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ANNUAL MEETING.

After enjoying at its Annual Meetings for two years the hospitalities of Waterbury and Meriden, the New Haven Branch returned in '81 to the parent city to celebrate its tenth anniversary. The Davenport Church opened to the ladies the doors of its beautiful sanctuary where tasteful fingers had arranged a choice collection of flowers and plants. Flowers also adorned the tables upon which the bountiful collation was spread, and the ladies, who had given of their silver and gold to the Lord's treasury, brought their silver and glass and porcelain to beautify the feast in the Lord's house. The guests of the day felt that the New Haven ladies were tireless in endeavors to promote their convenience and enjoyment of the occasion.

Promptly at ten o'clock Mrs. Burdett Hart called the meeting to order and gave out the hymn "Soon may the last glad song arise." After the hymn Mrs. Hart read from Ezekiel's vision of the waters which "go down into the desert and into the sea, which, being brought forth into the sea, the sea shall be healed;" from the prophecy of Zechariah concerning the fountain "opened for sin and for uncleanness;" from St. Paul, of the spiritual Rock from which the fathers drank, and our Lord's invitation—"If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

"Dear friends," she added, "if we had never thirsted for this living water we should not have been here to-
day. But, having thirsted and drank, and found our souls' thirst satisfied, we have come together to consider our responsibility for the knowledge of this fountain. Sometimes in the desert one camel after another is sent on in advance of the caravan to search for the much-needed spring. And when a driver finds water he turns back till he sees the second messenger, and calls and beckons 'Come.' And the second messenger calls to the third, and so along the line till the good news reaches the caravan and the exhausted travelers, taking fresh courage, are enabled to press forward to the place of water and of palm trees. So we, who are near the fountain, have no monopoly of its waters, but must send back word to those that are afar off. Let us take the call of the prophets, and apostles, and of our Lord himself, and let there be no break in the line as we call one to another,—'Let him that heareth say, come; and let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely.'

Miss Child, Secretary of the W. B. M. then led in prayer, entreating the Lord that by the blessing of the Holy Spirit this might be a great day in the Missions.

Mrs. Hart said that as no chronometer had been found to make the hours long enough for a missionary meeting, she would not take time to speak the words of welcome which were in her heart. She was glad to see here our Missionary Mother from Boston, the sisters from Meriden and Waterbury, and all the friends, from far and near, who had come to our family gathering.

Mrs. Hart then presented Miss Child, of Boston, who brought the thanks of the Board for all that the New Haven Branch had accomplished, their sympathy in our labor and perplexity, their joy in our success. The two had been associated so long that the history of the
Branch was almost the history of the Board. Whenever the Board had found itself in straits, it had applied to New Haven, and never in vain. This society had now reached that point where a large increase of numbers was not to be expected. Let its development henceforth be in the line of a deeper interest and consecration on the part of the membership, and a broadening of its efforts. The gospel has proved itself adapted to the needs of all men, and everywhere are heard loud calls for aid in extending its influence. In closing, Miss Child said that the past winter she had seen three young ladies embark as missionaries. There were tears in the eyes of other travelers who were starting on tours of business or pleasure, but these ladies' faces were radiant with joy. A mother said, "Half my life has gone on that steamer, but I am glad my daughter is there; it's a blessed work. When my children are doing what they want to do, and what I want them to do, and what God wants them to do, I don't know that anybody needs to be sorry." While the daughters are ready to go and the mothers to give them up, the Board must not let them come home foot-sore and weary. We are called to a share in the responsibility and self-sacrifice. When our Lord blessed the bread and wine, He gave to the disciples but partook not himself. The agony of the garden was his part that night. He took of the cup of wrath that the cup of blessing might be ours.

Miss E. S. Gilman, from the Eastern Connecticut Branch, brought a greeting whose "heartiness," she said, "no mere formal words could express." She urged upon our members a deeper personal consecration. "Upon this depends our efficiency as Christian workers. The power of our meetings is not in proportion to their
attendance or frequency, but to their spirituality. With every one in our mission circles wholly the Lord’s we shall not lack for missionaries."

The Annual Report of the Secretary was read by Mrs. J. N. Adam, and is printed herewith, as is also the Treasurer’s Report which was given next. Then followed a part of the “Anniversary Hymn,” by Miss Susan M. Day, and Mrs. G. P. Prudden’s “Ten Years’ Review of our Work,” read by her daughter, in which was traced the small beginnings of the New Haven Branch and the gradual growth of its work, and gave a glance at its various mission stations. This paper is to be printed in full, and will afford valuable information to the auxiliaries.

The next speaker was Mrs. Wm. H. Gulick, of the Spanish Mission, but before she was introduced the congregation was favored with an exquisite vocal solo from Miss Hazlet.

Mrs. Gulick is a woman of fine presence and address, and of exceptional social gifts. When she told us that she was looked down upon in Santander—that gentlemen who treated her husband with respect avoided the touch of her garment, as of one who had condescended to be the wife of a priest, we realized, somewhat, the extent to which prejudice may carry the mind, even in so-called civilized society. But, again, we were not surprised to learn that Mrs. Gulick had, in a measure, overcome that prejudice.

Spain now presents a favorable opening to the Protestant missionary. There is more religious freedom in the land of the Inquisition than in Austria. It is well known that in France and Italy the fields are “white for the harvest.” This is also true of Spain. When the missionaries of the American Board went to Spain in
1872, they found, in the South, traces of the work of English, Scotch, and German missionaries who had visited the country in 1868, after the expulsion of Isabella.

In Madrid, Barcelona, Granada, Cordova, Jerez and Cadiz, there were Protestant churches. In Seville the Scotch Board owned a beautiful church edifice which they had purchased from the Romanists for twenty thousand dollars. Here and there, too, were individuals who read in secret the bibles obtained from English sailors and tourists. But in the North very little had been done, and that section was, accordingly, occupied by the American Board, Santander being the principal station.

The methods of work are similar to those employed elsewhere. Colporteurs go among the mountains, extending their tours as means and opportunities are afforded. Preaching services are held and schools established. The success of the mission stirred up the ruling church to form a "Roman Catholic Woman’s Board of Missions," to reach the masses previously neglected by the priests, and the methods of the new society have furnished some useful hints to our own.

The mass of the Spanish people are like baptized heathen. Their great superstition is a heavy obstacle to evangelization, and the priests take pains to keep the people ignorant of the world’s progress. A story may illustrate the feeling of the priests. A child was presented for baptism which the parents wished to have called "Victor Immanuel." The name of the liberator of Italy was so obnoxious to the priest that he, at first, refused to christen the child, and it was only on being assured that the parents merely wished to perpetuate family names, and had no thought of honoring the Italian king, that he finally consented to per-
form the ceremony. The intercessions of the Virgin and of patron saints, for whom children are usually named, are deemed invaluable. "You had better pray to the Virgin than to Christ," they say, "for He may be occupied or unwilling to grant your request; but she will hear you and present your case to the Son, who will not refuse her anything."

Romanism has still a great power through the confessional which is used without scruple against the Protestant movement. A young girl whose parents were members of the Protestant church, confided to her confessor her desire, from motives of curiosity, to attend a Protestant service. The priest said "No;" she would put her soul in jeopardy. The Protestants practiced the most horrible rites, and when they left the church, they were in the habit of scourging an image of the Saviour. But the more the priest said, the more the girl’s curiosity was aroused, and she determined to carry out her plan. At the meeting, her heart was touched, and so great was her revulsion of feeling on finding the whole story of the priest a falsehood, that she resolved to have nothing more to do with Romanism, and, in course of time, she united with the Protestant church. As in this case, so it is in many others, obstacles have worked good to our cause, inasmuch as they have served to advertise it.

The priests have another strong hold upon the people through their belief in purgatory. The people pay for masses which cannot be said because there are not priests enough to officiate. A Frenchman has made a calculation to show that masses enough have been said for the souls of all who have ever lived, are now living, or will ever be born; therefore there can be no purgatory. A touching incident was told of a girl
dying in great mental agony and screaming with her last breath to her friends, to sell everything and buy masses for her soul.

In view of such scenes, ought we not to do our utmost to give these people a better faith? We may not know just where God will lead us when we give ourselves to His work. A lady supposed herself engaged to teach for a term of years, but the call to the foreign field reached her and within a week she was on the way. "It is a comfort to feel that this work is not ours and that we may leave it in God's hands."

Mrs. Gulick asked for the work in Spain the interest and prayers of the friends at home, and especially for the new school at San Sebastian on the French frontier. Here it is hoped that teachers will be prepared for the lower grade schools of the mission, and possibly, at no distant date, be made ready to carry the pure Gospel to the Spanish-speaking nations of the Western hemisphere.

At the close of the address a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and the meeting adjourned until two p. m.

A generous and beautiful collation was served in the pleasant Sunday school room of the church, to which all present were invited. At the devotional meeting which preceded the afternoon session, Mrs. Bowker called for prayers for the special objects which were before our minds, and very earnest petitions were offered for missions in papal lands, for the Constantinople Home, and for our weak and struggling auxiliaries. In bringing the meeting to a close, Mrs. Bowker said: "If our Lord were visibly present, what more could He say than He has already said,—'Go ye and teach all nations, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"
In the afternoon, owing to the indisposition of Mrs. O. P. Hubbard, Mrs. Prudden was unexpectedly called to the chair.

After the closing verses of the anniversary hymn were sung the report of the Nominating Committee was read by Miss Fanny Walker, and adopted by the meeting. The report stated that "after repeated efforts and earnest appeals to ladies whose names have been suggested to them, and who seemed to be eminently fitted for the position of President, the Nominating Committee are obliged to state, that no one has been found to accept this office. Mrs. A. C. Thompson of Boston led in prayer, remembering especially the newly elected officers.

