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The seventeenth annual meeting of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in New Haven on May 8th, 1888. In spite of the cloudy weather and occasional showers, Center Church was well filled both morning and afternoon with a deeply interested audience. Mrs. Hart, in welcoming the Branch, said that the annual meetings had been held in three different counties since last in New Haven, and that it was time the Branch met here, for New Haven was its cradle—not the cradle to rock it to sleep, but one to awaken it to livelier activity. She read passages of scripture suggesting the thought that we belong wholly to God, and that we must accept this responsibility; and also that if we belong to God all that we have is His.

Mrs. Whiting, of the Baptist Board, led in an earnest prayer.

The reports of both secretaries and the treasurer are printed in full elsewhere, as also the reports of the county vice-presidents which tell their own story of gains and losses encountered. Miss Hinsdale made reference to the oldest member of the Branch, Mrs. Betsy Averill of New Preston, who is one hundred and one years old and interested in all missionary enterprises. It was moved that Mrs. Prudden write to Mrs. Averill a letter conveying the greetings of the assembly and its best wishes for her continued life and happiness.

Miss Sterling made reference to the loss Fairfield County had suffered in the death of Mrs. Charles R. Palmer of Bridgeport. She said Mrs. Palmer's dying
words, "so much to be done," would still ring in our ears and spur us on to further work. Miss Daggett, in her report, had also beautifully referred to Mrs. Palmer, and Mrs. Hart now paid a tribute to her character. She said "she had a very winning, charming personality which ensured her success in all that she did. Why do we say 'dear Mrs. Palmer'? Because of her great affectionateness. May we not catch a thought from this, that it is not best to repress the loving affectionateness that God has given us. Some have warm hearts but repress their feelings. Let us not do this. Love is a lubrication if it is applied, and assists the hard places. Her modesty was remarkable in one of her ability; she did work in all lines, but I believe she would have been glad to have done it all without notice. Back of these qualities was a passion for saving souls born of her consecration to the Master whom she loved." Mrs. Hart then told of a day she had spent with Mrs. Palmer, seven years ago, in her home, in trying to induce her to accept the presidency of the New Haven Branch, which office Mrs. Palmer felt obliged to decline after much prayerful consideration. Mrs. Hart said in closing: "we cannot forget her, and she does not forget us to-day; she can have lost no part of her interest in our work from her translation to the home above."

A very interesting feature of both morning and afternoon session was the question box, conducted by Miss Prudden, the first question:

"Does the missionary work of the Christian Endeavor societies take the place of the Mission Circle?" was answered by Miss Prudden, who said that letters had been received from Rev. Mr. Clark and Rev. Mr. Kinney with the assurance that the plan of Christian Endeavor societies was to foster and nourish mission circles rather than to displace them. Their object was to strengthen interest in all good work, that where no mission circle existed the Christian Endeavor society should start one.
“Is it better to go to missionary meetings or to stay at home and give the money it costs to go?” Miss Gilman answered that all the women present evidently thought it best to go to the meeting, and the reason is because they wanted the awakening, the quickening that comes of meeting together, they will go home and pray more and give more for coming. Mountain tops are not places to live on, but places to go up to and look about and get inspiration and then come down to our homes. The mountain tops send streams to nourish the valleys.

“What can we do for our missionaries?” called forth suggestions to pray for them, and send them new books and magazines that interest us.

“Is it wise for mission circles to reserve money from year to year?” of course brought a negative answer, as the needs for money are so pressing on every hand, the aim of mission circles should be to give more and more. The Lord does not withhold blessings from us because we happen to have more than usual.

“How can we best use the annual reports?” “What is the best kind of life preserver for sinking societies?” “How can we increase the circulation of missionary periodicals?” “How shall we raise our money?” were questions that brought out pertinent replies. “When can we say that we have given enough?” Miss Hinsdale replied that someone has said that the time to stop giving is when we stop receiving. The Lord looks for a free-will offering. Mary gave all she could, so did Dorcas, though she had but a needle she used it. “Why do we not have more prayer in our meetings?” Miss Hopson of Kent said this went to the very foundation of our spiritual life. Why don’t we have more prayer at home? Why don’t the whole church come together and pray? The answer is plain, because we don’t believe very much in prayer. We can give our
spare change, we can sew for the poor, some of us love to study about the New Japan as we would about the Elizabethan era, but to meet just to pray, what is the use? To our unbelief we add disobedience. We don't care very much if we do not pray.

"I am delegate to the Woman's Board of Missions, what will be my duty?" Miss Sterling recommended to such that before going they should be working members of the Branch and be acquainted with the Auxiliaries. At the meeting they should radiate light and warmth as well as absorb, and when they come home bring back some warmth and infect others.

"What should be the work of the Mission Circles during the year?" Miss Prudden said the circles are to erect the new building in Bombay, support three missionaries, whose salaries are divided into $20 shares, continue several scholarships, and give to the training school for nurses in Japan and the hospital in Foochow, China. This amounts to $200 more than the circles pledged last year.

Miss Sarah J. Hume gave a short address on work in India, at the Mahratha Mission. She began by saying that most of the gentlemen connected with this mission, in order to fill up to the full every moment of leisure, have, in addition to their other duties, the charge of the outlying districts, consisting of about one hundred villages. Here they do all that time and money will permit to make Christ known. This village district is in the care of Miss Hume's brother, and during his absence in America she had charge of it for two years. She gave an interesting account of her visits to the villages with her outfit of medicines, pictures for the children, papers for her teachers, strong rope and twine to tie up the harness which was apt to give out, her Bible and hymn book, and a shawl in case she was late in getting home, or kept out all night by the donkey casting a shoe.
When her two-wheeled vehicle approached a village the cry went up "Here comes the Auntie Lady," and all who needed help ran to her. If one of their schools was in the village she first visited that. Seated on a small stool, which she always took with her, she recited the Lord’s Prayer and sang hymns and then held a meeting. Afterwards she called on the sick and on those who were Christians. Often her duties were to select a place for a burying ground, or to see that the Christians got justice in a law suit. Frequently she took lunch at a rest house where many men would be assembled, talked to them first of the crops to get them good natured, then asked if she might read to them in the Bible. Sometimes they would ask many questions, all talking together, and if she said she could not talk in the noise, each would tell the others to be still. In one village ten miles west of Ahmednagar they wanted a teacher. He had to undergo great persecutions, but his hands were strengthened by visits from the missionary and he was induced to hold on. The result was that last February a church of nineteen members was formed, who have promised to pay one-third of a pastor’s salary, who is to give them one-third of his time. Often the first impulse for work in a village is the mustard seed which was planted by one of these preachers. Much seed is sown by the way side, but much is sown in good ground and will bring forth fruit.

Pleasant greetings from the mother Board were brought by Mrs. Taylor of Boston. She made an urgent appeal for more money, not only to carry on the work already started, but to send out new workers, and to push forward and enter the doors which were opening on every hand. "Who would say," she concluded, "that our gifts are measured by our love for Christ and His cause, by our desire to promote His kingdom to the best of our ability? If the doors are open and many
are ready to go forth, is it too much to pray for a new consecration, and is not this a good centre to pray for it? As we pray "Thy kingdom come," the question comes home to us "What more can I do?"

