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ANNUAL MEETING.

The ladies of the New Haven societies had the pleasure of entertaining the Branch at the Nineteenth Annual Meeting held May 13th, 1890. Davenport Church, with its pleasant audience room and convenient parlors, is admirably suited to such a meeting, and beautiful flowers everywhere gave a fragrant welcome from the ladies of the church.

"Broaden our love that it may take in all the world," was the spirit of those who gathered in an upper chamber for the devotional service at quarter before ten. The leader, Mrs. T. T. Munger, developed very impressively the idea that the essentials of successful missionary work are the same as the three essentials of Christianity defined by Bishop Ripon—Absolute Dependence on God, Fellowship, Progress.

The audience room was well filled when Miss Daggett opened the morning session. Mrs. Hart was not able to be in her usual place, but the announcement was made that she would be present later for a short time. The report of the Recording Secretary showed that although many important workers had been disabled, making the year a hard one, the work had been successfully accomplished. Mrs. Hume's report, read by Mrs. Cady, impressed us not only with the need of more helpers to take advantage of the openings in all parts of the foreign work, but also with the great need of increased ability to care for the comfort of the missionaries already in the field. Thinking of our own missionary in Bombay so
badly housed that she and all her household are in danger of fever, it was not pleasant to learn from our treasurer that twenty of our circles and three of our auxiliaries have not been heard from this year, while some others have contributed less than usual.

The treasurer had two lessons for us to learn: one, that a very little falling off in the contributions of each of a number of societies means a large deficit in the treasury at the end of the year. Therefore no society should ever permit itself to fall below its standard. The other, that the mite boxes are not answerable for the falling off in the receipts for other work, as the societies who have helped in keeping the Marsovan and Bombay pledges are just the ones who have sent their usual contribution and in some cases more—"Giving does not impoverish."

During the singing of the hymn which followed these reports all were pleased by the appearance of Mrs. Hart on the platform. Very feelingly she gave the welcome of the twelve New Haven churches to the delegates, speaking of her especial gladness in being there to meet them, of her eagerness to take up the work again, coming back to it from "the Borderland" where she had gained a new and intense appreciation of the words, "For God so loved the world." She reminded us that the tenth anniversary of the Branch was held in Davenport Church when we were cheered and inspired by the presence and words of Mrs. Bowker. "And now again we are in Davenport Church and have with us the President of the W. B. M., Mrs. Judson Smith. Welcome her in such a way that she may feel at home among us."

Mrs. Smith brought us the greeting of the Executive Committee at Boston, who report a prosperous year with an increase of $57,000 in the treasury. She said the
thought had come to her in hearing of the loss of valuable workers in the Branch, that we needed the comfort of Dr. Bushnell's belief: "Every man's life a plan of God." She spoke of the comprehensiveness of the work with all its evangelistic, moral and educational departments, and of the transcendent love for our fellow-beings necessary to carry one into a work of such scope and responsibility.

Interesting reports from Litchfield and New Haven counties were followed by an address from our new Home Secretary, Mrs. Montgomery, formerly of the Central Turkey Mission. She alluded pleasantly to the fact that her home is now in New Haven, quoting from a letter written by an Armenian student back to his friends: "I could almost wish that the souls of Christian people in Turkey might pass through New Haven on their way to Heaven!" She described the building of the mission house at Adana where she worked and where much sorrow came to her. Three times within a few weeks did the Angel of Death visit the house, taking away her husband and two others. The natives said, "the house is spoiled." "No," said this Christian woman; "now it is consecrated."

Mrs. Lucius Hazen led in prayer and the transaction of some necessary business ended the morning session.

After a pleasant hour around the bountifully laden tables in the lecture room, the audience room was again well filled.

The election of officers, for whom and for the Branch Mrs. Judson Smith offered prayer, and encouraging reports from Middlesex and Fairfield counties occupied some little time.

Miss Chandler of the Madura mission gave us a most interesting idea of her work. She said that all Christians realize the motive for mission work lying in these words
from St. Paul: "But we faint not, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." Under the pressure of sorrow by looking at "the things which are not seen" we find the burden lightened, and what sadness we feel for friends who have not this consolation. A great part of the work in India consists in helping people to look more into the unseen and to find the unseen God. Practically the faith of the brahmin is not monotheistic, but that of many gods. He is constantly trying to placate some angry deity. Suffering is considered as a punishment of some kind; thus calamity proves sin and those who do not suffer are considered blameless. Only found-out sin has any terror for them. They think entirely of the exterior life and admire only external adornment. A trained mind or beauty of character is of no worth to them. How to teach such people to grasp the idea of an unseen life, and form a conception of God which shall have a vital influence on their lives, is the great problem. Missionary work in connection with a boarding school seems secular and full of routine. Besides the class work there is much to do in training the girls in all the little lessons of truthfulness, of politeness, which in this country are taught at the mother's knee. They are so undisciplined and use such impure words when first they come to the school! Any signs of the growth of conscience are hailed with delight. When a child reaches the point of showing some confusion in telling you a lie, then you may begin to hope! The domestic work is also very important; the sewing, the cooking. Altogether one may give all her time to the civilizing process and neglect the most important part. Unless careful one may keep the machinery all going and not touch their hearts; tell them of God in a Bible class and yet not
bring them into personal relation with Him. So when you realize that missionaries may work constantly and yet be unspiritual, pray for them that they may not lose their own hold on unseen things.

Miss Prudden made a plea for "one corner of the home work." We need the interest and contributions of the mission circles, but they are a fluctuating constituency requiring much encouragement. Last year they gave us three thousand dollars, but the record is different this year, partly owing to the fact that the Christian Endeavor and other societies have diverted interest into other channels. There are certainly opportunities for enthusiastic workers to stimulate our mission circle department. Remember that there are little children constantly coming on who can be drawn into small circles.

Again we were led into the foreign field by Mrs. Montgomery, who took us with her through the mud of an oriental street to a prayer meeting in Adana and we realized that a successful meeting can be carried on though combined with bread-making and other very practical occupations.

Miss Gilman gave us one more text, "Ye also helping together by prayer," and led us as we consecrated ourselves anew to the work. A vote of thanks to the ladies of the Davenport Church and all others who had helped to make the meeting so pleasant was moved by Mrs. Cady and unanimously passed. Then after a verse of Coronation, sung at the request of Mrs. Montgomery, the meeting adjourned with an earnest hope that when we come together at New Britain, where we are invited to hold the annual meeting next year, there will be much gain to report.

Leila Webster Pitman.
REPORT of the RECORDING SECRETARY.

This nineteenth year of our history may rightly be named a "Success in spite of difficulties." One year ago many of us came to our annual meeting with heavy hearts. Never had our executive committee been so crippled and reduced in numbers by death, removal and other causes. We saw no light on the difficult problem of filling the vacant places; and we had also assumed a new responsibility of raising a large sum of money for a special purpose in addition to our usual pledges. Dis­couragements did not culminate at that point either. The fall and winter months brought a long and weary struggle with sickness and pain to our president and to one of our vice-presidents, so that their leadership and counsels were withdrawn from us; the chief of our mission circle department has been necessarily absent; another vice-president is now far distant; another still detained by a long illness. The times have seemed dark and the workers few. Neither have we received from outside any such inspiring influence as last year from the continuous labors of the Misses Leitch.

Yet as we look back over the work of the year, we can see clearly that, in a large part of our Branch, more than usual, rather than less, has been accomplished. Does not this mean that our organization is telling; that we have learned to use wise methods; that the Branch leans less upon a few individuals at the center, and is strengthened by the many individuals at many points; that it is as a whole in fuller sympathy and
swing with the great movement of missionary activity? Is it not becoming a habit, a matter of course, that this work should be carried forward?

We come together at this anniversary greatly encouraged that these things are so, and glad to call attention to the crowning mercies of the year. If we try to single out the marked encouragement and success of this division of our life we shall find it in the grand achievement of many of our societies in redeeming the pledges of the Branch for buildings at Marsovan and Bombay. We began the year with $1100 for the Marsovan building still to be raised. Early in January the whole sum was paid over, having been raised largely by means of mite boxes, almost wholly outside of our regular contributions, and its completion is just cause for congratulation and thanksgiving on our review day. Fairfield was our banner county in this movement, one-third of the whole sum pledged having been raised there before any one of the other counties had secured its quarter.

In the meantime an urgent request had come from the Woman’s Board for $1100 more than we had already given for the Bowker Hall at Bombay. On the completion of the Marsovan pledge your committee deemed it warrantable to venture this also, to be raised if possible before May. An appeal was sent out to all of our societies in January, and to-day we record with thankfulness that every dollar of this sum too is in the treasury, given very largely by societies who had first paid into the treasury their regular contributions.

We regret to turn from this bright side of the picture to the dark side, for there is a dark one. The treasurer reports that in our regular pledged work we are far behind. The cause of this is that twenty circles, whose gifts aggregated over $400, have sent nothing for this
year. Three of the older societies also have failed to report, and over twenty-four have lessened their contributions, some by small, other by larger sums, which combined make a large deficit. None of these societies gave anything this year for the Marsovan building or Bowker Hall. Once again we call attention to the importance of never allowing contributions to fall below the usual sums.

From many societies we have most encouraging words in regard to the use of mite-boxes. From one we have, "Some of our members have become very much attached to their boxes and call them 'Comfort boxes.'" In another place where they declined to take any on account of church needs, but finally gave out thirty, nearly all were returned with something in them, over $25 in all being gathered. From another place we hear of $45 extra raised by the boxes. Still another tells of $30 extra, gained in two months. One society always generous in gifts, has increased by $114, and intends going on with the boxes. We might mention many more, but these suffice to show their usefulness, and we again recommend them for gathering the extra sums.

The Bureau of Exchange is so extending and deepening its work that, in its larger and fuller operation it stands out like a fresh feature again this year. It carries to the auxiliaries constant stimulus and interest; and, through the informal correspondence that accompanies the sending and returning of letters, a strong tie of warm, friendly, personal intercourse has been maintained. This has been more necessary and valuable than can be estimated during this last year, not only in circulating missionary intelligence, but in bridging over the interval while the usual communication between the societies and the executive committee was broken because our home secretary was at a distance.
The secretary of the Bureau reports that while the winter has been an unfavorable one for meetings in some places, many of the letters have been passed around to be read, and have added much to interest in the work. Some of the societies have prayed especially for some one missionary, and some have taken the missionary whose letters they have read at the monthly meeting as a subject of prayer for that month, asking daily a blessing on her and her work. Many letters have been received from societies regretting that they are so few in number; but very often it has been noticed that those few are more faithful and prayerful than the larger societies. It is not the size of the society but the loving heart that God remembers. The faithful ones receive the blessing even fourfold.

From the Mission Circle department we learn that the value of having special work assigned to the circles still shows itself in continued interest. Further help is looked for from the newly organized department for young people in the line of medical work and building enterprises abroad. We shall expect from that such abundant material in letters as shall largely increase the number of copies distributed, which have this year been over 700.

We hear of new movements of promise for mission circles in Washington, Higganum, Norwalk and other places, while on the other hand there is a large number from whom we hear nothing. A union meeting of mission circles of New Haven and vicinity was addressed by Miss Tyler of South Africa in October.

In our regular monthly Branch meetings we have been stirred and stimulated by the presence and the words of Mrs. Chandler of Madura, India; by our own young missionary Miss Barnum, just going to Harpoot;
by Mrs. Newell of Constantinople, Miss Wright of Marsovan, and Miss Landfear of the Huguenot Seminary, South Africa; and by delightful missionary letters, and historical map exercises. Mrs. Montgomery helps us at all times. She and Miss Tyler of Africa, Mrs. Chandler of India, and Mrs. Karmarkar, the Christian Hindu lady now studying medicine in this country, contributed largely to the interest of the county meetings in the fall, of which the county vice-presidents will have more to say. The details of work in auxiliaries belongs also to their reports.

At the children's annual missionary meeting held on Good Friday in Center Church, great interest was excited by the building of the missionary ship, Morning Star. The boys and girls brought forward different parts of the ship labelled with christian traits of character, and recited appropriate scripture texts as these blocks were fitted into their places by the builder. The ship itself was a beautiful sight when completed, with the pennant "Righteousness" unfurled at the masthead; and we hope the children of New Haven Sunday Schools will hereafter feel a new and warmer interest in the support of the children's ship.

We would acknowledge also that the Lord has been very good to us this year in that our executive committee remains unbroken by death. One who worked long and faithfully as home secretary of our Branch in former years, Mrs. O. H. White, has been called to "go up higher;" but those of our numbers who have walked on the very borders of the unseen world have been restored to us and to the work they love, and are with us again to-day.

One of our vice-presidents from Middlesex County, Mrs. Marshall, kindly but reluctantly consented, at our
urgent request and at her own personal inconvenience, to hold that position through this year with the understanding that we should release her at its close. We regret to lose her from our committee and feel that we are greatly indebted to her for this year of service during the absence of Mrs. McCall, whose return to her familiar place and work we now gladly welcome.

We grieve over the necessity of dropping Mrs. Fairchild’s name from our list of officers. A letter received from her on Saturday shows that her love and interest cling closely to the New Haven Branch. She says “heart and soul I am with you”; but she sees no probability of return, and has asked that her place should be filled. It is a matter of rejoicing to us that Mrs. Montgomery has consented to take up the work of home secretary and will to-day enter upon her new duties.

Are there not two prominent lessons to be learned from this year’s record? One surely is that “giving does not impoverish.” Those societies which have given most generously to the unusual extra work, are the very same societies that have come up fully to the usual standard, and in some cases have gone beyond it, in the regular work.

On the other hand, where twenty-four societies have lessened contributions, and twenty mission circles have not been heard from, is it not probable that lessened zeal, and interest, and effort, and prayer are to some degree in some cases responsible for it? Do we not need to take heed to the old watchword, “Say to the children of Israel that they go forward?”

SUSAN E. DAGGETT.
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

On entering the last decade of the century, a new and almost universal inspiration has rested upon the women of the church, leading them to ask, what can be done in these coming ten years, to hasten the coming of the kingdom of our Lord?

One gratifying step forward is seen in the attitude of the workers, as they come together, asking, what is there for us to do? instead of the old eager call for a report of what has been done.

The close of the year, however, demands a summing up of our individual and organized efforts, and a review of what the faithful few, our substitutes, are doing at their posts and what has been done at home to sustain them.

Of the nine missionaries supported by the New Haven Branch, two are in India, two in Japan, two in Turkey, one in Africa, one in Bulgaria, one in Mexico, all, without exception, when last heard from, in health and much encouraged in their work.

Working with the missionaries, or under their guidance, we have twenty-six Bible Women, whom we call Home Missionaries among their own people, also three educated competent teachers in boarding schools, each doing the work that formerly required the time and strength of a missionary.

In twelve different boarding schools, in as many different countries, we are educating seventy-seven young
native women, mostly converts, for teachers, Bible women, or wives of native pastors.

We support, wholly, or in part, eleven day schools in different countries, and for our children we hold three thousand shares in the Morning Star Mission.

We have special satisfaction to-day in reporting the completion of an extra effort inaugurated in October, 1888, to raise, beyond our pledges, $2,200, for a new and much needed building, for the girls' boarding school in Marsovan, Turkey.

We have also collected, as an extra, in addition to the $400 sent last year, $1100 for the purchase of a building in Bombay, India, to be called "Bowker Hall," in honor of the beloved president, who recently retired from the leadership of the Woman's Board of Boston. This building is to be used partly as a home for the single ladies of the mission, and a portion of it as a dormitory for the girls' department of the Bombay high school for christians.

Never has the New Haven branch received such proofs of divine favor; such cheering news from the missions; or read so plainly the Master's invitation inscribed on the open doors of heathendom, as during the past year. And to-day, with profound gratitude, we recount the proofs that our Saviour has accepted our offerings, and bestowed special blessings upon our missionaries.

In Austria, the religious and governmental restrictions laid upon Protestant missions, and the vigilance of the ecclesiastics, who scrutinize every step and every utterance of the missionaries, well nigh precludes all progress. The one missionary of the American Board wrote from Prague, surely, "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us quick." Notwithstanding-
ing these discouragements, no mission of the board has made more satisfactory progress, in proportion to the agency employed.

The Bohemian converts have given great satisfaction and proved consistent, faithful helpers. Twenty-five converts from Romanism have been reported since Christmas. Three young men from the mission churches in Bohemia, converts from Romanism, are now settled pastors over churches for Bohemians in this country. In this way they bring back to us a part of the hundred fold promised to faithful stewards.

Many favorable openings for christian work are lost to this mission for lack of laborers. The circulation of the Bible and christian books is the most hopeful and satisfactory work done by the feeble churches. The people are so eager for God's word, but the sale and circulation of a single Bible is not allowed without a license from the governor, and such matters are left to his pleasure so entirely that a Protestant waited six months for a permit and could not get it.

The religion of Bohemia, the land of Huss and Jerome, and the very cradle of the reformation, has no claim to the Bible standard of morality; indeed, to most of the people, it is a sealed book. They claim the name of Christ without so much as a shadow of the beauty and Christlikeness that honors it.

The Kraabschitz seminary for twenty-five years has been one bright light in that dark land, and we rejoice in the privilege of sharing in its support. It is the only Protestant school in Bohemia for the education and training of young women for christian work, and is growing more and more in favor with the people. There are scarcely forty pupils this year, owing to the poverty of the people. The number would be doubled at once if
their funds allowed. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the school celebrated recently called together a number of graduates, who brought each their offering to aid in cancelling the debt on the new building. Most excellent work is done in this institution, and with a generous support it might supply good evangelical teachers for all Bohemia. Many former pupils are doing first-class Christian work, in the midst of demoralizing influences that would discourage any but consecrated women.

In Africa, a continent with its two hundred million people, more than three times the population of the United States, mission work is such a vast enterprise that the small portion of it, we can report, seems presumptive, and certainly would be if we did not know that the Master Builder of the Temple of our God is divine, and will never turn away the humble servant, or reject the tiniest polished stone.

The first American mission to Africa was commenced at the mouth of the Gaboon river, on the Western coast. Two years later, a second was opened among the Zulus in the Natal colony. To this field our first missionary was sent twenty-two years ago to commence a girl’s boarding school at the Inanda Station. Schools have been among the most important and successful agencies in the Zulu mission, and the Inanda seminary, with its manual labor department, has been one grand growing success from its beginning. The school was opened with twenty Zulu girls, who were reluctantly persuaded to accept the conditions of civilized life. Under Mrs. Edwards’ wise and faithful guidance, it has become an institution of great promise, with over eighty pupils. Each year girls run away from their heathen friends and come to Mrs. Edwards, clothed in a single blanket, begging to be received, knowing too, that they must
come under strict discipline, such as untrained children among such a people never think of. Many have to be turned away, still they come, and keep coming, and rarely even one is ever induced to leave, except by parental authority, until the entire course is completed.