The County Reports were then read by Mrs. S. L. Cady, and a "plain statement" from the Executive committee of the condition of the Branch was read by Miss Julia Twining. These facts and conclusions are such as ought to come before every one of our auxiliaries, and I quote them as they were given:

"1st. While new auxiliaries and mission circles have come into being within our boundaries, a careful census shews no increase of numbers, during the five years past. This fact is depressing to us all, and we hope some remedy may soon be devised.

"2d. Neither have the receipts of our treasury been steadily increasing. During the five years past, twenty-five of our auxiliaries have been nearly uniform in their gifts, forty-four have diminished, and twenty-two have shown a healthful increase. The decrease has been most marked in our cities and large villages.

"Now the question naturally arises, is there a lessened vital force in the Branch, or was there too great a tension when we did secure better results? Did any feel
that we went beyond our ability and privilege in those best days referred to in the Review, so that a reaction was necessary? Who had a thought that we should retrograde from the highest point gained? Did we not hope, rather, to make it a stepping-stone to a higher plane, till we reached, at least, the old Jewish standard of tithes?

"If it can be shown that an average of two dollars per year for the salvation of the heathen is too much for Christian women in the nineteenth century, then we will try to repent that one year we did make so large investments.

"But one secret more we will whisper to you. Those who keep a finger upon the pulse of the Branch did notice that as the contributions began to decline, there was a steady decline in the life current,—the circulation in the spiritual life began to be less vigorous and healthful. The treasury holding our funds and that holding our affections and enthusiasm are not far apart. Where our treasure is there will our hearts be also. "The love of money is the root of all evil," but the use of money lies at the root of all good enterprises in the world. It is God's way in the present dispensation, that money or its equivalent shall help to move the wheels of the Gospel machinery. When He chooses to substitute miracles for money, He will give the word "thus far," to our little streams of beneficence. But as yet He loves the cheerful giver and the gifts redolent with sacrifice.

"'The benevolence that costs nothing,' some one says, 'is worth what it costs.' We are told that over the doorway of the Bank of England, graven into the stone, are these words, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.' When the fullness of time has come,
when Christians have learned the fullness of blessing that comes from giving freely, then we may suppose the vast treasure now held in reserve in Protestant countries will be poured into the Lord's treasury. That day will come the sooner, if Livingstone's motto be more generally adopted,—'I will place no value on anything I possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.'"

At the conclusion of this paper came a greeting from Marsovan and Constantinople, through Anna B. Felician, an Armenian who has been from the first a valued teacher in our schools. Her bright eyes and pleasant manner made her slightly foreign accent quite charming. "I bring to-day," she said, "our women's love to you. In Marsovan we have every week a prayer-meeting and we pray for you, for you have done so much goodness to us. The girls travel on foot for five days to reach our school, and some go out from it to teach the Gospel through Cappadocia and Pontus in the villages. I want you to pray God to keep them from temptation and bless their homes." The missionary hymn was then sung in Armenian.

Mrs. W. H. Fairchild read an essay entitled "Outward Bound," which had been prepared by Mrs. Hart, and which combined deep religious feeling, earnest thought, and elegant expression. As this essay is to be published, I will only take space here to emphasize its statement that less than one-third of the women of our churches are nominally enrolled in the mission work, and one seven hundred and twentieth share in a missionary represents the measure of our obedience to the command, "Go ye." "Are we Christ's friends by the test, 'if ye do whatsoever I command you'?"

Miss E. C. Parsons, of the Constantinople Home, was
the next speaker. She began by alluding very pleasantly to the common interests which unite the Home and the New Haven Branch. This Branch is represented by several workers at the Home, and its first thousand dollars helped to lay the literal foundations of that institution.

The school has been very much prospered and is steadily gaining in the confidence of the people. Parents approve of the order maintained there, and are glad to have their children where they are sure to hear the truth. Still there are enemies in various quarters. One of their city papers says,—"What can we expect of a girl who spends half the day in listening to old fogy sermons and reading about heaven? She will be wholly unfitted for the duties of wife and mother." And there are not wanting those who ask,—"What's the use of learning, anyway?" So strangely alike are the foes of religion and education the world over! Meanwhile, applicants are turned away from the Home for lack of room. A friend has offered to put up a new building as soon as the Board will provide the land, and negotiations are now in progress for a lot adjoining the Home property. The managers have been much grieved to lose two Turkish girls who have been withdrawn not by reason of disaffection, but because they could no longer attend as day pupils, and to reside at the Home would injure their matrimonial prospects. In closing, Miss Parsons told an interesting story of one of their graduates who hesitated between her desire to return to the Home as a teacher, and her filial duty to marry a man whom her father had approved. She finally decided to marry, inasmuch as the next suitor might be worse than the present one, and this young man "read the Bible and prayed" and was glad that she herself was a "heart Christian."
Miss Hazlet kindly gave us another solo, "Pour out thy heart," and then Mrs. Bowker, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, was asked to say a few words.

Mrs. Bowker said she always read with a great deal of pleasure the reports of our meetings, but it was a far more delightful thing to be present with us. She had heard our secret of a falling off in the treasury, but she could give a scripture remedy for the deficiency; "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." "The foundation of this Branch is in faith and prayer, and the work must go on because it is of the Lord. 'The name of the God of Jacob defend you.' 'We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of the Lord we will set up our banners.'"

Mrs. Bowker then led in a closing prayer. Mrs. J. H. Vorce moved a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the interest and pleasure of the meeting, and the session closed with the doxology.

Those delegates who left New Haven in the afternoon lost a very pleasant feature of the Annual Meeting, namely, a reception to the missionaries and friends of missions, given in the evening, by the ladies of the Church of the Redeemer. Mrs. Bowker and Miss Child were there with kindly words and hand-clasps for the "co-workers." Mrs. Gov. Bigelow received with them, and several missionaries were present, proving to us in every word and look, that the Lord's work brings a blessing with it. Many servants of the Lord are "called" but few are "chosen." Shall we not pray that we may be among the chosen ones who shall be permitted to help bring in the kingdom? Mary A. Hopson, Kent.
ANNUAL REPORT.

As we celebrate the tenth birth-day of the New Haven Branch we seem to be standing on a height from which, as we turn to look backward, the whole way that the Lord hath led us lies spread out to our vision, and it is not easy to limit our survey to the last stage of the journey. The year seems to merge itself into the years, yet it is the old story of "ten times one" after all, and the whole result has been wrought out by the multiplication of small forces.

The goodly array of auxiliaries and mission circles prompts us to say as did Jacob, "With my staff I crossed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands."

As our home band passes in review before the mental vision we see one hundred and thirteen auxiliaries and seventy-two mission circles, of which number the auxiliary societies in Guilford; South Norwalk; Center Church, Meriden; and First Church, Woodbury; and eight mission circles, the Cheerful Givers, in Ridgefield; Ten times One, in First Church, Middletown; the Girls' Mission Circle, of the Third Church, Middletown; and the Ellsworth Mission Circle; North Cornwall "Mission Bank Society;" Busy Bees, New Britain First Church; Meriden Center Church Mission Circle; and Bridgeport Park Street Church Mission Circle, have been organized during the year.

Among our numbers are found, it is true, some whose soul is "discouraged because of the way," some whose story of a lack of interest suggests the mournful query
of our Lord—"When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Yet, from others who contend with many hindrances come brave words like these; "I am not disposed to give up till I have made further effort, nor to let the enterprise be a failure if I can help it."

In one place where, until quite recently, it had been considered hopeless to undertake anything of the sort, a thriving and enthusiastic society is now sustained, and also a flourishing Mission Circle.

Many of our older societies, too, are finding a blessed fulfilment of the promise that "those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." So inspiriting and delightful are the reports received from some of these, some indeed that had but a small beginning, and have been maintained at times amid obstacles and weakness, that we would gladly quote them entire, were it possible. One says: "Our ladies are busy people, most of them having many cares, and our monthly meetings have not been sustained without large cost of time and effort. Yet in our eight years but three or four meetings have been omitted. The story of these years is one of happy Christian progress, every page bearing testimony that whether few or many were present the meeting was one of delightful profit." This auxiliary has sent two of its number to lay down their lives on missionary ground, after a short but blessed service; has supported several schools and many pupils who have themselves become faithful workers for Christ; has nurtured at home three Mission Circles which bring annually to the treasury from sixty to eighty dollars as a result of youthful efforts and sacrifices.

As heretofore, the various Annual County Meetings have not only been occasions of a delightful interchange
of Christian feeling but have brought strength and inspiration to not a few who felt their need of just such an impulse.

Of the Litchfield County meeting held last October, in Kent, we learn that "nearly all the reports spoke of an increased membership and of interest, some told of their success in carrying out the plans given in "Life and Light" of a definite subject of study for each month. The reading of an original paper on Armenia was followed by an address from Mrs. Leonard's Armenian assistant, Anna B. Felician, formerly known as Anna Bedrocian. Miss Sisson gave a vivid account of life in India. The attendance was good, the interest intense throughout, and all went away feeling a new and more animating zeal for the missionary cause."

Of the Fairfield County meeting at Darien, Mrs. Gleason writes that "as the eighty ladies came together to tell what they had done and were doing for the Master during the year past, a glad song went up from their hearts that the dear Lord had permitted his daughters to glean so much in this harvest-field so ripe and large." The reports from nearly all the societies were very encouraging. Miss Payson and Mrs. Hume stirred all hearts by their accounts of the needs and the successes of the cause in China and in India. "We left feeling prepared, with the Master's help, to do more and better service for him."

