special event in our history, yet personal interest has certainly increased. There has been a prompt response to requests for assistance in carrying on the meetings, and we are gradually gaining in knowledge of the condition and needs of women in countries without the Gospel. We are striving to increase our membership by interesting others in this great work.

Nine meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of fourteen. We have used the
topics suggested in 'Life and Light,' and interesting missionary letters have been read. Many of our members attended the county meeting in Kent, and brought away renewed enthusiasm. A share in the Madura Hospital was pledged at that meeting and has since been given. We feel we have great encouragement, but hope for more zeal the coming year.

The 'Valley Wide Awakes' have met once a month at the parsonage. The hour has been devoted to the study of some one country. There were also many extra meetings to prepare for a Christmas sale. From this sale and a Broom Drill about $100 was realized. At the annual meeting an afternoon was spent socially, and supper was served. The 'Golden Links' have shown quite an interest in the work this past year; though, owing to changes in the class which lessened the number, the contributions are a trifle less than last year. They have mite boxes for the coming year. The Christian Endeavor Society contributed a half share for the Madura Hospital. They have an energetic missionary committee who arrange at stated times interesting missionary meetings, which are producing good results among the young people."

New Preston.—This auxiliary reports that meetings are not held with usual regularity, but there is unabated interest. "We feel we have reason to 'Thank God and take courage.' We are but a 'feeble folk,' yet are glad to unite with our sisters in helping to carry the good news."

This society has sustained this year the loss of a greatly revered member, Mrs. Betsey Averill, aged nearly 104 years. The secretary writes: "She was not only the oldest member of the New Haven Branch, but her name stands first on our roll of members at the formation of
our auxiliary. She was ever a regular and liberal contributor up to the time of her decease. Every one privileged to know her personally would soon discover that she loved the cause of missions, and deemed it a high privilege to contribute to the support of those who have gone to carry the Gospel to distant lands. Her knowledge of the progress of mission work was very remarkable, and though her years far exceeded the usual 'three score and ten,' her love for the Master's work was unabated. We feel that we sustain a great loss as an auxiliary, and that the work has lost a most earnest and cheerful supporter."

Northfield.—"Meetings were held monthly, excepting in bad weather, with an attendance of from four to nine. The exercises consist of Scripture reading, singing, prayers, and study of the topic given for the month, and usually the mite box is passed around. We have collected an additional sum by thank-offering boxes.

Our members have, so far, responded quite heartily to the recent call from the Branch for increased contributions. We pray there may be no lack and that the work may go on."

Roxbury.—"The report must be this year substantially the same as last. We have met with loss and discouragement in the death of valued members, and it is often difficult to get even the 'two or three' together. Still, the courage and zeal of our president are inspiring, and give hope for the future. Meetings are held the first Thursday in each month, usually in a private parlor. They are opened with Scripture reading and prayer. An informal talk follows in which all take part with suggestions or information." The Mayflower Circle holds regular meetings with good attendance. Four new members have been added. A package of fancy
articles for prizes were sent to Mrs. Eaton in Mexico. The greatest cause for encouragement is the interest manifested by the members.

Sherman.—"If willingness to give of our means is an index of our interest, we can say our interest in missions is increasing. It was very encouraging when the mite boxes were brought in last December and we found we had doubled the usual amount. A share in the Madura Hospital was also pledged at the county meeting. We have a committee to choose a subject for each meeting, and assign topics to individuals. We spent all 1890 studying Turkey, and then felt there was much more to learn about it." The Mission Circle has died out, but the Y. P. S. C. E. is manifesting some interest in the work, and has assisted in raising the amount pledged for Madura, bags being given out to be filled with spare pennies.

Warren.—"Our meetings were well sustained through the year, and we feel were helpful to us. We have always had enough present to claim the promise, and at some of the meetings more than our number of members were with us. We have enjoyed the study of mission fields and followed the course presented in 'Life and Light.' One of our members, at the county meeting last fall, pledged a half share in the Madura Hospital and sent it with our gifts as a thank offering for answer to prayer. We had the privilege, during the year, of hearing Mrs. Bartlett who has labored so long in Turkey. Mr. and Mrs. Dorward, who went within the year to Africa, spent some time with us before their departure, and gained many friends who have followed them with their prayers and 'God-speed.' As we review the year, we find it has brought sunshine as well as sorrow, and
are ready to go on trying to do our small part as well as we may."

Washington.—"We think there is an increasing interest in missions among our ladies. The pocketbooks are more freely opened, and the average attendance at meetings has been larger. The mite boxes have proved a good thing with us. They have been brought in each quarter, at which time we have had a social tea-drinking. Seven new members have been added, and one life member."

"The Mission Band has little to report. It is difficult for the little children to meet together where they live at such long distances. We have eleven members. The children seem much interested, some walking three and four miles to the meetings. The mite boxes are brought to each monthly meeting, most of the pennies having been earned by the children at home. We are dressing dolls now, to send to some of the mission schools."

Woodbury, First Church.—This auxiliary reports little change. The membership is unavoidably less than the year before, owing to sickness and death. Meetings have been held regularly, however, and the interest is growing every year. The 'Valley Gleaners' have held twenty meetings during the year, with an average attendance of thirteen.

They celebrated their fifth anniversary last autumn by a fair which was very successful.

Woodbury, North Church.—They report a faithful few who find it good to meet every month to talk over and pray for this cause, and read letters from missionaries. They are trying also to be faithful in bringing the urgent calls to the hearts of those not already with them.

Charlotte B. Bennett.
Middlesex County—Northern Division.

The county meeting in October is becoming more and more a center of interest and inspiration.

Last autumn the gathering was held in the First Church, Middletown. Owing to the illness of the vice-presidents, the care of arranging for the meeting was bravely assumed by the president of the Auxiliary of this church. Miss Daggett presided, and thoughtful, earnest addresses were made by Mrs. R. M. Cole, Mrs. E. R. Montgomery, and Mrs. W. H. Smith.

During the noon recess, Mrs. Montgomery sought out individuals representing each Auxiliary, and in a familiar way endeavored to impart her own enthusiasm. But the true report of this, and indeed of all our labor—who can give it? The statistics are cold. The results are evident only in part.

The stories of some of the offerings reveal the kind of report we shall one day hear, when God’s book is opened.

There is a tendency to concentrate the organizations in the churches, retaining a separate secretary and treasurer for the foreign department. In the scattered parishes, especially, this insures larger gatherings and more regular attendance.

The use of Thank Offering boxes is increasing, and too much can not be said in favor of personal conversation in regard to this work with those not enlisted in it. Several Auxiliaries have held special meetings for missionary addresses, which have been of great value. Papers prepared for the woman’s meeting are often used in the missionary services of the church.

The work among the young people is most encouraging. There are circles for boys, circles for girls, and one new society is a family affair. In one the Hotch-
kiss Sunday School Puzzle secured a regular attendance. The Investment System has been tried successfully, and the old time method of preparing useful and fancy articles for sales. Reading in reference to mission fields, with the use of maps, is an educating force of no small account in the churches.

**Cromwell.**—The work here shows the effect of constant effort. The meetings are held regularly, and their Bible reader, Nanapirakasi, in Madura, is sustained and remembered in their prayers. The Sunday School sent a special offering to the Bowker Home. Two members have died, and the larger increase of membership is in the young ladies' circle.

**East Hampton.**—Affairs do not seem quite as prosperous as sometimes, but we are sure the dawn of a brighter day is just at hand.

**Higganum.**—All the word is encouraging. Full of work, and the new boys' society proving a great success. The Secretary writes: "We observed with earnestness the two prayer meetings called for by the Board, have found the use of maps a means of clear understanding of the subjects before us, and were greatly interested at one gathering by Mrs. Lucius Hazen's graphic, concise, and feeling report of the annual meeting in Hartford."

**Middlefield.**—The ladies here are deeply interested in missionary work. They meet regularly, and sew and read. Though there is no separate society for the foreign department, they send regular offerings through the New Haven Branch.