It is presumed that no other mission school receives such untrained girls requiring such persistent and faithful instruction. But the brightest and most promising are found among these very girls. One poor girl recently stole away from her home nine miles distant and came all alone, crossing a deep, wide river on the way, with only an old soiled blanket wrapped about her, and begged to be taken in. Mrs. Edwards advised her to go back and get her father’s consent, but with tears she begged to remain, saying, "I can’t go back, my mother and brother will never let me learn, they will not even allow me to go to the day school."

At the beginning of this year, Mrs. Edwards wrote: "Only twenty of our girls are able to pay their own board, and after the allowances were appropriated, we found that either twenty must be sent away, or we must raise a large part of their food. So we decided upon the latter alternative.

The soil is poor, and the lack of rain has made the project somewhat discouraging, but we have harvested ninety-nine bushels of corn, and three hundred and twelve bushels of yams and potatoes, our own raising. For these crops the girls did all the ploughing, planting, and harvesting, working upon it two hours each day, and on Saturdays three. Five hours a day are given to lessons, one to sewing, and the evenings to study or a few classes. The day’s work is begun as soon as it is light. After dressing, and giving fifteen minutes to devotions, the chopping wood, grinding corn for porridge,
or cooking, is commenced, and the entire work of the family, in which every scholar in her turn takes her share.

The Sabbath and Friday evening services are conducted by good old Maziyana, a godly man, who is virtually the pastor of the school, and a great relief to Mrs. Edwards. Saturdays, the girls give one hour of their recreation time to work, receiving each a penny. This sum, with the contributions of the teachers, amounting to about seven shillings a week, constitutes the pastor's salary. Fourteen of the present pupils are Christians, and six more form a class of candidates. These girls have a great delight in Bible study, and seize every opportunity of finding Mrs. Edwards, even in the early morning, to get help in finding passages upon different subjects.

Music receives special attention, the whole school being taught the tonic sol fa system, and the sweet voices make the public exercises a great delight. One of the girls wrote to a patron in this country: "I am glad to speak these words to you, because you love the same Saviour whom I love." Another wrote: "I like to tell you about our new house, and thank you for it. It is a big house with stairs, and beds, and chairs, and a big Bible on the table, many blackboards, nice windows, and a big organ. I am trying to be God's child if my Saviour will give me strength to take my cross."

Mrs. Edwards is introducing silk culture into the manual labor department, and recently sent as a sample six pounds of cocoons to America to ascertain whether a market could be found here, and is trying to interest the colonial officials in this project. If successful she hopes to open a remunerative industry for the Christian women of Natal. She has also started a public laundry
which may provide employment for her girls after leaving school, without returning to the kraal life. Her last letter to us closed with these words: "Love and thanks for all the kindness shown to one of the least of Christ's disciples, and still craving a share in your petitions for power to win souls."

The annual report of the English inspector of native schools, of Natal, for the year 1889, says: "The Inanda seminary for girls is by far the best school of the kind in the colony, and is a credit to the society to which it belongs and the persons who have the management of it. There are at present seventy girls of different ages and stages of advancement in it, upon whom Mrs. Edwards is endeavoring with great success, to impress, both by example and precept, the dignity of labor, the advantages of education, and the excellence of Christianity. A few more such schools in our midst would go far to raise the next generation very much above the level of the present. From 6 A. M. till 9 1/2 P. M. these girls have something to do, and the activity and cheerfulness with which they go about their work, the neatness and exactness of the way in which the work is finished, and the homelike relationship which teachers and taught sustain to each other, combine to make up something well worth seeing. A phase of the education of native girls is here presented, with which he must be hard to please who is not satisfied. In addition to ordinary school work, these girls cultivate, even to the plowing, about twelve acres of different kinds of food, sowing, clearing and reaping it as the season goes round. Washing, ironing, sewing, fancy work of different kinds; the making of bread, jams, jellies and preserves of excellent quality, (the bread made the morning I was with them by one of the girls, was both in
appearance and taste first rate,) together with all the necessary details of house cleaning, go to form an apprenticeship to better things that will be a lifelong blessing to the girls. In the school, also, good work is being done, as will be shown by the results of the examination."

The East Central African Mission was opened nine years ago, among an entirely heathen people, where they are dependent for everything but material support, upon a wicked native ruler and his degraded heathen followers. The missionaries have met with many difficulties and disappointments, but the language has been reduced to writing, the entire New Testament translated and some simple school books prepared with the help of some Zulu Christians from Natal. Among these is Dalitha Isaac, our native missionary, who has proved a most efficient and valuable helper to the missionaries. At present she is absent for a rest and change in her old seminary home at Inanda. But while there she is employed in Bible translation.

The school she gathered at Inhambane has fifty scholars, fourteen being boarders. This mission and all its workers have special claims for our sympathy and prayers. We can do so little for missionaries in such isolated and different circumstances that we need to carry them day by day to the mercy seat. Since the natives have learned that the missionaries are true friends, and not like the traders, seeking personal gain, they are becoming more friendly and appreciative, and some seem to take in the true idea of God and appreciate His wondrous love to us sinners.

Bulgaria, so long the plaything of nations, has had ten years of peace and prosperity, which have proved as much a blessing to the religious and social, as to the
political and material interests of the country. The progress is the more remarkable, the people having just emerged from five long centuries of thraldom. Missionary and evangelical institutions have developed able native leaders, men who are an honor to the Protestant faith, who have proved themselves wise counsellors and able, trustworthy christians. When efforts for the elevation of women are raised to a full counterpart of those for men, we may expect to see Bulgaria one of the most thriving and progressive little states in Europe, and the one that owes most to America and missions.

The public services in the national churches are conducted in Greek, a language the Bulgarian women do not understand, consequently the Protestant services, which are conducted in their own language, have great attractions for them. There are nine important mission churches now, located in important centers, and large numbers of non-Protestants attend, and hear the Word of God read in a language they all understand.

Our missionary, Mrs. Bond, by her medical skill has secured a large field of usefulness. Help and sympathy for suffering bodies are sure avenues to hearts and homes. In the girls’ boarding school her services have been very valuable; in one critical case, humanly speaking, a valuable life was saved through her skill and faithful attentions. Her report of a visit to Phillipopolis, their old station, was very interesting. The mothers with their babes and two or three other little ones clinging to their skirts, walked long distances to greet and welcome her, and with expressions of deepest gratitude she wrote, “I thanked the Lord for having given to me the privilege of teaching and helping such a grateful people.”

Like most missionaries she has recently been obliged to part with her last child, who has come to this country
to be educated, and the mother heart was clinging with new claims upon the promises, and it may not be amiss to ask for her dear children in this country a share in our love and prayers, and even in our homes if they should need it.

Mr. Newell, one of the first company of missionaries sent out by the American Board, visited Ceylon and on his recommendation Jaffna, a peninsula composing the northern part, was occupied at once, mainly because the local government offered less opposition here than on the continent of India. From the first, the truth has made steady though slow progress. Now it is claimed that, in Jaffna, Christianity has a stronger hold upon the entire people than in any other heathen land. This statement finds an easy solution in the last mission report, which tells how "men and women, teachers, lawyers, doctors, farmers, Christian women of all ranks, and pupils from the boarding schools, have all joined earnestly with the missionaries in giving the gospel to their heathen friends and neighbors."

The work in Ceylon wisely commenced with the aid of schools, the English government generously aiding in sustaining them. Consequently a large proportion of the people can read, women as well as men. Fifty-six years ago the mission opened a school for the higher education of boys, which has grown into Jaffna College. At the same time the Uduville Seminary was started and now, it is claimed, that there is no institution in a heathen land with a parallel history. In half a century Uduville has sent out a thousand young women, educated and trained for Christian work. Forty years good Miss Agnew devoted herself to this institution, never once returning to her native land, preferring to die among the people she loved. The results of this devoted woman's
labors are found through the entire province and have been wrought into the very foundations of the thirteen self-supporting churches of the mission.

Uduville Seminary occupies a beautiful new building, the gift of the Woman's Board. It has a hundred scholars and with the aid of an annual grant from government has become self-supporting. For a number of years contributions have been transferred to Udupitty, a smaller but similar school, also conducted on the Mt. Holyoke plan, where we have six of the thirty pupils. Eighteen are christians, and of the six who graduated last year five were church members. Cheering reports of the christian activities of these scholars are given. The prevailing sentiment is, What can we do for Jesus to-day? or what must we do to be fully prepared for christian work when we leave school?

Within a year we have received ten letters from graduates, whom we still call our girls, all showing them to be active, earnest christians striving to do good and to honor the Saviour. Many when educated return to heathen homes, where they have no christian privileges, not even christian friends to whom they can turn for help or counsel. The subject of one of the essays at the close of the year was, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and one of the missionaries wrote, "With eyes filled with tears, we added our petitions that to her own heart and life might come a gracious answer to the prayers that inspired her theme." For all these girls Mrs. Hastings begs us to pray and "never forget them." Their fathers, despite their protests, may force them to marry heathen men, these poor christian girls, humanly speaking, being perfectly helpless.

Twenty-six Bible Women are employed in this mission, four of whom we support, Mrs. Muttu, Mrs. Ram-
sey, Mrs. Alfred and Chinnapulli. We have received no individual reports from these women this year. But we know their work consists in visiting from house to house, reading the Bible wherever they can find listeners, and teaching these women to read in their homes, if not allowed to leave them. These humble Christian women by example and teaching are moulding the gospel leaven into the lives of great numbers, where results may never be known on earth.

China, the empire which embraces one-fourth of the entire population of the globe, has made such advance toward civilization in the last decade that it cannot be wholly counted out of the brotherhood of civilized nations. The Chinese call themselves “Celestials,” but they present such defiant obstacles to piety, purity and true progress, that an almost impassable gulf still lies between China and the celestial home above. But there is hope, for the Chinese have the Bible in their own language. Even the blind Chinese, of whom there are thousands, have the Word of God printed in letters which their fingers can trace and convey the most delicate meaning as accurately to the mind of the hearer or reader as if transmitted by the ear.

Forty Protestant missions are scattered through the nine great provinces. A thousand missionaries, and even more than a thousand good, faithful Chinese assistants are striving to give the people a knowledge of the way of life.

The American Bible Society alone has given to China more than five hundred millions of pages of the Bible, and the people are reading them, for a large proportion of Chinamen are readers. These figures are encouraging, it is true, but a million of Chinese die every month and our efforts seem like a drop in the ocean compared with
the vastness of the demand. And unless the Holy Spirit's influence can be felt in larger measure and the whole machinery of missions in China can be enthused anew by divine power, the battle in this stronghold of Satan must be both long and hard.

Medical missions have been the most successful among the Chinese. Having little knowledge of medicine their treatment of the sick seems better adapted "to kill than to cure." A gentleman, who had been around the world, said on his return, the most interesting things he saw in China were the mission hospitals, and the most satisfactory school that he visited in China was the girls' boarding school in Foochow. Its order, cleanliness, and some little approach to American enthusiasm shown by those girls was very encouraging. Such a report proves that our gifts yearly for the education of four girls have been wisely bestowed.

There are thirty-one boarding pupils this year, giving to Miss Garretson, in the absence of Miss Newton, a very laborious position. Five girls were graduated last year, four of whom are already employed as teachers, and the fifth is studying medicine with Miss Dr. Woodhull. A sewing class was recently introduced which has proved very acceptable. The girls are taught to cut and make all kinds of plain native garments, the material being provided by Mr. Wingate, the American consul. When finished, these garments are distributed among the poor.

Although confined very closely to her school, Miss Garretson does not neglect the women, to whom she has always devoted a portion of her time. She invites them to a room, near the school, which she has fitted up expressly to receive the Chinese women. When occupied in the school a woman that she has in training for a Bible Woman, receives and welcomes all who choose to
come, and prepares the cup of tea for each, a point of etiquette which it would be rude to omit in China, and entertains them with Bible pictures until Miss Garretson is at liberty to meet them. This Foochow school is a great attraction to the heathen women, and in bringing them and the school together Miss Garretson hopes to increase her influence and utilize her time. Two-thirds of the pupils are from Christian homes, and all of the highest class are members of the church, four having joined within a year. The weekly prayer meeting has been well sustained, the older girls alternating with the missionaries in conducting it.

Our faithful Chang-nai-nai has been obliged to drop her work as Bible Woman at Tungcho, but we hope only temporarily. In the absence of Miss Pierson from Pao-ting-fu, we have failed to receive a report concerning Mrs. Ming, but the missionaries have always valued her Christian labors, and would be glad to employ any number of such women if they could be found. Good native helpers have been raised up only in rare cases in China.

In India there have been more missionaries and more preparatory work done than in any other country. Yet after nearly two centuries of ploughing and sowing, there are less than two million of nominal Christians among two hundred and seventy millions of people, and the Romanists claim more than half of these. But a grand progress has been made which lies beyond these numbers. Brahminism has been undermined and many of its friends admit it, and Buddhism has almost no support in India proper. More converts from the Moslem faith have been made in India in this nineteenth century than in all the other countries of Asia combined. The entire territory of British India and nearly all the
native states are open to Christian missions, and the number of missionaries, especially ladies, is fast increasing.

The Bible, or portions of it, have been translated into the forty spoken languages of India. Millions have learned to read, and can, if they will, learn of their Saviour. An educated Hindu, privately, said to a missionary, "What you say of your religion is true. It is pure and good. It appeals so plainly to the highest needs of men that it must be divine. We can array no such claims for our religion, but a Brahmin cannot afford to give up his religion, it costs too much; it means giving up everything. We have got to hold on to our religion and fight for it, if we must."

In both the Mahrathi and Madura missions, the work has been sadly hindered for lack of both funds and laborers; scarcely a station but has required more help. When a missionary is sick, or obliged to leave, the schools and other work must drop or be laid upon overworked helpers. For the work in hand now half as many more laborers are imperatively needed, and delay in sending them means risk to the lives and health of those that are holding on and waiting for recruits.

The most hopeful work in India is for the women and children. A few of the educated men are being forced into the conviction, that in degrading women they degrade themselves. But how to educate the women of an entire nation and endow them with the virtues, dignity and culture that will bring them to an equality with the men of India, each in their own sphere, is a problem that can only be solved by their accepting the influence and education offered by Christian women. No where in the world can be found more tender loving mother hearts than among the high caste women of India, and the real
pride and joy of these mothers shut up in their prison homes, is in their sons. And it is these very sons, the educated young men of India, that have lost faith in the religion of their fathers, and are being tossed on the waves of skepticism and infidelity. Now could these mothers be won to the gospel of Jesus Christ, one of the greatest obstacles to their sons' acceptance would be removed. No grander call comes to the women of Christendom to-day, than is echoed from the zenanas and hovels of India, where high and low, rich and poor alike, are shut out from all real joy both in this life and the life to come.

The Marathi Mission reports a larger number of converts than in any previous year. The educational work through the generous aid of the government has been enlarged, and the standard raised in all the higher schools. They may not all be Christians, but the children educated in the mission schools can not grow up heathen. And we may hope, that with the blessing of God upon the Bible in their hands and the prayers we offer, a promising generation is growing up in India. Within the year five new churches have been organized, and through the Christian Endeavor Societies, sacred concerts and street preaching, large numbers of heathen have been brought under Christian influences. And through house to house visitation by the Christians, especially the Bible Women, a knowledge of the true Saviour is being rapidly spread.

We have but one missionary in each of the India missions. One of these has been in service nearly fifteen years and ought not to be obliged to remain another month. The other has only recently become sufficiently well prepared in the language to enter full missionary service. We have, however, a number of native teachers
and learners whose reports show most satisfactory results.

The school in Ahmednagar has a history of more than forty years. Girls from scores of villages, in most of which there were no schools for girls, have been educated. Many of them are converts who have become as teachers, or wives for pastors, most valuable helpers in the villages where they reside and aid in training the people in the villages where they live, often being the only women who can teach in the Sabbath schools, lead the singing, or conduct women's meetings. Including the kindergarten, this school has a hundred and forty scholars, with ninety-seven boarders. Twenty-five have been received to church membership in the year. The health record has been decidedly better than usual, owing no doubt to the new buildings and better sanitary arrangements.

The critical government examinations were pronounced satisfactory, and secured the usual "Grant in Aid," which is a great help under the retrenchment rules of the Home Board. The government inspector, a heathen, called the sewing in the primary department "really remarkable," but turning aside said, "If they did it."

The "Christian Banner" society conducts the weekly prayer meeting on Sabbath afternoons, and their work meetings on Saturday afternoons, without assistance from the missionaries. With sales of their fancy work they have supported one of their schoolmates, who was unable to pay her board and tuition fees, and during the year contributed ten rupees to the sustentation fund or Home Missionary Society.

The teachers recently met with a great trial in the removal, under false pretences, of one of their choice promising girls. Her father by written agreement had
given her to the teachers to educate, and according to this she would be of an age to decide for herself when educated. Through her father's intrigue, the girl has been affianced to the vile god Khandoba, and by a public and legal ceremony will be consigned to a life of shame. In addition to the education she has received, the father is having her taught English to make her more saleable.

Mrs. Bissell's last semi-annual meeting of women was not as large as usual, on account of the drought and lack of food in the villages, the prevailing sickness and the Dewallee festival. But nineteen Bible women, and forty-five in all, came prepared with their scripture and catechism lessons; many of them a whole day's journey on foot. Among the number was a very interesting Marathi woman, still a heathen, whom our good old Gungabai had taught. She had come twenty miles, accompanied by her husband, who was the highest official in their village. He said he had promised to bring his wife to the Christian women's subha, and he could not break his word, even though it was the Dewallee time. A Hindu farmer's wife sitting with a company of christians and reciting Bible lessons with them, was a strange and inspiring sight. Her eyes kindled as she listened to the questions and waited with eager delight for her turn to answer, and she thoroughly appreciated all the services. But when the rest adjourned for the tempting refreshments she alone was obliged to turn away. Her caste rules would not even allow her to look on. Like multitudes in India, she has lost faith in her gods but the trammels of caste remain. And our prayers are needed for this great nation, that the Holy Spirit's influence may rest upon the aristocratic high castes, showing them that man's true nobility consists in being sons of God and heirs of heaven.
Mrs. Winsor's report of Baizabai and Kumlabai, our Bible women, is very satisfactory. She says, "they have been a great help and comfort in my work." They go together from village to village and have found some very interesting cases. One man in Amble, after hearing these women, gave up all faith in his idols, and in the hope of pleasing the Christian's God broke them all in pieces, making a great stir in the village, consequently great crowds assembled to hear what new and strange things these women were bringing to their ears. They had gathered Sabbath schools in several places and the common women, as well as children, came gladly and regularly to learn to read. Kasubai lives at Dedgaw, ten miles from the nearest missionary, to whom she comes regularly to bring her monthly report. She has had much sorrow and trouble in her own family, but finds great joy in her work and always tells what a privilege she has in telling the story of Jesus to her heathen sisters. Dayabai and Kasubai have been a great help and comfort to Mrs. Sibley in her work alone, at Satara, the last year. She writes especially of their "consistent lives and good Christian spirit," and their perseverance in going among the enemies and opposers of the truth.