Mrs. McCall writes that most of the reports given at the Middlesex County meeting at Haddam were decidedly encouraging. Two original papers were prepared for the occasion. Miss Payson and Miss Strong, Mrs. Hill, of Middletown, and Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Cady of New Haven, each in her own way contributed to the interest of the occasion. "The attendance was
large, the interest deeper than at any previous meeting. The tone of the entire exercises was of a markedly spiritual character, and some who have heretofore had doubts as to the expediency of these meetings expressed the opinion that they are indeed a necessity to the work."

For three years past a ladies' missionary meeting has been held in connection with the regular meetings of the Fairfield S. W. Conference and has been an occasion of much refreshment of spirit and renewing of zeal. The planning and arranging for this has been the work of a secretary confined to her room by severe and painful illness, but whose joy it is thus to consecrate her intervals of partial relief to the Lord's work.

From the Mission Circles and Young Ladies' Societies come many words of cheer, and some touching proofs that young hearts are here being trained for noble service in the future. Three such societies in Norwalk sent a special Christmas offering of forty-eight dollars in addition to their regular contribution. In many places these gifts are the results of the labors of little fingers or the planning of busy brains as well, making garments, fancy-work or bed-quilts, or furnishing an entertainment, or raising vegetables or drying fruit.

The leader of one such circle says: "We mean to go steadily and faithfully forward doing our part in the good work, and though it may seem small it is proportionate to our ability."

Another says, "We support a young girl in the Constantinople Home, and have letters from her. We have her photograph and are in love with her sweet, honest face. She is a Christian and is already winning souls to Christ." One writes of a boy who never fails to bring his hard-earned pennies, who reads with keenest interest
a borrowed copy of the Missionary Herald, and who, she hopes, "will one day be a missionary," as he is now a faithful little Christian. Another tells of a little girl who says, "When I sing these songs I feel that I must be a missionary when I grow up." One such society sets apart the twilight hour of every day as a time in which to unite in prayer for God's blessing on their work.

Resolutions were adopted at the Monthly Meeting of the Branch in November and sent to the various auxiliaries, expressing a determination in view of past mercies to make this decennial year one of increased effort to enlarge the membership and efficiency of our societies, and to bring more abundant gifts to the Lord's treasury. A hearty response to these resolutions has come in many instances with the word—"They are just what we needed."

The Branch Meetings held monthly in the Center Church Chapel have abated none of their interest. Many times every seat is taken, and eager faces and sometimes misty eyes show how warmly the hearts of Christ's people here beat in sympathy with those who, in their stead, bear his gospel to them that sit in darkness.

In these meetings, as well as in every part of the Branch work, we have felt deeply our lack of a president, and many and fervent prayers have been offered that the office whose duties have been so efficiently and acceptably discharged by Mrs. Hart may ere long be suitably filled.

The Executive Committee has regretfully parted with two valuable officers—Mrs. Hershey, an actively useful county Vice-President, and our devoted Mission Circle Secretary, Mrs. Adam, whose years of faithful service,
as well as her beautiful spirit and charming manner have greatly endeared her to all associated with her, and in whose removal we sustain a great loss.

We gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by those who have prepared original papers for use in meetings and for circulation, as well as by those who have assumed the laborious task of copying missionary letters. From eighty-five letters some three hundred and forty-six copies have been made, thus greatly increasing our facilities for supplying the needs of societies.

The throngs of eager children that gathered on Fast Day till even the Center Church could scarcely contain them, listened with delighted attention to the vivid and picturesque accounts of missionary life as seen by Mrs. Bainbridge, of Providence, in her recent journey round the world.

We have thus hastily reviewed our ways and means of work, but you will ask, "What of the work itself?" What is the outcome of all this effort, and to what extent is the end to which it is directed being accomplished?

What we know of it cannot be told in a word or in an hour. Its entire scope and significance the All-Seeing alone can measure; yet a word of hope, or of cheering intelligence, or of heart-felt appeal from our sisters over the seas may serve to, at least, give us a glimpse of their work.

In Bulgaria, we are told, the missionaries have a very firm hold on the confidence and the hearts of the people, and the foundations seem to be laid there for a grand work. Mrs. Bond gives us an encouraging picture in an account of a tour among certain villages which she had visited for the first time since the war.
She writes: “I was very glad to see signs of spiritual growth in them, and to learn that they had continued to meet each week for prayer and mutual encouragement. As they spoke with child-like simplicity of the Saviour’s loving dealing with them, and of the joy experienced in sitting at his feet and learning of him, many were the expressions of thanks and prayers offered for the dear sisters in America, who had not forgotten their less favored sisters in Bulgaria who, but for them, might still have been in ignorance of the way of life.”

A visitor writing from the Constantinople Home says: “Bulgaria has waked up and set out in the path of knowledge, and her daughters have suddenly come crowding into the House Beautiful. I praise the Lord for bringing them hither, and congratulate those who are so favored. There is no doubt that ‘the place was built by order of the Lord of the hill.’ The whole spirit of the house is delightful to see.” Of our own missionary, Mrs. Williams, it is said that “she is the mainstay of the house, and is doing an excellent work.” Mrs. Williams herself writes us: “The past year has been one of great blessing to us; outward prosperity has been matched by spiritual and intellectual growth. A number of the girls have found peace in accepting Christ, and many others seem very near the kingdom. All the year we have noticed a deepening interest in religious truth, a growing conscientiousness, and have been expecting this very thing. To have our school the birth-place of souls is the crowning blessing.”

To the work of missions in the city of Constantinople Mrs. Schneider brings ripened judgment and wide experience, as well as loving zeal, and with her associate, Miss Gleason, she is finding many ways of letting the
light shine. Their Sunday-School especially shows, in its increase and order, gratifying indications of their success and the Lord's blessing.

Marsovan mourns the loss of its beloved Mrs. Leonard, providentially detained in this country, as well as her faithful assistant, Anna B. Felician, yet we are not without good news from our scholars there. The week of prayer was followed by a season of deep religious interest in the seminary, resulting in the conversion of several girls. Among the most earnest of these is a girl from one of the wildest mountain villages.

Surely we have a large interest in Turkey where we claim as ours four missionaries, eight Bible readers, two teachers, eight schools, and nineteen scholarships. Shall not our hearts go out to them in love, and rise up for them in prayer?

Have we not also in India much to love, labor and pray for? There is our dear Mrs. Robert Hume, on whom the Lord's hand has been laid so heavily, taking from her, her child and, for a season, her health and her work. We can but bear her with special tenderness on our hearts, while we also remember the school at Bombay under Mrs. Edward Hume's care, our twenty-seven scholarships at Madura, Mandapasalie and Ahmednugur, and the nine Bible women who, for us, are sowing "beside all waters."

The school at Bombay, though occupying a most uncomfortable, unhealthy and wholly unsuitable building, has been a success from the first, and is highly prized by the native Christians who, out of their poverty, give all they can towards its expenses. Its numbers have increased during the three years from five to fifty-four, and it is now crowded to its utmost capacity. A native Christian woman performs the duties of matron, wholly
without remuneration. Mrs. Hume writes: "We find so much pleasure and encouragement in the work that we count it only a privilege and thank the Lord all the time."

At Madura, though the fifty scholars are from ten different castes, all live happily together. Seven have been received into the church, and many more desire to be. Miss Rendall says: "I do sincerely believe that some are conscientiously desirous to do right, and they seem to grow in grace from week to week." A remarkable readiness to engage in prayer seems to characterize them.

Miss Taylor reports from Mandapasalie also, progress in the school and the increased respect with which parents regard its training.

The school at Ahmednuggur, superintended by Mrs. Bissell (on account of Mrs. Hume's illness), reports one hundred and twenty-four pupils. The effort is made to keep before them constantly that the end of study is to fit them for life's duties, and that the end of life is to love and serve their Creator. Thirteen of the pupils have been received into the church during the year.

The Bible women who, like the seventy, go forth two by two bearing glad tidings, are, at stated times, gathered together to report their work, be tested by examination, and receive further instruction. Mrs. Bissell, under whose wise and faithful direction seven of our Bible women labor, writes of their last meeting: "They were never before so well prepared, and showed they had taken hold of the work in earnest." The accounts of the opportunities they had improved to sing or speak of Jesus to the multitudes of pilgrims gathered at heathen shrines who thus heard of him for the first time, as well as the almost unhoped for openings in other
directions are of deepest interest, while the perils and opposition they many times have to encounter, the weariness and painfulness amid which they must often go through cold and heat, wind and rain, should commend them to our hearty sympathy.

From Udupitty, Ceylon, Miss Townshend writes: “The passing weeks have brought blessed changes. A little company of girls sought their teacher’s room one evening, and others followed them till all except the Christian scholars were gathered there. Then, with tender, broken words, from sobbing lips, they told how God had spoken to their hearts, showing them their sins and their need of a divine Saviour. As one of them was reminded of her relatives, who had threatened to cast her off if she became a Christian, she exclaimed, ‘Whoever casts me off, I must have Christ for my Saviour.’”

Of the work in China, Miss Andrews says: “We are not discouraged, but we should be if we had only the results which we see to rest upon, but since we are doing the work the Lord gives us to do, and have God himself to stay our hearts on, we can afford to work on and wait for him. The schools have dwindled in size, and some villages that at one time welcomed our missionary seem now to be indifferent, or hostile to Christianity.” Yet, in other directions new places open, and a pleasant account of a trip to one such village shows us a crowd of women listening for four hours and more to Miss Andrews who says: “So eager were they to hear that it was a real joy to talk to them.”

From Foochow, where we sustain six scholars, Mrs. Hartwell writes: “We see signs of good here and there, and are very happy in our school.” The girls of this school had planned a little feast for Christmas, but
on hearing of the need of the sufferers by a great fire, they gladly contributed all their savings to help them.