At this point, most appropriately, the free-will offering was gathered, while Mrs. Hart read suggestive passages of scripture and many ladies from the audience recited verses bearing on the subject. The usual business of the annual meeting was conducted at intervals during the sessions. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, delegates chosen to attend the annual meeting of the Woman’s Board in Worcester, in January, 1889, a nominating committee for next year appointed, and a committee on next place of meeting reported an invitation from Waterbury, which was accepted.

Miss West of Constantinople, the author of "Romance of Missions," spoke of the progress of the work in Turkey. She prefaced her remarks by reading from a letter she had just received from the venerable Mother Shauffler, who was sent out in 1829, and who though in her 87th year and nearly blind had written it with her own hand. She sent wishes for a pleasant meeting and called to mind that New Haven ladies have the credit of starting the work of woman’s education in Turkey fifty years ago. Miss West spoke of the great advance that had been made since that time. "Then the whole Turkish Empire was in total darkness, ground down to the dust under the rule of the Moslems, woman had no place legally. I used to say the Bible is the bread of life, and that is our work to carry the open Bible and point them to Jesus, and to tell them that a woman’s soul is just as precious as a man’s, that there is a heaven for women as well as for men." She spoke of Mrs. Leonard’s work in Marsovan, who with Anna Felician opened a little school in her house. "To-day what a church, and a training school, a college, and the most
flourishing Sunday School in all that region. The light has gone from one place to another, little centres of light here and there through the darkness. Harpoot is one of these centres, Aintab another. Fifty years ago one school started for girls, to-day thousands. What has God wrought! When I went there a Turk was amazed that I could read, and now nearly every one reads. The danger now is the drift towards infidelity. Realism and vice are coming in like a flood. We want to put the Bible in their hands. When they come out from ignorance they must have religion to take its place.”

Mrs. Cady gave a brief glimpse of her visit last summer to the schools in Spain and Austria, and spoke of the reflex action of our foreign missionary work, in that two men, prepared in Austria, have come to America to labor among the 20,000 Bohemians in Chicago, and 40,000 in other parts of the West who do not speak English.

After a closing hymn and prayer, the meeting came to a close. The influences there exerted, however, must surely extend in ever widening circles of good. What a record the meeting at Waterbury will disclose, if each one present at the New Haven gathering left with a determination to bravely act her part during the coming year!

Marie E. Ives.
REPORT of the RECORDING SECRETARY.

Those troublous warlike times that "make history" in the life of a nation, are full of salient points for the chronicler, and furnish abundant material for an interesting record, nevertheless peace is best. On this principle we as a Branch can afford to be thankful that our annual reports of work in the home department are not filled with striking incidents, and even that they have little variety from year to year. Let us be careful only that the apparent monotony shall be a steady onward current, and not stagnation.

There is much still to be done, and large territory still to be won right here at home, for the cause of Foreign Missions, even while we rejoice that the work is well begun, and firmly established.

The regular work of the New Haven Branch has moved on in its usual channels through the past year. Eight monthly meetings have been held in New Haven; and one annual meeting in each of our four counties. Besides constant intelligence through letters from missionary fields, we have had the pleasure of welcoming and listening to Mrs. Wm. Gulick, from Spain; Mrs. Farnsworth, from Turkey; Miss Mary Porter, from North China; Miss Gardiner, from Japan; Mrs. Capron and Miss Hume from India; and Mrs. Rand, from Micronesia, so bridging over for us the wide distances between ourselves and the chief fields of action.

The meetings of the Executive Committee have been held twice in each month, excepting the summer vacation weeks. Some experiments tried by them in the line of more systematic business methods, are mentioned
here as a practical suggestion. Various departments of work have been assigned to sub-committees, who by separate consultation and forethought have relieved the entire committee from much detail, and left them free in their meetings to give more time to the wider interests of the Branch.

In the hope of remedying the tendency of New Haven churches to rely exclusively upon the monthly Branch meetings, an attempt has been made to draw in the ladies of the city churches to work with the committee in preparing for some of the meetings.

It was thought also that this might be a means of discovering latent talents, and of bringing about a closer personal relation between city auxiliaries and the central Branch work.

At the regular gathering of Vice-Presidents in November, an unusually full and free discussion brought out in a marked degree the earnestness of purpose and the faithfulness of execution with which our home-work is carried forward in the different counties; showing "diversity of gifts," differences of administration, of operation, but one and the self same spirit, and the same God which worketh all and in all." During this discussion some facts were mentioned which we cannot afford to ignore:—a decrease in our adult membership, for which the increase of young ladies circles will not compensate; and the tendency on the part of many single societies to fall below their former standard of giving. Even if new societies should keep our number up to a former standard, and make good the sum given in former years, the effect on those who do fall below means sad loss to themselves, and is a danger signal.

The correspondence of the Home Secretary reveals constant and lively effort on the part of our home workers. Calls for maps, letters, sketches of missionaries and mission stations, helps in writing papers, native costumes
for illustrative exhibitions, everything in short to make meetings attractive and instructive (and sometimes financially profitable as well) are frequent.

New plans for meetings, rejoicing over new steps taken and new enthusiasms kindled and requests for special work are also found in abundance in this correspondence. Three new auxiliaries are reported; at Greens Farms, at Plymouth, and in the Olivet church of Bridgeport. One auxiliary has fallen off, making one hundred and nineteen in all, a larger number than ever before, though our individual membership is smaller. One hundred and fifty hektograph copies and a large number of manuscript copies of letters have been made in this department.

A few echoes from this correspondence may fittingly find a place here. One writes: "The Stratford meeting was a great inspiration." Again, "What a good meeting we had in Stratford; I think that everyone must have received a blessing." Another says: "I wish our churches were more fully aroused, yet I think after all there is much to encourage us, the work has a stronger hold on us than ever before." "The letters were very interesting; Miss —— prepared a paper from some material that I had with the aid of your 'studies.' She was wonderfully interested in her subject and says she'll be ready to write again whenever I wish to have her. Our ladies think the missionary letters are just the thing." "Let us still work on and hope on, waiting till the Master comes."

The children's annual missionary meeting, held on Good Friday, filled as usual the Center church to overflowing, Rev. Mr. Mutch presiding. Its services consisted of a question and answer exercise, of singing by selected voices and by the whole body of children; and of a second opportunity of hearing the Rev. James L. Phillips of India, who never fails to hold the attention and gain the lively interest of such audiences.
The growth of the Mission Circle department is shown in ten new circles: at Westport, Sherman, West Haven, Orange, New Milford, Bridgeport, New Canaan, Winsted and two at Essex. So far as known there are four cases of suspension. The Circles have made an advance in contributions this year, and have assumed the support of Miss Judson in Japan, of Miss Root, in India, and of Mrs. Eaton in Mexico, in place of Miss Ferris. Nearly one half of Miss Root's salary is assumed by the Christian Endeavor Union, of Litchfield County. Five hundred hektograph copies of letters for circulation have been made in this department; and three volunteers are now using the hektograph, making from thirty to thirty-five copies per month, which is a very great additional help to the work. Thirty circles, called the "Zulu Helpers," have been much interested in the Inanda school building, and six letters have been prepared by one mission circle secretary, weaving together all our information about the school, with extracts from recent letters. The Bombay building fund is proffered as a new object of interest among the circles during the coming year.