**Middle Haddam.**—The various societies in this church have been reorganized into a union society, but in the "Willing Workers" a place is given to foreign missions, and offerings are sent as usual.
Middletown, First Church.—This has been a good year. Nineteen members have been added. The average attendance at stated meetings has been larger. Many original papers have been prepared. Extra meetings have been called, to which the neighboring circles were invited. In September Mrs. Karmarkar was heard on medical work in India, in October Mrs. and Miss Bartlett on the kindergarten work in Smyrna. In April Professor Van Benschoten gave a very instructive address on Smyrna and its schools.

The president was delegate to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board in Hartford, and she has done much work in the county. The offerings have equalled those of last year, when a special thank offering was made on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the society. A new mission circle has been added. The Christian Endeavor Society has pledged $50 for the hospital at Tung-Cho, China. Mrs. Dyer's Bible class has contributed $25 for the Huntington Kindergarten Training School. Also $25 have been sent to Mrs. R. M. Cole, to aid in building a house in Bitlis.

Middletown, South Church.—“The meetings were held regularly, with good attendance. The tax for membership has been annulled, and all contributors are considered members.” The society has contributed $136 to the permanent fund. The president having resigned, to take the leadership of a new union society, Mrs. Mary Graham has been elected to her place.

Portland.—A year ago this society became incorporated in a united society, in which the ladies work for both foreign and home missions and local church interests. They voted $25 of the general fund for foreign work, and hope to add to this sum by offerings from individuals. Their pastor gave a sermon on the special
needs of the American Board, and this has stimulated interest in the cause for the coming year.

**Westchester.** — We always expect good word from this society. The attendance is better, the offerings are larger, and the hope greater.

A visit from Mrs. Montgomery proved a comfort to the steadfast ones, and an awakening to some who had not before been interested. Five members of the society attended the meeting of the Woman’s Board in Hartford.

Most of the mission circles in Middlesex county are found in the Northern Division. There are among them two flourishing boys’ circles — the “Ten Times One” of North Church, Middletown, and “Zion’s Cadets” of Higganum. The “Ten Times One” was reorganized last fall with an age limit. The first meeting was a social one, and the boys have met once a month since, and been much interested in making scrap books, while missionary stories are read to them. Five cents have been given the boys for investment, and returns will be expected at the meeting in the autumn. The “Zion’s Cadets,” fourteen in number, with an average attendance of thirteen, meet regularly the first and third Sabbath afternoons of each month, and have studied about China, India, and Micronesia. The interest in these countries is helped by the cloth maps of the American Board. This circle has remembered Bowker Hall, India, the Home at Paotingfu, China, and the Morning Star Mission. As the boys become interested in the field about which they are studying, they find it pleasant to contribute toward that field. The leader finds it helpful and stimulating to the boys to say: “We have received word from New Haven that they need our help in this direction or that.” This circle is
interested in the Hotchkiss Sunday School puzzle. Each boy present receives one part of one of the puzzles, and as there are thirteen parts needed to complete the puzzle, a regular attendance is the result. The leader says there is not much difficulty in interesting a boy in the work, if you can first catch the boy, and she seems to have been very successful in doing that. The mission circles of Haddam, Cromwell, Higganum, Portland, and Middletown report a continued interest. One new circle is reported, called "Mission Helpers," of Middletown, North Church; a very wide-awake, helpful circle, judging from reports; its membership is not limited as to age or sex; it has a fair promise of continuance, and will not need much care. Some of the circles have meetings that are devoted to work entirely; others combine the two. A Junior Endeavor Society was started in one church, holding its meetings, in connection with the mission circle, on Saturday afternoon. The Endeavor Society conducts the devotional meeting, and at its close a penny collection is taken up, which adds to the fund of the mission circle. The circle then holds its meeting, and the members have been busy on scrap-books and work-bags for Mrs. De Forest of Japan; and are now interested in a similar work for Mrs. Eaton of Mexico. The children are so interested that they urge their leader to meet with them every Saturday afternoon. Various methods are employed to raise money in the different circles. Sales of fancy articles, entertainments, lawn parties, candy sales, etc. One circle reports a successful entertainment called a "Greek festival;" the members of the society wearing Greek robes of delicate colors, and entertaining the company with beautiful tableaux of Grecian subjects. I wish it might be my privilege to report a circle in every church.
of our county. The difficulty of finding a suitable leader is often the only obstacle. In these busy, bustling days there seems to be no time for "the one thing more," for it needs time and thought to make the preparations necessary to secure interest and attention. But this work is God's work, and there surely ought to be found those who "wish to be made willing," and when once the work is taken up, pray daily for the "grace of continuance."

MRS. A. W. HAZEN.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

In trying to estimate what has been accomplished in the Southern Division of Middlesex County during the past year, we cannot fail to see that the novelty of branch work has passed away; but we hope that we are now entering on a period of larger intelligence, deeper love, and more earnest prayer concerning the things of the kingdom. The prevailing tone is one of hope and cheer. Several societies report the use of mite boxes, attended by special thank offerings, or by a decided increase over the usual contributions, or pledged amounts. Some speak gratefully of additions to their membership, especially among the young ladies. The influence of the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board has been felt among our auxiliaries, several of them having sent representatives to that meeting, who returned full of enthusiasm, and impressed with the thought of individual responsibility.

There are but few mission circles in our division of the county, but we think they have a growing interest in missionary work, and we believe that their labor is not in vain in the Lord; for, as the Secretary of our auxiliary
writes: "It may seem a matter of slight importance to meet a few times during the year, perhaps at some sacrifice of convenience and strength, to talk and hear of woman's work for women in heathen lands; but only as we know the need, can we give wisely our money, our thought, our prayers. Surely it is not a little thing to have those distant lands brought nearer to our own in ever so slight a degree; and ourselves into loving sympathy with some of the self-denying workers, who, as our substitutes, are not only doing their own work, but ours as well; and who often look longingly for aid in many ways, from the helpers at home. Surely it is not a little thing to be thus brought into closer contact with the Master, whose last command was, 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations.'"

*Centerbrook.*—This auxiliary received a stimulus from the annual meeting at Hartford in January last, which has proved helpful. An extra meeting was held to hear reports from the delegates, at which a larger number than usual were present. "Twenty new members were secured; and we have evidence of an increase of interest on the part of all, in the fact that our contributions for the year will be nearly or quite fifty per cent. increased. Also we have voted to take a collection at each quarterly meeting, in addition to our pledged amount."

*Chester.*—The secretary thinks she "can truly say the past year has been one of encouragement and profit to our auxiliary. The attendance at the monthly meetings is large, and the hour is pleasantly spent; nearly every member contributing to the interest of the meeting. We greatly desire to increase the membership, and our earnest prayer is that we may realize the importance of the work, and the privilege of being "laborers together with God." One pleasant feature of our
work has been the planning a box of clothing and sewing materials for Mrs. Edwards' comfort."

Clinton.—"We have a large membership and hold quarterly meetings, having some special mission for consideration. Our last subject was Africa. Interesting letters were read from missionaries on the ground, and also extracts from several reports concerning the Dark Continent. In addition to our usual fees, we have mite boxes for thank offerings, which are our response to the call, 'Come over and help us.' We believe we are not going backward in our attempts to help on this cause. We find our meetings are better attended by holding them quarterly, and also by having some special mission for our topic."

East Haddam.—The auxiliary has not been kept up here owing to the lack of a leader, but the ladies hope to send a contribution to the Branch.

Essex.—"The meetings for the year have been held regularly every month with the exception of two; and no one who has been present at them can regret the time thus spent. The Bible readings have continued to be a pleasing feature, and the social talks following have been profitable to all who have shared in them. Different topics have been taken up during the year relating to both the home and foreign fields, and our delegates who have reported the annual meetings have added new interest to our meetings. There has been some decrease in membership, but we hope for a better record another year. Our first circle meeting in the autumn was a union one, to which all the children of the church were invited. In January, after the annual meeting in Hartford, a meeting was held Sabbath afternoon, and all the circles invited to be present. A large number responded, and the pastor's wife gave a Bible
to each child. After Scripture reading the leader gave an interesting account of the annual meeting at Hartford, reporting new information gained there with reference to some of the mission-fields. The leader of the 'We will do something Boys' reports that, while their numbers remain the same, there has been an increase of contributions during the year. The meetings are held on Sunday afternoon, giving the leader a two-fold advantage; the hearts of the boys being in a receptive mood, it is easier to fasten in their minds the fact that Bible truth and mission work go hand in hand, one being the outcome of the other."