The semi-annual examination of Christian women in Parner was one of the very interesting gatherings of the season, in the district near Ahmednagar. Some came fourteen miles at their own expense to meet the missionary and Christian sisters, and to receive Christian instruction. Mrs. Harding wrote of it as delightful to hear these poor women one after another tell what Christian work they were trying to do. She said, "it was one of the most precious meetings I ever remember to have attended."
The work of the mission in Bombay has been much enlarged within a few years. It has always been a very difficult station to maintain. But the mission church, though small, is one of the best working churches in Western India and the blessing of heaven has manifestly rested upon the station, of which that church is the center. When, a few years ago, the pastor was sick the heathen neighbors who knew him offered their assistance, and even a generous sum of money to provide the best medical skill. The Christian activity of all classes in this church is most satisfactory. One of the missionaries wrote, the pastor preaches one day in the week and the members continue his work the remaining six days. Daily Christian work of some kind is considered the duty of every member. A dozen at least share regularly in some of the public preaching services during the week. Out of their limited income this small church supports its own Home Missionary in a distant province.

The co-education high school for Christians in Bombay is growing in favor and gaining in numbers. They have had a hundred and fifty-one scholars with eighty-three boarders. Three were received to the church and several more form an inquirer's class. Three have been married from the school during the year and have gone to make Christian homes of their own. One of the girls, a lovely Christian, died in the summer after weeks of suffering, during which she manifested a beautiful Christian spirit. Another, one of the oldest and best scholars, who had been in the school ten years, and had begun to assist in teaching died recently of typhoid fever, and other serious cases of illness have occurred, owing to the unhealthy location in which the girls live. These deaths and sickness have been a great trial to Mr. and
Mrs. Hume and a real disaster to the school. The new home, to be called Bowker Hall, is not ready for occupation, but the need of such accommodations has become so imperative that the missionaries are becoming very anxious over the delay.

The Christian instruction and personal training in the school, which requires time and faithful work from the missionaries themselves, has received special attention. Both boys and girls sustain mission circles, and hold a common service once a month, for which they plan to have addresses from outside, these have added much to their interest the last year. Three young men, all Christians, have finished the course of study, and gone out, two as teachers, and one into business. The government has made a generous grant to the new dormitory building fund, and the prospects of this school are very encouraging.

The three new schools in Parel, Worli and Seven Roads, suburbs of Bombay, have, on the whole, more than realized the expectations of the mission. Two are patronized by Hindus of the higher castes, and one by the Beni Israelites, who are influential citizens, but only just beginning to awaken to the advantages of education for their daughters. Having no one of their own class, competent to teach, they are only too glad to accept the offers of the missionaries to give instruction on a Christian basis. In Parel in connection with the day school two Sabbath schools have been organized and twenty-four houses, each containing four families, are regularly visited and the women that are too old to attend school are taught in their homes. A few Mohammedan girls attend the school and the aged father of one listens with great pleasure to the words of the Bible woman, when she reaches his house on her rounds.
On one occasion when she was telling some Bible stories he said to her "when you read to me, read out of the Bible itself."

At the close of the year an examination was held in the Worli school and the government inspector was invited to attend, who spoke very appreciatively of the progress the children were making. A leading man in the community, a heathen, asked permission to speak and thanked the missionaries for teaching their daughters and trying to uplift and educate the women of India, and also expressed a wish to thank the people in far-off America who had sent the money for this purpose. In the examination of the Seven Roads school two prominent native gentlemen heartily expressed their thanks for the school and their pleasure in its management, one specifying that he was "glad that religion is taught, because that is of the first importance." The people, in any way connected with our missionaries, know that the Bible goes where they go and they seldom object to it. Oftentimes this book is a passport. It is generally understood that the foreigners who ignore the Bible are not the best people.

Tsangunabai, our Bible woman in Bombay has been sorely afflicted, in the long and serious illness of her son, a good young man and her support. It has been a hindrance to regular systematic visitation, but the discipline has brought her nearer to the source of the Christian’s strength and no doubt has given her some new and better fitness for the Master’s service. Her record gives one thousand one hundred and thirty-five persons to whom she has told the story of Jesus, beside ten women she is teaching to read in their homes.

Miss Abbott often accompanies the Bible women in their visits and she gives most encouraging reports from
this kind of seed sowing, sometimes among high caste Hindu houses, sometimes among the Beni Israelites, but more often, in little unfurnished rooms blackened with smoke and only a box for a seat. Sometimes they are welcomed to well furnished houses and again they crawl up ladder-like steps to the fourth or fifth story. But with rare exceptions all, rich or poor, receive them cordially and ask them to come again. Some very interesting cases are found where the light of the gospel has found an entrance to hearts, sometimes carried by the little children from the schools.

One very marked advance step is mentioned by our missionaries. "Heathen girls not married in infancy, or those who have been unfortunately married are asking for an education as a means of self-support." Nothing more clearly marks progress in India than the possibility of an unmarried woman living a respectable life and supporting herself.

The life and labors of Mrs. Hume our Bombay missionary in her school, in the mission church and Sabbath school, in the church and women's prayer meetings and the Dorcas society; in the editing of the "Balbodmewa," which is the only Christian vernacular periodical for children printed in the Bombay presidency, and other occasional literary work; in the hospitalities of a city like Bombay, where mission houses are supposed to offer welcome to missionaries at all times, and where their own children's school is in the home, and the parents their teachers, presents to us the demands and privileges for which missionary ladies should be qualified. It also gives an explicit answer to the question we often hear, "What do the ladies have to do in India?"

One of our good missionaries after telling about the women and girls around her, and what she was doing for
them, closed her story with the following: "My heart is set on their salvation;" a grand object and the secret of all successful mission work.

The Madura mission has for its center the old historic city of Madura, which has a population of about seventy-five thousand. It is one of the strongholds of Hinduism and contains the famous Minakshi temple which is the third largest in the world, covering seventeen acres. The landed revenue of this temple is an hundred thousand rupees, and the offerings amount to as much more. Here, side by side with this colossal seat of Satan, the missionaries of the American Board for nearly fifty-six years have been quietly translating and circulating the Bible and Christian books, preaching the gospel and teaching its beautiful story of Jesus to the heathen children around them.

Mr. Hoisington and Mr. and Mrs. Todd commenced this mission, and the interesting story of this work from its feeble beginning to the present time has been one continued struggle with a mighty foe. But the missionaries resting upon the sustaining and never failing strength of the Divine Father have closed each year with a measure of success. Thirty-five years ago the first church was organized and to-day they have thirty-six with a membership of over three thousand and a Christian community numbering twelve thousand. This is a grand record which means vastly more than the figures indicate. It means a solid Christian community in the heart of heathendom, with some thousands of educated men and women, all waiting to be marshaled into the Master's service. The work open to this mission might be doubled if the men and women and money at hand were adequate to the demand.

The most hopeful work here, as in all the India missions, is among women and children. The government
supplies schools for boys but without the Bible, leaving the blight of skepticism resting upon the rising generation. Girls, while young, can now be gathered into mission schools, which are opened by prayer and the Bible is used as a class-book. The fruit of such schools is not seen at once, but the Christian truths and influence that go into the homes of all classes and castes must surely lay the foundation of something better in a few years.

Miss D. T. M. Root is dividing her time between four day schools in Madura, which are situated on the extremes of the four sides of the city. The girls are from the high castes. The scholars are very attractive in their manner and dress, and some of them show very good abilities. But like their mothers, they are mostly interested in dress, ornaments, festivals and marriage ceremonies. But to the missionaries they are thoroughly respectful and appreciative, which makes the work of teaching only a delight. So many of the workers in this mission have left, or find their health failing, that Miss Root is likely to have other and perhaps more difficult work laid upon her. Her own work is just beginning to open the way into the homes of her scholars, and it is very desirable to improve all such opportunities of meeting the mothers and helping them to appreciate the truths that reach the children. Each letter from Miss Root shows how she is growing into an appreciation of the Christian and spiritual work depending upon her, and she begs us to remember her often in prayer.

The four Bible women we support in the city of Madura still follow the plans laid out for them by Mrs. Capron. They are now under the instruction and care of Miss Houston. The Bible women assure us that they
find much more intelligence and ambition among the Zenana women than formerly. The news of the outside world does reach them a little, and like the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision, they are moving and the breath of God seems to have reached these secluded ones. Gnanaperakashi and Vesuvasam sometimes return from their visits telling how one and another seems to have found the Saviour and is striving to follow Him. On one occasion one of the men of the family came into the room, where our Bible woman was reading the Bible and said it was all nonsense, there is no such being, things just grow of their own power, everything just happens. But when one of the Hindu women could endure such blasphemy no longer, she asked him with emphasis, if he should go into the jungle and find there a deserted house evidently made to accommodate human beings, but left to rats and bats, would he say the house came there of itself, that the bricks and mortar came together of themselves, and formed the house? The man was compelled to admit that he could never come to such a foolish conclusion and turned away saying, "you women are learning more than I thought a woman could know." The twelve Bible women in Madura have seven hundred women under instruction in their homes.

The Madura Female Normal School is larger than ever before, having one hundred and fifty-seven pupils, with seventy-five boarders. Miss Swift tells of her comfort in seeing how truly the Christian girls feel their need of divine help and lay hold upon the promises of God. Miss Swift after years of experience and large acquaintance with the native character and the Christian community says "it would be difficult to overestimate the benefits of this school." The examinations this year were considered very creditable, and although the
mission is really crippled for lack of missionaries, yet the native helpers have been very satisfactory. The missionaries speak with great delight of the deep piety of many of the christian women.

In the Japan of to-day we see the miracle of the nineteenth century. A single generation has stepped out of the bondage of two hundred and fifty centuries, severed itself from all national support of idolatry, adopted the calendar of the civilized world and repealed every edict against christianity. In every stage of this change and progress christian thought and influence has had an important agency. One of the leading statesmen of Japan claimed in a public address that "christianity is not only the root of the advanced civilization of the age, but is inseparable from it." "It is impossible to accept christian civilization without accepting christianity itself.

The proclamation of the new constitution was the notable event of the last year. The entire people received it with the most joyous demonstrations, though to the christians it was the greatest boon, because it brought to them religious liberty. 1889 was remarkable in Japan as a year of christian progress, nearly seven thousand having been added to the protestant church, making the entire membership about thirty thousand in a population of less than forty millions. The death of Mr. Neesima has been a great loss. His sincerity, humility, and patriotism were rare virtues and secured for him the universal confidence of his countrymen and the respect of foreigners. His advice as a leader, in all christian and educational work, was invaluable, and he will long be missed. But death did not come until he had rounded out a life of rare devotion to his country and the church.
The treaty revisions are rousing a revulsion of feeling against foreigners, but it is hoped that an amicable result will be reached, that will remove all restrictions upon christian work and open the entire country to missionaries.

The plea for a university at Kyoto, to meet the growing demand for wise and educated men in church and State, has met a response at once in the gift of a hundred thousand dollars, giving inspiration and new hope to the friends of Japan and missions.

The Young Men's Christian Associations, thirty or more in number, with the Christian Endeavor and Temperance Societies are rousing and uniting the young men and women, in the same lines of work as in America. Thus we find a grand army of young people of both sexes being gathered all round the world and drilled for service, from whom in this last decade of the century, the church of Christ must receive a grand impulse.

The Doshisha and other higher institutions have been richly blest during the year, a hundred and seventy-two from the former and sixty from the girls' school in Kobe having been added to the churches.

The mission work in Sendai, Northern Japan, where Mrs. DeForest, our missionary resides, was retarded for a time, by jealousies, between the government institution and the mission high school. But by raising the standard and increasing the appliances and efficiency of the school, and by a generous christian courtesy the missionaries have won the public respect and patronage. Through the kindness of the governor, medals were awarded to donors for the endowment fund, and he also urged the people to give hearty, practical support to the school. The Sendai church, in three years' growth, has a membership of two hundred and forty-four, sixty-four having been added the last year.
Mrs. DeForest tells us of the social life of the Japanese, and the expedients to which the missionaries resort, to bring the women and children into sympathy with Christian principles and morals, and under Bible instruction. It is only by line upon line, and day by day, that a people just emerging from heathenism can be brought to accept and follow Christian standards.

Mrs. DeForest gives much of her time to the children and Sabbath school work. For lack of room in the chapel, one Sabbath school for adults is held in the morning, with some ninety in attendance, who in the afternoon conduct four other schools, in which a hundred and fifty children are gathered. Mrs. DeForest herself goes to a fifth school, two miles out in the country. At the close of each school the teachers remain for a prayer meeting with special reference to the spiritual needs of these schools. All classes are gathered from the streets for the Sabbath schools, and on one occasion nineteen real street roughs were found among the number, each having a baby strapped on the back.

The return to America of the two Scudder families, and the death of Miss Scudder has been a great loss to the Niigata station. It left no missionary that could preach in Japanese and it will take a long time to fill the vacancy. Our Miss Judson, who went out with Dr. Scudder and had a home in his family, feels the loss very much. The Japanese in Niigata, while eager for education, are not favorably inclined to Christianity and occasionally some opposition to the school has interfered with its growth. There has been, however, a very satisfactory advance made the last year. Miss Judson speaks of many of the scholars as very interesting and some most lovely and consistent Christians. The band
of teachers has recently been strengthened by the addition of one of the best native lady teachers in Japan, who is doing admirable work, winning at once the respect and affection of her scholars.

Miss Judson wrote a very impressive and instructive account of two funerals she attended. One was of the mother of a scholar, a Buddhist, conducted with all the frivolous and unmeaning ceremony of heathenism. The other, a solemn Christian service over the remains of one of her own lovely Christian scholars, who had died, trusting wholly in Jesus. The calm unfaltering faith of this dear girl made such an impression upon her friends that the mother and grandmother have since decided to serve the Christians' God. The pastor of the church used the occasion so wisely, that a profound interest has been aroused, and it is hoped much good will result.

Miss Judson has gathered a Sabbath school in the town in which she finds much encouragement. As an appendix she has allowed one of the Christian young men and a blind friend to gather a school of little children in the room on week days, and she expresses a great desire to have some of her friends share her delight in one of the examinations. She said "I found seven little creatures sitting on their heels before desks a foot high, reading characters that I could not decipher, and making their bows in the most polite fashion. All the Bible questions they answered correctly," proving that the Japanese Christians, as well as the missionaries, teach the Bible in their schools.

The mission in Northern Mexico has had a year of marked progress. Three new churches have been organized and seventy-five converts received, and in all stations there are inquirers. Many of the Mexican brethren are solid, reliable men, who give valuable assist-
ance and are competent to conduct public services in the absence of the missionary.

The report of Mrs. Eaton, our missionary, located at Chihuahua, the head quarters of the mission, shows that the truth is making steady progress. The women's meetings are solemn and no one who comes once is willing to be absent. Persecutions on all sides come to every new inquirer, but divine strength and perseverance seems to be given according to their needs.

The school has nearly doubled, having over forty scholars, partly boarders. They receive special instruction in the word of God, and all are expected to have some share in the Sabbath evening service, which is counted their meeting. Good work has been done in this school the past year, and the board is making arrangements to put it on a permanent basis, with facilities for giving higher and more thorough evangelical education to those who are preparing for christian work.

The government provides primary schools, of course rigidly excluding the Bible. But as the mission work advances christian schools become necessary at every station. Since Miss Dunning has assumed a larger share of the school work, Mrs. Eaton has been able to give more time to her meetings with the women and visiting in their homes. Mothers and homes are centers of power the world over. When these are moulded by the Spirit of Christ and filled with His love, the kingdom will surely come.

The women's meetings are held at all the stations the same hour Tuesdays, and every Christian woman takes part. The mothers' monthly meeting is especially interesting and profitable, and every woman to whom no service is assigned feels that she has been counted unworthy. The eagerness with which these priest-ridden Mexicans,
especially the women, listen to the word of God, ought to inspire every one who hears of it, with a desire to add one more dime to her contribution in order to place a Testament in the hands of some waiting woman or child in Mexico. The priest may burn the "heretical thing," but the owner will be only the more anxious for another, for they are bound to have it. Over seven hundred Bibles, or portions, were sold to them last year, though many of them cannot be read openly.

At some of the newer stations, the converts and inquirers are abused and persecuted almost unto death. One woman, after patiently enduring the vilest abuse, asked, "Is it a sin to love my Lord Jesus? I must love Him though they kill me. I do and will love Jesus."

At Hermosillo, in Sonora, a new chapel has just been dedicated, the first church edifice erected and owned by the American Board in Mexico. The exercises were very interesting and solemn, and crowds attended, though many could not obtain an entrance into the building. Our school was suspended for a short time, but is re-opened and the mission has asked to have it enlarged.

Micronesia, the field of the Morning Star mission, is spread over a larger area than any other to which the New Haven Branch contributes. The one agent employed on the highway to it is the children's beautiful little ship, the Morning Star. The mission or work accomplished by the ship is too varied and extensive to be fully described on a single page. But we know that it is the home for the whole, or some part of every year, for the twenty missionaries in Micronesia. It is their post office, store, doctor, highway, market, and helper in every good work. It carries to the fifty-one native churches, and to all the mission schools, their Bibles,
hymn books, tracts and school books. It is our messenger of good tidings to the poor ignorant islanders, and the one friend whose annual visit carries to the missionaries the comforts and provisions upon which they depend, and the messages of love from their home friends. In its annual journey from the Sandwich Islands and back, and from island to island while in Micronesia, the little ship measures from twelve to fifteen thousand miles every year.

To our children through their ship is given the most blessed part of mission work, i.e., telling the story of Jesus to those who are waiting for it, and without the missionary ship would never receive it. Three hundred natives were found waiting for baptism on one island when the Morning Star arrived with the missionary, and two hundred on another. Those islanders are literally hungering for the word of God, and we must be sure to keep generous and loving thoughts for them in the hearts of our children, reminding them often of their ownership in the Morning Star and of their duty to support it.

In Spain, the peace and prosperity of the American mission seems almost a miracle when we consider that it was organized and is sustained for the acknowledged purpose of giving the gospel to the people of a Roman Catholic country. The success proves with what prudence and wisdom the work has been prosecuted. The growth of the ten mission churches, and the schools in particular, show that good work has been done the past year. The chapel services in San Sebastian were well attended during the winter. Mr. Gulick felt particularly encouraged by the presence of some twenty young men, Roman Catholics, who came quite regularly to the evening school also.
The girls' school, under Mrs. Gulick's care, Miss Barbour assistant, has been very crowded, having very limited accommodations for one hundred and forty-nine pupils, thirty-two being boarders. Twelve of this number are professing Christians, and their influence has added much to the good work and delightful spirit among the scholars.

In all Spanish schools for girls needle work receives special attention, which necessitates plans for similar advantages in mission schools. Some very fine specimens were shown in the last San Sebastian school exhibition, which competent judges counted as truly works of art, giving them the highest praise. The musical exercises were very good, and proved, as in previous years, an attraction to a number of Roman Catholics of position and influence in society, who would never think of attending an ordinary protestant school examination.