We thankfully acknowledge the self-denying efforts throughout our Branch in behalf of the permanent fund. The result is gratifying, though we hope another year to do more, especially in the city of New Haven, where it was deemed best for certain reasons, to defer any effort until the coming year. We must mention especially the Y. L. M. Circle of Litchfield, who in addition to an increase of fifty dollars above their usual sum for the mission field, have contributed to the Fund sixty-eight dollars and twenty cents, and also the young ladies of Bridgeport who raised over fifty dollars.

The Executive Committee has been obliged to part with great regret, with one of its assistant secretaries, Miss Thorn, whose other duties claim all her time and
strength; and it has welcomed to its working force three new members since the last list of officers was printed.

We thankfully recognize the fact that death has made no inroads upon our members; yet death has come very near to us, and very close upon this gathering.

One year ago our Branch elected as Chairman of its Nominating Committee, Mrs. Charles R. Palmer of Bridgeport, and her voice led us in prayer. To-day we miss her noble face, her earnest words, her cordial greeting. A letter from her written on the 6th of April, declining to serve on the committee, brought the unwelcome word that she could not be with us here; yet we may hear her speak to us even now; and the report of the year's home work could not close with more fitting words than the message which this letter brings.

Mrs. Palmer writes:—"It will be quite impossible for me to be present at the annual meeting. I shall probably not be at home at that time. But I do hope and trust that God's loving favor will rest upon the day, and that new zeal and devotion to the work through all its members may be the outgrowth throughout all the Branch. How much quickening and stirring we all need, and these annual meetings have ever served to warm the loving workers who gather together."

Our friend made one mistake in her letter, when she said "I shall probably not be at home at that time"—a happy mistake for her. May we all be as truly at home as she is to-day, when our places here are vacant.

Susan E. Daggett.
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions has not quite reached its majority; but we are thankful for the privilege of sharing by seventeen years of service, and $157,127.84, in the grand twenty years record of the Mother Board. To the dear Lord, who has invited us to a partnership with Himself in the conversion of the world, such an immense proportion of the results are due, that He generously reserves His report to a future time, leaving to us, year by year, the glad privilege of telling our little human side.

The last year we have had nine missionaries on our list, and a more faithful consecrated company of workers we believe can nowhere be found. With the exception of Miss Andrews, who is still detained in this country, and Miss Ferris, who, we regret to say, was obliged to resign on account of her health, they are all at their posts, with hands full of work.

AFRICA.

Forty missionary societies have commenced Christian work along the coast of the Dark Continent, while a few have penetrated at great cost of life into the heart of the country. But the millions, left nearly two thousand years without the gospel, which was first promulgated on their very borders, are now the people most unwilling to receive it. Christians, as all white men are called, went before with slavery; and now, through the liquor traffic, are introducing, if possible, a more destructive evil. Rum and the gospel are going to Africa together.
One carries destruction and the heathen welcome it, and are then unfitted for the blessed gift of the other. The appeals which the missionaries send to Europe and America for governmental restriction are most pathetic, and imperative; and no channel of reform is more powerful than the prayers and influence of Christian women.

The report of the Zulu mission closed with saying "we feel like singing a new song." No previous year has added so many converts to the churches or witnessed such advance in temperance, purity, and general elevation of the people. Heathenism is giving place to Christianity; and the missionaries attribute the growth in numbers and spirituality largely to the adoption of stringent temperance principles. This step is welcomed by the women, whose lives and homes have been emmendered or ruined, by the beer-making and drinking customs. One missionary wrote, "the blue ribbon army gains rapidly in number and influence. Two former members of the Inanda Seminary, employed as Bible women, are untiring in the temperance movement, and most faithful helpers." Another tells of the new ambition to read which has been awakened in the women. One who had just received the truth into her heart, sat with the little children, poring over her spelling book, with her baby upon her back. Other married women are coming to school with their own children. In one kraal three of the thirteen wives of one man have become Christians, and when told of it, the husband replied: "I consent if you become good Christians." A blessing is looked for in that kraal through the influence of these women.

After years of crowding and discomfort, to the joy and relief of teachers and scholars, the Inanda Seminary, founded in 1868 by Mrs. Edwards, our first missionary, has been provided with a much needed building.

Unusual attendance upon religious services with in-
creased love of prayer and Bible study, show that the Holy Spirit is reaching the hearts of the girls. Among the forty-nine boarders, many have given real joy to their teachers by efforts to lead consistent Christian lives. Mrs. Edwards' untiring efforts to train her scholars in habits of economy, industry and self-support, hold a rich promise for the future native churches. Fourteen of the present pupils are professing Christians, and a still larger number give evidence of being children of the kingdom. This school, when first opened, seemed but a glimmering in the darkness; but twenty years have made it a more helpful power to the women than any other agency in the mission. The girls have their missionary society, which last year gave thirty shillings toward the support of the young women from this school, who have gone to the new mission at Inhambane. Mrs. Edwards has purchased eighteen acres of land to be cultivated by the scholars. It is laid out in gardens and fields, surrounded by a wire fence with solid posts. The girls whose parents are unwilling or too poor to pay for their board and tuition, can thus by their labor partly pay for themselves. By voluntary work the girls gave valuable assistance in the erection of the new building. Some brought water a long distance for the mortar, others sifted sand for the masons, and a few out of their poverty brought money. Saturday the girls always take extra work to earn pennies for the Sabbath School, and even do this in vacation. Fourteen girls worked during their play hours until each had earned the money to buy a Zulu Bible. Only two hours a day are given to the out-door labor, but the product last year was valued at £15, and this will increase as years go on. This year they expect to raise one hundred and fifty bushels of corn, besides a large crop of vegetables. Thus, while educating the girls, it is expected that the school will become self-supporting. The girls have re-
cently planted over a thousand trees, which in time will bear fruit in abundance, beautify the grounds and supply firewood, an important item in that country. Three girls have the care of a few silk worms, the beginning of an industry which may benefit the school, and possibly the community.

Some may inquire, what about the book education of these girls? They all learn the elementary branches in their vernacular, as well as the common school branches in English, which is becoming the general medium of intercourse in that colony. All who complete the course, take some of the higher mathematics. The household work is performed by the girls, who also cut and make their own clothes, and a few do fancy work. But above all they are thoroughly taught the Bible. There never was a more urgent appeal for laborers, than comes from the Zulu Mission to-day. The fields are white for the harvest, but where are the reapers?