**Haddam.**—The "Alpha Band" has met regularly the last year, with a better attendance than the year before; they number twenty-one members, most of them between the ages of five and twelve years.

**Killingworth.**—This auxiliary has met with a loss in the death of its faithful secretary, who has been called to a higher service; but the society is much encouraged by the interest manifested by those who still remain. Interest in the quarterly meetings has increased through the letters received from the Bureau. A few have taken pledge cards and others have mite boxes. The "Killingworth Union Band" continues in well doing, "depending on the promise, that strength will be given according to their needs."

**Millington** is holding on its way, having monthly meetings quite regularly and with a good degree of interest.

**Saybrook.**—Quarterly meetings have been attended regularly and with sustained interest. At the April meeting Mrs. Montgomery was with us, and her earnest words seemed to impress all who heard her.
Westbrook.—"The report from our society for the year past is of necessity a brief one; the few faithful ones who have attended the meetings have found them a source of enjoyment and profit. We note the encouraging fact that our contributions have shown an increase for the past three years."

Emilie E. McCall.

New Haven County.

This has been a year of continued and earnest effort. The result shows no new auxiliaries added to our number, although one has been re-organized, and some little interest has been awakened in two churches, where it is hoped societies will be formed. Four mission circles have been organized and several societies of Christian Endeavor have responded with contributions or pledges, when appealed to in behalf of the Branch work.

The loving and earnest words of the Home Secretary have proved an inspiration to many societies to which she has spoken during the year, and her printed letter has been widely circulated among the women of the churches.

The county meeting was held in Milford. The generous hospitality of the ladies, with the many thoughts of interest brought out, combined to make an enjoyable and helpful day.

In the review of the year we find many encouraging features, largely due to the influence of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board at Hartford. The reports speak of meetings full of interest, and increased membership. The stirring appeal contained in Miss Child's
paper has been doing good work, and doubled subscriptions have already been received from some societies. One mission circle of boys responded, "Of course we will do our part." There is a cheerful willingness noted on all sides to advance.

After an auxiliary meeting at which the little leaflet "Ezra and Me and the Boards" had been read, two members were talking of it, and the conversation was soon about the "Board debts" we still have with us. One of them said, "We must increase our contribution this year twenty-five per cent.," another replied, "We must;" and added, "there is not a member of our auxiliary who could not easily earn a dollar during the summer, if she tried. I can and I will, although it will be earned in a very homely manner." The other lady replied, "I will earn a dollar too, and mine will be dug out of my garden." Then she related how a lady connected with the mission circle had been earning money by dusting her landlady's parlor; for which she received one cent each morning. When within six cents of the desired amount, one day a bottle of Apollinaris water was wanted and she offered to get it, for which service her landlord gave her the sum wanting to make up the dollar. There were those listening who thought of various other ways by which they could do their part, and that society is sure to gain their object. But our work requires not only money, but time, brains and influence, which we are to cheerfully give for His sake, "Whose we are and whom we serve."
New Haven County—Naugatuck Valley and Vicinity.

Ansonia.—Re-organization has been effected through the efforts of the new pastor’s wife. The auxiliary starts out on the new year with fresh courage and hope. Meetings will be held at the parsonage the last Friday of each month.

Birmingham.—This auxiliary responded to the appeal—advance—with doubled contributions. Five meetings were held at the homes of different members. In March, Mrs. Montgomery spoke in the lecture room and the ladies from Derby and those of other denominations were invited. At the close, coffee, tea and cake were served, and the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all.

The “Willing Workers,” a band of twenty-five girls and boys, are interested in the education of a girl in the Marathi Mission.

Derby.—A growing interest in mission work is manifested in many ways. The meetings on alternate months are full of interest, and the attendance at the annual meeting was larger than usual. Seven copies of the Misses Leitch’s book on Ceylon were bought by members.

Middlebury.—The auxiliary is without a president, and illness in the homes of the other officers has hindered them from active service; however, missionary letters were circulated, mite-boxes with leaflets distributed, and the annual offering collected.

Naugatuck.—No meetings were called during the year, though a generous contribution was forwarded for the branch work. The effort which is being made to reorganize and sustain monthly meetings gives a brighter outlook for the future.
Prospect.—The "Aggressive Work" leaflet with mite-boxes were distributed among the women of the parish, and on account of the interest shown it is hoped an auxiliary will be organized.

The "Gleaners" at the meetings held during the summer prepared some articles for Mrs. Smith of China—mentioned as "Wants" in "Life and Light." In September an entertainment was given consisting of a Loan Exhibition of as many foreign curiosities as could be secured; also a fine collection of water-color paintings. The older members assumed the care of the refreshments and proved efficient workers. During the winter, the "Gleaners" took part in the missionary meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E. Twenty-five copies of "Mission Day Spring" are taken.

Southbury.—Missionary literature has been circulated among the members, but no meetings held. The annual offering was gladly contributed.

Waterbury, First Church.—Unpleasant weather affected the average attendance at meetings, though some were well attended and full of interest. Intelligence in mission work is growing.

The sum, which it was hoped would be secured for Mrs. Bond's salary was not attained, but there is a determination to reach it next year. At the missionary tea, Miss Crosby interested old and young in Micronesia. Eight members of the "Daisy Chain" reported briefly from different mission stations, and mite boxes were opened.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have appointed a missionary committee, and devote one meeting every alternate month to foreign missions. They have assumed three shares of Miss D. T. M. Root's salary.
The "Daisy Chain Mission Circle" held meetings once a month during the winter, with a larger average attendance than last year. By the aid of a program the president, who is one of the older members, presided at each one. The exercises consisted of questions and answers on mission work distributed to the children, while the older girls took part in other ways. A dialogue on China was given at the February meeting. Previously an entertainment has been the means by which the scholarship in the Broosa School was maintained; none having been given this year, there is a falling off in contributions; and we regret that collections at meetings and the contents of "Morning Star" boxes will allow only one share in the sailing expenses of that ship.

Waterbury, Second Church.—The presence of missionaries at monthly meetings has been a pleasant feature of the year. Mrs. Montgomery's inspiring influence was felt in November, and in April the afternoon meeting was changed to evening, thereby gaining a larger audience to listen to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell of Foochow, China.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have appointed a missionary committee and adopted Miss D. T. M. Root as their beneficiary.

Mrs. Lewis E. Perkins.

New Haven County—Eastern Division.

Cheshire.—This auxiliary has held monthly meetings, with a membership of thirty-five. The annual meeting was held in January, at which the same officers were elected as last year.

Guilford, First Church.—In reviewing the work of our Society the past year, we feel that we have not made rapid advancement, yet we are not discouraged. Our
meetings have been held regularly, and well sustained, with increasing interest; the hour spent together has been both pleasant and profitable to all present. We have followed the topics suggested in Life and Light and "Mission Studies"; the missionary letters which greet us every month are very helpful in our meetings, and greatly appreciated. May the coming year witness a more entire consecration of ourselves to this service for the Master.

Guilford, Third Church.—Our report is much the same as in the past. We hold our meetings regularly with very few exceptions through the year, with a small attendance. Those who do attend seem to be more and more interested, and some have increased their contributions. We are rejoicing over a gift of fifty dollars which will enable us to make two life members, besides our annual contribution. So we are inspired to go on in the good work feeling that the Lord is with us, and the little we can do for him will surely have its reward.

Madison.—The secretary writes: "Our meetings are held regularly; our numbers are about the same, our contributions somewhat increased. We are still encouraged by frequent testimonials concerning the excellent character and faithful work of our beneficiary, and hope the pledge system may help us to contribute more for this blessed work. A letter from Anna Felician gives abundant proof that her work is accomplishing great good in the girls' boarding school and elsewhere.