The distinctive characteristic of the instruction in this, as in all mission schools in Spain, is careful and extended study of the Scriptures and evangelical doctrines. And it hardly need be told that the teachings of such an institution leaves its impress on the young hearts, as well as the minds of the pupils, and as a result many of the young women educated here are persons of sterling worth. Systematic benevolence is strenuously inculcated and every scholar is expected to give to the various charities presented to them. But having no independent income, the money must come from economy, or self-denial, and in this method they have been enabled to give considerable sums for the support of public worship and various charities. The Christian Endeavor Society embraces every member of the school, and last year they contributed fifty dollars for the support and education of one of their number, a daughter of a Spanish pastor.
who died a year ago, and five more for the missionary society of the church.

The standard of instruction has been raised and it is hoped that larger accommodations will soon be provided for this school, with an endowment sufficient to make it a noble institution, worthy of the christian women of America, and a fit memorial of their grateful remembrance of the generous queen who lavished her treasures upon the gallant discoverer of America.

In Turkey, the New Haven branch supports some part of the work in each of the four missions. The Woman's Board has given more than a third of its missionaries to Turkey, and we support three of the number.

Those who have taken a loving, prayerful interest in the beautiful home at Scutari from its beginning, may find it difficult to transfer their interest to the new institution. But infants and children will grow, and the school to which we have contributed so liberally has reached its majority and calls for our congratulations. On the 4th of February, 1890, "The Home" in Constantinople was incorporated under the name of "The American College for Girls in Constantinople." The news reached the teachers by cablegram March 4th, and was received with enthusiastic demonstrations.

The school has never been more prosperous and encouraging than at present. There are a hundred and fifty scholars in all the departments. Among the scholars are the elements of splendid women, earnest, strong and true. The new institution takes up the most promising material they have ever had, many of the girls being older and more mature than in the past. Miss Patrick will hold the office of president and our Miss Fensham dean in the new institution.

In 1871 the school was opened in Stamboul with three
scholars. Although not yet nineteen years old this small beginning has reached the honorable position of an incorporated college, with a record of seventy-one graduates on its roll, most of whom have given evidence of having been born into the kingdom of our Lord.

The annual tuition fees for the last eleven years have averaged $8,000, and their foreign missionary society has given from $40 to $60 annually. The growth of this institution proves that it was needed, and has been appreciated.

The current year opened with a promising outlook in numbers, but little interest was manifested in religious matters, which soon grew into a great burden to the teachers, who prayerfully and patiently laid it daily upon the Lord, until he heard their entreaties. Quietly but solemnly every heart was touched and not one seemed to remain unsubdued. The three bands of "King's Daughters" appear to be striving to be truly and spiritually daughters of the King. The ten little girls have beautiful meetings.

Of the six who graduate this year, Gulistan, the Turkish girl, who has been in the school many years, is the best scholar and a lovely character. She has not renounced her family faith, but she is a person of rare promise, and all the friends of the school are asked to pray for her and for her father, who has been long a prisoner for his integrity and uprightness when an officer in the Turkish army.

The wave of sickness which passed over Constantinople did not reach the Home, and their physician (not a Christian) said: "This house seems to enjoy a special benediction. While people are stricken down on every side, you are passed over untouched."

Miss Fensham writes: "You have encouraged and
strengthened us by your prayers, and now we need them more than ever.” A missionary after visiting the Home wrote to us: “If you could see this Home and the work being accomplished in it, you never could forget to pray for it.”

In the Western Turkey mission we also sustain scholarships in the boarding schools in Marsovan, Broosa and Talas. There are nearly forty girls in the Broosa school, of whom fifteen are boarders. Miss Cull, the principal, without an assistant, labors very hard to train these Greek and Armenian girls to be thoroughly good womanly women, as well as active Christians. They need the very best training that Miss Cull, with her characteristic energy can give, for they come from a region where the men are notoriously idle and wicked.

The Talas school in its new building has been gaining in numbers, and has shared in some measure the blessed revival influences of other stations, and has formed a band of King’s Daughters. Miss Closson depends entirely upon native teachers to assist her in a school which requires much strength, tact and wisdom.

Marsovan has enjoyed during the year a real reviving of Christian activity. A large number outside the church were interested and daily meetings were held for several weeks, large numbers attending. But the visible fruits and ingathering has not reached the numbers that were expected, though the interest continues. On the Sabbath of Feb. 16th, thirty were added to the church. The occasion was one of great solemnity. Among the converts was the husband of Marionos Hanum, a noble woman, who years ago sent requests to us for prayers for her husband. Three old men, Armenians, stood side by side and professed faith in Christ. Nine girls from the seminary were also received and as many more were
deferred for further instruction. Mrs. Tracy in writing of the joy of Marionos Hanum, and then another, and another, added, "it seemed as though every one was happy." The examination of the candidates convinced the missionaries that the work was from God.

The past has been a prosperous year for the seminary, notwithstanding the lack of room. The teachers and scholars send their warmest thanks to the New Haven branch for its generous gift, and hope not to be obliged to be so crowded another winter. The school has numbered seventy-five, with twenty-eight boarders. Among these are several Roman Catholics and Greeks, and all join in the religious exercises. Bible study and prayer meetings are for all alike, and when they go out to teach protestant hymn books, tracts and Bibles, make the textbooks in all the schools, because they have no other. Of the five graduated last year four were engaged for teachers at once, and schools are waiting for the present class.

The women from the country round count it a privilege to visit Marsovan, and few feel satisfied unless they have seen the wonderful school and Pompeish Anna, and by actual count nearly four thousand visitors have been welcomed this year. These return to their homes filled with a desire to send a daughter or some friend to the school, "where they speak softly, sew so nicely, and are all obedient."

The older girls in turn conduct meetings with the younger scholars, and once a month all are gathered together for a service. The graduates from this school are much respected in the villages where they teach, and are seldom released. One teacher's friends were very anxious to have her take a school in a village where she had relatives, but the people would not give her up.
One of the missionaries went to the village to persuade the people to release the girl and the church voted permission to go, but the village women wept and would not consent to her leaving them. Even Mohammedans in Marsovan are growing friendly and invite Miss Anna Felician to their houses to tell about the sermons she hears on the Sabbath. Thus we hear of new doors opening to the patient, faithful Christian workers everywhere.

The little church at Egin, Eastern Turkey, is without a pastor or Bible Woman, and Miss Bush wrote of a visit there with Mr. Browne. They held daily evening meetings in the different houses and the inspiration those isolated people, mostly women, received was very delightful. The men are absent on business a large part of the year, leaving the women more leisure than in most places. Miss Bush wrote, "In all my tours I remember no more satisfactory efforts for souls than those daily evening meetings at Egin. The climax was reached in a missionary meeting when nearly $90 were contributed, their home missionary collection for Koordistan. When Miss Bush left, the women promised to meet weekly for a prayer meeting, each taking turn in conducting it. She wrote that our girls' school at Egin though small "is a model school." At Adiaman and Killis we have day schools. These are feeders for the higher institutions and are taught by young women, graduates of Harpoot.

The Misses Ely's school at Bitlis has eighty-five pupils. Our teacher, Salveen, continues faithful and reliable. In the absence of one of the missionaries for a brief visit in America, Salveen was a great relief and comfort. The missionary societies in the school have gathered an infant mission Sabbath school which they conduct themselves. This has brought many of the
older people into the church service. Famine and hunger are the burden in all that province. At Arabkir the women are so anxious to learn that the one Bible Woman could find abundant work for two assistants. They have a good pastor with a wife and daughter, who share in the excellent work that is being done. The daughter is the teacher of our school and is enlisting all her little children in some Christian work. The women of the Arabkir church are full of missionary zeal and brought their ornaments and stockings they had knitted to be sold for money to carry the gospel to Koordistan.

Harpoot, the central station of the Eastern Turkey mission, is the headquarters of their educational work. Euphrates College is located here, with seventy-five students in the college proper and four hundred and seventy-five young men and women in the different departments. A large part of these are self-supporting, but five of the girls who need assistance are supported by us.

Miss Emma Barnum, our newly appointed missionary, who went out last summer, in describing the journey of eight weeks, said: In time it is farther from Constantinople to Harpoot, than from New York to Constantinople. The last fourteen traveling days, between Samsoun and Harpoot, were spent in common wagons over historic grounds made memorable by the battles of Caesar. The weary travelers were met from two to four miles out by companies numbering some three or four hundred. The songs and words of welcome proved that they had come to friends. Miss Barnum has a home with her parents and finds the language easy, though she had not learned to read it in childhood. Already she takes some of the school duties, conducting morning prayers in one department two days in the week and leading one of the prayer meetings. She has ten music pupils, has the
supervision of a few classes, and when leisure can be found for it visits in the homes of the people. It takes time to learn the names, faces and characters of two hundred and fifty girls, but in trying to do this Miss Barnum says, “I have found many fine characters.” While her regular duties are in the college, Miss Barnum holds herself ready for outside work. She went once with her father to a village three hours distant, where they spent ten days among the simple village christians, holding daily morning and evening prayer meetings. Miss Barnum wrote, “I spent most of the day time in visiting the people in their wretched homes, daily wondering how any pure and holy thoughts ever could exist with such filth and ignorance. I learned a great deal, but it was delightful to get back to a clean house and a comfortable bed. I hope the dear friends in America will not forget to pray for me, that utterance may be given so that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mysteries of the gospel.”

Mrs. H. D. Hume.
The year's work started with strong hope of advance in several directions and the close of the twelvemonth finds some things accomplished which give pleasure and courage to the workers. But there have been sad failures in some organizations and in several a falling off in membership. The county raised more than her proportion for the building at Marsovan during the first nine months of the mite-box circulation; and the proceeds from that source during the last three months have been devoted to the Bowker Hall at Bombay.

Bethel.—Monthly meetings have been held as usual and thoroughly enjoyed. At the February meeting, a neighboring town was invited to share in a very interesting programme, and both hostesses and guests were warmed by the contact.

The young ladies' Mission Circle has nearly doubled its membership, and during almost all the year has held not only monthly but extra meetings. They withdrew from our branch for a time in order to do some work for home missions, but now send their report and contributions as usual, and are heartily welcomed back.

The year's work of the Busy Bees shows activity in all directions. The Dayspring, subscribed for by the members, supplies topics for their meetings. They spent more time in studying Aintab than any other field and reviewed the subject by choosing sides and
giving out questions as in a spelling-match. The fact that there was to be a winning side seemed to incite the children to look up the subject and they really did finely. In the autumn a junior society of Christian Endeavor was formed, and as all the Busy Bees were earnest workers in that it was thought best to combine forces and hold a missionary meeting each month. This was done in December and the Saturday afternoon meetings for work were for a time omitted.

_Brookfield Center._—This society has had a history of struggles. Death has depleted and an active Christian Endeavor society has nearly absorbed it. Foreign missions, however, have taken too deep root in Christian hearts to ever be entirely eradicated. In proportion to its size and ability this auxiliary sent a larger contribution towards our "extra" call than any other.

_Danbury, First Church._—There is little change from year to year in the benevolences of this church, and it is a vexed question how to obtain an increase of membership and gifts. All items of interest in our branch and in the foreign field are discussed in the monthly gatherings.

This church also reports a live mission circle, growing in numbers and interest in this its second year, distributing mite-boxes for home use and taking monthly collections at its regular meetings, which are alternately devotional and social.

_Danbury, Second Church._—This first year has been one of experiment. It has been found difficult to keep up the monthly meetings regularly. These have been of a social nature entirely and the letters and information given out from the Bureau of Intelligence have proved a great aid. It is hoped that the special work for young societies will meet with favor and thereby
promote a spiritual growth which will result in prayer and work for some particular portion of the mission field. A little band of King's Daughters have with great satisfaction contributed to Bowker Hall.

_Easton._—The society seldom gathers itself together socially its contributions being brought in at the end of the year by the usual collecting officer. The Sunday school is an active aid to our foreign work and has been heard from the past year for the Morning Star mission. They may sometime wish to become a permanent organization, they certainly would, if they knew how much encouragement and benefit their gifts impart.

_Monroe._—The usual contributions have not failed, but the auxiliary has suffered great loss in active members. An aged one has died, and two leaders of the monthly meetings have removed from the vicinity. Letters and reports are circulated among the scattered members, but no stated meetings are held.

_Newtown._—The church and society have lost by removal a very efficient worker and president. Before she left, however, her successor was appointed, whom she characterizes as well fitted to fill the chair. The Bowker Hall has been worked for, as was the Marsovan building last year. Also, the society has aimed to do its utmost in the usual channel of work.

_Redding._—The auxiliary has discontinued its monthly meetings, but still retains its roll of membership and collects and remits its annual pledges.

_The Ready Folks,_ from stress of weather, have held but six meetings, but their interest never flags. We take note of a successful concert given in December and of a steady revenue from the "jugs" distributed long ago. From these and other resources they have redeemed their pledge and still have a nice "margin."
Ridgebury.—No monthly meetings have been held since autumn, as there are very few to come together to pray for and learn of foreign missions. The mite-boxes netted a neat little sum for the Marsovan building. There are faithful workers in this little community who will continue to follow with their prayers and gifts the missionary sister in her far-off home.

Ridgefield.—A change has been made in this auxiliary by the election of the pastor's wife as president. We welcome the new incumbent, especially because she is so linked with the workers in India that her very name carries enthusiasm with it. But we cannot allow the retiring president to rest—one who bears the record of having missed but one monthly meeting since the organization of the auxiliary in 1875. "The Snowflakes" report, "we have held nine meetings, at which interesting programmes have been given, sewing has occupied part of the time at several meetings, some little dresses and a quilt having been made. The younger children have made scrap books and collected cards to send to mission schools. We held one social gathering during the winter, to which our friends were invited. I do not know that we can report increased interest but all seem anxious for the prosperity of the circle."

Trumbull.—This auxiliary held its annual meeting in March and expressed its deep sense of loss sustained in the recent departure to another field of labor of its earliest president. Her kindly sympathy and generous interest will long be remembered among the workers she has left. Quarterly meetings have been held with the usual interest and good results in collections. The Marsovan building and the Bowker Hall have been remembered over and above the regular contributions to the general work of the mission field.

Cordelia Sterling.
FAIRFIELD COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

In our part of the county we have no new auxiliary to report and have lost at least one mission circle. We had a pleasant helpful county meeting at Wilton. The generous giving from our county for the Marsovan building encouraged the Branch to accede to the request of the W. B. M. to assume quite a sum for Bowker Hall, to which we have also contributed to some extent. Much sickness among members has in some instances prevented extra measures for enlarged giving, one secretary says "we know the smaller sum we must send this time represents larger love and much self-denial."

With the discouragements we have also many encouragements. Some societies have been blessed with added members, others with whole-hearted leaders.

Many interesting missionary letters have been freely circulated among all, and some have been blessed with the "live missionary" "to provoke to larger faith and better work."

We realize that the outlook for the present year is bright; what we most need is a greater degree of spiritual life to infuse each individual member, and so force these sluggish hearts to constant effort in touching Christ and souls. May He give us also greater faith in prayer so that we may constantly remember that "it is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

Bridgeport.—"Our meetings, which have been held regularly the past year, have shown a larger average attendance than in former years, which evidences no lack of interest in the cause. Yet we have to deplore that our income has fallen off somewhat. We do not trace this to any diminution of pledges, but rather to the fact that we have added to our list but one life
membership made in memorial of our lamented Mrs. Palmer. We have in our president a faithful and successful leader. Our interest so long centered in Miss Andrews has been transferred to Miss Emma Barnum of Harpoot, whose salary we have assumed; we also assisted in preparing her outfit. We have contributed also to the Marsovañ and Bombay buildings. North Church Memorial Circle has held most interesting meetings every month, excepting July and August, led by the members of the circle in turn. A sale and social was held which netted a goodly sum. The Pearl Seekers of Park Street Church have met nearly every month the past year with an average attendance of fourteen. They hold their meetings on Sunday and report much interest in their work. The young ladies' Mission Circle of the South Church still continue their organization and have a meeting every alternate month, with a C. E. missionary meeting in the same manner and find it a successful plan thus far."

Bridgeport, Olivet Church.—This society has increased its membership and regular monthly meetings have been held with an average attendance of eight. Letters from missionaries and Bible women have added much to the interest of the meetings. The "Children's Circle" have met every three weeks. The program given in "Mission Studies" has proved very helpful in promoting a more intelligent idea of the work as a whole.

Darien.—"The first Thursday in the month brings together the earnest and devoted members of our auxiliary. Though our average is small our interest does not decrease. Death has entered our midst and taken our beloved treasurer, one who has in many ways been identified with the society ever since its organization.
Our secretary, who for more than eighteen years has given her earnest and continued efforts for the highest good of the members and the success of the work, has been obliged to sever her connection with us on account of removal. The 'Busy Bees,' a circle so long a part of ourselves, has ceased to exist, owing partly to the fact that most of its members have left town and because no leader sufficiently infused with the importance of the work of training the children for foreign missionary work has yet been found."

Green's Farms.—“Monthly meetings have been held regularly with an average attendance of eight. Our studies are taken from 'Life and Light,' 'Missionary Herald' and other publications. Many interesting letters from missionaries have been read. We received an inspiration from the Bridgeport annual meeting, as several of our ladies attended and brought back interesting accounts of Mrs. Montgomery's earnest address. We are glad to report an increase in our gifts sufficient for the support of a Bible reader. We are longing for the addition of every lady in our church as a member of our society. We feel that we have great encouragement in our work, but hope for still more zeal this coming year."

Greenwich.—“Our annual meeting this year was our twentieth and we briefly reviewed the work of these years. At our first meeting fifteen ladies were present and two months after that date our own Mrs. Osgood sailed for missionary service in China. For more than a year our society has been greatly quickened and we feel that this is owing to the good done us by the county meeting held here in October, 1888. Our attendance for the year has been larger than before and we have now one hundred members. Each month our appointed
leaders have prepared a program upon the different fields given in 'Life and Light,' many of our ladies taking part each time. Our president, who had been with us for two decades, felt it necessary to resign much to our regret. Our new president, at our annual meeting, in a few pertinent words reminded us that much greater things would now be demanded of us on entering our twenty-first year. The 'Bearers of Light Circle' holds its own in members and we hope that interest is on the increase. Afternoon meetings have been held with an attendance of sixteen. In addition to their usual gifts, in October they sent a package of mottoes, chromos and pictures to Miss Judson for her school-room. They find 'Mission Studies' very helpful at the meetings. Miss Kimball of Van, Turkey, addressed them at the annual meeting. Dr. Herrick and Mr. Chambers have also been with them.'