*East Central African Mission.—* Early last year some misdeeds of the Portuguese traders provoked an attack by Umzilla's people, among whom this mission is located. During the affray the mission house was broken into, and much valuable property destroyed. This, however, was not the result of opposition to the mission, and when the differences were settled, the missionaries, with their adherents, all returned, and the work has gone on quietly. Work among an untutored race, with no regard for laws or rules, no idea of the value of time, or the sacredness of a promise, must be perplexing, demanding much prayer and patience. Miss Dalita Isaacs, our native missionary, who went from the Inanda Seminary to this mission, has proved a very valuable helper. Her expedients to secure children for the schools and to interest them in the word of God, have been very ingenious and successful. The people live largely upon the products of the water, and when the tide is low,
parents and children, flock to the beach for the supplies found in the sand, and no child can be turned aside. But Dalita goes in her boat, with books, slates and pencils, waits for the returning tide to cover the sand, gathers her scholars on the beach, or wherever found, and organizes her school at once. When other expedients fail to collect an audience on the Sabbath, she enters a kraal with the missionary, and commences to sing some sweet hymn, which seldom fails to draw the people. To the children she repeats Bible stories, and writing about it says: "Many things they may forget, but I think they will never forget these, for they repeat them over and over, and I never give a new one until the last one is learned." She visits the sick, conducts meetings, assists in Bible translation, and at last accounts was commencing to print the new books which have been prepared in the Sheitswa language. Her father cheerfully consented to her leaving home to devote herself to this, to her, foreign missionary work. But since his death, family friends have so opposed her remaining, that it has been a severe test to the consecration of this young missionary, who needs our prayers and sympathy.

Austria.

The promise of governmental toleration accorded to our missionaries in Prague, a year or more ago, has not been kept. Under the influence of ecclesiastical authority, even those chapels which have been occupied several years, were suddenly closed upon the plea that only house-worship, and that only for invited guests, could be allowed to non-established churches under Austrian law. By occupying them, in part as residences, the technicalities of law have been met. And by strict adherence to their plan of preaching the simple gospel of Christ, and urging purity of life, while scrupulously avoiding all reflection upon the Romish religion, the
truth has been proclaimed regularly in seventeen stations. Large numbers of Bibles, and portions of scriptures, have been sold, besides other Protestant books, and there is a growing demand for the monthly magazine published by the mission. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have labored on alone heroically, having repeatedly been summoned before the police court for the most trivial reasons. Still Mrs. Clark wrote, "we are beginning our new year with much cheer." There have been marked religious awakenings, and special services held in several localities. Children in large numbers are learning in the Sabbath School, not what the priest, or Pope says, but what saith the Lord our God.

The Kraabschitz Seminary is slowly recovering from its loss in the death of Pastor Schubert. A new and very acceptable principal has been secured in Rev. Mr. Soltez, who resigned a desirable pastorate to take up this much needed work. There are thirty boarders, a small number compared with some years, due mainly to hard times, and the extreme poverty of the Bohemians. Lack of funds alone prevents this home from being filled to its utmost capacity. One of the old graduates has gone to Labrador as the wife of a missionary; another as the wife of a colporteur to Bosnia; still others are faithful, honored teachers and mothers; while forty are in the Sabbath School work. Nineteen of the present pupils are church members. This mission greatly needs more laborers.

CEYLON.

Education forms a more important part of the work in this, than in most missions. The government grants in aid, which are given according to the grade in scholarship, enables the missionaries to carry on triple the work they could with only the mission allowance, and at the same time give themselves more exclusively to strictly religious labor.
The Oodooville girls' school, though of lower rank in its standard of scholarship than Jaffna College, is a kindred institution, decidedly Christian, and largely supported by the native community. There are over one hundred pupils, two-thirds of them Christians.

In the school at Oodoopitty, sustained mainly for those promising young Tamil girls whose parents are unable to educate them, we support six scholarships. From this school, which is conducted upon the Mt. Holyoke plan, eleven girls were graduated last year, all Christians. Some of them were obliged to return to heathen homes where a life-long persecution may await them, and Mrs. Hastings begs us "never to forget to pray that the Holy Spirit may keep and comfort our Oodoopitty girls."

This school has long been characterized by an earnest spirit, and its pupils, in addition to their own domestic work, find time to go among the heathen to tell them the way of salvation. This mission conducts more than fifty Sabbath Schools with an attendance of from two to three thousand children. The young men from the college and young women from the schools go out regularly to conduct them or to sing and teach, using in the afternoon the same lessons that they and we have earlier in the day.

The work of the Bible women in this mission is considered very important. These faithful women, four of whom we support, receive from fifty cents to one dollar and fifty cents a month for their services. They go from house to house reading the precious words of Jesus to women who cannot leave their homes, or teaching them to read it for themselves. These patient workers have done valuable service in bridging over the chasm between the timid, ignorant heathen women, and the missionaries, who often find it very hard with their imperfect use of the language, and their foreign manners, to get a true heart welcome for their message of love.
China.

The Celestial Empire is waking up: The day of light is dawning even in China. We are staggered by the immensity of her population, when we consider that a procession of her teeming millions passing any given point in single file, would never end, because a second generation would come on the stage before the first had gone by. But the church can delay no longer before a duty which has grown mountain high. Heathenism in the hearts of two hundred million Chinese women may be overcome, the call is urgent for more workers, more funds, and more prayer. Our special share in the work in China has been confined to the labors of Miss Andrews, who is still detained in this country; to six scholarships in the school at Foochow, the support of two Bible women, and occasional dispensary work. Thousands of sick and suffering ones are cured in the hospitals and dispensaries, and with the healing, have learned of the Great Physician of souls. Much of this scattered truth is beginning to yield fruit. Miss Andrews keeps up with the progress of the mission, and writes with much satisfaction of the marked improvement in the christian women. Several are able to share with the missionaries the responsibility of conducting weekly meetings, talking with inquirers and giving instructions in the dispensaries. Quite a number have been received into the churches during the year, and nearly all are learning to read, even those who heretofore have counted the herculean task too great, are trying, so as to read themselves, “the Book that tells the whole story” about Jesus and His love. Mrs. Chao, our Bible woman at Tung Cho, with an assistant visits from house to house, and has fifty-three women and girls under regular instruction. They report over a thousand visits in the year. In the native church is found a model auxiliary of the W. B. M. embracing every woman in the church. Nine years
ago the week of prayer was publicly observed for the first time in Tung Cho, and proved a great blessing to the native church. This has been continued each year since with good results, quickening the Christians to renewed zeal, and bringing halting inquirers to a decision. Miss Andrews says: "our Christians made prayer the business of the week, and received a blessing for their reward."

The Foochow school at the Ponesung station, "continues to be a power for good to the pupils and to the mission work in general." It was expected that the new step taken this year, requiring an admission fee of six hundred cash each term, would diminish the attendance, but the year closed with thirty-four pupils, an average above the previous year. The girls have a missionary society and are learning that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," not the easiest thing for the Chinese to understand. The temperance work has received a new impulse through Mrs. Leavitt. A triple pledge against opium, tobacco, and alcoholic drinks, has been adopted, to which the missionaries already trace favorable results.