Meriden, First Church.—Our society celebrated its twentieth anniversary in January—recalling with gratitude the past, rejoicing in the opportunities and privileges of the present—and looking forward to increasing devotion, till "Thy kingdom come," shall be an answered prayer.
While the year has not been marked in any special manner, we are happy to record a good average attendance at our monthly meetings, unflagging interest in our work, and an earnest purpose to increase our membership and our contributions.

The annual meeting of the W. B. M. at Hartford was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by our ladies. Perhaps we may count as one result the fact that our January thank offerings were larger than ever before, and came with such genuine heartiness, that we felt that the call for the twenty-five per cent. increase in our contributions was already answered. A committee from the Christian Endeavor Society conferred with us in December—and as a result, their gift to the medical work in Madura was sent through our treasury.

Above all our blessings we prize our mission circles, with the charm of their bright enthusiasm, their unquestioning faith and fervor. The “Missionary Cadets” are a proof to us that all things are possible with boys; their semi-monthly meetings, opened with a text and a short petition from each member, are conducted with so much interest that there are no willing absentees. Each boy represents a country, and by interesting accounts of it, brings it forward in order to note the mission work done in it. A five cent working fund deposited with each member last year gave such good returns into the treasury, that the distribution was repeated earlier this year to meet the promise of the early spring. From this little band of fifteen four confessed their faith in Christ at our last communion. Just as dear to us are the forty young girls who are our “Cheerful Givers.” They joined hands with us 18 years ago; their ranks have never aged or been depleted; the places of those who pass on and up to older circles, are filled as soon as vacated, and the
"Cheerful Givers" are ever young to us, an inspiration and joy.

Meriden, Center Church.—The secretary writes: "This auxiliary reports an increase in membership, in offerings and in interest, the monthly meetings are well attended, and quite interesting. We held our annual meeting this year in the evening, inviting the gentlemen to come with their ladies; the first part of the evening was given to the usual reports, readings and music, followed by light refreshments. Upon opening our envelopes we found the offering to be 25 per cent. greater than the year before, which was in accordance with the amount asked for at the annual meeting of W. B. M. in Hartford."

North Branford.—"The ladies are still interested in missions, and have sent their annual contributions. There are but few left who started with us as an organization, Feb. 24, 1872. But our hearts are encouraged by the addition of several young ladies from the Christian Endeavor Society to our membership this year."

North Madison.—The secretary writes: "We have continued our monthly meetings with increased interest for the past year with the exception of one month, when a large delegation from our auxiliary attended the annual meeting of the Branch in New Haven. When the day for the "Ladies' Aid Society" occurs the day previous to our missionary meeting, we combine the two, and devote one hour to the missionary meeting, thus having a larger attendance and increased interest in the work. We have recently adopted the plan of sentence prayers, and we feel encouraged by hearing many new voices pleading for blessing upon this work. We are now earnestly engaged in making a missionary carpet, by means of which we hope to increase our contributions.
twenty-five per cent. In addition to this we hope for a
good contribution from our mite boxes towards the sup­
port of the Medical missions, for the relief of our suffer­
ing heathen sisters."

Wallingford.—Circumstances have prevented the
members of this auxiliary from holding their meetings
as frequently as they could wish. But the interest con­
tinues, and they are looking forward to better things in
the future.

Mrs. F. E. Hinman.

New Haven County—New Haven with adjoining
Towns and New Britain.

East Haven.—The annual meeting was held in Octo­
ber, and two quarterly meetings have been held since.
An extra meeting was called and special invitations sent
by our president to hear the report of the W. B. M.
meeting held in Hartford in January. This meeting
was very successful, and the interest in missions has in
consequence increased, and a young ladies' circle has
been formed. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" was
formed in February. They are to meet the second
Wednesday evening of each month. A delegate is
appointed to attend the monthly meeting of the New
Haven Branch and report at the meeting of the circle.
They are hopeful for the future. Miss Hart was present
at their first meeting, and assisted in organizing. Two
of our number have undertaken the task of awakening
an interest in the younger girls.

Milford.—We mourn the removal of our faithful and
efficient secretary to another field of labor. Our meet­
ings have been held regularly, but the attendance has
been small. The annual county meeting was held here
in October, and a more general interest in foreign missions has been the result. In February, at our missionary tea and sociable, there were a large number present, and Dr. and Mrs. Hartwell from China interested us in a familiar talk. We number thirty-five; five copies of "Life and Light" are taken and twenty copies of the "Dayspring."

Milford, Plymouth Church.—The ladies of this church met in their church parlors February 18th and organized a missionary society of eighteen members. A few ladies from this church have been members of the old society—but it was found impossible to induce many to attend even one meeting; the only way, therefore, of bringing them into sympathy with "Woman's Work for Woman" seemed to be to form a new auxiliary. At our first meeting, April 1st, Mrs. Montgomery greatly interested the large number present by her graphic description of her own experiences, and succeeded in awakening much enthusiasm in the missionary work. The present membership is twenty; five copies of "Life and Light" are taken, and in the Plymouth Church Sunday School fifty copies of the "Dayspring." Seventy pledge cards have been distributed among the ladies of the church and congregation.

Mt. Carmel.—The contributions and membership remain much the same—two new members are enrolled and the loss of one is reported. Four meetings only have been held. Miss Hart was present at the last meeting.

New Haven, Center Church.—During the last few months our society has received a new impetus, through the efforts of some of its members. A special meeting was held in our chapel in February, at which Mrs. Montgomery gave a stirring missionary address, and our
vice-president spoke a few earnest words asking from the women of our church more thoughtful interest in the foreign work. Miss Child's paper on "Aggressive Work" has been sent out into the families of our church and personal appeals have been made. These efforts have resulted in a largely increased attendance at our monthly missionary prayer meeting, in doubled contributions, and in the addition of fourteen new names to our membership roll.

Church of the Redeemer.—A special meeting was held in January, at which Mrs. Montgomery told of her work in Turkey. Mrs. Fairchild, our former secretary, was with us, and read Miss Child's paper upon "Aggressive Work." Since that meeting there has been an increasing interest. Our contributions are one-third more than last year. Ten ladies have increased their contribution from one dollar to five dollars, and others have doubled theirs; and several new members have been gained. The members of the "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" have increased their interest and membership. The first meeting of the year was a "Thank-offering" meeting, which brought into the treasury $28. A lecture by the pastor, Dr. Phillips, and an entertainment, brought them $66.18. At the last meeting five new members were added, so that the present number is fifty-eight, an increase of thirteen during the year. The "Busy Bees" have raised $6.08, which has been given towards the salary of Miss Root. The little secretary writes: "We have been basting patch-work for the Ceylon mission, while mamma has read to us 'Seven Years in Ceylon' by the Misses Leitch."

College Street Church.—This auxiliary reports thirty-eight members. Sixteen copies of "Life and Light" are taken. "The Coral Workers' Mission Circle" has held
its usual monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons. Missionary boxes were given out at the beginning of the year, and in December the “Annual Box Opening” took place. This event is looked forward to with much interest, and appropriate exercises, consisting of mission songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., precede the opening of the boxes. This band was organized about six years since, and during that time has contributed over $450 to the mission fund.

**Davenport Church.**—Our monthly meetings are both interesting and instructive, the last being always voted the best. Our average attendance is fourteen; ten new members. We hope that through the influence of Miss Child’s paper we shall be able to add 25 per cent. to our contributions. The mite boxes have met with acceptance; the proceeds from thirty of them are to be devoted to medical missions. The school at Parell, Bombay, we still support. Mrs. Karmarkar, who taught there previous to coming to America, was with us in September and gave us great encouragement. One of our number contributes to the support of a Bible woman in Ahmednagar. “The Busy Bees Mission Circle” of this church report an increasing, intelligent interest, and an enthusiasm that leads them to desire to hold fortnightly meetings for work, such as making scrap-books, work-bags and basting patch-work. Already a package has been sent to Mrs. Gates at Sholapur, India, for prizes in her school. At the annual meeting of the auxiliary the president of the circle gave a report of what has been done and contributed during the three years of its existence; closing with the roll-call, which was responded to by each one with some missionary intelligence, a passage of Scripture, a hymn, or an appropriate story. Besides
their share in the "Morning Star," they expect to give something towards the medical mission work in India.