*New Canaan.*—The secretary says: "If only I had 'good tidings' to send, but regret that I can only emphasize discouraging facts of a smaller average attendance and an apparent decrease of interest. One of our numbers came back from the county meeting in Wilton with such an enthusiastic account of that meeting that we all regretted not having braved the storm and gone with her. We had with us at one of our monthly meetings Miss Ferris from Mexico, who gave us an informal talk of the manners and customs of the people and of their need of Christianity. So, though we wonder at loss of former enthusiasm, we are determined to regain our old foothold. Our 'Sunbeam Circle' numbers about twenty. They have collected but very little money, but keep up considerable missionary interest by meeting on Sabbath afternoons and reading extracts from the 'Day Spring' and other magazines and papers."
North Stamford.—"We are without a president and our secretary has been absent part of the year, consequently our meetings have not been held regularly. Our members pay their dues cheerfully and we are hoping for a new leader and resumption of monthly meetings. The 'Do What You Can Band' has been laboring under difficulties, owing to bad weather and that most of the young children live at a distance. A great deal of interest is shown by these little ones, who are very enthusiastic, and we feel sure they will make efficient workers. We have held one concert which proved a success, and another is soon to follow when the mite boxes will be opened."

Norwalk.—"Our auxiliary preserves the even tenor of its way, taking a vacation through the months of July and August. Mite boxes were used through the summer for thank offerings for Marsovan and Bombay fund. The monthly meetings are full of interest. A large number of our ladies attended the meetings of the A. B. C. F. M. in New York. Our anniversary meeting in January proved an occasion of special helpfulness and we find ourselves strengthened by two new and very efficient members, and are very much encouraged at the outlook for another year. The 'Young Ladies' Band' have reorganized as the 'Doorkeepers Circle of King's Daughters,' and have chosen for their work the education of a child in a foreign missionary school, they number fifteen. The 'Junior Circle' now includes the 'King's Cadets' and keeps up its interest in the work. The 'Sunbeams' include all the primary class in the Sunday school. Their teacher gives them missionary talks in which they are greatly interested. They raise their money partly by missionary jugs and partly by special gifts on their birthdays."
Sound Beach.—"We have raised and sent to the treasury our pledged annual subscriptions. No meetings have been held for some months, but we have many interesting missionary letters sent to us from time to time. Storms have prevented the holding of our annual meeting."

South Norwalk.—"Our meetings are held regularly and the interest well sustained with often a large attendance. Our annual meeting being one of unusual interest we had several speakers from out of town. We have lost by death some of our earnest efficient workers, but though the laborers fall from our ranks it is a joy and encouragement to know that no sacrifice or money spent for His cause and in His name is spent in vain. The 'Cheerful Givers' held with us their annual meeting and entertained the friends with an excellent program of recitations and singing."

Stamford.—"Our meetings have been greatly blessed since our union with the mother's prayer meeting and our hearts have been awakened to the need of missions and the greatness of God's power in the work. We are blessed in consecrated leaders and we feel the influence and inspiration from such contact. Hoping that each auxiliary has as great cause for encouragement and thanksgiving we are truly one with all the societies of our county. Never before have our 'Tiny Helpers' had so much cause for congratulation. At their annual entertainment in October last a résumé of their work was given and all were delighted in knowing what the concentrated labors of the children had accomplished. They bought forty feet of land in Bombay, met our pledged scholarship in Mrs. Hume's school, secured a door in Aintab building, gave our 'Ladies' Auxiliary' a little help, and a Christmas offering of five dollars went
toward the running expenses of the "Morning Star." Some thirty-three pennies were given the children the first of the year and these were turned over until in the next October over fifty dollars were garnered into our treasury."

Stratford.—"We are glad to report a very little advance, having an average of one more in our monthly meetings. At the annual meeting we had with us Mrs. Montgomery from Turkey, who in her earnest way brought before us the women of that land without the gospel. It was a joy to have her with us. We feel that we have done fairly well this year, but hope each year for more members, more interest, more money. We have done something for the permanent fund and for the Bombay building, besides supporting our scholarship. We are making an effort to secure the young ladies who are in no foreign missionary society and have already secured five new members."

Westport.—They report regular meetings with a slight increase in the average attendance and a marked advance in their gifts to the Lord's treasury. This auxiliary has held a union meeting occasionally with the sister society adjoining them (Green's Farms) to good advantage, thus stimulating each other. We would like to recommend this plan to other neighboring circles and auxiliaries, feeling that added strength would be secured. The "Mission Circle" has held fifteen meetings this year. Besides their pledged amount to Miss Deney Root, they sent her a box of prizes for her scholars valued at ten dollars. In future the money raised will be sent to the general fund and by keeping in correspondence with many missionaries they hope to keep their interest centered in the whole wide field.
Wilton.—"The Wilton 'Mission Band' has held seventeen meetings during the year. We have a membership of twenty-four active ladies, twelve gentlemen and three honorary ones. The most noteworthy feature of the year was the meeting with us of the Fairfield County auxiliaries in October. All of us were very much cheered and stimulated and hoped for grand results through the year. Apparently this hope has not been fulfilled, for it has been a season of such care and anxiety that many of our meetings have been omitted. We have again to depend upon voluntary offerings to raise our money. We do not feel discouraged even if we are obliged to send a smaller contribution to the Branch than usual. We know that whatever is sent represents self-denial and a love for the work which God will bless."

Mrs. N. E. Gleason.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

Foreign mission work in the northern part of Litchfield County is an assured thing. The people read and think. We are a scattered population with not a city among us, the largest center being a town of six thousand souls. But the women, who rode over these hills a century ago to deposit their cent and to pray for missions, those strong-hearted women, have lineal descendants yet among us, who pray and labor and believe in the God of their fathers. "The conies are a feeble folk, but they make their houses in the rock."

Canaan.—The secretary writes: "As the result of faithful and persistent efforts, mite boxes are to be distributed in the community among those who have hitherto held themselves aloof. It is also hoped that
the adoption of a special missionary field will tend to increased interest and effort."

_Colebrook._—The society in this place have no formal organization, but select a collector who gathers quite a liberal sum considering the limited circumstances of the people. The community is much scattered and it would be difficult to meet regularly so this is thought to be the best way for them. Missionary letters are circulated, and they hope to continue to coöperate with the Branch.

_Ellsworth._—The members of the auxiliary are few in number and they are much scattered. Death has removed one of their earnest workers. But there are a few who meet to read and pray together, and all give to aid in the redemption of a lost world.

_Falls Village._—No meetings are held, but the required sum is raised to sustain the auxiliary.

_Harwinton._—The meetings have not been as largely attended this winter as usual on account of sickness. The study of mission fields is enjoyed and the manuscript letters have been of much profit. While the outlook is not as encouraging as they could wish they are hopeful of better things.

_Norfolk._—The secretary writes: "It has been the most flourishing year we have ever had, more have come to the meetings, more have taken part, more have been interested." The "Young Ladies' Mission Band" are encouraged in their work by the attendance and the interest manifested in the study of mission fields. They have given both a supper and sociable, with gratifying social and pecuniary results.

_Plymouth._—The storms and sickness of the winter have diminished the attendance, but all who have been able to attend have been blessed in so doing. They are
much interested in the Bombay school, and mite boxes are distributed for that object. They held a missionary prayer meeting on Good Friday.

*Salisbury.*—The secretary writes: “We number thirty names upon our list of members, with an average attendance of about ten. The interest and contributions to the work remain about the same. Our society, and indeed, the entire community has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our beloved president, Mrs. Maria Holley Williams. We feel as a society, that it will indeed be hard to labor on without her kindly interest, sound advice, and ever ready substantial aid.”

*Sharon.*—The anticipation of increased contributions from the mite boxes has been fully realized, and a still larger increase is hoped for the coming year. The “Busy Bees” met once in two weeks until their annual fair. They are an earnest little band of workers.

*South Canaan.*—It is encouraging that this little society holds on bravely in the work and are thankful for what they are able to do. They largely increased their gifts to the treasury the past year.

*Thomaston.*—There is a growing interest which will tell in the future. Mite boxes have been taken which after two months’ use, gathered threefold the sum of the previous year.

*Torrington.*—The meetings are always interesting, and those attending, although not many, find great blessing in the work. The “Highland Workers” meet every month and have an annual opening of the missionary barrels which receive their collections.

*Torrington, First Church.*—In looking back a year there is much encouragement. The attendance at meetings has been larger and financially they are largely in advance of former years. That the interest is sustained
is proved by the willingness of old and young to take part in the meetings, both in reading and prayer. They have found the social teas very profitable and would recommend them. There is great power in a cup of tea.

Torrington, Third Church.—"The usual meetings have been held during the year. Our membership remains the same. We are earnestly striving to interest others in sharing with us the privilege of sending the news of our Redeemer and King to those who know him not." The "Valley Gleaners" continue their work with increased interest. They constantly have applications for new members, younger ones from the Sunday school joining as they become old enough.

Watertown.—There is a temporary cessation of active work incident to death and removal of members. The usual contribution, however, for missions has been sent.

Winsted.—The work is a growth in our community and the monthly meetings with the interesting programmes are full of interest. The Endeavor societies have absorbed the Mission circles, but their monthly missionary meetings enlist the interest of the young people, and the work deepens among them.

Mary P. Hinsdale.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

Some time ago it was suggested that we take the annual report of the Branch as subject matter for one or more auxiliary meetings, assigning portions to individuals, each furnishing herself with a copy for present and future use during the year. Mrs. Fairchild once said to me, "I keep an annual report in my work basket and should not know how to get along without one more
than the other.” So, dear friends, I will refer you to this pamphlet for special reports of the southern part of Litchfield county.

In most of the towns progress can be seen. Figures must tell as to members and tangible expression of interest, but many strengthening letters from officers and other members of these auxiliaries have been received the past winter. These speak of an increasing readiness to take individual part in the meetings, and in some cases of another feature which we would like to see carried out everywhere, viz., at the quarterly meetings to have all the circles meet together.

This would be a means of strength and interest in every direction; and sometimes it might form a part of the church monthly concert of prayer for missions. Children would thus be nurtured into helpers of its faith and joy, and prove that she who leads a mission band is doing great things for the church at home. Gather the children in, that the house may be full.

Not long since such a union meeting was held at Litchfield, the Young Ladies' Band meeting with the auxiliary. Several of them coming forward to the desk read papers and selections on the assigned topic, in a clear, steady voice. At a later hour the children's mission circle held a meeting, the president of the auxiliary and some of the young ladies taking charge. The first fifteen or twenty minutes the children had plays and marched to music. Then boys and girls took their work, or were gathered in groups and taught a text of scripture. After a half hour spent in this way the leader offered prayer, then each boy and girl, one after the other, went to the desk and repeated a text or read a selection. A little boy nine years old took his place before the audience and with perfect unconsciousness read an article upon children in Japan.
Let us rejoice that little ones are being trained to be no more afraid to speak Christ's words than Washington's, or Lincoln's, or Longfellow's, or Whittier's; to be no more timid in repeating the Bible than a geography or history lesson. Very soon these will be the men and women who will not be overborne spiritually or physically in leading a prayer meeting, or in making our auxiliary meetings interesting and profitable. They will be able to do it because they are trained to do it, like the boy whose grandmother promised his dying father she would keep him away from temptation. Being unable to do so in the city she took him into the country. Not long after he said to her: "Grandmother, it's here too. You began at the wrong end; I must be strong in my heart, and with my right hand sign my name, then I can meet them anywhere."

Who is not glad she can teach the children?

Bethlehem.—"We have not been able to meet as we hoped owing to absence and bad weather. The Willing Hands meet once in three weeks. We always intend to have a short devotional exercise and two or three are ready to offer prayer. Our average attendance is over five. We especially enjoy Mrs. Eaton's letters. Last year we raised more money than ever before, giving as usual for Mrs. Eaton's salary and ten dollars for Bowker Hall. This last was not asked from us, but the girls were interested, as they gave ten dollars for the land last year."

Bridgewater.—"We hold our meetings the first Friday of each month with an average attendance of six. We follow the envelope system, and last year mite-boxes were distributed in behalf of the school building in Marsovan by which $10.27 was raised, also $10.50 for Bombay, and this outside our usual contribution by envelope. One of
our members has died who gave liberally and took two copies of ’Life and Light,’ one to give to some one less favored than herself. Most of those who attend our meetings are willing to take part. We close with prayers. ‘The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle’ hold meetings the third week in each month, opened with scripture reading, then prayers by different members, minutes of the last meeting, and reading of missionary letters. Nearly all the members have ’Life and Light.’”

Cornwall.—“Our meetings are held the first Wednesday in each month, and have been well attended, considering how few and scattered we are. The average attendance is nine. Last year some contributed money who do not call themselves members. We have lost Mrs. Monson, a valued member. We have circulated mite-boxes for special contribution for the Marsovan Building. We receive letters from the Bureau of Intelligence to be read at our meetings, and our pastor’s wife occasionally brings us one from her sister, Mrs. DeForest, of Japan. Not many are willing to take part in our meetings, but all seem interested.”

Cornwall (North).—The Mission Bank Society write: “We hold our annual meeting in September. Four meetings were held during the year, at which the average attendance was twenty-seven. As to the manner of conducting our meetings, the president arranges a programme, consisting of the reading of missionary letters and other items of missionary intelligence, with devotional exercises. We have nine new members.” The opening of the mite-boxes of this society was an impressive occasion, from the fact that special prayer followed their gifts. The boxes were opened, with the reading of a text of scripture from each, the money laid on the table and a prayer of consecration offered.
Goshen.—"We had a meeting of our auxiliary in March, the first since October. The weather and traveling have been such that we thought it not best to try to meet during the winter."

Kent.—"Our society continues without any marked change. We are few and scattered, but the zeal and courage of two or three of our number is a great buoy to all, keeping our course of duty and privilege clearly defined, as well as leading us on and on. Our meetings are for the most part conducted by the president and vary according to circumstances. A subject is sometimes presented which occupies two or three meetings, getting all the information we can, and having as many to help as possible. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, sometimes at a private house, sometimes at the church parlors. The average attendance is nine. Most of the ladies are willing to take some part; four or five are always ready and many others sometimes overcome their timidity and let the Spirit speak through them. We have mite boxes, but I think they are not generally used." The Young Ladies' Mission Circle report: "Meetings have been held every month during the year, the average attendance being eight. The mission fields studied have been Africa, Japan, Spain and Turkey, and there have been letters from Mrs. Eaton, in Mexico nearly every month. A reunion held in August, the same as last year, was a very pleasant affair. Five new members have been added during the year, and the outlook for the circle is brighter than it was a year ago, for more hands and hearts means more work for the Master. Aside from the collections, only the annual fair has been held as a means of raising money."

Litchfield.—"Our president opens the meetings with
prayer, reading the Scriptures and singing. There is assigned every month a subject to be written up for the next meeting, sometimes India, China and others. Meetings are held the first Tuesday in each month, the average attendance being ten. The burden of our meetings falls almost entirely on our president, so few are willing to lead in prayer, although quite willing to take part in duties assigned. Mite boxes are used, but we take up much more from collections.” The Young Ladies’ Band and the Daisy Chain hold regular meetings and seem interested in their work.

Milton.—“We hold our meetings the third Thursday in each month, the average attendance being ten. The manner of conducting the meetings is Scripture reading, prayer, singing, readings from Life and Light, missionary letters and other intelligence that we may have. Some times we repeat passages of Scripture, and following the last prayer all join in the Lord’s prayer. About two-thirds take part in some way, besides giving money when the collections are taken. After the meetings which are held at the different houses of the members we spend the rest of the afternoon socially.”

Morris.—“Our meetings have not been quite as well attended the past year, owing to sickness and unpleasant weather, but the collectors found the members as ready to give as formerly, raising sufficient money to make Mrs. H. R. Stockbridge a life member. We have lost one of our active members by death, one who was always interested in missions and was ever ready to do her part to add to the interest of our meetings. We have different fields assigned for each person, and expect each present to take part by reading or prayer. At the meetings held the first Thursday in the month, the average attendance is nine. We have never used mite boxes.”
New Milford.—"Ten meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of seventeen. Perhaps the small number was due more to the many stormy days than to lack of interest in the work, for the meetings have been unusually interesting and profitable. At the September meeting a thankoffering was received for the Marsovan building. At our last meeting the topic was the 'Bombay home,' to which we are asked to contribute. During the last year we have welcomed our new pastor's wife and sister, and trust their presence, prayers and labors will add new interest to our work, and that we may be 'laborers together with Christ,' knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. The 'Valley Wide Awakes' have not held regular meetings during the year. A recent missionary meeting has given them a fresh impulse, and they will try their best the coming year. The 'Golden Links' are the S. S. infant class, and bring pennies weekly for the 'Morning Star Mission.' Many have given more than usual this year. They have now and then a missionary lesson on Sunday, and many of them take the Day Spring."

New Preston.—"We hold our meetings the first Tuesday of each month. The unprecedented 'rainy season' has not permitted regularity the last year. The attendance has been small, but our meetings are interesting and we trust profitable. We are a small force, but interested to do our little part. Mite boxes are circulated."

Northfield.—"We hold our meetings the first Friday in the month; they are opened with Scripture reading, prayer and sometimes singing, followed by missionary intelligence, closing with prayer. The average attendance is about five. Nearly all take part. We use mite boxes to some extent."
Roxbury.—"There is little that is new to write of our society. I am sure there is real life and interest, notwithstanding the few who meet at the regular monthly meetings. The interest is not confined to those who come to the meetings, as is shown by the amount of money raised, which is not less than usual, and has been given entirely by voluntary pledges. Our meetings are held the first Thursday in each month; the annual meeting the first Thursday in February."

Sherman.—"There are twenty who contributed to our society the past year. We call these our members, although but few of them attended our meetings. We distributed some mite boxes last year for 'thank offerings,' and became so much attached to them that we thought best to send for more at the beginning of this year for the regular contributions. I rather dreaded asking people to take the boxes, but really they have been so well received there has been great pleasure in the task, and some who never before contributed to the W. B. M. have taken a box. We have tried very hard the past year to increase the attendance at our meetings. A committee has arranged a programme for each month and several times have sent a particular invitation to each member to be present, still the average attendance is about eight. These few have become very much interested in our real study of missionary fields. If our enthusiasm would only spread we should be happy. At our meetings we spend the first part of the time in devotions, when nearly all the ladies take part. After that each one gives the result of her study of the mission assigned her. Meetings are held the last Friday of each month."

Warren.—"Our meetings are full of interest. We meet the second Wednesday of each month, and take
up topics as prescribed in 'Life and Light.' All our members feel they have a part, and that the hour is most profitably spent. This winter the young ladies and misses meet with us; they too lend a hand and voice in this direction. We have thirteen members, and at some of our meetings three-fourths of them are present. We have five or six new members. All seem to enjoy the study of the different fields, and every moment is occupied in listening to what each has found in regard to them. The time is too short to exhaust the material prepared. The devotional part of the meeting is well sustained by all. I think since we re-organized last fall, under the impulse given us by our dear president, our new pastor's wife, no one has refused to lead in prayer. Mite boxes have been made by the young ladies, and we propose to present one to every family who will accept it. We have purchased a map of the world. As we study different fields the stations are pointed out, and thus more readily located in the mind."