INDIA.

"The opportunity of the ages" has indeed come to the vast empire of India, and this opportunity belongs to Christian men and women. Under the rule of her Christian Empress, open doors and safe passports await every one who will go to India with the love of Christ and souls in their hearts, and the Bible in their hands. Never were calls more imperative, or openings more auspicious, every treasured jewel, every consecrated child, every willing heart, our gold and our silver, are all needed to-day for the work our dear Lord is opening up. The enemy is occupying the strategic positions, and delay in India, as well as in Japan, means fearful loss. But we take courage when we remember that the cause
is the Lord's, and he not only endorses, but carries it on. In India alone He has a thousand leaders and sixty-thousand converts waiting to be trained. But what are these among so many? The present crisis demands a united army to meet the millions one by one, as well as enter the stronghold.

We rejoice in the story our laborers tell of "open doors," "new churches," "a large number of converts," "satisfactory advance in the number of schools, and the attainments of scholars," but most of all in their account of the faithful, christian lives of the native christians. At Madura, our new Missionary, Miss Dency T. M. Root, who went out last autumn, is located with her sister. She expects to take for her special work the day schools for Hindu girls, located in different parts of the city, containing three or four hundred scholars, with fifteen native christian teachers. She is learning the Tamil language, and asks us to pray that she may be strengthened and enabled to feel that though uninteresting, this is as truly service for the Master as teaching the word of God. This young missionary has had special preparation for the study of languages; and we have great hopes of a useful life among the bright high caste girls who will come under her teaching.

We have long had a deep interest in the Madura school; because for years we have supported ten or more of its pupils. The untiring devotion of Miss Swift, the principal, to the varied interests of her school, a burden she has carried alone, claims more than a passing thought. In all departments there are one hundred and three pupils including forty-four day scholars. The buildings will accommodate one hundred boarders, and but for lack of funds every corner would be filled. Last year there was a great spiritual awakening and many came into an experience of the living presence of the Holy Spirit, and some of the girls, members of the church for years,
confessed that they had never known before the power and sweetness of a Christian life. Half of the present pupils are Christians; and Miss Swift has written of her longings, during the revival, for a little more money to enable her to call back to those blessed influences, the thirty girls she had been obliged to send away to their heathen homes, for lack of funds. The girls find their days very full, for their songs begin to ring out over the compound at five o’clock in the morning, while they make ready for their household duties of grinding, cooking, sweeping or cleaning, from which no one is exempted unless ill. After breakfast and the morning work are ended, the bell rings for school, which is opened with singing, repeating Scripture and prayer, closing with the Lord’s prayer in concert. During the mid-day recess, the girls conduct in companies half hour prayer meetings. They have with Miss Swift many gatherings for prayer, Bible reading, reports of sermons, or plans for benevolent work. The girls are indefatigable church goers, and their “Society of Christian Endeavor,” Sabbath school, and church services make Sunday the busiest day of the week. When little ailments, rain, or other good reasons detain the little ones from church, they usually console themselves by improvising a prayer meeting.

The Madura mission employs twenty-six native Christian women, four of whom are ours, to teach or read the Bible to the women in their own homes. They visit even in Brahmin and wealthy families, and always with the Bible in hand. What they tell is most encouraging. One says: “We are urged to come often, for the women say, ‘the words you tell us are very sweet, and we love to hear them over and over.’” Another: ‘Tell us all about it now, for I may die to-morrow,’ and we often hear them say, ‘you teach what makes us happy, but our religion makes us afraid.’” One Bible
woman wrote of such love for her work that she forgot to take bread; another told how she hurried to her daily task because she knew the women were waiting for her, and she ought not to disappoint them, it might be too late if she waited until to-morrow, "for some die every day." Another said, "when my head aches, and I am tired, I think how Jesus, when he was tired and hungry, told the women about the bread of life." More than three hundred women have been reading the Bible in their homes this year, taught by these good Bible women. It seems as if scores of Christian women in our churches would crave the privilege of supporting Bible women as their substitutes in this grand seed-sowing time in India.

Mrs. Chandler writes that the school for famine waifs, which we have supported, is fast diminishing in numbers, for the girls are stepping into homes of their own, or positions of self-support.

The Maratha mission report comes to us full of thanksgiving and hope. It no longer tells about "the day of small things." In almost every department there has been a substantial gain the past year, and this is more marked in the work of the W. B. M. than any other. The women in India have been the hardest to reach, and their influence the most difficult to overcome. But today the doors of all castes are opening to the gospel, from the proud Zenana to the hut of the Mangs, who as outcasts, are not allowed a dwelling-place within the limits of city or village. Twenty-eight Bible women are employed by this mission, besides six unpaid volunteers who give regularly a portion of each day to Bible women's work. The aggregate of the audiences to whom they have told the gospel story reaches over 80,000 in one year. Two of these Bible women are from high caste families, and have a history that would equal many found in modern romance. When they received their appointment and were assigned to a station one
hundred and forty miles distant among strangers, they accepted it gladly, saying: "We have promised that if God gave us this service for Him, we would make an offering of our first month's allowance, and now we wish to do it." Another woman, a recent convert, has promised to visit, without compensation, ten villages regularly, and tell the story of Jesus' love.

Mrs. Bissell has just completed a book which is calculated to be a special help to these women. "The Women of the Old Testament," and a second, "The Women of the New Testament," is being prepared. Mrs. Bissell gathers all the Bible women in her vicinity twice a year for a two days' Bible class, when they are examined in the lesson given six months before, which for the last half year was the book of Ruth, seven chapters in 1st Samuel, and a recital of a part of the 10th chapter of John. Thirty-five came to the last gathering, and gave a careful report of the work they had done. One told of a company of inquirers she had found among the Mangs, and when the missionary went to give further instructions, he found nineteen ready to receive him, saying, "we have been waiting two years for you." We support nine of these women, and there are nearly as many more who could be employed to great advantage, if the funds were provided.

The lack of funds to carry on efficiently even the work in hand, is one of the worst trials. Mrs. Bissell wrote of the arrival of a mail when the missionaries were all gathered for some social occasion, and every one left letters even from parents and children unopened until Dr. Clark's letter announcing the appropriations for the year, was read. Then she tells with what sad hearts they dispersed, saying: "What can we do, thus fettered on every side for lack of funds, our hands tied, and every new opportunity lost!" She adds: "Well, we must just wait and toil on, eking out as best we can,
from our own allowances, only we have been doing all we thought we could in that line. Perhaps some better way can be found for carrying on missions without money!"

The plea for a more generous support of the work is heightened by the zealous benevolence of the native christians of the mission, who contributed last year for the support of their pastors, the education of their children, and general benevolence, $11,727.52. With few exceptions this was gathered in very small sums, tithes from the meager income of the poor, scores of whom lack the every day comforts of life.