*Dwight Place Church*—“Our society resumed its regular missionary work this year under unfavorable circumstances, owing to the inclemency of the weather, which made the attendance at the first two meetings small. Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Hartwell have each twice addressed the ladies, and Miss Landfear gave the report of the annual meeting of the W. B. M. held at Hartford. A "Missionary Tea" was served at our recent "Rallying Meeting," at which Mrs. Montgomery talked to us of "Home Life in Turkey," and Mrs. Hartwell of "Life in China." We do not report "rapid growth," but rather a steady gain in numbers and influence. The "Fairbank Mission Circle," organized in 1882, now numbers twenty-six members. The circle meets every Tuesday afternoon to sew for various charitable objects, and besides the $25 annually paid for the support of a pupil at the Ahmednagar school in India, it has given this year $50 toward the salary of a teacher in Mexico.

*Fair Haven, First Church*—“For our church auxiliary there is hardly a paragraph to be said and that nothing new. A slight increase in numbers and in gifts. We still approve the "Missionary Tea" as helpful and hopeful in results. Thirty copies of 'Life and Light' are taken, some of them by the young ladies. We hope to bear our share in the advance so earnestly called for, as well as to share in the blessing. The 'Young Ladies' Mission Circle' has changed the time of meeting from Sunday to Monday evening and feel much encouraged. We meet now at the houses of the members, and
after the hour's meeting have a cup of chocolate and cake or wafers, then a social hour with music. Forty-three were present at our last meeting. We enjoyed the 'Missionary Salad' spoken of in 'Life and Light.' It was a great success in the inspiration of its thirty-five stirring mission facts. We have fifty-one members and are adding new names at each meeting. At our 'Yellow and White Tea' we netted $35, and from the concert of the 'Jubilee Singers' we netted $35.25 more. 'The Helpers' have held meetings regularly the third Sunday in the month except in July and August, with an attendance of twelve or fifteen of the twenty members. They have studied the concert exercises on the different countries furnished by the Board. The twenty-five per cent. advance asked for in Miss Child's paper met with this response from one of the boys: 'Of course we will do our part.' Our money is raised by our five cent tax per month, and by inviting our friends to become honorary members by paying fifty cents annually. Mr. Leitch's lecture netted us ten dollars.'

Fair Haven, Second Church.—Our society has held meetings once in two months which have been fairly well attended, with an increasing interest as shown in increased contributions. At our annual meeting in April Mrs. Montgomery gave a talk upon Turkey, and at the December meeting Mr. Tracy of the Madura Mission gave a lecture. At the other meetings we have had letters and other readings, giving information from missions in Japan and West Central Africa. The 'Quinnipiac Mission Circle' now consists of young girls, as the older ones have organized a 'King's Daughters Circle.' We meet once in two weeks, and after a short meeting for work we hold a prayer meeting. We talk
over missionary work and read from the missionary papers. At present the children are too small to accomplish much, but we are endeavoring to train them to be helpers by and by.

Howard Avenue Church.—We have held no meetings. At present we are collecting our subscriptions.

Humphrey Street Church.—The annual meeting was held October 17th and officers elected. We started with ten members and now have eighteen. We hold our meetings the third Friday of each month and they have been fairly well attended; more interest is manifested than last year. Our course of study is almost exclusively as laid out in the "Mission Studies," and is found to be interesting and instructive. Our president finds something for each to do, so that all can take part. We have distributed twenty-eight mite boxes and hope to gain something upon last year's contribution, which was $31.13. It is our earnest prayer and desire that we may interest others; although now we are small and weak we are not discouraged, for "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord;" and in His name we will go forward. The "Mission Circle" has held regular meetings on Sunday evening every two months, and have been able to secure good speakers, so that the interest has increased; and they expect that the pledges will amount to more than last year, which they consider encouraging.

United Church.—The tide of interest in the missionary work is rising, and though all the women of the church are not as yet gathered in to the society, we hope it may reach and bring them in the not distant future. Several well attended missionary meetings have been held, and characterized by a spirit of earnest inter-
est in the Foreign work. When the appeal for help for medical work was presented, it was agreed that the collections taken at the prayer meetings till September should be devoted to this object. The contributions are larger than those of previous years. Fifteen have given for the first time, and we hope they will continue as regular contributors. Thus far eleven have responded to the appeal for enlarged contributions.

The Mission Circle continues the 60 dollars for the scholarship at Kraabschitz, and the 30 dollars for the one at Bombay.

Yale College Church.—Since the Hartford meeting and the appeal for more liberal giving, some members of the society have doubled their subscriptions.

North Haven.—The report of this society is much the same as last year. Meetings are held regularly. Miss Hart gave a vivid picture of the annual meeting in January, at Hartford, which was listened to by the ladies with very great interest. We hope to do our part in answer to Miss Child’s earnest appeal. A few have taken the mite boxes. A small number only take “Life and Light.”

Orange.—Not much to report, except that Mrs. Montgomery visited us in October, and inspired us with new interest, so that our auxiliary has held two meetings since, and we intend to continue them in the future. The mission band, “The Orange Workers,” hold monthly meetings, and at stated times meet to sew. A fair was held in February, which brought quite a little sum into their treasury.

West Haven.—The Missionary Society was reorganized January 17. The attendance is rather small—but regular meetings are held the third Wednesday in each month.
Westville.—"The circle began its regular meetings in November, holding them once in two weeks. A pro­gram for each meeting was carefully prepared, and let­ters, stories, pictures and maps employed to interest the young people in the various mission fields. In Decem­ber the "investment plan" was adopted, with a capital of five cents each; the members (eleven in number) were to increase it as many fold as possible for six months. The result is not yet known. At the annual meeting in January, the girls chose their officers from their own number, not depending upon the leader, and the result has been most satisfactory. The twenty-five dollars sent to the treasurer of the New Haven Branch for last year was entirely from the subscriptions and the mite boxes. The circle is now preparing for a May festival, which it is hoped will net a goodly sum; that it may assist in the additional work for which our Woman's Board is pledged.

Whitneyville.—Our auxiliary is working along the same line as last year, but if the interest does not result in new departures, we certainly have proof that it does not abate. Missionary intelligence is gladly received, and a readiness manifested to increase the subscriptions through the mite boxes.

New Britain, Center Church.—The year 1890 closed the eighteenth year of our existence as an auxiliary. We began with fifteen members, and now have seventy-seven and twenty-two life members. We have contrib­uted to the work $4,741.82. The past year has seemed to many of us of unusual interest. We have heard many new voices in our meetings, and the arranging for them has been more evenly divided. The interest is continually increasing. The social element has entered
somewhat for the past two or three years. A "Missionary tea" in December, although the evening was stormy, brought forty ladies together, and the social hour was delightful. Our president is always in her place, and full of zeal. Many of the members are constantly on the look-out for matters of interest for our monthly meetings. We feel that our society was never more prosperous than at this present time, and the indications are that we shall do more than ever before for the cause we love so well. "The Little Givers" are the children of the Primary Department of the Sunday School. It is not an organized circle, as might be supposed, but the children contribute, and understand that their contributions are sent to carry on the work of missions; but they are hardly old enough to be interested without considerable explanation. As the children leave this department, they are organized into other circles under the care of teachers.

New Britain, First Church.—Our auxiliary has fully held its own the past year, the meetings being well attended and full of interest, and the contributions somewhat in advance of last year. We regret that our membership is not in better proportion to our church membership, but the number of our mission circles and the interest manifested in them, make us very hopeful for the future. Two new ones have been started during the year, making seven in all, in good working order.