Washington.—"The annual meeting is held in January, and other meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. During the past year ten meetings were held, following the plan of lessons given in 'Life and Light,' deriving much aid also from mission studies. The attendance, although small in proportion to our numbers, does not compare unfavorably with that of former years. We have lost two members by death and two by removal. We hope we may add to our membership during the year. Mite boxes have been distributed." They also report very pleasant "missionary teas." The members of the new mission circle are much interested.

Woodbury, First Church.—"We hold our meetings the second Thursday in the month after the church prayer meeting. The attendance varies from five to ten;
four or five are ready to take part." The Valley Gleaners have held the last year twenty meetings, with an average attendance of thirteen. We hold meetings twice a month; one of these meetings is devoted entirely to sewing, the other to the study of missionary topics. In the fall we gave an entertainment called "The Masque of the Week."

Woodbury, North Church.—"The second Tuesday of each month finds six or more ladies gathered to pray for foreign missions. This year letters have been read from Mrs. Eaton of Mexico, Mrs. Howland of Ceylon, Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Udupitti, Anna Felician of Marsovan, and Miss Bush of Eastern Turkey. A scholarship in Ceylon is still the object for which we work. Death has taken from us Mrs. Silas Clark. The year has no brilliant record of success, but with our quiet gifts and earnest prayers, we are happy in the thought that it is God's work, and He will bless all faithful effort."

MARY B. MCLAUGHLIN.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

The county meeting was again held in Middletown, this time with the South Church. A number of the New Haven workers were present and added much to the interest. The meeting was a success, and largely so because the societies responded so readily with full reports, for are we not all interested in each other's doings? Mrs. Montgomery gave with true missionary zeal, born of many years of service, an account of her work in Turkey, and Miss Tyler of life and work in Zululand varied by hymns sung in the Zulu language. Miss Eastman of New Britain, gave some excellent and
practical suggestions upon methods of training mission circles, valuable because tried with success. The inspiration of such a meeting should go with us through the year.

Cromwell.—The society keeps along in the even tenor of its way, holding monthly missionary meetings; sometimes taking subjects given in the "Life and Light," again each one brings missionary intelligence collected from various sources. Our Bible reader, Nanapirakasi, of Madura, is especially remembered in our prayers at each meeting. We continue her support, and feel that she represents us in her work in that far away land. Through the Sunday school, which is a missionary society, a contribution of $50 was made for the Bombay home. "The Young Ladies' Mission Circle" is in a healthy condition and hold their meetings every two weeks. India has been the subject for the year. Entertainments of various kinds have helped to swell the treasury.

East Haddam.—Meetings have been irregular on account of stormy weather; when held they have been both interesting and helpful. A blessing may come to and from the meeting of two or three gathered in His name.

East Hampton.—Sickness and death have made quite a difference in the attendance upon the meetings; the contributions, however, are larger and they feel encouraged to press on, hoping for better things.

Higganum.—There has been no marked change during the year. The attendance upon meetings and interest have been good. There is an earnest purpose to increase the membership. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" commenced the year with new zeal and upon an improved plan. Bi-monthly meetings are held, one in the
afternoon for sewing, the next in the evening, following a programme, readings, &c. The "Coral Workers" have held monthly meetings during the year, with good attendance. "We have studied Africa, Japan and China. Short sketches relating to the work have been given, and stories read by members of the Circle to interest them in the countries studied. The devotional exercises of the meetings are pleasant features. Many of the members take part in prayer, and the Bible lesson. Each one repeats a passage of scripture. The enthusiasm and interest in missionary work is very encouraging. Money has been raised by mite boxes and the 'penny plan.' The children respond so heartily to any suggestion made it inspires me with greater missionary zeal whenever I meet with them." Higganum is roused to her full responsibility. She has pressed the boys into service for the Master, "Zion's Cadets," but recently started; they have a history yet to make. The band is composed of boys from seven to fourteen years of age—twenty wide awake, active boys. They meet the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month. India is the subject of study, preliminary to the offering for the Bombay Home. The motto is a secret, but a good one, and will help every boy who keeps it. A penny is earned every week for the society, and anything extra goes into a mite box that always stands on the table." The outlook is encouraging, and a good report is expected at the end of the year.

Middlefield.—No meetings have been held the past year, but the subscriptions were handed in as usual.

Middle Haddam.—Various hindrances have come in the way of regular meetings, but they have done what they could. With a new president comes new zeal, and we may hope for good things when the secretary writes:
“I have made up my mind to work with determination this year, and fill my place better.” Plans for work and for interesting the young people are made, and the next report will undoubtedly show progress.

*Middletown, First Church.*—The auxiliary gives a cheering report. Meetings have been so interesting and so much material prepared for them, that supplementary meetings have been held that a larger number might enjoy it. The auxiliary celebrated its twentieth birthday by inviting the South Church, the Baptist and Methodist societies and circles to meet with them. Addresses were given by Dr. C. C. Creegan and Rev. C. W. Beach, of Peking, China. “It was a bright and happy day for us” the secretary adds. “This meeting was followed the next week by a ‘thank offering’ service which was largely attended, each offering was accompanied with an appropriate text of scripture. The offerings brought amounted to over eighty dollars—they hope to make it one hundred. The ‘Gleaners’ have a prosperous beginning. At the annual meeting held in January, forty-four members were present. Bi-monthly meetings are held. We have been sewing for Miss Tyler’s school in South Africa. Mite boxes are used with success. An annual entertainment is given; this year it was a ‘Red Letter Day’ Tea, the different holidays being represented by young ladies in costume. A goodly sum was gathered. All are interested and willing to work. The ‘Ten Times One’ band of boys are trying to add both to the interest in the society and their treasury by an honorary membership. Lectures have been given by Drs. Hamlin and Stone, the proceeds of which were sent to the Bombay Home.”

*Middletown, South Church.*—“Meetings have been well attended. The meeting in January was with
special reference to thank offerings, and was a marked success. The 'Good Will Society' holds its own, and much interest is manifested in work for a school in Turkey. The 'Boys' Missionary Society,' formerly the 'Earnest Workers,' continue in their good work. They busy themselves at the meetings making bandages for a hospital; they have made a map of China in clay. Articles are read on the different countries, thus giving them knowledge of the work. Each member is taxed two cents a week. Honorary membership is twenty-five cents. The interest in mission work awakened thus early, cannot but have an influence upon their whole lives.

**Millington.**—Interest in missions is manifest by the good attendance at the monthly meetings. The influence has reached some outsiders, and compelled them to come in, like the little leaven in the measure of meal.

**Portland.**—The secretary reports interest: "We continue the plan of conducting meetings which has worked successfully for three years, following the subject given in 'Life and Light,' each lady taking a country for her special study, planning and conducting the meeting when her country is given as the topic for the month. A number of copies of 'Life and Light' and 'Mission Studies' are taken. A 'United Society' was formed in order to extend the interest to those that did not usually attend the meetings." The 'Mission Circle' is growing in love for the work. "All the members attend the meetings regularly; several, and sometimes all, except the very little ones offer a sentence prayer of their own." The leader writes, "Instead of reading a chapter in the devotional meeting, I give to each, sometimes before the meeting, one or two Bible verses, all on the same subject if possible, then I ask a question which may be
answered by the verse. The president is a girl of thirteen. She has charge of the work; some are making articles for a school in Japan. The little ones that cannot sew make scrap books. In the summer, they united with the 'Glastonbury Band' in filling a Christmas box for Mrs. Hume's school in Bombay. Various ways are resorted to for raising money: membership fees, collections at the meetings, mite boxes, and occasionally a sale of fancy articles, sometimes a festival.

Westchester.—On the whole the year has been prosperous. "Life and Light" and "Mission Studies" are taken and the abundance of missionary intelligence brought into the meetings shows a knowledge of and interest in the work. An effort is being made to circulate mite-boxes among the young people of the church. "There is abundant cause for prayer and earnest effort."


Middlesex County—Southern Division.

Centerbrook.—This society has just held its annual meeting. The treasurer reports a gain of twelve members. Envelopes have been distributed for the purpose of securing the funds called for in behalf of extra appropriations. Special mention is made of reports of delegates to the Board, Branch and county meetings, some of which were given in the church prayer meeting, and much enjoyed. Missionary letters forwarded from "the Bureau" have held valued place in the quarterly meetings.

Chester.—"We have added to our numbers six new names during the year, a fact that encourages us greatly to hope for more to follow. We look back over the past year and count our mercies. As a society we have been
prospered. Our meetings have been held every month, with one exception, a very stormy day. The attendance is good and much interest is manifested in the missionary topics discussed. More than ever before have we realized that a great work is laid upon the women of our day, the work of sending the glad tidings to our sisters in other lands. We realize, too, our weakness, but all around us is the everlasting strength and on this is our reliance. Three things we desire for the membership of our society—consecrated lives, great faith, and the spirit of earnest prayer, for 'more things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of.' ”

Clinton.—With this society the past year has been more prosperous than some years previous. The purpose to make the meetings interesting by carefully prepared papers, by well-selected music, more acceptably rendered because aided by the young ladies, has been successfully accomplished. The January programme had, as an additional attraction, an original poem, “New Year’s Greetings.” An impromptu meeting was held one afternoon, summoned by a morning herald, to meet Mrs. Newell, of Constantinople. Her visit was not known long enough in advance to permit a notice from the pulpit on Sunday, but the house-to-house method of announcement was effectual in gathering a large number, who were delighted with her and greatly interested in her work. The mite-boxes opened at the annual meeting were found to contain a considerable sum and their use is continued another year. The advance in this society is attributed to personal effort, in other words, hard work, “here a little and there a little,” but strictly “in season.”

Essex.—“In the year whose record we review our meetings have been held regularly and we have spent
many pleasant hours together. In no preceding year have they been more inspiring or profitable. A very pleasing feature is the delightful Bible-reading and informal talk upon the chapter selected in which all participate. It is the custom to hold our meetings in the ladies' room at the church, but in July we met with a friend, who is an invalid, at her own house, which gave mutual pleasure. In October we had the report of the county annual meeting, which many of the ladies attended and brought home with them much of the spirit. Items of missionary intelligence have been gleaned for each meeting and letters from many engaged in work in different parts of the world have been read. We owe much of our success to the faithful work of our president, who is untiring in her efforts to make these gatherings pleasant to all. During the year a dearly loved member was called to lay aside her active work and after months of weariness and suffering passed to her rest and reward."

The three mission circles continue in well-doing. Many of the "Whatsoever"s" are absent at school, but those that remain meet regularly. The boys who say "We will do something" are acquiring a habit of "steady and systematic giving" and growing in general knowledge of mission work.

Haddam.—This society has sustained a loss in the removal to a southern state of their former president, Miss Cook, and her niece "both of them earnest and willing workers." The meetings have been kept up regularly, though oftentimes with the number in attendance discouragingly small, but enough to claim the promise of the Unseen Presence. The progress of the foreign work is followed in the records of every missionary periodical and every paper having a missionary corner, so that it is
easy to see how "these meetings have kindled new love for our Lord's kingdom in the whole earth, while they have greatly strengthened christian friendship." The "Alpha" circle report a small membership but all interested.

Killingworth.—In this society it would at first seem that discouragement and loss come most to the front, but no one loses heart and the record closes with a song. The secretary has been laid aside from active duty for nearly a year. A most valued member has removed to a new home in Michigan. Another who loved the cause of missions, and was both able and willing to work for the Master, has been called from earthly service to the heavenly. Out of the darkness comes the dawn; out of loss, gain. "The young ladies so soon to take the places of the mothers who are 'passing on' are beginning to feel more interest in the glorious work of foreign missions." They have responded to the invitations to attend the regular quarterly meetings and have been most helpful in many ways. Is not this an example and a note of cheer?

Killingworth, Union Band.—Meetings have been held with the accustomed regularity and the same methods as last year. Missionary letters have contributed to the pleasure and profit of these occasions. Several mite-boxes are in use and when opened, it is hoped, they will bear substantial testimony to the numerous causes for thanksgiving felt by all.

Saybrook.—"The meetings of our auxiliary have been regularly held with about the usual attendance. The lesson in 'Mission Studies' has formed the basis of each exercise, while the letters forwarded to us by the bureau of exchange have been interesting and helpful. We have greatly missed our beloved secretary, who has been
laid aside by illness, but rejoice in her returning health." As a means of cultivating closer sympathy with one of their own missionaries it was decided by the ladies to appropriate the contributions, which are fully equal to those of former years, towards Mrs. Edwards' salary.

*Westbrook.*—"Missionary meetings, like everything else in these quiet country towns, move on in an even tenor of their own, that gives little opportunity for variety or interest in their report. They have been more fully attended through the year and we count one new member. The most encouraging fact I can mention is that our society made a slight advance in its gifts last year. The little company that gathered at our last meeting seemed to have more than usual enjoyment in all the exercises of the hour."

**Agnes A. Acton.**

[Prepared by Thera W. Fairchild.]

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**New Haven County—Eastern Division.**

The roll call from the Eastern Division of New Haven County is answered by its auxiliaries, all of whom report in good working order. The year that is closing has not been unlike the years preceding. Persistent effort with systematic work and earnest prayer has met with good results. The sense of individual responsibility seems to grow with the increase of knowledge in regard to missionaries and the fields in which they labor. With this in view, the circulation of the hectograph copies of Mrs. Hume's monthly reports, and letters from missionaries are highly valued.

The visits of missionaries are considered special blessings, and with the photographs of Bible women and
scholars give a lively reality to the work, so that prayer becomes not the slipping of beads on a rosary, but intelligent, earnest pleading for souls that we love, for missionaries, whom having seen and heard, we appreciate and whose work we would share. Individual interest has been increased by the appointment of committees to arrange for the monthly meetings. The systematic study of missions and increased circulation of "Life and Light" and "Mission Studies" is adding much to the intelligence necessary in foreign mission work. The mite boxes are credited with an increase in our contributions, they have certainly proved a success, as have also the yearly thank offerings. There are not half as many mission circles as we wish there were, but those that stand are strong and with efficient leaders, with the sympathy and aid of their elders, are doing good work for the heathen, for themselves, and for the older societies who with falling ranks know, that our hope for the continued prosperity of mission work is with the young.

So while remembering, regretfully, the golden opportunities that we have missed in the year that is closing, we reach forward hopefully to grasp the opportunities and responsibilities of the year that is opening, thankful in our weakness that

"God's greatness
Flows around our incompleteness."

Cheshire.—"We have held our meetings every month the past year with one exception, attended by the customary small number. Our membership, however, is a little larger, and we are encouraged by an increase in contributions, several having taken mite boxes for the extra offering for the Marsovan building. Miss Sarah Hume visited us in November and gave us a most interesting account of her work in India."
Guilford, First Church.——“The meetings of this society have been regularly held during the year and have been well sustained and helpful. We have followed the topics suggested in ‘Life and Light’ and ‘Mission Studies,’ and from time to time receive missionary letters which add greatly to the interest of our meetings. We continue the envelope system of raising money with good success. As we gather at our meetings we miss the familiar face of one of our number, who was rarely, if ever absent. She was an humble, consistent, earnest worker, doing what her hands found to do. As we look abroad and realize how much needs to be done, we are almost discouraged at the little we have accomplished, yet trust the year before us will find an increased desire to do more faithfully the work to which Christ has called us.”

Guilford, Third Church.—“Our society for the last year held meetings regularly, taking our topics from ‘Mission Studies,’ and with letters sent from the field studied, our meetings were quite interesting. A letter describing the Bible woman we help to support, and a photograph of her, were much enjoyed by our ladies.”

Madison.—“We hold quarterly meetings, and go on as we have done for eighteen years, endeavoring to stimulate each other in this service for the Master, and in continued love for our excellent Anna Felician. Last year we raised forty-five dollars extra for the Marsovan building fund. We hope this year to do a little for another object, we find the mite boxes very helpful, especially with the children. A letter from Anna Felician and some photographs of the graduates of the school were much enjoyed.”

Meriden, First Church.—“Although the year has not been an eventful one to our society, the personal in-
terest has certainly increased, and we note with pleasure new faces at almost every meeting. There is a prompt response to every request for assistance in the exercises. Committees appointed to arrange for each meeting enter so heartily into the work that our meetings never lack interest and the hour always seems short. The meeting in February was held at the house of our president, by special invitation. It was largely attended and was resolved into a missionary tea. The presence of Mrs. McGrew and a pleasant address from her, was one of the very delightful features of the afternoon. Our mission circles are prospering and we hope doing much good. Both in direct and reflex ways they are a great comfort to us, who are nearing the 'western slope.' The charm of their youthful enthusiasm and wide awake zeal inspires us and while striving to do with our might what our hands find to do, we rejoice in the hope that there is a relief corps, not far away, ready to close up our depleting ranks."

Meriden, Center Church.—"Our society is progressing. Regular meetings have been held each month with an increasing attendance. A hopeful feature is the presence and help of a number of young ladies. We are increasing our missionary literature; gaining a gradual knowledge of the condition and needs of women in countries destitute of the gospel; and of the widening influence of missionary work, which creates in us a more intense desire to make more of our lives, by taking part in this wonderful work of transformation. In proportion as our knowledge of the work increases, our offerings increase. A little more is raised each successive year, as time goes on, the last year, the largest amount, and most freely given. 'Surely he that watereth shall be watered also himself.' Beside our yearly
offering an extra sum has been given to the 'Bowker Home,' Bombay. Our study is woman's work in the various mission fields, acquiring definite and distinct knowledge of the missionary women and their work, thus bringing us into closer sympathy with them, as we learn more of their lives and surroundings. Invitations were given to the ladies of our church to be present at our annual meeting, and a supper was provided. We had music, thoughts of great and good men confirmed by scripture texts, a leaflet, showing how futile and little were all excuses for not engaging in missionary work, a short talk by our pastor, with a prayer commending our society and work to the Father of missions. And we realized more fully than ever before, the blessedness of the privilege of laboring for the Master."

*North Branford.*—"We have held three meetings during the year, and are sure of a faithful few who always take part. One of our most helpful members has been called by the Master to lay down her work on earth and go up higher. Several others have removed to different fields, where they will give efficient help in this work for the Lord, losing these, we feel that we are called upon to strive to fill up the vacant places and strengthen the things that remain."

*Northford.*—"Our meetings are held in connection with the benevolent society, at which letters from missionaries, and items of interest, pertaining to missions are read. Our contribution is a little more than in years past. We trust the volume of prayer ascending from humble hearts throughout our land will 'move the arm which moves the world.'"

*North Madison.*—"We are pleased to report that we still belong to the grand army of workers, and trust our past year's work has been heartily done for the
Master. Our monthly meetings are well attended, and much enthusiasm is manifested in regard to mission work. The plan we adopted last year of each member taking her turn in preparing the programme and leading the meeting was quite a relief to our president and tended to increase the interest of those who took charge of the meeting. Owing to removals and other changes, our numbers are a little less than last year, but we hope with the help of the mite boxes our contributions will be no less. Nearly all of our members subscribe for 'Life and Light' and 'Mission Studies,' and glean much valuable information from these periodicals. Letters from missionaries give us glimpses of their joys and sorrows and inspire us to pray more earnestly for success of their labors."