The Ahmednagar school has had one hundred and forty pupils, more than half boarders. Nineteen were received to the church during the year, and several others were postponed for more mature christian characters. Two promising girls, one the brightest in the school, were married to mission teachers, and have gone to spheres of usefulness. There has been much sickness during the year, and the last term closed a week earlier on account of a case of small-pox. But the work of the year has been very satisfactory. At the examination in October, an educated Brahmin, who was present, remarked upon the excellent maps and copy books, and especially upon the pure pronunciation of the vernacular, which "may well" he said, "make us of the Brahmin caste hang our heads." Such testimony is very encouraging when we consider that most of the scholars are from the lower castes. Mr. Joshi, who was in America when his wife graduated from the Philadelphia Medical school, with another educated Brahmin, visited this school, going through all the classes. They expressed much pleasure and satisfaction with the prompt and intelligent answers received from the pupils. A local native paper, in reporting the yearly examination, honestly admitted that "the missionaries in India, have
been a great boon to the country. They have shown that caste is not a divine institution, nor education the birthright of a chosen few.” It adds: “The labors of missionaries, for the amelioration of our people, deserves the sympathy and patronage of government and the public!”

There is no truer mission ground nor a field where more faithful Christian work can be done than Bombay, the largest city save one in the British empire, where Newell was buried, where Gordon Hall lived and labored. In such a metropolis the sowing of divine truth seems like casting bread upon the waters, or scattering among thorns. But after many days the harvest time is approaching. Here, as elsewhere, the doors are opening to women, and the girls and women we have been educating are only too glad to enter them. Men educated in government schools and universities have long been asking what are you educating all these girls for? Now the question is answered, when the women in their own houses are asking who will teach us? In Parel, an aristocratic quarter of the city, where a few years ago to gain entrance to the house of a high caste family would have been like trying to open the fortress of Runjeet Singh, Mrs. Hume was recently invited to come and teach the girls. Upon her first visit fifty-four women and children welcomed her, besides a large number of men and boys who waited on the verandah for some of the crumbs. This meeting for conversation soon grew into a Sabbath School of more than a hundred girls and women, then into a regular Sabbath service for men and boys, and finally a most promising day school has been established. Several similar doors have been opening in other parts of the city.

The Misses Millard and Lyman, recently sent to this mission, have found in this new work as well as in much that had long been waiting for them, calls for all their time and strength.
Mrs. Hume still edits, with much ability, the "Babodh Mewa," a monthly magazine for young people, which is much prized by the native christians.

With regard to the Bombay school for Christian children, Mrs. Hume writes: "Our true end and aim is not primarily to make good scholars, but true, consecrated men and women. We teach them that even in dress and manners they can honor their Saviour. This school where one hundred and thirty boys and girls are being educated together is still a strange thing for India. But experience in this as in all experiments is the best test. After eleven years the native christians, whose children are being trained in it, still count it a great joy and satisfaction when they can afford to send them to this school. The grade of scholarship may be understood from the last government grant of forty per cent. advance after a careful examination. Ten from this school were received into the church last year. There are fifty-eight boarders, the boys and girls having separate homes. The whole institution costs the mission (aside from the teachers) only five hundred rupees annually, as the parents pay more than half the cost. The boarding accommodations for the girls are not suitable, but we are glad to hear that the W. B. M. has promised a new building.

The girls' "Lend a Hand" mission band has been newly enthused this year, and its numbers have given proofs of successful efforts to embody the spirit of their motto in their lives. They raised twenty-six rupees in the year, and in memory of one of their members who had died, they gave a valuable book to their pastor.

A branch of this band called the "Opportunity Seekers," was formed from the little ones in the school, who added eighty-six cents to the treasury during the year. These children must have given nearly all the wee bits that came very occasionally into their hands to make up
this sum. The boys' band is named "The Well Wishers." A girl six years old was given to Mrs. Hume recently by her father, because according to some heathen custom he could not keep her after the death of her mother, as he had another wife. Two hundred rupees had been offered for her purchase, because she belonged to a good caste and was pretty, but this heathen father had some regard for his own child, and having heard that the missionaries were kind he brought her to them. Since then he has come regularly to the Sabbath School to see the child.

Rev. E. A. Lawrence, after visiting most of the old missions in Asia, and carefully studying their plans and conditions says: "Altogether I have never found a church at home more full of the true spirit of the coming Kingdom, more ready to learn and teach, to pray and labor, to receive from God and give and do for God, than this company of christians in the city of Bombay."

Japan.

All through the centuries "a nation shall be born in a day," has been a mere figure of speech, and it is so strangely different from past experience, that its approximate fulfillment in Japan sounds to many, more like a fable than a fact. Fifteen years ago the first Protestant church was organized in Japan. Now over one hundred and ninety are reported, with fifteen thousand members. In addition to our missionary Mrs. De Forest, last summer we adopted Miss Cornelia Judson, of Stratford, in our own State, who was welcomed at Niigata, the capital of the province of Echigo, in October, where she has a home in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht. Joyful surprises meet the missionary on arriving in Japan, as also many saddening proofs that it is still a heathen nation. Miss Judson wrote of being profoundly impressed with the absurdities of their wor-
ship and the humiliating devotion of multitudes to meaningless ceremonies. Costly and imposing temples, made impressive by a hideous stone image or the fascinations of glittering adornments, must show to the awakened youth of this generation, the wasteful and degrading demands of idolatry. Miss Judson visited a single shrine of the early damios, which cost thirteen million yen, where a huge hammer is still kept to arouse the god's attention. Temples are still crowded with devout worshipers, each of whom drops an offering of grain or money into a box before the huge idol. She also described a temple to the God of Healing, upon whose image the deluded generations of worshipers have rubbed the diseased parts of their bodies in full expectation of divine help, until the hands and features are almost worn off. The most pitiful sight was that of mothers rubbing sick babies against this cold stone image of Buddha, in the vain hope of cure. Missionaries have labored in Niigata only four years, but have gathered a promising church; schools and evangelistic work are extending rapidly. As she teaches in English, she had at once fifty scholars, women as well as girls, and in three months eighty, with a prospect of one hundred before the year closed. The pupils coming from the best families, are so polite and appreciative, that it is only a pleasure to be associated with them. Miss Judson asks us to pray that her work may not be surface work, but prove real character building for the honor of the Master.

It is very inspiring to hear of the fourteen churches in Kioto, with their noble band of christian men and women, who are thoroughly educated, and obtaining positions of influence even in remote parts of the empire. The Japanese are eager for all the aids which christianity and civilization provide, especially for women. The position of thoughtful and influential men in that
country relating to a Christian education for their children is full of promise. Even non-christians recognize its moral power, and this is preparing the way for the best instructors from England and America, to labor under the direction of the missionaries.