From Japan, Mrs. DeForest writes: "Our work in Osaka is very encouraging. The girls' school is increasing and numbers fifty-eight." Some fifty women also receive religious instruction.

From the school at Inanda, where we are represented by our missionary, Mrs. Edwards, and eleven scholarships, come cheerful reports: "Our school has been unusually full this year, too full for comfort. The term just closed has been a very pleasant one; the girls have seemed studious and well-disposed. If we had more room and could take kraal girls, we could have as many as we could teach, and more." A pleasant account is given of a visit to the home of a married graduate. The contrast between her little brick house, neatly fitted up with white curtains, straw matting and comfortable furniture, the well-cooked food, and happy home atmosphere, and the gloomy, disorderly, wretched spot she once inhabited is a very sharp one, and shows how Christianity includes civilization as the greater includes the less.

In the Dakota Home our Indian girls are beginning their school year with fresh interest and under circumstances more favorable to progress. Here, as in all our missionary schools, girls are trained in domestic duties as well as in study, and so taught that they may go forth prepared to make their own households well-ordered homes, radiant centres of Christian influence.

These varying reports show us our missionary workers in all stages of progress, some singing for joy of harvest, others noting hopefully the slowly ripening grain, while others, it may be, are watching in faith to see the tiny blade pierce the soil in which the good seed has been sown.
Never before has there been such abundant cause for hopefulness, courage and deep gratitude, yet never was the need greater of faithful, patient, persistent endeavor, or of fervent, united prayer, of whole-hearted sacrifice of time, strength, money and, it may be, beloved sons and daughters.

“The work is gigantic and it will be slow. A nation does not change its religion in a day. These religions are intertwined with the national growth, with the family, with literature and with art; it has taken time for all this, and it will take time for its overthrow.” Only with an Almighty Leader could we dare to hope for such results as under him we are bidden confidently to expect. May he inspire in us “a faith that will not shrink from sacrifice, nor grow faint because the way is long;” a faith that firmly rests on the unshaken word of Him who himself bade us pray—

“Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

LYDIA W. BROWN,
Rec. Secretary.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

Fairfield County—Northern Division.

Danbury.—"Ten meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of twelve. The study of the China missions was followed by that of the work in Turkey. Much information was gained concerning the different stations. The reports of the schools at Marsovan and Samakov were especially interesting. Letters from various missionaries have been read, and full reports have been given of the annual meetings of the A. B. C. F. M. and New Haven Branch. The semi-annual county meetings are a real inspiration to renewed effort. Our ranks have not been unbroken, death claiming one and another of our most faithful members. The President has expressed her gratification at the ready cooperation of all whom she has asked to take any part in the meetings.

Georgetown.—They have a monthly prayer meeting, but the severity of the winter has prevented regular attendance. Their contributions are a little larger than last year, as also are those of the "Buds of Promise."

Monroe.—No regular meetings have been held, and they feel that they have hardly an existence.

Newtown.—This society has had no regular meetings, but missionary letters have been read with interest, and they are ready to do and to give what they can.

Redding.—They report that they have attempted monthly prayer meetings, but owing to the scattered homes of the members they have not always been suc-
cessful. An increase over the contributions of last year is a favorable indication.

*Ridgefield.*—This society, for the lack of a leader, thinks it impossible to sustain monthly meetings, and thus with difficulty sustain their interest. The "Cheerful Givers," a class of boys, have joined the Branch and sent this year their first contribution.

*Sherman.*—This society has slightly increased its contribution over that of the last year.

*Trumbull.*—A considerable increase in funds sent to the treasury is reported.

*Bethel.*—They continue to support their scholarship, sending the past year a little over their pledged amount.

*MRS. S. L. CADY.*

**Fairfield County—Southern Division.**

The revolution of the months in their regular order has brought us again face to face with our different societies for a review of work done this past year. We find much to thank the Lord for, in opportunities improved, in the precious possibilities of the present, and in the hopeful prospects for the future. We are again called to part with a loved helper in Mrs. S. B. Hershey, of Danbury, one who has faithfully stood in her place and endeared herself to her fellow laborers by her kind and ready helpfulness. Two county meetings have been held during the year, one in June, among the beautiful hills of Redding, the other at Darien, in October. At both meetings Miss Payson was present, and told of her experience in the schools and homes of Foochow, of work accomplished, and of results that must follow through the teaching of the Word. Mrs. Hume told of some of the self-sacrifice being made by Christ's little ones, thus helping toward consummating the prayer, "Thy kingdom come."
Bridgeport.—This society is composed of members from three churches. They continue the half-hour prayer meeting with hopeful results. Miss Andrews, their missionary, is strengthened, and the Master's work at home and across the sea benefited. They are lengthening their cords and extending their stakes in their large and enthusiastic mission circles. The "South Church Mission Circle" supports a scholar in Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay, and the "Earnest Workers," North Church, a pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school at Pulney. It is with great joy they report a new Mission Circle in the Park street church, numbering twenty-five, having held as yet only one meeting.

Darien.—The members have held their meetings regularly through the year. Though their collection is smaller than last year, their interest in and love for the work grows stronger. They have nearly finished their first decade of faithful service, and enter upon their second with thankfulness. They report two promising Mission Circles, under the leadership of their invalid Secretary. The "Sunbeams" have taken a share in the Dakota Home, and so hope to do something toward the solution of the Indian question. The "Busy Bees" have a scholarship in the school at Ahmednuggur.

Greenwich has entered upon its twelfth year of work. They have lost many active members, but have been able to meet the pledge promised to the Branch. They adopted the resolutions forwarded them from the Executive Committee of the New Haven Branch, and are carrying them out through persons appointed to wait on each member of the church. They have taken up the subjects for consideration as given in "Life and Light," thus adding much interest to their meetings. Much prayer has been offered for missionaries and for those
natious selected as subjects for the monthly meetings. The "Bearers of Light" are doing what they can to take this blessed Light to those who are still in darkness. Many of them have "mite boxes" in their homes which will be opened at their annual meeting.

**Norwalk.**—Through the loss of earnest members and discouragements arising from the absence of their President through the winter months, their Secretary writes, "We cannot present a full report for this past year." The interest and spirit of their members is shown in determined effort to attend county meetings as well as in sustaining their own monthly meetings. They have three active Mission Circles, under the guidance of their President.

**New Canaan** has just entered upon its second year of service, and has taken a share in the Dakota Home.

**Stratford.**—The Secretary writes, "We have had regular monthly meetings since October last, and with increasing interest." This is also their second year of cooperation with the New Haven Branch, though they have for many years been working for Foreign Missions. Many of their members are making sacrifices for this cause.

**Stanwich** Mission Circle report their record much the same as that of last year. They are growing in favor with their church, and their prospects for the present year are good. Their society has helped to develop the social and intellectual powers of the young people.

**Stamford.**—An average attendance at their meetings of fourteen is reported. Progress is manifest in the fact that many of their members take a part in their meetings who formerly gave only their presence. Like most of the Auxiliaries, they have taken up the topics sug-
gested in "Life and Light." They expect to form a Mission Circle in May.

North Stamford.—This society reports five new members, and has largely increased its contributions over those of last year. The attendance at meetings during the year has been small, in part owing to their homes being so scattered.

Westport.—The Secretary writes, "We have endeavored to hold monthly meetings, although the attendance has not increased. From various causes we have been greatly weakened, but one encouraging feature is that our Sabbath school, which has never given to Foreign Missions before, has given towards our scholarship this year."

Wilton.—Their Secretary says, "With fewer members, fewer meetings, and with the usual dismal forebodings that will come to a society in such a state, we have been able to send to the New Haven Branch our usual contribution, the result partly of a fair. The weather was unfavorable, and really where the money came from I cannot tell; but the Lord, who sits over the treasury, can, and He knows all the self-sacrifice made to obtain this grand result." These young people feel that they really are doing all they can for this cause.

Easton.—The members are so widely scattered that to meet together requires much self-denial. They have adopted the plan of taking up the subjects laid out for study in "Life and Light."

Mrs. N. E. Gleason.
Litchfield County—Northern Division.

Colebrook.—The society has failed to meet, but the "Cheerful Givers," under many discouragements, have been able to contribute more than enough for a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Winsted.—The attendance is small, but the contributions are largely increased. The subjects suggested in "Life and Light," are found very satisfactory at the monthly meetings. The "Mountain Daisies," although deeply afflicted in the loss, by death, of their leader, are still faithfully at work.

Watertown.—The society feel that their interest in the work increases. As the result of religious interest during the winter, fourteen young ladies connected with the Mission Circle have united with the church.

Canaan.—In spite of the storms, and the difficulties of being much scattered, there has been an average attendance of nine or ten during the winter.

Morris.—Some discouragements arise consequent on the removal of several who were earnest workers; but they intend to continue to meet, and are not disheartened.

Falls Village.—The little circle has been diminished by removals and death, but they have good courage, and hope soon to be able to have regular meetings. "The Little Seekers" have just chosen officers, and intend to be heard from this year.

Northfield has gained three new members, and finds increasing interest in the work.

Norfolk fully sustains its interest in the work, contributing for a scholarship at Dakota Home. Their two mission circles for young ladies and for boys meet regularly, and raise money by an annual entertainment. Their yearly anniversary is held in the church, the services being exclusively for the children.
Torrington is able to send a better report as to attendance and contributions than any past year.

Thomaston.—The interest in their meetings is reviving. Their mission circles they hope to re-organize.

Salisbury.—The meetings are held regularly and with interest. The “Lakeside Workers” are active during the summer months, but have not met for work in the winter.