New Britain, South Church.—The work of our auxiliary for the past year has been encouraging; while we have rejoiced in a few new members, we would gladly welcome many more to our meetings. Our studies have included, besides the missions of our own Board, the work among the Jews, Bible distribution in Italy, Dr.
Pentecost’s new undertaking in India, also Dr. Pierson’s work in Scotland, and the great missionary awakening there. We have been interested in the “Student Volunteer Movement,” and in the proceedings of the Missionary Conference in Shanghai. We have considered the hindrances which meet our missionaries, from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, the slave-trade, and the mighty power of Mohammedanism. Thus we have learned many things of both work and workers. Our treasury has held a little more than ever before. Our president has been able to attend the meetings with more regularity than we dared to hope for at the beginning of the year, and our vice-president has been most efficient; so we “thank God and take courage.” The meetings of the “King’s Messengers” have been held regularly once a fortnight on Saturday mornings as heretofore. We have twenty-four boys all interested in the work. Several have written letters to the students in Central Turkey College at Aintab, in response to a request by Mrs. Fuller. The replies were promptly received, and when, a week or two later, the news came of the destruction of the college buildings by fire, they seemed to feel a personal interest in those who had suffered from this calamity, and sent a small offering to express their sympathy. Of course this was an extra contribution, as they could not take from their regular subscriptions.

During the year they have sent gifts of scrap-books, Bible pictures, cards, etc., to Turkey, China, Japan and South Africa, and have received most interesting letters in response. They are always willing to take some active part in the meetings, by offering prayer or giving some missionary information.

The Young Ladies’ Missionary Society report a prosperous year. For the last two years we have had a
printed list of topics to be studied, which has been successful in keeping the attention of the members. Our collections amount to $67.09. We have four life members. The Y. P. S. C. E. have assumed the support of Miss Amy Bridgeman of the Zulu Mission, South Africa, and our society is giving liberally to that fund —$450 for the year.

Mrs. S. L. Cady.
TREASURER’S REPORT.

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

NEW HAVEN, CT., MAY 12, 1891.

DR.

For Regular Work.

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**Total receipts for Permanent Fund, $2,597.85**

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Cromwell ...................................................... 172.89
   For salary of Nanapirakasi.
Danbury, First Church ........................................ 150.00
   $10 for medical missions.
Danbury, West Street Church .............................. 20.86
   $8.86 for medical missions.
Darien .................................................................. 93.61
   $16.61 in memoriam of Miss Hyde, $17 for the
   permanent fund, $60 for salary of Mrs. De
   Forest.
Deep River ...................................................... 12.00
   $2 for Mrs. Logan at Ruk.
Derby .................................................................... 56.50
East Haddam ...................................................... 10.00
East Hampton ..................................................... 27.75
East Haven ......................................................... 91.38
   $25 to constitute life member Mrs. A. E. Walker,
   $5.63 for medical missions.
Easton ............................................................ 13.50
Ellsworth .......................................................... 11.50
Essex ................................................................ 36.75
   $11.75 for medical missions.
Falls Village ...................................................... 10.00
Goshen ............................................................... 34.00
   Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.
Green's Farms .................................................... 46.00
   $10 for medical missions, $36 salary of Mrs. Muttu
   and Mrs. Ramsey.
Greenwich ....................................................... 225.88
   For Constantinople College for Girls, $22.85, for
   permanent fund, $7.05 for medical missions.
Guilford, First Church ......................................... 51.00
   Salary of Ramabai, $6 for medical missions.
Guilford, Third Church ......................................... 85.00
   $50 from a friend to constitute life members Mrs.
   Geo. W. Banks, Miss Adeline Cruttenden, $35
   for salary of S. Parkium.
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Middle Haddam ..................................... 2.50
Middletown, First Church .................. 2,387.19

$2,000 legacy of Mrs. Jane E. Huntington for training school at Smyrna, $50 for schools at Egin and Arabkir, $70 for scholarships at Marsovan and Lindley, $66 for B. W. at Roha, $63 for Mrs. Bond's salary, $6.75 for permanent fund, $131.44 for medical missions.

Middletown, South Church ..................... 261.00
Constitute life member Mrs. Eleanor Payne, $136 for the permanent fund.

Milford ............................................ 68.00
$25 for medical missions.

Millington ........................................ 10.25

Milton .............................................. 16.00

Morris ............................................. 28.50
Constitute life member Mrs. Joel W. Skilton.

Mount Carmel .................................... 71.60
For scholarships at Ceylon and Ahmednagar $8.60 for the permanent fund.

Naugatuck ....................................... 66.00
$4 for medical missions.

New Britain, Center Church .................... 282.81
New Britain, South Church ................... 328.78

$25 from Miss J. E. Case to constitute life member Mrs. J. W. Bartlett, $10 for medical missions.

New Canaan ....................................... 55.00

New Haven, Center Church ................... 666.04
$600 for salary of Mrs. Edward Hume, $30 a special gift to Bombay school, $34.66 for medical missions, $1.38 Branch expenses.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer ........ 1,822.70
$1,600 legacy of Henry J. Prudden for a new school building at Chihuahua, $18.70 for medical missions.

New Haven, College Street Church .......... 69.26

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$40 for scholarship at Foochow, $39 for medical missions, $10.10 for permanent fund, $10.16 for Branch expenses.

Thomaston .................................................... 78.00
Torrington, First Church ................................. 25.00

To constitute L. M. Mrs. Alice Weldon.

Torrington, Third Church ................................. 66.85

To constitute L. M. Mrs. W. F. White, Mrs. G. W. Beach, $1.10 for the permanent fund.

Trumbull ....................................................... 56.10

Wallingford ................................................... 39.16

Washington .................................................. 108.30

Towards salary of Mrs. Edwards, $25 from Miss Ellen Hickox to constitute herself L. M., $30 for Madura Hospital, $4.50 for medical missions.

Waterbury, First Church ................................. 88.25

Towards salary of Mrs. Bond, $5 for Branch expenses.

Waterbury, Second Church ............................... 121.50

$25 from Miss C. A. Maltby to constitute L. M. Miss Cornelia B. Maltby.

Watertown .................................................... 53.50

For salary of Saloubi.

Westbrook ..................................................... 29.00
West Chester ................................................. 38.25

$18.07 for medical missions.

West Haven .................................................. 71.30

$25 from Miss Beardsley to constitute L. M. Mrs. W. L. G. Pritchard.

Westport ..................................................... 81.47

For salary of B. W., $25 from Mrs. E. C. Smith to constitute L. M. Mrs. T. R. Lees, $16.47 for medical missions.

Whitneyville ................................................ 56.16

$40 for scholarship at Marsovan, $16.16 for medical missions.
Wilton ........................................... $126.00
$70 for scholarships at Lindley and Foochow, $25 from Mrs. Augustus W. Merwin to constitute L. M. Miss Alice B. Olmstead, $30 for medical missions, $1 from Timo T. Merwin's mite box, a New Year's gift for the Morning Star.

Winsted ........................................... 428.48
$25 from Miss M. E. Beardsley to constitute L. M. Miss Alura Miner Beardsley, $25 from Mrs. Arba Alford to constitute Mary Cornelia Seymour, L. M., for Madura Hospital $100, from Miss M. E. Beardsley $25, from Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell to constitute L. M. Mrs. Anna B. Blake, $25 from Mrs. Mary Curtis, $25 from Mr. J. J. Whiting to constitute his wife L. M., $18 from friends, total $193; $1 for Africa.

Woodbridge .................................... 20.00
For a scholarship at Ahmednagar.

Woodbury, First Church ....................... 27.50
For salary of Gaubai, $7.50 for medical missions.

Woodbury, North Church ....................... 21.25
Towards scholarship at Ceylon, $6.25 for Medical missions.

Receipts from Mission Circles, Sunday Schools and Societies of Christian Endeavor.

Bethel, "Junior Y. P. S. C. E." .................. $23.00
For Home at Pao-ting-fu.

Bethlehem, "Willing Hands" .................... 20.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Eaton.

Branford, "Y. P. S. C. E." ....................... 18.25
Feb. 2d, offering for the outfit of a medical missionary.

Bridgeport, North Church, "Memorial Circle" 125.00
For teacher at Atotonilco, Mexico.

Bridgeport, North Church Sunday School ....... 80.00
For scholarship at Lindley.