Wallingford.—The auxiliary has sent as usual to the treasury. The secretary of the "Look Out Circle" writes: "I am very glad to be able to report an increase in membership, and an increasing interest in missionary work. Our meetings were suspended during the summer months, but we reorganized early in the winter. A few took mite boxes for the Marsovan building which resulted in the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for that object. We hold our meetings semi-monthly, and devote the evening to missionary intelligence, while our hands are occupied in making useful and ornamental articles for use in the Bombay Home, to which our contribution of money will be given this year. With an increasing knowledge of the work and its needs, we hope for a greater interest in it, and expect to do better things in the future."

Mrs. F. E. Hinman.
NEW HAVEN COUNTY—NAUGATUCK VALLEY AND VICINITY.

Ansonia.—No attempt has been made to hold meetings, however, at no distant day we hope to record better things. By the distribution of thank-offering envelopes a liberal contribution was raised for the work of the Woman's Board.

Birmingham.—“Both home and foreign work are combined in one society. The contents of little bags distributed were divided between the two objects. Five meetings have been held at the houses of different ladies, tea was served at each, and sometimes there were speakers present from out of town. Our numbers hold good, and more interest is taken in the work than heretofore.”

Derby.—“Increasing interest is shown and the hour we spend together once in two months passes pleasantly and profitably. We are interested in the Bowker Home, and have gladly contributed the contents of mite boxes towards it. Three new subscribers have been secured for ‘Life and Light.’ The county meeting held here in October was full of interest and helpful to all present. A paper upon mission circle work by Miss Eastman and the presence of Miss Chandler from India, and Mrs. Fairchild, our Home Secretary, were marked features of the occasion.”

Middlebury.—“Our dear president has completed her service and gone to her reward. She could lead us and we were lovingly trying to follow. Meetings have been held at the parsonage, the topics for which have been the missions specially aided by the New Haven Branch, having also in mind during the month prayer for the missionaries whose life and work we have become fa-
familiar with. A livelier interest is awakened among a few younger ones that greatly encourages us to persevere. A new feature of the year is the appointment of two members for the more extended diffusion of missionary intelligence among the people."

Naugatuck.—There is no special progress to be reported. Few meetings have been held, but they have sent their usual contribution with something additional for Marsovan and Bombay buildings.

Prospect.—The “Gleaners” held meetings during the summer and as a result an entertainment was given in the autumn, which made the year financially a success. Mite boxes have been distributed.

Southbury.—“A larger number were present at the annual meeting than ever attended before, and more interest is gradually becoming apparent. The hectograph letters received from time to time have been circulated among the people and used in our meetings.”

Waterbury, First Church.—There is cause for encouragement in the fact that some have become working members who have before taken no active part. A careful study has been made of the various mission fields and the members are more intelligent regarding the work of our missionaries. The mite boxes were opened at the missionary tea given in February, and the presence of Miss Mary Wright made the occasion a delightful one. The “Daisy Chain Circle” have been busy during the year. An active interest is still taken in the Broosa School, to which a box containing scrap books and work bags was forwarded in April.

Waterbury, Second Church.—“The auxiliaries of the First and Second Congregational Churches have held monthly meetings together the past year. We have found the arrangement both pleasant and helpful, but
possibly there may be less to report as distinctively our work. As indicated by offerings to the cause and attendance at meetings, the interest seems about the same as for several years past. In September we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Bella Hume, who gave an account of the work in India and particularly of the multiform labors of Mrs. Edward Hume, who has been our beneficiary."

Mrs. Lewis E. Perkins.

New Haven County—New Haven with Adjoining Towns, and New Britain.

East Haven.—"We continue our quarterly meetings, which are made most interesting by the coöperation of the ladies with the president and vice-president. We hope to do as well or better than last year."

Milford.—"The history of our auxiliary the past year is not one of growth, but of 'patient continuance.' The August meeting was omitted on account of the town celebration, and the February meeting because of the absence of the president and illness in the home of the vice-president. We have been interested at our meetings by the work of Mrs. Newell and Miss Twitchell, Robert College and the Constantinople Home. Lately we have made each lady responsible for some item of missionary intelligence, thus adding interest and variety to our meetings. Six copies of 'Life and Light' are taken and one hundred and ten copies of the 'Day-spring,' thirty of the latter by the 'Rose-bud Mission Circle,' and eighty by Plymouth Church Sunday School." The "Rose-bud Mission Circle" once so promising seems
to have lost some of its older members who have joined the Y. P. S. E., so that they number now only forty. Our meetings have been somewhat interrupted by the unpleasant weather, but we are much interested in doing some work for Mrs. DeForest of Japan.

**Mount Carmel.**—"The report of the society is much the same as last year, with a slight increase in the contributions. The meetings have been regularly held and occasionally we are cheered by the presence of a new face. We have sustained a great loss in the death of one who has served either as president or vice-president during the sixteen years of our existence. She will be greatly missed but 'our loss is her gain.' By removal we have lost one member but have added five new ones."

**New Haven, Center Church.**—"The society has held its usual monthly prayer meeting, with about the usual attendance. Mite boxes have been used to some extent. By the death of a large giver the contributions have materially lessened. The Young Ladies' Circle continue their meetings twice a month excepting in the summer. They have raised their regular pledged sum of money, and at their meetings kept their fingers busy making a complete outfit for the child of a missionary in Turkey."

**Church of the Redeemer.**—"With deep regret we report the resignation of our president and the removal of our efficient secretary. At a meeting held to elect officers to fill these vacancies it was decided to hold quarterly meetings. Our contributions are as last year. The Young Ladies' Society report no material change, their monthly meetings being well attended. A mission circle composed of the younger girls has recently been formed."

**College Street Church.**—The auxiliary has given as usual to the treasury. The "Coral Workers" have
held meetings regularly on the third Sunday afternoon
of the month. Miss Hume, Mrs. Noble, recently from
China, and Mr. Haradi, a Japanese from the Seminary,
have spoken at the meetings. The annual missionary-
box opening took place in January, when friends were
invited, and a pleasing programme of recitations, read-
ings and a dialogue was given by the children, and
much enjoyed by all. Besides the sixty dollars con-
tributed a sewing box filled with basted pieces of cloth,
and all materials for teaching sewing, has been sent to
Miss Felician, Marsovan, Turkey.

Davenport Church.—"The auxiliary has held its
third annual meeting. There have been nine meetings
during the year, with an evident increase of interest.
We find the 'Mission Studies' very helpful in addition
to 'Life and Light,' as are our missionary maps. We
have made some use of the mite boxes and hope to more
another year. Last May we had a delightful tea meet-
ing. In November Mrs. Montgomery told us of her
work in Turkey and of the people there. We support
the new school at Parel. The Girl's Mission Circle—
the 'Busy Bees'—is small but it has some earnest
workers. We meet once a month and sometimes oft-
ener. The 'Mission Dayspring' we appreciate more
and more. We are preparing patch-work and two
scrap-books for Mrs. Rand to take to Micronesia and
we have a share in the Morning Star Mission."

Dixwell Avenue Church.—This society by the use of
mite boxes somewhat increased their contributions.

Dwight Place Church.—"Our society has held regu-
lar monthly meetings. Although sickness and death
have had an influence on the attendance we are able to
report an increasing interest in the cause of missions.
Japan has been the principal topic for our considera-

and we have been interested by letters and by papers specially prepared by the members. At one of our meetings Mrs. Montgomery gave us a graphic picture of her labors in Turkey. A very gratifying feature of the increase in gifts we can report is that they were entirely unsolicited. With the increase also of members we feel that we have occasion for future hope and encouragement. The ‘Fairbank Circle’ are much interested, holding frequent meetings.”

**Fair Haven, First Church.**—“The ladies of this auxiliary are not losing their interest. The ‘Life and Light’ is taken by twenty-one and some copies are passed along to friends and neighbors for a second and even a third reading. A good suggestion this for other subscribers. Our plan for regular missionary tea meetings has been providentially interrupted the past winter. We believe in them as profitable and inspiring.” The Young Ladies’ Circle is active and earnest. “The Helpers” Mission Circle—a class of young men and boys—hold meetings on Sunday afternoons at five o’clock, with an attendance of twelve or fifteen out of twenty members. The one entertainment we held added but little to the personal gifts of the members.

**Fair Haven, Second Church.**—Few societies have such a record as this for the past year, having a good deal more than doubled the contributions of late years, besides giving quite a sum for Bowker Hall. The Quinnipiac Circle have reorganized and are much interested.

**Howard Avenue Church.**—“Our missionary society has been asleep during the year and has held no meetings. However, our annual collection is larger than last year.”
Humphrey Street Church.—Meetings of this auxiliary have been regularly held since November with an average attendance of ten. Mrs. Montgomery has given us a talk upon the work in Turkey, Miss Landfear of South Africa has told us of her work there, and Miss Landfear of New Haven gave us a report of the meeting of the Woman's Board held in Boston in January. We hope for more enthusiasm and interest among the ladies of our church and consequently a larger membership and an increase in contributions. The Mission Circle has held nine meetings, five being public meetings. We expect to double our membership another year. In November last we paid into the treasury of the Branch from our mite boxes for Marsovan $57.63, and also paid our annual pledges.

United Church.—“The one special feature connected with our auxiliary is the revival of the missionary prayer meeting, under most favorable and hopeful circumstances. We anticipate an increase in our contributions. The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle has paid its pledges for the two scholarships at Kraabschitz and Bombay. This money was raised by taxes from active and honorary members and an entertainment which was given in January.”

Yale College Church.—“We are encouraged by larger contributions this year.”

North Haven.—“May 23, 1889, the ladies of the Benevolent Society voted to become an auxiliary of the New Haven Branch. We have held twenty-two meetings and although the attendance has been small and the interest not as great as we ought to expect, those who attend regularly feel that it is better to continue doing the little rather than abandon the society. What can we do to stimulate more enthusiasm?”
Orange.—"There is nothing new to report as we have held no meetings, but our contributions are larger than for several previous years. The 'Mission Workers' are exceedingly interested in Christian work."

West Haven.—"Meetings have been appointed and held with few exceptions every month, but the attendance has been usually limited to three. No effort yet made has been successful in eliciting a larger attendance." The collection, however, is equal to that of former years. The "Missionary Seed Planters" report:

"We have not been able to do anything this winter but to send the five dollars to keep our membership, hoping and expecting to come together again in the fall." The Young Ladies Mission Circle are fully equipped and are much interested in the work in Mexico for which they have made an annual pledge, the result of a talk given to them last June by Miss Prudden. Their meetings are regularly held every month during the winter and spring, meeting at the homes of the members.

Westville.—"It does not seem best to continue our organization. We have collected what money we could, making individual collections and with the mite boxes, and we shall do all that we can another year." The Junior Circle is in a vigorous condition and manifest their interest by giving a large amount of money.

Whitneyville.—"We are moving along the same line as before. Our treasury is supplied by voluntary contributions which are cheerfully given. The past year they have been somewhat increased by the use of mite boxes. The Mission Circle held meetings every two weeks for work, with a quarterly missionary meeting, but on account of stormy weather the attendance has not been as large as usual. We note an increase of con-
tributions by the use of the mite-boxes. Our entertain-
ment 'The House-keeper's Sale' given in November
brought a goodly sum into our treasury. We are now
preparing patch-work for the sewing-schools of the
missionaries.'’

Woodbridge.—The usual sum for the pledge of this
society has been sent.

New Britain, Center Church.—"At our nine meet-
ings of the year we have had an average attendance of
one-half of our members. Two of our meetings were of
a social nature, and at one of these there were one
hundred and twenty-five present; at the other sixty.
Our president who had served us so long and faithfully
resigned last October, but we rejoice in a most efficient
successor.’’ The Little Givers organized from a Sunday
school class continue their interest and gifts.

New Britain, South Church.—"Our Society has been
sadly afflicted the past year. In the spring our dear
Mrs. Tuck was called home after having served us as
secretary and treasurer since our organization in 1875,
and in the autumn our president, Mrs. Smith, who for
thirteen years had not failed to preside at our meetings
was laid aside by sudden illness. In her returning
health and strength we now greatly rejoice, yet she has
been sorely missed. It seemed almost impossible to
hold meetings without these dearly loved officers. Just
now comes the tidings of the death of a faithful mem-
ber of our society, who was always in her place at our
monthly gatherings. Surely God is speaking to us by
these repeated afflictions! The Young Ladies’ Mission-
ary Society has held nine meetings during the year.
Some of the subjects for these meetings were the
Chinese; the French; the Spaniards; and the Bohem-
ians. The young ladies of the executive committee
have led these meetings, also furnished much valuable material in reports, letters and stories to make them interesting and instructive."

The secretary of the "Standard Bearers" says: "The 'Standard Bearers' were organized in 1882 with ten members, and until the present year have met at my own home on Saturday mornings, fortnightly. The boys have made scrap-books, dissected maps, jack-straws, etc., and these have been sent to all parts of the world. We have now thirteen members, and this year the meetings have been held in one of the rooms of our new parish chapel. Of course we have given up making scrap-books, and work of that kind, but some of this work the boys continue to do at home that we may have something to send to the missionaries. The letters received in acknowledgment of these gifts have added to the interest of our meetings. The boys now take an active part, leading in prayer and furnishing a portion of the missionary intelligence. Although the interest is by no means lessening, some of the boys begin to feel that they have outgrown the Woman's Board and would like to graduate into the American Board. Our gifts are the voluntary offerings of the boys, and almost entirely from their own earnings, or savings, and represent some self-denial. I have another mission circle of boys from seven to ten years of age, some of whom are younger brothers of the 'Standard Bearers;' these are called the 'King's Messengers.' They meet on alternate Saturday mornings in the Chapel, their work is similar to that of the other band. It is quite touching to hear the earnestness of their brief sentence prayers, asking God to let the scrap-books they are making do good to some of the heathen children, and to bless the pennies they bring. Sometimes
they pray that they may be missionaries when they grow up. One boy told me the other day that he had been thinking a good deal about being a missionary ever since he heard Mr. Wilder speak in our Church some weeks ago."

Mrs. S. L. Cady.
TREASURER’S REPORT.

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

NEW HAVEN, May 13, 1890.

DR.

For Regular Pledged Work and Bowker Hall.

Donations from auxiliary societies .............. $7,677.55
Donations from mission circles ...................... 2,610.18
Donations from Sunday Schools .................... 210.00
Donations from miscellaneous sources ........ 44.63

------------- $10,542.36

For the Marsovan School Building.

From Fairfield County ........................... 167.42
From Litchfield County ......................... 274.72
From Middlesex County ......................... 162.60
From New Haven County ......................... 353.99
From New Britain ................................ 32.07
From miscellaneous sources ................... 25.00

------------- $1,015.70

Legacy of Mrs. E. A. Prudden ................. 500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary W. Nicholson ........... 500.00

------------- 1,000.00

For Branch Expenses.

Collections at Branch monthly meetings ...... 56.34
Collections at County annual meetings ...... 65.88
Advertisements in annual report .............. 82.00
Donations from societies ...................... 56.06
Interest from invested fund .................. 153.20
Interest on deposit in Savings Bank ........ 43.86

------------- 457.29

For the Permanent Fund ......................... 58.60
Balance in Savings Bank, May 14, 1889 ...... 1,086.21
Balance in City Bank, May 14, 1889 ...... 2,302.64

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Clinton ................................................................. 100.33
  Constitute life member Mrs. Luke E. Wood, Mrs. Henry L. Wellman, $27.11 for Marsovan Building, $19.64 for Bowker Hall.

Colebrook ............................................................... 17.50

Cornwall ............................................................... 29.33
  Towards scholarship at Marsovan, $9.33 for Bowker Hall.

Cromwell ............................................................... 165.55
  Salary of Nanapirakasi.

Danbury, First Church ........................................ 166.86
  $20 for Marsovan Building, $2.50 towards life member Mrs. Carrie S. Warner.

Danbury, Second Church ........................................... 19.20

Darien ................................................................. 47.00
  Salary of Mrs. DeForest, $2 for Marsovan Building.

Deep River ........................................................................... 10.00

Derby ................................................................................. 62.00
  $8 for Permanent fund, $9.50 for Bowker Hall.

East Haddam ............................................................... 22.12
  $10 for Marsovan Building.

East Hampton, First Church ........................................... 33.63

East Hampton, Union Church ............................................... 8.60
  $3.60 for Marsovan Building.

East Haven ............................................................... 52.41
  $25 constitute life member Mrs. A. L. Fabrique, $7.10 for Permanent fund, $9.31 for Marsovan Building.

Easton ............................................................................. 10.00

Ellsworth ............................................................................. 10.00

Essex ................................................................................. 64.83
  Constitute life member Mrs. A. M. Wright.

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

Goshen ............................................................................. 21.50
  Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.

Green's Farms ....................................................................... 44.35
  Salary of Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Muttu in Ceylon $4.35 for Bowker Hall.
Greenwich.................................................................................. $108.01
   $5.26 for Marsovan building, towards scholarship at Constantinople Home.
Guilford, First Church ......................................................... 56.00
   Salary of Ramabai, $9 for Bowker Hall.
Guilford, Third Church ....................................................... 21.00
   Salary of S. Parkium.
Haddam ......................................................................................... 20.00
   Scholarship at Madura.
Harwinton ................................................................................... 14.00
   Complete life member Mrs. A. W. Buell, towards salary of Mrs. Alfred.
Higganum ..................................................................................... 48.00
   Constitute life member Mrs. George A. Pelton.
Kent ............................................................................................. 115.50
   $25 to constitute life member Mrs. C. H. Taintor,
   $25 constitute life member Miss Mamie Smith,
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Killingworth ............................................................................... 43.50
   Constitute life member Mrs. L. L. Nettleton $13.85 for Marsovan building, $3.15 for Bowker Hall.
Killingworth, Union Band ......................................................... 25.00
   Constitute life member Mrs. G. C. Phelps.
Litchfield ...................................................................................... 131.18
   Salary of Kashabai, $26.56 for Marsovan Building,
   $7.70 for Bowker Hall.
Madison ....................................................................................... 180.00
   $25 from Mrs. A. D. Lee for Japan, constitute life member Miss Harriet Lee Coe, salary of Miss Anna Felician, $45 for Marsovan building.
Meriden, First Church ............................................................. 155.00
   Scholarships at Ahmednagar and Madura, $25 towards salary of Mrs. Bond, $40 salary of Mrs. Ming, China, $10 Branch expenses, constitute life member Mrs. Emily H. Johnson, $12 for Marsovan building.
Meriden, Center Church .......................................................... 116.00
   Scholarship at Bombay, salary of Kasubai, constitute life member Mrs. N. B. Wood, $7 for Bowker Hall.
Middlebury ........................................................... $34.00
$10 for Permanent fund.
Middlefield .......................................................... 36.00
Middle Haddam .................................................... 10.00
Middletown, First Church ..................................... 391.94
$50 for schools at Egin and Arabkir, $40 salary of Gangabai, $70 scholarships at Madura and Inanda, $60 salary of Mrs. Bond, of which $20 a thank offering, $55.26 for Marsovan building, $104.93 for Bowker Hall, $11.50 for Permanent fund, $25 from Mrs. James H. Bunce to constitute life member Miss Anna L. Smith.
Middletown, South Church ..................................... 100.00
Milford ................................................................. 50.00
$31.50 for Bowker Hall.
Millington ............................................................ 15.00
Milton ................................................................. 17.00
Monroe ................................................................. 28.00
$6 for Marsovan building.
Morris ...................................................................... 27.00
Constitute life member Mrs. H. R. Stockbridge.
Mount Carmel ........................................................ 56.00
Scholarships at Ahmednagar and Ceylon, $6 for Bowker Hall.
Naugatuck ............................................................. 56.50
$4 for Bowker Hall.
New Britian, Center Church .................................... 177.79
New Britain, South Church .................................... 318.09
$25 from Miss Jennie E. Case to constitute life member Mrs. L. G. Rossiter, $35 from Mrs. W. H. Smith to constitute life member Miss Mary D. Eastman, $2 for Japan, $43.10 for Bowker Hall, $5 Branch expenses.
New Haven, Center Church ..................................... 352.86
Towards salary of Mrs. Hume, $33.33 for Marsovan building, constitute life member Mrs. T. L. Day, Mrs. Frank K. Sanders.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer ...................... 673.19
$500 legacy of Mrs. Mrs. E. A. Prudden, $26.06 for Marsovan building, $14.61 for Bowker Hall.
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   Towards salary of Miss Fensham.