Sharon.—The interest is increasing. Since their organization it has been their rule to reach all the ladies in the church each year, and the result of this thorough and persistent seed sowing is now being felt. The “Busy Bees” are also more earnestly at work.

Torrington.—The society has not increased in numbers, but has gained largely in interest and intelligence.

Harwinton.—The interest and attendance are encouraging, and the membership increasing. Two public meetings have been held during the winter, which have increased the general interest in the work.

New Hartford.—A few sustain the meetings with interest. The mission circle meets once in two weeks, and is well sustained.

South Canaan.—Their continued interest is shown in sending to the treasury their usual contribution.

Miss M. P. Hinsdale.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we find great cause for encouragement. There are few, if any, indications that the workers are growing weary of their work. On the contrary, there are positive tokens that enlarged knowledge is quickening the sympathies and zeal of many of our churches. Some show wonderful vigor and growth.
Bridgewater.—The Secretary reports a well-sustained interest in the missionary work, and meetings regularly held. They are making decided progress.

Bethlehem.—The interest has greatly increased during the past two years. The "Willing Hands," under the guidance of the pastor’s wife, has held regular monthly meetings with good results.

Ellsworth.—Their Secretary says: "Our monthly meetings have been held regularly. Three important steps have been taken forward, viz:—Devotional exercises, systematic giving, and the adoption of the plan of study given in "Life and Light." The membership and contributions have largely increased during the year. A mission circle has just been organized with the pastor’s wife as their leader, with very encouraging prospects."

Gaylordsville.—The "Earnest Workers" are really in earnest in their work and doing nobly. Independently of any church connections they have organized and are manifesting by their works an increasing interest from year to year.

Goshen.—The interest in this society seems to be on the increase, as shown by enlarged contributions.

Kent.—The Secretary says: "We have followed the plan given in "Life and Light," the past year, of studying up the different fields and have found it adds much to the interest of our monthly meetings, which are well sustained. The Litchfield County meeting held here last October was greatly enjoyed by our ladies. The mission circle was organized in May, 1880, and under their very efficient leader, have accomplished much during the year. Monthly meetings have been held for devotional and missionary exercises, followed by a sewing and social meeting. A parlor sale was held in January with satisfactory results."
Litchfield.—The membership of this society remains the same, and their meetings have a good average attendance. The "Daisy Chain" has not held any meetings during the winter, owing to the absence of their leader. They had a musical entertainment last autumn from which they realized quite a sum.

Milton.—This society is going on with the same zeal and interest it has manifested since its organization. Their means are very limited, but it can be truly said of them, "They have done what they could."

New Preston.—The Secretary reports the membership the same as last year, and a good average attendance at their very interesting meetings.

New Milford.—A few are very much interested, and love to come together once a month to learn of Missionary progress. There seems to be more giving from principle than at first. Our contributions for the year have exceeded those of the past two or three years without any especial solicitation. The "Star Circle" has held meetings every month, and during several months, every week, while preparing for a fair, which was held the week before Christmas with good results. They enjoy these meetings, the social tea and evening adding much to their attractiveness. The "Golden Links," composed of very little children, have contributed, by their weekly pennies, fifteen dollars.

Roxbury.—A new start has been taken with fresh energy and zeal in the missionary work. For want of a leader they have done very little this year, but now with new, efficient officers they hope for greater usefulness.

Washington.—The ladies were exceedingly interested at their annual meeting, by a visit from Mrs. Curtis and Miss Stone, of New Haven, and Anna B. Felician, an Armenian lady. The love and zeal they manifested,
warmed our hearts and gave us larger and better views of our duty and our privilege in this work. Anna was a practical illustration to us, of what the missionaries have done and are doing in Turkey. The "Willing Workers" have re-organized.

**Woodbury, First Church.**—In this ancient church a society for Foreign Missions has recently become auxiliary to the New Haven Branch and have sent to the Branch their first contribution.

**Woodbury, South Church.**—Some progress is reported. A few of the ladies are very warmly interested, and earnestly pray for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. The Secretary says: "Our meetings are better attended and the contributions come in more readily.

**North Cornwall.**—This society has verily done "what they thought they couldn't." In the face of difficulties they have prospered. They say: "Our monthly meetings, though small are interesting and profitable, and we hope they will increase in both respects. We mean to 'Hold the Fort.' The "Mission Bank Society" joined the Branch during the year, and has done good work as results show."

**Cornwall.**—Nothing of especial interest is reported. They have given their usual sum to the treasury, but have been unable to hold meetings regularly, on account of sickness and inclement weather.

**Warren.**—The Secretary says: "We are still a little band, and although we do but little, esteem it a privilege to bear some humble part in the work."

Mrs. J. B. Bonar.
Middlesex County—Northern Division.

There has been a decided gain in all departments of work. Two new mission circles have been formed and two have been re-organized.

The hope of an organization at Durham is still deferred, but individuals are interested and some having a temporary residence in Middletown attend the meetings of the First church and contribute through their treasury.

*East Hampton, First Church.*—This is one of the oldest auxiliaries in the county, having been organized in 1869. The membership and contributions have been increased. The interest in the meetings has been sustained by the efforts of its members, in which they have found the questions in “Life and Light” very useful.

An unusual amount of sickness among the children prevented the formation of a Children’s Band, but they hope for this the coming season.

*East Hampton, Union Church.*—This society has held meetings regularly, using the lessons in “Life and Light” and has not fallen off in its collections. There is an increased interest among the young. The secretary writes: “The death of Mrs. Smith, through whose efforts our society was organized, has saddened many hearts, but her last words to us were full of encouragement and we feel she yet speaks.”

*Middlefield.*—Meetings are not held regularly, but collections are made and the interest does not abate.

*Middle Haddam.*—The society here gained four new members last year and has a promise of a larger increase the coming year by the use of the “envelope system.” “The Whatsoever Band” engages the children in active service.
Middletown, First Church.—A regular attendance on the monthly meetings is reported and a more extended practice of the "envelope system," with an addition of twenty-six new members. The "Ten Times One Society" for boys, was formed in November, which has held twelve meetings, contributed five dollars and made twelve picture books. Twenty-four dolls were dressed and sent early in the winter. The "Gleaners" continue their interest and efforts.

Middletown, South Church.—The Secretary writes: "We have suffered a severe loss in the death of our former Vice-President, Mrs. B. A. Smith. She was an ardent lover of the cause and the loss will be long regretted." The attendance on the meetings has been about as usual. "No items of special interest."

Middletown, Third Church, Westfield.—Mrs. Tuck and her daughter have made a beginning here in gathering the children into the "Girls' Mission Circle." A decided advance considering the obstacles in their path.

Portland.—The Secretary says: "Our little society has not gone backward, certainly, during the past year. We have felt much more self-reliant than ever before and have depended principally on our own exertions for our monthly meetings and have become personally more deeply interested in studying the different mission fields. The questions in 'Life and Light' are a great assistance to us."

Westchester.—This society has met eleven times with a good attendance. They have continued to depend mostly on themselves to sustain the meetings, and have enjoyed the questions in "Life and Light." In this way, all take part in turn. The Mission Circle has been reorganized, but ill health has prevented the leader from going forward as fast as they hope to in the future.

Mrs. A. W. Hazen.
Middlesex County—Southern Division.

Centerbrook.—They are encouraged by the fact that their receipts for the past year are equal to those of the previous eighteen months.

Chester.—While in numbers they remain the same, their increased liberality indicates a good degree of prosperity.

Clinton.—Meetings are not largely attended, but those who meet monthly have endeavored to do what they could, trusting God for the result. They report enlarged membership.

Deep River reports indicate a quiet year of labor and prayer, and though their efforts have not been redoubled, they have not been relaxed.

Essex.—Our youngest auxiliary are not as hopeful for the future as we could wish, still we trust they will persevere in the good cause which they have espoused.

East Haddam Secretary states that “this year, for the first time, several of our number have been removed by death. There has been an average gain of one-third in attendance at the meetings, which are always interesting, and a real love for the cause is more manifest. ‘The Phoenix Band’ continue their meetings regularly. The members feel that by the monthly study of the various fields, they have been drawn into closer sympathy with the missionaries and their work. A growing spirit of consecration is evident in this band.”

Haddam Secretary says: “The interest of the faithful ones is shown by sustaining our monthly meetings, which are always profitable. Some have doubled their contributions. The County meeting held with us last October, was rich in thought and missionary spirit, and has proved an incentive to a more earnest zeal in the
cause. Miss Strong, also, by her earnest words in one of our meetings, left a lasting impression.” The Young Ladies’ Mission Band close their year with increased membership and interest. “The Mission Workers” meet fortnightly to work and gain information in regard to the missionary work. They consist of a S. S. class and added one to their number during the year.

_Higganum_ Secretary writes of “a gain of one-third in average attendance at meetings. The interest, also, has increased, is more general and steady, with more readiness to prepare for the meetings. Certainly our interest in the world’s wants has broadened and the cause is taking deep root among us.” “Little Missionary Workers” have held on their way courageously and added their mite to the cause.

_Killingworth._—New life has been infused into this auxiliary. Pecuniarily they have done well and in number of members head the list in South Middlesex. They have never held monthly meetings owing to the scattered population, but hope to in future.

_Millington._—For unavoidable reasons the meetings have been thinly attended, but there are here faithful ones who love and pray for the work. The gatherings of the Mission Circle have been well attended considering the deep snows and long distances traveled by the children.

_Saybrook._—A season of religious quickening in the church has not been without its effect on the missionary meetings which have been held regularly. While the attendance is not large, the members have been cheered and strengthened by the presence of new faces and the sound of new voices in prayer. “The Sea Side Mission Band,” after some months of inactivity have resumed their meetings.
Westbrook.—This society sends an encouraging report of enlarged contributions, membership and interest in meetings. "The Sea Side Gleaners" are succeeding remarkably well with large and enthusiastic meetings.