Sendai, the present station of Mr. and Mrs. DeForest, is the military headquarters of northern Japan. It is a wealthy place, has a population of fifty thousand, and claims considerable commercial and educational influence. The reputation of the Kioto Training School, influenced the wealthy men of Sendai to erect a similar institution, and Mr. DeForest was placed at the head. Mrs. DeForest soon found an inviting sphere among the women of the higher ranks. She gathered large classes in different branches of handiwork and finds many opportunities for giving religious instruction. Some were ready to join a weekly Bible class, and additions have been made to the young church as the result. A union convention of Christian women was held in Sendai, which continued three or four days, foreshadowing important advance in every line of womanly and Christian work. Sewing, cooking, singing and industrial schools are being opened wherever foreign ladies, graduates of schools or missionaries, are found willing to direct them.

MEXICO.

The mission in northern Mexico, commenced about six years ago by the Rev. Mr. Eaton, has met with success far exceeding expectation. His first experience was anything but promising. He was not welcomed with even the common civility extended to strangers—for was he not the “Diablojefe de los Protestantes?” He sought in vain for days, even the humblest dwelling to which he might bring his family, and for no consideration could he find a room in which to give Protestant instruction. The people, instigated by priests, heaped
every indignity upon him. These things, together with the knowledge of the inability of missionaries in other parts of Mexico to secure protection, or redress, even for murder, were enough to make this man of faith stagger under the thought of bringing his delicate wife and little children to such a place. But his heroic, consecrated wife was ready for sacrifice, as well as service. Their first year in Chihuahua witnessed a series of privations, persecutions, sickness and death, which it would require chapters to describe. But amid and over all, the Divine blessing rested upon their labors. In these few years three churches have been organized with eighty members, whose devout spirit and gratitude are a great joy to the missionaries. Mrs. Eaton has borne an honorable share of the burdens, having been most successful in winning the confidence of the women and training them for Christian work. This will be understood from the fact that every woman in the church is counted an unpaid Bible woman. In writing of these pioneers of the Northern Mexican mission, Dr. Clark says he considers their labors as wonderful and satisfactory as almost any in the history of the Board. There are over a hundred in one Sabbath School in Chihuahua, and both old and young show such delight in Bible study that the missionaries often say, "the people just make a business of it." Over fifty Bibles, one hundred New Testaments, and as many more portions of the Scriptures, besides numbers of other Christian books, were sold last year. When commencing the work they could hear of only three—and those Roman Catholic—Bibles for sale in the whole State of Chihuahua, and the advertisement on the mission house, "Bibles for sale at low prices," soon brought many purchasers, as their own Bible cost from $16 to $50 or $60. Miss Ferris being obliged to retire from this mission, we gladly adopted Mrs. Eaton into our family of missionaries. Her first
request is for our prayers. At Sonora, a new station, we have a school under the care of Mrs. Hattie Sturges Crawford, whose zeal and personal missionary training will surely develop it into a center of great usefulness.

**Micronesia.**

The children will rejoice to hear that their beautiful "Morning Star" is still trying to bring the ends of the earth nearer together, by making two trips a year. Practically this brings the missionaries in those islands five thousand miles nearer to us. By taking the necessaries of life to them every six or eight months, their lives are made happier and more useful. We hope the children will never forget to renew their shares promptly, because the missionaries must get their dividends out of the blessings we send in this little ship.

**Spain.**

Religious toleration in the land of the inquisition, indicates marked progress toward a final christian brotherhood of the nations. Protestant schools, publications and congregations, call forth no opposition. The American mission holds a regular public preaching service in fifteen stations, and however large the audiences, no objections are raised by the authorities as in earlier years. Unlimited opportunities are open to-day in Spain, and a score of earnest men are needed to meet them. The school under the care of Mrs. Gulick, at San Sebastian, has had a prosperous year, with one hundred and seventeen scholars in attendance, forty-one of them boarders, gathered from all parts of the country. Most are Protestants, but a few are from Roman Catholic families. All conform to the same regulations, and follow the same studies, including a daily and systematic study of the Bible. During the year two thousand dollars have been received in tuition fees, a sum far exceeding the highest hopes entertained two years ago, and seven pu-
pils have been received into church fellowship. At the annual examination five girls received diplomas, having completed a full course with honor. A large part of the boarders voluntarily abstain from a certain portion of their food at regular times, and receive the value in money, which they contribute for the support of their church worship. In the same way, by self-denial, they gain small sums for charitable or missionary purposes. The present accommodations are entirely inadequate for the school, the mission family and public services. The call for a building worthy of such a promising institution is most urgent, and if the Board cannot supply the demand, it is hoped that the christian women of America will see that it is done.

TURKEY.

The determined opposition of the government to all Protestant influence in Turkey, has been strengthened the last year by Russian intrigue. In addition, the distressing calamities of fire and famine, together with the growing poverty of the people have proved serious hindrances to educational work. Both the missionaries and people have been forced into more urgent claims upon Divine interposition. The mission reports give many proofs of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance in all departments of work. Early in the year a law would doubtless have been enacted, to close all foreign schools in the empire at the end of six months (save under conditions which could not have been accepted), had not the foreign ambassadors combined against it.

The "Home Beautiful" in Scutari, is a grand institution for the young women of Turkey. It is safe to say that no similar institution among missions has such a polyglot assemblage of nationalities within its walls and possibly it may be claimed that in no other is the standard of scholarship higher or the religious influence
more pronounced. The number of scholars in attendance is small compared with some years, but there are forty-five boarders, and many others waiting to come when their parents can pay the fees. It is encouraging to learn that $7,000 were received from parents, for board and tuition in 1887. Ten scholars graduated last year, seven of them professing Christians. Eleven expect to graduate this year. Nine nationalities are represented in the classes. A few are daughters of missionaries and two are interesting Turkish girls. The class motto this year is "Love-Serve," which is exemplified in the courtesies of every-day life as well as in generous sympathy with the poor, and the famine stricken people of Adana, to whom the pupils have sent nearly $50 out of their small incomes. Last summer an earnest religious spirit prevailed and the voluntary attendance upon devotional services was very large. The real heart prayers of the little ones were very precious to their teachers. Some twenty Moslem girls have been members of this school, but none have completed the course. Were it not for religious prejudices, many Turkish families would be glad to secure such advantages for their daughters. One wealthy Turkish lady said quite recently, "No school in the city can compare with the home at Scutari." Special blessings have been bestowed upon this school, but there are always special burdens resting upon the teachers. The vigilant eye of officials, the opposition of ecclesiastics, and a combination of national and political influences such as are found in no other city on the globe, compel these noble women to lay firm hold upon the Almighty arm, not knowing what a day or an hour may bring forth.

In Marsovan the public disturbances are felt much less than in Constantinople. The educational work is very promising and receives quite generous support
from the people. There are two hundred in the high school, beside night classes for business men. Even the Turks show a more friendly spirit, welcome the Protestants to their houses, and are beginning to patronize the girls' seminary. One prominent Turk listened to the reading of the Bible in his own house and admitted the excellency of the Protestant religion, because it does not allow the worship of pictures. One Armenian lady who attended a Protestant service said "I like the way you pray with your eyes closed, and now I follow it. I used to see the children playing, or that the windows were not clean, but now when my eyes are closed I think of God." The women's prayer meetings and the mothers' meetings are so large, that they can hardly find room to accommodate them. Sometimes a hundred are present, many with babies in their arms; and when all the furniture is removed there is scarcely room to sit on one foot on the floor and tardy ones are obliged to listen outside.