Stamford ................................................................. 104.88
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   member Miss Louise E. Chase, $8.82 for Marso-
   van building, $16.01 for Bowker Hall.

Stratford ................................................................. 94.15
   Scholarship at Foochow, $17 for permanent fund,
   $15 for Bowker Hall, $8.56 Branch expenses.

Thomaston .............................................................. 47.00

Torrington, First Church ........................................... 38.80
   $15 for Marsovan building.

Torrington, Third Church ......................................... 145.00

Trumbull ............................................................... 48.85
   Constitute life member Mrs. C. N. Fairchild, Mrs.
   L. A. Hawley, $5 for Marsovan building, $11.85
   for Bowker Hall.

Wallingford .......................................................... 101.80
   $26.04 for Marsovan building.

Warren ................................................................. 23.50
   Towards life member Mrs. Emily Gardner.

Washington .......................................................... 50.00
   $10 for Bowker Hall.

Waterbury, First Church ........................................... 87.60
   Towards salary of Mrs. Bond, $5 for Branch ex-
   penses.

Waterbury, Second Church ........................................ 107.25
   $5.25 for Marsovan building.

Watertown .......................................................... 50.00
   For Bowker Hall.

Westbrook ........................................................... 26.30
   $2.36 for Marsovan building.

Westchester ......................................................... 18.80
   $2.80 for Marsovan building.

West Haven .......................................................... 71.10
   Constitute life member Miss Georgia A. Hatch.

Westport ........................................................... 78.21
   $40 for Mrs. Chou, Tungcho; $25 for Bombay
   school, $9.21 for Marsovan building, $4 for
   Branch expenses.
Westville ........................................ $52.95
$29 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $12.38 for Marsovan building, $11.57 for Bowker Hall.

Whitneyville ...................................... 55.17
Scholarship at Marsovan, $11.17 for Marsovan building.

Wilton .................................................. 74.90
$60 for scholarship at Inanda and Foochow, $14.90 for Marsovan building.

Winsted ........................................ 281.35
$25 from Miss Martha Beardsley to constitute life member Mabel Rockwell Beardsley, $25 from Mrs. M. C. Alford to constitute life member Miss Lottie Seymour, $25 from Mrs. Mary C. Curtis to const. life member Helen Beach Curtis, $25 from Mrs. A. Mitchell to const. life member Mrs. Nellie M. Blake, $38 for Marsovan building.

Woodbridge ........................................ 20.00
Scholarship at Ahmednagar.

Woodbury, First Church .......................... 20.00
Towards salary of Mrs. De Forest.

Woodbury, North Church .......................... 25.00
Towards scholarship at Ceylon.

Receipts from Mission Circles and Sunday Schools.

Bethel, "Young Ladies’ Mission Circle" ............... 30.00
For Bowker Hall.

Bethel, "Busy Bees" .................................. 2.00

Bethlehem, "Willing Hands" .......................... 30.00
$20 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 for Bowker Hall.

Bridgeport, North Church, “Memorial Circle” ....... 60.00
$50 for one-half scholarship, San Sebastian, $10 for Bowker Hall.

Bridgeport, North Church, “Lend a Hand Club” ... 15.00
For Bihé, Africa.

Bridgeport, North Church Sunday School ............ 30.00
For scholarship at Inanda.

Bridgeport, Olivet Church, “Busy Bees” .............. 15.00
$10 for Bowker Hall, $5 for Morning Star.

Bridgeport, Park Street Church, “Pearl Seekers” ... 15.00
$5 for AinTab Seminary, $10 for “Morning Star.”
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$20 for Mrs. Eaton, $10 for Dalita Isaac.

Litchfield, "Young Ladies' Band" ......................... 148.00
$50 salary of Miss Root, $90 for scholarships at Marsovan, Inanda and Udupitty, $8 for Bowker Hall.

Litchfield, "Daisy Chain" .............................. 90.00
$40 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $40 for scholarship at Harpoot, $10 for Morning Star.

Meriden, First Church, "Cheerful Givers" .............. 40.00
For scholarship at Harpoot.

Meriden, First Church, "Boys' Mission Band" .......... 25.00
For Bombay School.

Middletown, First Church, "Gleaners" .................. 60.00
$40 for scholarship at Marsovan, $20 for Bowker Hall.

Middletown, First Church, "Ten Times One" .......... 17.50
For Bowker Hall.

Milford, "Rosebud Circle" ............................... 5.00
For Bowker Hall.

New Britain, Center Church, "Little Givers" .......... 27.32
$10 for Morning Star, $10 Dalita Isaac, $7.32 Bowker Hall.

New Britain, South Church, "Young Ladies' M.C." .... 103.71
Constitute life members Miss Amy Bridgman, Miss Clara G. Wessell, Miss Stella M. Hart, Miss Lizzie W. Welles.

New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers" ......... 9.47
For Bowker Hall.

New Britain, South Church, "Standard Bearers" .... 40.57
$8 for Bowker Hall, $18.57 Marsovan building.

New Britain, South Church, "King's Messengers" .... 13.50
For Marsovan building.

New Britain, South Church Sunday School .......... 25.00
For Bowker Hall.

New Haven, Center Church, "Young Ladies' M.C." .... 119.10
$100 for scholarships at Broosa, Inanda, and towards salary of Mrs. Eaton; $19.10 for Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Y. L. M. C." 103.29
Toward salaries of Mrs. Eaton and Miss Judson, $20.98 for Marsovan building.
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  For Bowker Hall.
Prospect, "Gleaners" ......................................... 50.00
Redding, "Ready Folks" ....................................... 30.00
  For scholarship at Ceylon.
Ridgefield, "Snowflakes" ..................................... 17.30
  For work of Mrs. Ballantine, India.
Riverton, Y. P. S. C. E. ..................................... 15.00
  For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Roxbury, "May Flowers" ....................................... 20.00
  For Bowker Hall.
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band" ............................ 10.76
Sharon, "Busy Bees" ......................................... 64.00
  $40 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $24 for Bowker Hall.
South Norwalk, "Cheerful Givers" ............................ 20.00
  Scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Southport, Congregational Church S. S. .................... 30.00
  For scholarship at Bombay.
Stamford, "Tiny Helpers" .................................... 35.00
  Scholarship at Bombay, $5 Morning Star.
Stratford, "Young Ladies' Band" .............................. 16.81
  $10 Dalita Isaac, $6.81 school at Ruk.
Stratford, "Alpha Band" ...................................... 19.00
  School at Vizier Kupree.
Stratford, Junior C. E. Society .............................. 17.20
  $6.20 Aintab building, $11 Marsovian building.
Torringford, "Highland Workers" ............................. 40.00
  Scholarship at Harpoot.
Torrington, "Valley Gleaners" ............................... 30.00
  $20 Dalita Isaac, $10 Bowker Hall.
Wallingford, "Lookout Ten" ................................... 7.54
  For Bowker Hall.
Wallingford, Y. P. S. C. E. ................................ 2.00
  For Bowker Hall.
Waterbury, First Church, "Daisy Chain" ...................... 35.00
  Towards scholarship at Broosa.
West Haven, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" .................. 20.00
  Towards salary of Mrs. Eaton.
West Haven, "Missionary Seed Planters" .......... $20.00
Scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Westport, "Young Ladies Mission Band" ............. 50.00
Towards salary of Miss Dency Root.
Westville, "Junior Mission Circle" .................. 50.00
$30 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $20 for Bowker Hall.
Whitneyville, "Sunny Circle" ......................... 60.00
$30 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $30 for Bowker Hall.
Wilton, "Morning Stars" ............................. 13.80
For Kusaie and Japan.
Winsted, Second Church Young Ladies ................ 30.00
Scholarship at Talas.
Winsted, Second Church, S. C. E. ..................... 15.00
For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Woodbury, First Church, "Valley Gleaners" ......... 20.00
$10 salary of Mrs. Eaton, $5 Morning Star, $5 for Bowker Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For Missionary Fund.
Fairfield County, thank offering for Bowker Hall .. $34.00
Mrs. Jane Dana, for Marsovan building ............... 25.00
Miss Jones' card .................................. 2.53
A friend from Turner’s Falls, for work in Ceylon .... 2.60
Misses Carrington and Stone, for Morning Star .... 1.00
Unknown at annual meeting ......................... 4.50

For Branch Expenses.
Collections at Branch monthly meetings ............... 56.34
Collection at Fairfield County meeting ............... 8.00
Collection at Litchfield County meeting .............. 38.16
Collection at Middlesex County meeting ............. 11.47
Collection at New Haven County meeting .............. 13.20
Advertisements in annual report .................... 82.00
Interest from invested fund ......................... 153.20
Interest on deposit in Savings Bank ................. 43.86

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

Attest: ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.
New Haven, May 29, 1890.
PLEDGES ASSUMED FOR THE YEAR.

MISSIONARIES.
Miss Emma M. Barnum, Harpoot, Turkey, Salary $830.00
Mrs. Fannie G. Bond, Monastir, Bulgaria, " 400.00
Mrs. Elizabeth DeForest, Sendai, Japan, " 650.00
Mrs. Gertrude C. Eaton, Chihauhau, Mexico, " 600.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Inanda, South Africa, " 450.00
Miss Flora A. Fensham, Constantinople, W. Turk.," 440.00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume, Bombay, West India, " 600.00
Miss Cornelia Judson, Niigata, Japan, " 650.00
Miss Dency T. M. Root, Madura, India, " 500.00

BIBLE WOMEN.
Vesuvasum ......... Madura, South India, Salary $30.00
Nanapirakasi .... Madura, South India, " 30.00
Parapoovanum .... Madura, South India, " 30.00
S. Parkium ......... Madura, South India, " 30.00
Baizabai ............ Sirur, Western India, " 32.00
Kamalabai ............ Sirur, Western India, " 37.00
Dayabai .............. Satara, Western India, " 33.40
Kashabai .............. Satara, Western India, " 33.40
Gangabai ........... Wadale, Western India, " 29.00
Kasubai .......... Dedgaw, Western India, " 21.00
Sagunabai ........ Ahmednagar, Western India, " 21.00
Ramabai ....... Ahmednagar, Western India, " 21.00
Tsangunabai .... Bombay, Western India, " 60.00
Mrs. S. Muttu ...... Udupitty, Ceylon, " 18.00
Mrs. Ramsey ....... Manepy, Ceylon, " 18.00
Mrs. Alfred ....... Manepy, Ceylon, " 18.00
Chinnapulli ...... Manepy, Ceylon, " 18.00
Chang-nai-nai . Tung-Cho, China, " 25.00
Mrs. Ming .... Pao-ting-fu, China, " 40.00
Sultan .......... Hadji Keuy, Turkey, " 13.20
Melek .......... Hadji Keuy, Turkey, " 13.20
Excipit .... Vizir Kupree, Turkey, " 13.20
---------- .... Nigdeh, Turkey, " 26.40
Lusy ....... Sert, Turkey, " 27.00
NATIVE TEACHERS.

Salveen, Miss Ely's School, Bitlis, Turkey, Salary $44.00
Miss Anna B. Felician, Girls' Boarding School, Marsovan, Turkey, " 196.00
Miss Annie Graham, Mrs. E. Hume's School, Bombay, India, " 192.00
Dalita Isaac, E. Central Africa, " 120.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

At Constantinople, American College for Girls, President, Miss Patrick, 4____ $500.00
At Marsovan, Turkey, Principal, Miss Fritcher, 10 ___ 400.00
At Harpoot College, Turkey, President, Miss C. H. Wheeler .................. 125.00
At Madura, South India, Principal, Miss Swift, 10____ 300.00
At Ahmednagar, Western India, Misses Bissell and Bunce, 16 ________________________ 320.00
At Udupitty, Ceylon, Principal, Mrs. Hastings, 6 _____ 180.00
At Foochow, China, Principal, Miss Garretson, 4 ...... 120.00
At Lindley, South Africa, Principal, Mrs. Edwards, 11 320.00
At San Sebastian, Spain, Principal, Mrs. Gulick, 2 ____ 200.00
At Broosa, Turkey, Principal, Miss Cull, 4 _______ 160.00
At Talas, West Turkey, Principal, Miss Clossen, 1 _________ 40.00
At Kraabschitz, Austria, Pastor Soltez, 4 __________ 360.00

SCHOOLS.

At Bombay, Western India, Mrs. Edward Hume $300.00
At Parleli, Western India ........................................... 85.40
At Pulney, India .................................................. 82.00
At Tillipally, Ceylon ............................................... 12.00
At Adiaman, Central Turkey ................................... 7.00
At Killis, Central Turkey ..................................... 18.00
At Sert, Eastern Turkey ....................................... 24.00
At Arabkir, Eastern Turkey .................................. 26.40
At Egin, Eastern Turkey ..................................... 32.00
At Vizir Kupree, Western Turkey ......................... 13.00
At Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico ......................... 80.00
Shares in Morning Star Mission, 3000 .................. $300.00
Dispensary at Pao-ting-foo, China ....................... 200.00
Dispensary at Madura, India .................................. 200.00
Bowker Hall at Bombay, additional .................. 1100.00
LIFE MEMBERS.
MADE SINCE MAY 14, 1889.

Mrs. Marietta Atwater.  Mrs. L. L. Nettleton.
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Miss Amy Bridgman.  Mrs. George Foster Prentice.
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Mrs. T. L. Day.  Miss Mamie Smith.
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Mrs. Miranda D. Jennings.  Mrs. N. B. Wood.
Mrs. Emily H. Johnson.  Mrs. A. M. Wright.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1891.

Mrs. G. H. Welch........................................ Torrington.
Mrs. Lucius Hazen.................................. Middletown.
Mrs. T. A. Emerson............................... Clinton.
Mrs. Landon Ketcham.............................. Westport.
Miss Emma E. Dickerman.......................... Mount Carmel.

DELEGATES TO ANNUAL MEETING W. B. M.,
Hartford, Conn., 1891.

1. Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, New Britain, del.
   Miss Ellen R. Camp, New Britain, sub.
   Mrs. C. H. Kendall, Ridgefield, sub.
   Mrs. Julia W. Skidmore, Brookfield, sub.
   Mrs. T. M. Bean, Stamford, sub.
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5. Mrs. G. T. Prentiss, Bridgeport, del.
   Mrs. Alexander Hawley, Bridgeport, sub.
   Mrs. Thalia Cogswell, New Preston, sub.
7. Mrs. E. P. Herrick, Sheraan, del.
   Mrs. George C. Bennitt, Bridgewater, sub.
8. Mrs. Harvey Thomas, Roxbury, del.
   Mrs. Gilbert Page, Milton, sub.
   Mrs. E. M. Jones, Winsted, sub.
10. Mrs. F. L. Weldon, Torrington, del.
    Mrs. M. Hofman, Torrington, sub.
    Mrs. Oscar Beach, Plymouth, sub.
    Mrs. John Starr, East Hampton, sub.
    Mrs. T. H. Odber, Haddam, sub.
14. Mrs. T. A. Emerson, Clinton, del.
    Miss Gertrude M. Turner, Chester, sub.
    Mrs. Edward Smith, Northford, sub.
    Mrs. E. H. Brown, Southbury, sub.
17. Mrs. Wm. Cottle, Waterbury, del.
    Mrs. Edward Goodyear, Naugatuck, sub.
18. Mrs. J. D. Dana, New Haven, del.
    Mrs. Wm. R. Tyler, New Haven, sub.
    Miss Alice M. Merriman, Westville, sub.
    Mrs. W. J. Mutch, New Haven, sub.
    Mrs. E. C. Kimball, West Haven, sub.
22. Miss Susan L. Bradley, New Haven, del.
    Miss Elizabeth Bradley, New Haven, sub.
    Mrs. J. H. Booth, New Haven, sub.

All the delegates are requested to notify the Vice-President of their county by November 15th, whether they will be able to attend the meeting or not.

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### SOCIETIES AUXILIARY TO THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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

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

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

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

Sec. 3. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold money given by voluntary contributions, donations, bequests or otherwise, to be exclusively expended for the christianization of women and children in foreign lands, by supporting such missionaries, teachers, bible-readers and schools and such other missionary work as may be selected by the board of officers, with the approbation of the Woman's Board of Missions located in the City of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.
Sec. 4. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure; it may appoint such officers as may be deemed expedient, and may make, ordain and put into execution such by-laws and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of the same, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, the laws of this State, or the laws of the United States.

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

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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

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

Art. 4. All money raised by this society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, at Boston, for the purposes of its organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Branch and Executive Committee, presenting them at each succeeding meeting, make a record of, or otherwise preserve important documents, transmit votes to whom they may concern and prepare a report for the annual meeting.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall write to missionaries and to the parent society, preserve copies of important letters, conduct other correspondence outside of the home work, warn meetings and provide information and speakers for the same.
Art. VI. The Home Secretaries shall present a report of the home work at the monthly meetings, correspond with the county Vice-Presidents and with Auxiliary Societies and Mission Circles, keep a careful record of interesting facts and items gained during the year, including change of officers and names of new societies with the names of their officers, from which record material may be gathered for the annual report. They shall furnish societies and mission circles with missionary letters and papers from the Bureau of Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. XIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually the following standing committees, who shall act under their advice: Committee on finance, committee on pledged work, 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.

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

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

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

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

Art. V. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar annually.
CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ART. I. This Mission Circle shall be called the ___ ___ ___

ART. II. The officers of this Circle shall be ___

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

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

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

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

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

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