Bridgeport, Olivet Church, "Busy Bees" .......... 20.00
For scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Bridgeport, Park Street Church, "Pearl Seekers"........... $15.00
Bridgeport, South Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle"... 60.00
Bridgewater, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle".............. 10.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Cornwall, "Cheerful Givers".............................. 45.50
$12.50 for Madura Hospital, $10 for Morning Star, $23 for Home at Pao-ting-fu.
Cromwell, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle".............. 20.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Danbury, First Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle".... 60.00
$25 towards salary of Miss Judson, $35 for medical missions.
Danbury, West Street Church, "Whatsoever Ten"........... 5.00
For school at Bombay.
East Haven, "Y. P. S. C. E.".............................. 5.00
Feb. 2d, offering for the outfit of a medical missionary.
Ellsworth, "Golden Links"................................. 8.00
For Home at Pao-ting-fu.
Essex, "Mission Workers"................................. 10.00
For Home at Pao-ting-fu.
Essex, "We Will Do Something"........................... 15.00
$10 towards Miss Judson's salary, $5 for Morning Star.
Essex, "Whatsoever Band"................................. 15.00
$10 towards Miss Judson's salary, $5 for medical missions.
Falls Village, "Y. P. S. C. E."......................... 25.00
For Madura Hospital.
Greenwich, "Bearers of Light"............................ 50.00
$40 toward salaries of Mrs. Eaton and Miss Judson, $10 for Dalita Isaac.
Haddam, "Alpha Society".................................. 5.00
For Morning Star.
Higganum, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle".............. 1.50
Higganum, "Zion's Cadets"............................... 12.00
$7 for Home at Pao-ting-fu, $5 for Morning Star.
Kent, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" .......................... $42.50
$20 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 for Dalita Isaac, $12.50 for Madura Hospital.

Kent, North Church Sunday School ............................... $5.00
For Morning Star.

Kent, South Church Sunday School ............................... $25.00
$25 from Mrs. Spooner for Madura Hospital, $10 for the Robert Logan Ship.

Kent, South Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." ........................ 25.00
For Madura Hospital.

Litchfield, "Young Ladies' Band" ............................. 140.00
For scholarships at Marsovan, Ceylon, and Lindley, $50 towards salary of Miss Dency Root.

Litchfield, "Daisy Chain" ................................. 100.00
$40 for scholarship at Harpoot, $40 towards salary of Miss Dency Root, $10 for Morning Star, $10 for Robert Logan Ship.

Meriden, First Church, "Cheerful Givers" ............... 50.00
$40 for scholarship at Harpoot, $10 for Home at Pao-ting-fu.

Meriden, First Church, "Missionary Cadets" .......... 40.00
$25 for School at Bombay, $15 for Home at Pao-ting-fu.

Meriden, First Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." ............... 10.00
For Madura Hospital.

Middletown, First Church, "Gleaners" ................. 60.00
$40 for scholarship at Marsovan, $30 for the Huntington School at Smyrna.

Middletown, First Church, "Ten Times One" ........... 3.00
Middletown, First Church, Mrs. Dyer's Bible Class .... 25.00
For scholarship at Huntington School at Smyrna.

Middletown, First Church, "Junior S. C. E." ........ 25.00
For Hospital at Tungcho.

Middletown, South Church, "Good Will Circle" .......... 50.00
Milford, First Church, "Rosebud Circle" ............... 25.00
For medical missions.

Milford, First Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." ................. 14.81
For medical missions.

Mount Carmel, "Y. P. S. C. E." ......................... 4.63
Feb. 2d, offering for the outfit of a medical missionary.
New Britain, Center Church, “Little Givers” ........... $33.56
New Britain, South Church, “Young Ladies’ Mission Circle” ................................................. 41.86
$25 to constitute L. M. Miss Antoinette R. Smith.
New Britain, South church, “Little Helpers” ........ 65.00
$20 for Madura Hospital, $20 for scholarship at Foochow, $10 for Bombay School, $10 for Robert Logan Ship, $5 for Morning Star.
New Britain, South Church, “King’s Messengers” ... 14.10
For Home at Pao-ting-fu.
New Britain, South Church, “Y. P. S. C. E.” .......... 450.00
For salary of Miss Amy Bridgman.
New Canaan, “Sunbeam Circle” .......................... 14.00
New Haven, Center Church, “Young Ladies’ Mission Circle” ................................................. 153.00
$70 for scholarships at Broosa and Lindley, $30 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $21.11 for Chinnipulli, $18 for Morning Star, $18.89 for medical missions.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, “Y. L. M. C.” 130.00
$80 for salaries of Mrs. Eaton and Miss Judson, $30 for Madura Hospital, $15 for new school building at Chihuahua.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, “Busy Bees” ... 6.08
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer S. S. .......... 25.00
For the Morning Star.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, “Y. P. S. C. E.” 5.00
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.
New Haven, College Street Church, “Coral Workers,” 63.00
$10 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $30 for scholarship at Lindley, $23 for School at Bombay.
New Haven, College Street Church, “Y. P. S. C. E.” 3.25
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.
New Haven, Davenport Church, “Busy Bees” ........... 8.00
$5 for Morning Star, $3 for medical work.
New Haven, Davenport Church Sunday School .... 70.00
For scholarships at Ahmednagar and Marsovan.
New Haven, Davenport Church, “Y. P. S. C. E.” .. 26.18
$22 for teacher at Las Cuevas, Mexico, $4.13 Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church, "Fairbank Circle," $75.00
$25 for scholarship at Ahmednagar, $50 towards salary of teacher at Las Cuevas, Mexico.

New Haven, Dwight Place Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." 4.35
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.

New Haven, English Hall Sewing Class 5.00
For a boy in the Parner School, India.

New Haven, Fair Haven, Second Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." 3.00
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.

New Haven, Grand Avenue Church, "Y. L. M. C." 80.31
$40 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $40 for expenses at Madura Hospital.

New Haven, Grand Avenue, "Helpers" 35.00
$30 for Home at Pao-ting-fu, $5 for Morning Star.

New Haven, Grand Avenue, "Y. P. S. C. E." 15.00
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, "Y. L. M. C." 47.00
$20 towards salary of Miss Judson, $10 towards salary of Miss Dency Root, $10 for Morning Star, $7 for sanitarium at Mahableshwar.

New Haven, Taylor Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." 2.00
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.

New Haven, United Church, "Y. L. M. C." 90.00
For scholarships at Kraabschitz and Bombay.

New Haven, United Church, Mission Circle at Mrs. Cady's School 11.74
For work at Ahmednagar.

New Haven, United Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." 15.00
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.

New Milford, "Valley Wide Awakes" 68.00
$38 for Madura Hospital, $30 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 for Foochow Hospital.

New Milford, "Golden Links" 15.00
$5 for Morning Star, $5 for Home at Pao-ting-fu.

New Milford, "Y. P. S. C. E." 12.55
For Madura Hospital.

Norfolk, "Young Ladies' Mission Band" 20.00
$10 for Madura Hospital, $10 for salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Norfolk, "Hillside Gleaners" ........................................ $92.50
$62.50 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $30 for scholarship at Lindley.

Norfolk, "Mountain Wide Awakes" .............................. 92.50
$62.50 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $30 for scholarship at Ceylon.

North Cornwall, "Mission Bank Society" ....................... 37.50
$25 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $12.50 for Madura Hospital.

North Haven, "Y. P. S. C. E." ........................................ 2.00
Feb. 2d, offering for outfit of a medical missionary.

North Stamford, "Do What You Can Band" .................... 18.17
Towards scholarship at Lindley.

Norwalk, "S. S. Circles" ............................................. 20.50
Orange, "Workers" .................................................. 80.00
$20 for Home at Pao-ting-fu, $10 for Dalita Isaac.

Orange, "Y. P. S. C. E." ........................................... 4.16
Feb. 2d, offering for the outfit of a medical missionary.

Portland, "Work and Win" ........................................... 37.00
$22 for Home at Pao-ting-fu and scholarship at Ceylon.

Prospect, "Gleaners" ............................................... 40.00
Redding, "Ready Folks" ........................................... 80.00
For scholarship at Ceylon.

Ridgefield, "Snow Flakes" .......................................... 18.00
Roxbury, "May Flowers" ........................................... 20.00
Two shares in Robert Logan Ship.