Mrs. S. McCall.

New Haven County—Eastern Division.

Cheshire, Guilford, Madison, Meriden First Church, Meriden Center Church, Northford, North Branford and Wallingford, report an increasing interest and hopefulness in their societies, and although the contributions have not increased as we wished, we feel that a deeper interest, more consecration to Christ in this work for Him is felt, and more earnest prayers for the workers have been offered. We welcome with joy auxiliaries from Guilford First Church and Meriden Center Church.

Cheshire.—The President writes, "At our annual meeting the question came up: Shall we abandon this work for Christ, and take the responsibility? and the united hearty expression was No! we must do more." She also writes encouragingly of forming a Young Ladies' Mission Circle. May the dear Lord help and bless them in this labor of love for Him.

Guilford First Church, organized in January with twenty-one, and now have thirty-eight members. Their secretary writes: We hold our meetings monthly, and while we pray for, and think, and talk about our less favored sisters in heathen lands, we grow more appreciative of our knowledge of Him in "whom was life, and the life was the light of men."
Madison.—A new impulse has been given to this society by having "Our Anna" and Mrs. Leonard with them and listening to their earnest words of love and gratitude. The "Willing Hearts" continue the support of their scholarship at Madura, and have this year given quite a sum also for Mrs. Bond in Bulgaria.

Meriden, First Church.—The Secretary writes: In reviewing the work of the past year, we find great cause for rejoicing. Special efforts have been made to make our monthly meetings interesting, and our numbers have increased. Different mission fields have been taken up and studied, and as we talked familiarly of them, they became realities, and we felt almost that they were our neighbors. A missionary library has been commenced, with the feeling that we need to increase our knowledge in order to become more interested. To our President, who is constant and unremitting in her labors for the Society, is due in a large degree the interest among our ladies.

Meriden, Center Church.—This society was reorganized in November, 1880, since which time, with one exception, the meetings have been held monthly, have been well attended and a good degree of interest manifested therein. They have also a flourishing mission circle. The children are very much engaged and would like to raise money enough to sustain a bible reader or to educate a pupil in one of the mission schools. The ladies have just held a fair, at which the Circle had tables, the proceeds of which gave them a little over thirty-three dollars.

North Branford.—The Secretary writes: Our small society still exists, with no increase of numbers. The few who regularly attend the meetings, held once in two months, love the work and cherish the hope of
increasing our membership as well as our contributions. We have raised our pledged amount.

_Northford._—This society has steadily increased its contributions for four years.

_Wallingford_ is very fortunate in the live officers of their auxilliary. Mrs. Gulick, a personal friend of their President, in a visit to them, has stimulated them in the blessed work of sending the Gospel to the hungry, benighted, perishing souls. The “Mite Gatherers” have been active this year and successful in their efforts.

_Mrs. F. E. Hinman._

**New Haven County—Western Division.**

_Ansonia._—The monthly meetings have been held regularly and well attended.

_Birmingham._—The membership and contributions are the same as last year.

_Derby._—The meetings through the year have been thinly attended, but a goodly number were present at the annual meeting, which fact, with the interest shown then, gives promise of better work another year.

_East Haven._—The membership of this society is considerably increased since last year’s report. They hold no regular meetings, but many of the ladies add to their interest in the work, by attending the New Haven monthly meetings.

_Fair Haven, Second Church._—The Secretary writes: With the exception of two stormy days, we have had our monthly meetings through the year. They have been interesting and well attended. We have no Mission Circle and the subscribers to “Life and Light” are few, but some of our ladies have subscribed for the “Gospel in all Lands,” thinking by so doing we should extend our knowledge of missionary work.
Middlebury Society report the same as last year. The "Hillside Gleaners" have been active and have sent a good sum to the treasury.

Milford auxiliary is reported as "flourishing."

Mount Carmel.—Several new members have been added to this society the past year and increasing interest has been shown in the work. Meetings have been held regularly with an attendance that augurs well for interest in the cause, the same ones nearly always attending and taking part.

Naugatuck.—The society has lost in numbers, but increased in contributions.

New Haven, Center Church.—They have somewhat increased their contributions, although the numbers are fewer. Two legacies from former members, Mrs. Eustiss and Mrs. Hotchkiss, have been paid to the Branch this year.

Church of the Redeemer.—Nothing new is reported, but there is no falling off in receipts, and the "Aurora" and "Morning Star" circles continue active.

College Street Church.—Three members have been lost by death during the year, but others have taken their places, and the auxiliary numbers two more than a year ago.

Davenport Church.—In this church the Auxiliary, Mission Circle, and some Sunday School classes contribute regularly to the funds of the Branch.

Dwight Place Church reports "an increase of missionary interest as compared with the last few years. There are some warm hearts among us who desire that the work may be extended for its good effect upon ourselves as a working Christian church, as well as for the good of our sisters in foreign lands."

East Church.—This Society has grown by the addition of one member.
Fair Haven, First Church.—Many members of this Society attend the monthly meetings in the city, and these show an increased interest in missionary work. The Young Ladies’ Missionary Society have held meetings monthly with an attendance varying from six to thirty. In recent meetings they have heard Anna B. Felician twice, Mr. Matincheff and Miss Ferguson. Some of the members are very much interested. They have sent a box to Mrs. Gates, of Sholapoor, India, besides their contribution to the New Haven Branch.

Howard Avenue Church.—This Society reports an increase in contributions the past year and shows an increased interest in missionary work. In accordance with a suggestion from their pastor, they will try holding a woman’s missionary monthly meeting in the evening, hoping it may be well sustained and increase intelligent interest in the work.

North Church.—An encouraging feature connected with this Society the past winter has been a monthly missionary prayer-meeting. A mite box is on the table at these meetings, so that gifts may go with prayers for the world’s conversion.

Third Church reports a steady sympathy with the work of the Woman’s Board of Missions and an increased attendance at the Branch monthly meetings. Through the persistent effort of a few of its members, the Mission Circle, after an interval of two years, has given new signs of life, and held a number of meetings to sew for Mrs. Hume’s school in Bombay.

Temple Street Church.—This society abate none of their interest in the foreign missionary work and are doing all that they are able to help carry it on.

Yale College Church.—Since the formation of this auxiliary in 1872, the interest has slowly but steadily increased.
Orange.—Interest in missionary work is unabated, though we have been unable to have as many meetings this winter as last.

South Britain sends no new report, but has given as usual to the treasury.

Southbury.—The Secretary writes: “Although much occupied in work for our church the past year, we do not forget those who are deprived the blessings we enjoy, and are thankful to our Heavenly Father for enabling us to be co-workers with Him in the advancement of His cause upon the earth.”

Waterbury First Church have sent no report, but have given as usual towards the salary of Mrs. Bond.

Waterbury Second Church writes: “Monthly meetings have been sustained through the year and much enjoyed by those attending them. The active circle of ‘Young Ladies’ continue their fortnightly meetings and feel deep interest in their work.”

West Haven.—The report from the auxiliary of this church gives cheering indications of growth in numbers and interest. The regular monthly concerts of the church have had a larger attendance than formerly, due to the presence and efforts of young Christians who take pains to bring in items of information respecting the missionary fields. The “Missionary Sunbeams,” on account of the severity of the winter, have been prevented from meeting. They hope as spring advances they will come together again.

Westville auxiliary shows a decided increase in its contributions. The “Young Ladies’ Circle” never allow any falling off in their funds, but promptly meet their pledges for their scholarships.

Whitneyville.—This auxiliary loses none of its interest and is thankful for the privilege of working together
with those who have gone into "all the world" to win souls for Christ.

Prospect "Gleaners" keep up their efforts very successfully, notwithstanding the fact that there is no society in that place for the older ones.

Woodbridge.—No regular meetings are held by this auxiliary, the members finding the ones held in the city both pleasant and convenient to attend. The contributions of this auxiliary support a pupil at Ahmednuggur, India.

New Britain, Center Church.—Anticipations of renewed zeal, expressed in last year's report, seem to have been fully realized. The Secretary writes as follows: "We can report in the first place increased attendance. The news sent us from the Branch last May, that we might have the privilege of helping in the support of dear Mrs. Schneider, gave a new interest to our work, and many who have never taken part in our meetings, came forward and have been very constant in their attendance. We have had nine meetings, have raised our full share pledged for Mrs. Schneider's support and have eight papers prepared and read on Japan, China, Ceylon and Micronesia."

South Church.—The Secretary writes: "We are sure that this has been a year of increasing interest and promise with us. I wish you could attend one of our monthly meetings. Our president is very curious in devising some new subject, and has it brought out by some new writer, or the latest religious intelligence from the world-field is brought to us. The hour is always too short for the great variety of information given us. We cannot fail to see the reflex influence shown by the intelligent information of our ladies upon missionary work, after seven years of such study."
Plantsville.—The Mission Circle has sent a larger amount for foreign missions than last year. A special interest has recently been awakened by the departure of Miss Twichell for the school in Broosa, and there is a determination on the part of many to do more for foreign work in the ensuing year.

Mrs. C. C. Foote.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Haven, May 10, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, May 11, 1880, ...................... $1,571.41
Subscriptions from auxiliary societies, ........................ 7,173.79
Subscriptions from mission circles and Sunday schools, ... 1,531.28
Legacy of Mrs. Susan W. Rustis, ............................. 500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, ......................... 470.00
Collections for expenses at Branch monthly meetings, 76.22
Collections at County meetings, ............................. 37.14
Thank offering for the decade, .............................. 103.70
Miscellaneous, ........................................... 39.07
Interest on deposit in Savings Bank, ....................... 8.00

$11,510.61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent Treasurer of W. B. M., Boston, ....................... $9,314.82
Deposit in Savings Bank with interest, ..................... 408.00
Printing, ............................................. 147.00
Postage, stationery and other incidental expenses, .......... 118.53
Expenses of missionaries to address meetings, ............. 51.05
Sending out annual reports, ................................ 13.86
Balance on hand, ........................................ 1,457.35

$11,510.61

New Haven, May 19, 1881.

I have examined the above account of the Treasurer of the New
Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the year ending
May 10, 1881 and compared the items with the vouchers thereof and
find the same correct.

Roger S. White, Auditor.

*Actual receipts for 1880-81, $9,939.20.
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<td>Bethel, for Sagunabai in Western India.</td>
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<td>Birmingham, for scholarship at Madura and Inanda.</td>
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<td>Bridgeport, towards salary of Miss Andrews, $25 from Mrs. Marcus DeForest to constitute herself life member, $25 from Mrs. John B. Hincks to constitute Miss Jennie I. Hincks life member, and Mrs. Henry Elliot completing life membership for herself. Additional from mission circles and Sunday schools, $150.25.</td>
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<td>Centerbrook, towards salary of Vesuvasam.</td>
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<td>Danbury, $13, Mrs. Chas. F. Starr towards life membership.</td>
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<td>Darien, towards Mrs. DeForest's salary. Additional from Mission Circles, $31.00.</td>
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<td>Deep River, to constitute life member Mrs. Titus Denison.</td>
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Derby................................................................. 41.50

  Additional from Mission Circle, $6.00.

East Haddam,  ................................................. 91.14

  $25 from Mrs. E. T. Reed to constitute life member Miss
  Abbie J. Reed, Worcester, Mass. Additional from Mission
  Circle, $45.00

East Hampton, First Church,  34.75

  $25 to constitute life member Mrs. John F. Starr.

East Hampton, Union Church,  15.00

East Haven,  ................................................. 41.43

Easton, .......................................................................................... 15.00

Ellsworth,.......................................................................................... 37.51

Essex, ..................................................... 10.00

Fair Haven, Second Church, ........................................... 57.50

Falls Village, ........................................................ 10.00

Georgetown............................................................. 13.65

  Additional from Mission Circle, $11.35.

Goshen, ................................................................. 22.00

Greenwich, .............................................................. 161.00

  Towards Constantinople Home Scholarship.

Haddam, ............................................................ 33.75

  To completing life members Mrs. Cephas Brainard and
  Miss C. C. Cooke. Additional from Mission Circle, $16.00.

Harwinton, .......................................................... 43.22

  Towards salary of Mrs. Abbie Hume.

Higganum, ..................................................... 50.00

  To constitute life members Miss Jessie Usher and Miss
  Emily Child. Additional from Mission Circle, $6.75.

Kent, ..................................................... 40.00

  For scholarship at Foochow. Additional from Mission
  Circle, $38.00.

Killingworth, .................................................. 30.00

  $25 to constitute life member Mrs. Isaac Kelsey.

Litchfield, ................................................... 111.03

  For scholarship at Harpoot and support of Drupatabai,
  Western India, $25 from Miss Deming to constitute life
  member Mrs. Allan McLean.

Madison, ........................................................... 110.00

  For salary of Anna B. Felician at Marsovan. Additional
  from Mission Circle, $55.00.
Meriden, First Church, ....................................... $170.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggur and Madura and to con­stitue life members Mrs. Levi Merriman and Mrs. Chas.
Perkins. Additional from Mission Circle, $65.00.
Meriden, Center Church, ...................................... 25.00
Middlebury, .......................................................... 21.95
Additional from Mission Circles, $25.00.
Middlefield, ............................................................ 16.00
Middle Haddam, ...................................................... 10.10
Towards life membership, Mrs. R. D. Tibbals.
Middletown, First Church, ........................................ 272.00
For two schools near Aintab and Andianum, three scholar­ships at Ahmednuggur, Marsovan and Inanda, bible reader, 
Gangabai, $32 for the general fund, $20 a thank offer­
ing, $25 from Mrs. Thomas G. Mather to constitute herself 
life member. Additional from Mission Circles, $15.00.
Middletown, South Church, ......................................... 40.00
Towards Dakota Home scholarship.
Milford, ............................................................... 21.00
Millington, ............................................................. 8.33
Additional from Mission Circle, $3.24.
Milton, ................................................................. 10.00
Monroe, ................................................................. 24.25
Morris, ................................................................ 22.75
To complete life membership Mrs. David Turkington.
Mount Carmel, ......................................................... 50.00
For scholarship at Ceylon and Ahmednuggur.
Naugatuck, ............................................................. 50.25
New Britain, Center Church, ....................................... 239.70
Towards Mrs. Schneider's salary, $25 from Mrs. Judd and 
Mrs. Churchill to constitute life member Mrs. Elias N. 
Richardson, D. D.
New Britain, South Church, ....................................... 240.00
Towards Mrs. Schneider's salary: $25 from Mrs. Charles 
Nichols to constitute life member Mrs. Wm. C. Williams; 
$25 from Miss Jennie E. Case to constitute life member 
Mrs. Edwin P. Auger of Middlefield. Additional from 
Mission Circle, $20.00.
New Canaan, .......................................................... 10.00
Towards Dakota scholarship.
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Towards salary of Mrs. Abbie Hume; $25 from Mrs. James Hine to constitute life member Miss Sophie M. Hine; $25 from Mrs. Henry Ives to constitute life member Miss Sarah L. Ives. Additional from Mission Circles, $70.

New Preston ........................................ 40.00
   For scholarship at Madura.

Newtown, ............................................ 10.00

Norfolk, ............................................ 50.00
   For scholarship at Dakota Home. Additional from Mission Circles, $60.00.

North Branford, ..................................... 30.00
   For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

North Cornwall, .................................... 14.45
Northfield, ........................................ 31.60
Northford, ........................................ 30.34
   $25 to constitute Mrs. Charles Foote life member.

North Stamford, ................................... 30.00
   To complete life member Miss F. E. Scofield.

Norwalk, First Church, ................................ 200.00
   Towards salary of Mrs. Williams. Additional from Mission Circles, $48.00.

Orange, ............................................. 52.00
   To support Greek girl Sotera, Marsovan. Additional from Sunday school, $7.00.

Portland, ........................................... 31.00
   Towards support of Fulig, Marsovan.

Redding, .......................................... 25.00
   To constitute life member Mrs. A. B. Hill.

Ridgefield, ........................................ 37.00
   For scholarship at Madura. Additional from Mission Circle, $5.00.

Roxbury, ........................................... 17.00

 Salisbury, ....................................... 84.01
   Additional from Mission Circle, $70.00.

Saybrook, ......................................... 38.95

Sharon, .......................................... 30.88
   Additional from Mission Circle, $10.00.

Sherman, .......................................... 15.00

South Britain, .................................... 19.00
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Whitneyville, ........................................................ $46.00
Wilton, ........................................................................ 100.00
$50 for scholarship at Dakota Home; $40.00 for Foochow scholarship, $10 General Fund.

Winsted, ................................................................. 242.87
$25 from Mrs. Lavinia Hall of Winchester to constitute Mrs. Jane H. Wetmore life member; $25 from Mrs. Moses Camp to constitute Mrs. Kate L. Richards of New Hartford life member; $25 from Miss Martha E. Beardsley to constitute life member Miss Louise M. Carrington. Additional from Mission Circle, $30.00.

Wolcottville, .............................................................. $37.00
Woodbridge, .................................................................. $20.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Woodbury, First Church, ............................................. 10.00
Woodbury, North Church, ........................................... 41.00
$30 for scholarship at Ceylon; $11 a Thank Offering.

MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bethlehem, “Willing Hands,” ....................................... $11.45
Bridgeport, North Church, “Earnest Workers,” ................. 50.00
$30 for scholarship at Pulney; $20 for general fund.
Bridgeport, North Church Sunday school, ....................... 30.00
For Inanda scholarship.

Bridgeport, “South Church Mission Circle,” ...................... 70.25
For the support of Prima at Mrs. Edward Hume’s school Bombay; $7.25 for general fund.

Colebrook, “Cheerful Givers,” .................................... 30.00
Darien, “Busy Bees,” .................................................. 18.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Darien, “Sunbeams,” .................................................. 13.00
Towards Dakota scholarship.

Derby, “Forget-me-nots,” ............................................. 6.00
East Haddam, “Phoenix Band,” .................................. 45.00
$15 to complete share in Mrs. Edward Hume’s school Bombay; $30 for scholarship at Ceylon.

Gaylordsville, “Earnest Workers,” ............................... 20.00
For school at Kuloth.