Sharon, "Busy Bees" ................................................. 50.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Eaton.

Sound Beach, S. S. ................................................... 1.00
South Norwalk, "Cheerful Givers" ................................. 5.00
For Robert Logan Ship.

South Norwalk, "Mission Workers" .............................. 25.00
$5 for Morning Star, $20 for scholarship at Ahmednagar.

Southport, S. S. ..................................................... 30.00
For scholarship at Bombay.

Stamford, "Tiny Helpers" ......................................... 45.00
$30 for scholarship at Bombay, $15 for Foochow Dispensary.
Stamford, "Y. P. S. C. E." ....................... $6.00
  For sanitarium at Mahableshwar.
Stratford, "Young Ladies' Band" .................. 10.00
  $5 towards salary of Miss Judson, $5 for Dalita Isaac.
Stratford, "Alpha Band" .......................... 5.00
  For School at Vizier Kupree.
Torrington, "Highland Workers" .................... 40.00
  For scholarship at Harpoot.
Torrington, "Valley Gleaners" ...................... 10.00
  Towards salary of Dalita Isaac.
Waterbury, First Church, "Daisy Chain" ........... 5.00
  For the Morning Star.
Waterbury, First Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." ........ 58.25
  Towards salary of Miss Dency Root.
Waterbury, Second Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." ....... 40.00
  Towards salary of Miss Dency Root.
Westport, "Mission Band" ......................... 50.00
  Towards salary of Miss Dency Root.
Westville, "Junior Mission Circle" ................ 25.00
  Towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $5 for Morning Star.
Whitneyville, "Sunny Circle" ...................... 35.00
  $30 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $5 for Morning Star.
Whitneyville, "Y. P. S. C. E." .................... 5.00
  Feb. 2d, offering for the outfit of a medical missionary.
Winchester, "Y. P. S. C. E." ....................... 9.13
  Towards salary of Miss Dency Root.
Winsted, First Church, "Y. P. S. C. E." .......... 107.11
  For Madura Hospital.
Woodbury, First Church, "Valley Gleaners" ......... 17.50
  $10 towards Mrs. Eaton's salary, $5 for Morning Star, $2.50 for medical missions.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Missionary Fund.
Mrs. Jane Dana, for medical missions .......... $50.00
Miss Smith, Plantsville, for Madura Hospital .... 25.00
Fairfield County, thank offering for medical missions: 80.37
Kent, lantern exhibition, for Madura Hospital......... $18.44
A friend, for native agencies in Japan.................. 20.00
Westville friends ........................................ 12.00
A friend, for salary of Miss Dency Root................ 10.00
A friend .................................................... 10.00
A friend, Kent, for medical missions .................... 6.75
A friend at Milford meeting, for medical missions .... 5.00

For Branch Expenses.
Collections at Branch monthly meetings .................. 61.85
Collection at Fairfield County meeting ................... 27.46
Collection at Litchfield County meeting ................. 38.58
Collection at Middlesex County meeting ................. 10.61
Collection at New Haven County meeting ................. 18.79
Collection at annual meeting, May 12th, 1891 .......... 72.39
Advertisements in annual reports ........................ 113.00
Interest from invested fund ................................ 129.00
Interest on deposit in Savings Bank ..................... 21.40
Collection money left over, permanent fund ............. 37.06

I have examined the above account of the Treasurer of the
New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, and
compared the items with the vouchers therefor, and find the
same correct.

Attest: ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor
New Haven, May 29, 1891.
LIFE MEMBERS.

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Mrs. Anna B. Blake.
Mrs. M. A. Bradley.
Mrs. Mary Hammond Burr.
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Mrs. Homer Curtiss.
Mrs. Almira H. Day.
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Mrs. Henry Hubbard.

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Mrs. Eleanor Payne.
Mrs. W. L. G. Pritchard.
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1882.

Resolved by this Assembly:

Section 1. That Rebecca W. Hart, Sarah S. Woolsey, Eliza A. Prudden and Hannah D. Hume, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate, to be located in the City of New Haven, under the name of "The New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions," and by that name they may sue or be sued, defend or be defended, in all courts of this State and elsewhere.

Sec. 2. The said corporation may purchase, hold, sell and convey real or personal estate to any amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be held by said society at any one time.

Sec. 3. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold money given by voluntary contributions, donations, bequests or otherwise, to be exclusively expended for the christianization of women and children in foreign lands, by supporting such missionaries, teachers, bible-readers and schools and such other missionary work as may be selected by the board of officers, with the approbation of the Woman's
Board of Missions located in the City of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

Sec. 4. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure; it may appoint such officers as may be deemed expedient, and may make, ordain and put into execution such by-laws and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of the same, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, the laws of this State, or the laws of the United States.

Sec. 5. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

Of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Article 1. The officers of this society shall be a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, two or more Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, the Chairman of a Coöperative Committee, and an Auditor, to be elected annually. These, with the exception of the Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 2. The Executive Committee shall have full power to do all that is necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this society, and may fill vacancies in office during the current year.
Art. 3. The object of this society is to spread the knowledge of the pure gospel among women and children in heathen and nominally christian lands. It seeks the union of many societies having a common center, and to awaken interest and raise money throughout its limits by the diffusion of missionary intelligence.

Art. 4. 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. 5. The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership.

Art. 6. A number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, subject to its constitution, by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

Art. 7. Any number of children or youth contributing annually not less than five dollars may form a mission circle, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, subject to its constitution.

Art. 8. The annual meeting of this society shall be held on the second Tuesday of May, and at such place as the Executive Committee shall appoint, at which the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected. Regular public meetings of the society for suitable religious exercises, the communication of intelligence and for business, shall be held at New Haven on the second Tuesday of each month of the year, with the exception of May, July, August and September. Also a meeting shall be held in each of the four counties annually.

Art. 9. This constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of the intended amendment having been given at a previous meeting.
BY-LAWS

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

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. The Vice-Presidents shall assume the duties of the President when absent and in case of a vacancy in that office, holding themselves ready at all times to do whatever is necessary to promote the well-being of the Branch. Vice-Presidents having special work in the counties shall encourage and stimulate auxiliaries and promote new organizations, make monthly reports to the Executive Committee in person or through the Home Secretaries, prepare county reports, annually, and once a year convene a meeting in their respective counties.

ART. IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Branch and Executive Committee, presenting them at each succeeding meeting, make a record of, or otherwise preserve important documents, 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 present a report of the home work at the monthly meetings, correspond with the county Vice Presidents and with Auxiliary Societies and Mission Circles, keep a careful record of interesting facts and items gained during the year, including change of officers and names of new societies with the names of their officers, from which record material may be gathered for the annual report. They shall furnish societies and mission circles with missionary letters and papers from the Bureau of Information.

Art. VII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds according to the vote of the Finance Committee, report the state of the treasury at each meeting, and give a full report at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall also have authority and power in behalf of this society, to transfer deeds and other instruments in writing, to release and discharge any mortgages to this society upon the payment of the debt secured thereby. Also to sell, assign, transfer and convey any debt due this society, and the mortgage or other security held therefor.

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

Art. IX. The Coöperative Committee shall be represented at the Executive Committee meetings by the vote of their chairman, who shall be elected by themselves annually in the month of April. All members of this committee shall be invited to attend the executive meeting that they may be able intelligently to aid the Executive Committee by taking charge of such business as the Board of officers cannot perform without neglecting special duties.

Art. X. The financial year of the New Haven Branch shall close with the annual meeting.
Art. XI. Auxiliaries shall be requested to send their annual reports to the Vice-Presidents of their counties the first week in April. These reports shall include the names of officers and the number of members both in auxiliaries and mission circles, the names of mission circles and number of subscribers to "Life and Light."

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

Art. XIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually the standing committees, who shall act under their advice.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Art. 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 one dollar annually.
CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

Art. I. This Mission Circle shall be called the 

Art. II. The officers of this Circle shall be 

Art. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn about the heathen, and to send them the gospel.

Art. IV. We promise to send our contributions, amounting to not less than five dollars, to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.
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