Georgetown, “Buds of Promise,” ................................. 11.35
Haddam, “Young Ladies’ Mission Band,” ....................... 6.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Abbie Hume.
Haddam, "Willing Workers," .............................................. $10.00
Towards salary of bible reader in Turkey.
Higganum, "Little Missionary Workers," .............................................. 6.75
A Christmas offering.
Kent, Mission Circle, ................................................................. 38.00
Madison, "Willing Hearts," ............................................................ 55.00
$30 for Antony Ammal, Madura; $25 for Mrs. Bond.
Meriden, First Church, "Cheerful Givers," ........................................... 40.00
For scholarship at Harpoot.
Meriden, First Church, "Boys' Mission Band," ........................................ 25.00
For share in Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Middlebury, "Hilalide Gleaners," ......................................................... 25.00
For scholarship at Inanda.
Middletown, First Church, "Gleaners," ............................................. 10.00
Middletown, First Church, "Ten Times One," ........................................ 5.00
New Britain, South Church, "Banyan Seeds," ......................................... 20.00
New Hartford, "Valley Wide Awakes," ............................................... 25.00
For scholarship in Mrs. Edward Hume's school, Bombay.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Aurora," .................................... 48.64
For scholarship at Harpoot.
Church of the Redeemer, "Morning Star Circle," ................................... 5.00
Church of the Redeemer, Sunday school, ........................................... 40.00
For scholarship at Ceylon.
College St. Church, Sunday school, .................................................... 25.00
Davenport Church, Mission Circle, .................................................... 50.00
Towards a share in Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Davenport Church, Sunday school classes, ......................................... 22.00
Towards Marsovan scholarship.
Fair Haven, First Church, Young Ladies' Missionary Society, 28.10
For Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Third Church, Sunday school, ............................................................ 45.00
$20 for Ahmednuggur scholarship; $25 for Africa.
New Milford, "Golden Links," .......................................................... 15.00
New Milford, "Star Circle," ............................................................. 55.00
Norfolk, "Home Jewels," ............................................................... 30.00
For scholarship at Madura.
Norfolk, "Mountain Wide Awakes," .................................................... 30.00
For scholarship at Ceylon.
Norwalk, Young Ladies' Mission Band, ............................................ $14.00
   A Christmas gift.
Norwalk, "Young Workers for Jesus," ......................................... 14.00
   A Christmas gift.
Norwalk, "Sunbeam Circle," ...................................................... 20.00
   A Christmas gift.
North Cornwall, "Mission Bank Society," ..................................... 25.00
   To constitute Miss Harriet J. Pratt life member.
Orange, Sunday school, ..........................................................  7.00
Plantsville, .................................................................  45.00
Prospect, "Gleaners," .........................................................  35.00
Ridgefield, "Cheerful Givers," .................................................  5.00
Salisbury, "Lakeside Workers," ................................................  70.00
   $40 for Mrs. Hume's school, $30 for famine sufferers in India.
Sharon, "Busy Bees," ..........................................................  10.00
Southport, Congregational Church Sunday school, .........................  30.00
   For support of Johannes Agadion at Harpoot Seminary.
Stanwich, "Young Folks' Mission Circle," ...................................  15.00
   Towards Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Wallingford, "Mite Gatherers," ................................................  20.00
Waterbury, Second Church, "Young Ladies Mission Circle," ............. 125.00
   For scholarship at the Constantinople Home.
Watertown, "Young Ladies Mission Circle," .................................  75.00
   $25 from Miss Alma DeForest Curtiss to constitute herself life member; $25 from Miss Fannie E. Curtiss to constitute herself life member; $25 to constitute Miss Jennie M. Hungerford life member.
Westchester, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ...............................  2.50
West Haven, "Missionary Seed Planters," ....................................  5.00
West Haven, "Missionary Sunbeams," .........................................  6.00
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ..................................  40.00
   For two Ahmednuggur scholarships.
Winsted, "Mountain Daisies," ................................................  30.00
   For scholarship at Talas.
MISCELLANEOUS.

Legacy of Mrs. Susan W. Eustiss, Center Church, New Haven, $500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, Center Church, New Haven, 470.00
Collections at Branch monthly meetings, 76.22
Collection at Litchfield county meeting, 10.29
Collection at Fairfield county meeting, 18.05
Collection at Middlesex county meeting, 8.80
Collections for thank offering, 76.70
Union Prayer meeting at North Church, thank offering, 27.00
Mrs. Hermon Perry and Mrs. Maria L. Perry towards life membership, 10.00
New Britain Seminary, Young Ladies' Missionary Society for "stamps and strings," 10.00
Mrs. O. P. Hubbard, 5.00
Miss Sarah Hotchkiss, of Derby, 5.00
Return car fares, 4.00
West End Institute Mite Box, 5.07
BENEFICIARIES.

Miss Mary E. Andrews, ....Tungcho, China, Salary, $500.00
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions. It shall have a Board of Officers, a Coöperative Committee, and an Auditor, elected annually.

ART. II. Its officers 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, and a Treasurer. The Coöperative Committee shall be represented by its chairman or her substitute, who with the Board of Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. III. The Honorary and Advisory Vice-Presidents shall be invited to become acting members of the Executive Committee.

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

ART. V. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Branch and Executive Committee, presenting them at each succeeding meeting, take charge of letters and papers, transmit votes to whom they may concern, and prepare a report for the annual meeting.
Art. VI. 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. VII. The Home Secretaries shall perform such duties as tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Branch. One of them shall furnish the societies with manuscript letters, and one shall correspond with the Vice-Presidents and auxiliaries from time to time as circumstances may require, report at the monthly meetings, and gather during the year material for the annual report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of __________, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, Boston.

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

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

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

ART. V. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ______ annually.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE 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 more about the heathen, and to do more than we have done to send them the Gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.
ART. IV. We promise to come together at stated times to hear and read about missions, or to work in some way for the cause, and through our own Treasurer 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.

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

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

We call attention to the Children’s Department in the “Missionary Herald,” which is very attractive and instructive.

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


“The Well Spring;” a missionary page for children. Published weekly. Orders may be sent to George P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Beacon street, Boston.

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

“Woman’s Work for Woman.” Published once a month by the Presbyterian Woman’s Board. Address Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Price, sixty cents per annum. “Children’s work for Children.” Five copies or more to one address, post paid, each twenty-five cents. Single copies, post paid, thirty cents.

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


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

“Historical Sketches of Missions” in Africa, Turkey, India and Ceylon, China, Japan, Sandwich Islands, Micronesia and Marquesas, North American Indians and Papal lands, each, excepting the last, having a map of its field, can be obtained for six cents for a single copy, or the set for thirty cents.

“Pamphlet of Missionary Maps” will be sent on receipt of ten cents.

Both of the above will be sent free to ministers in charge, on request. Address Charles Hutchins, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

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

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

The Missionary Library Association has about one hundred and eighty volumes, mostly valuable books, and subscribers can draw them at the close of each monthly meeting. Persons from out of town can obtain books at other times by application to Miss McAlister, 154 Crown street.

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

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

We ask, from our auxiliaries, original essays, papers, poems, and any letters they may receive direct from missionaries.

The Woman's Board of Missions is auxiliary to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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

Copies of fresh Missionary Letters, from all of our fields, may be had on application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 125 Crown street.

Requests for Beneficiaries should be addressed to Miss Julia Twining, Prospect street.
Information about other departments of the Branch can be obtained from Mrs. S. L. Cady, 99 Howe street, to whom it is earnestly requested that each society should send, yearly, an account of its annual meeting immediately after it is held.

Some of our societies have distributed, with gratifying results, simple and inexpensive boxes among all who will promise to place something in them weekly. We earnestly urge our societies to test the merit of this or the envelope system, to increase interest in this work and enlarge contributions.

The difficulty of arranging for the support of pupils by name, has rendered necessary a plan of establishing scholarships, which can be taken and retained as long as the person or Circle may desire.

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

A County meeting will be held in each of the four counties annually.

It has been the custom of the members of the New Haven Branch to devote some hour of each Sabbath to special prayer for a blessing on missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and all concerned in promoting the work of missions. We earnestly commend the observance of the hour from five to six P. M., the time chosen by our sisters of the Presbyterian Church.
MANUSCRIPT PAPERS AND LEAFLETS

NOW READY FOR THE USE OF SOCIETIES.

[They may be obtained of Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 125 Crown street, New Haven.]

Advantages of organization. Mrs. Chaffee.

Africa Papers.

Africa. 3.
Notes from Dr. Means' Paper on Central Africa.
Story of two native Zulu boys, Charles and George Ntyabaza. Mrs. Bridgeman.
The opening opportunities for the spread of the Christian religion in Africa. Miss Bradley.
What Missions have done for Africa. Mrs. Hume.
What Western Connecticut has done for Africa. Mrs. Prudden.

Benefits of Self-denial. Miss Merwin.
Bulgaria. Miss B. Hume.
Cesarea. Mrs. Farnsworth.

China Papers.

China.
The condition of China. Mrs. Pettingill.
The Bridgman School. Miss Porter.

Christ in the person of His children. Miss Peabody.
Constantinople Home. Miss Parsons.
Correlative Bible Readings. Mrs. Burdett Hart.
Experience of a worker. Mrs. McCall.
Extracts from Mrs. Whitney's private journal on her passage to the Sandwich Islands, in 1819-20.

Faith's Lesson. Miss Merwin.
Fresh water for thirsty souls. Mrs. Brownell.
"Go ye into the vineyard." Mrs. B. A. Smith.
History of the American Board. Mrs. Churchill.
How can we interest young ladies? Miss Barnes.
How to overcome difficulties in forming auxiliaries. Mrs. McCall.
"I have not time." Miss Gilman.

India Papers.

A Brahminee's experience.
Ahmednuggur. Mrs. Winchell.
Among the women of India. Mrs. Waldo.
Christianity in India. E. Conn. Branch.
Description of map of India. Mrs. Adam.
Early Missionary work among Hindoo women. Miss Ballantine.
Hindu-stan. Mrs. H. D. Hume.
India's history. Miss Twining.
India's wealth and calamities. Miss Bennett.
Missionaries in India. Miss B. Hume.
The Brahmo Somaj. Miss Alice Bacon.
What the Bible has done in India. Miss Twining.

Influences on character. Mrs. Gleason.
Is there salvation for the heathen without the Gospel? Mrs. Burdett Hart.
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Letter containing hints for mission circles. Miss Brown.
Letter from Dr. Treat answering the question, Are the receipts of the American Board decreased since the organization of the Woman's Board?
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Translation of letter to missionaries in Harpoot from an Armenian whose daughter had been educated at the Seminary.
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