Miss Fritcher, having presided over the girls' school for twenty-four years, is taking a well-earned vacation in this country. By her ability, and devotion to the highest good of this school, she has gained for it the confidence and patronage of the surrounding country, and made it the model for all similar institutions in Turkey. The girls who have been educated in it are employed as teachers or Bible women in remote towns, thus multiplying by a hundred the good seed planted by Miss Fritcher and her faithful assistant Miss Anna Felician. There are eighty-five pupils this year with thirty-five boarders, the largest number ever received. Last year twelve graduated and fourteen are expecting to receive diplomas this year, all but two professing Christians. A department for Greek girls has been added, including a large class. On account of the many nationalities and the growing desire to learn English,
this has been made the language of the school, while religious instruction may be given in their vernacular. The first regular Turkish pupil, the daughter of an influential government official, was received this year. Her presence has induced several Mohammedan ladies to visit the school, and a few to accept invitations to the women's weekly meetings. Five of the last graduates were engaged at once as teachers. One has a school of eighty; another is in a school in Marsovan without any salary in fulfillment of a promise given when an appeal was made for funds for one of the schools in the city, to give her first six months of teaching. Another has gone as wife and helper to a valuable mission agent in Samsoon. The women in the Marsovan church have for years supported and educated one orphan in the girls' school. As a former protégée is now a promising teacher, they have adopted another in her place. The graduates have great influence in the villages where they reside, and the churches of which they are members. Miss Anna Felician is doing an important work not only in the school, but in visiting among the people, and is welcomed by Turks as well as Greeks and Armenians. Her kindergartens are very prosperous, the pride of the mothers, who say, "our children tell us sweet words from the Bible," and "they never swear or lie," "they will not play on Sunday," "they are little preachers in our homes."

Since the violent outbreak and mob in Smyrna a year ago, a bitter spirit of persecution has been kept up. But the school has been happily prosperous in its pleasant new building. There are forty-five scholars, ten of them christians, and as many more are candidates for admission to the church. The death of two of the most promising christian girls last year was a great affliction, but the loss proved a blessing to some. The kindergartens, under Miss Bartlett, have proved very success-
ful, and several valuable teachers have been trained for Constantinople and other mission stations. The Sunday School is very popular with one hundred and fifty or more children.

At Harpoot, in the female department of Euphrates College, we are educating five Armenian girls. To the great satisfaction of the missionaries, many of the pupils are now allowed to complete a thorough course of education, such as can be secured in no other school in Eastern Turkey. Formerly the girls were taken from school to be married when little more than children, but these customs are fast being abandoned. In the four departments there are two hundred and thirty girls, whose gentle manners, neat dress, and intelligent faces show the inestimable blessing of a thorough Christian education and training. Among the advanced scholars, a large proportion give evidence of being Christians, and thirty-five are members of the church.

The Talas school has had twenty-seven scholars last year, with only one missionary, Miss Burrage, to be mother as well as teacher. Her success will be partially understood from the fact that thirteen promising Christian girls finished their course last year. Their earnest Christian spirit and faithful work through the year was a great comfort and help to their teacher, while patiently waiting for her associate, Miss Closson, who was detained in America on account of her health. We are happy to know that she arrived in Talas in March, where a crowd of old friends came a long distance out of the city to meet and welcome her back to the work where she was so much needed.

At Broosa we support four scholars. Mrs. Baldwin had this school alone the last year, but Miss Cull was sent to take her place at the opening of the new year. English has been introduced into this, as in many other schools in Turkey, and the standard of instruction raised
to give a more advanced course. The closing exercises for the year were attended by many of the parents, who expressed great satisfaction.

We hear but few particulars of our twelve day schools, except that the missionaries count them invaluable, because in many villages there is no other school, and no other opportunity to teach the children the gospel. From these schools, girls found worthy of a higher education, are transferred to boarding schools.

Miss Bush wrote of the school in Egin as small, and progress much retarded by sickness, but Hoomar, the brave teacher, was planning new things to attract the scholars, such as a black board, map of the world and needlework to sell, the proceeds to be used for needed appliances.

In Arabkir where the people were unable to pay their portion of the teacher's salary, a daughter of the new pastor has taken the school, and as she is much loved by the people, it is hoped the school will receive a new impulse. Ephraim, the teacher of the school in Hogh, is also a preacher, and last winter his school increased from a very small number to sixty, and the Sabbath service sometimes gathered over two hundred. The people being too poor to provide a house of worship, the women formed a society to raise money to enlarge the school room for this purpose.

European Turkey.

The silent giving up of old religious prejudices, and the cordial welcome given to our missionary ladies and their Bulgarian helpers, is often a surprise to the missionaries themselves. The medical skill of our missionary, Mrs. Bond, has opened to her many hearts and homes in Monastir, and her labors among the women have brought many to a saving knowledge of Christ. The attendance upon Sabbath Schools, mother's meetings, children's societies and the Women's Missionary Society has been largely increased. Some of the ser-
vices have become so attractive that the rooms are packed to the full week after week, and some are willing to listen at the doors and windows. Mrs. Bond wrote of an exceedingly interesting tour of six weeks, which she made with her husband and young son, when the baby organ, accompanied by the sweet voice of the child, never failed to gather an audience. In many places the young helper proved a valuable assistant also in telling the words of Jesus to those who would hardly have listened to a preacher. Everywhere the women came to listen to the Bible, and even in outward appearance, all those met the year before, showed a marked improvement. Some came long distances to meet Mrs. Bond, and counted it as nothing, so great was their joy at meeting the missionary again. The mission weekly paper, the “Zonitza,” though suppressed a short time for political reasons, is a valuable agency, carrying gospel truths to four thousand subscribers and three times as many readers every week. For a time when every other paper was silenced, this Protestant paper was the only one published in Bulgaria.

Among the grand opportunities for Christian service given to the women of our times, we recognize none as more promising or urgent than are offered in the dark and Christless homes of nearly a thousand millions of heathen, whose mute appeals, still come to us from every continent. For nearly nineteen hundred years the command of our ascending Lord has been growing more and more imperative. To-day, as we lay at his feet the record of the services and offerings of the New Haven Branch for another year, we devoutly beseech Him to bestow upon every member, a double portion of His Spirit, whereby we may be stimulated to such consecration, that nothing we can give or do, will be counted too costly to prove our fidelity and gratitude to our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Mrs. H. D. Hume.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

As this report of the year’s history enters every family belonging to our auxiliaries, it will be a silent reminder of individual responsibility. The successes, short-comings, failures, will be made apparent to each member. And each will read between the lines what more might have been done by her prayers, influence and gifts towards making her little society all that it should be.

Bethel.—Three societies flourish in the church. The elders hold regular meetings and seek to inform themselves of all that transpires at home and abroad. One of their number was a delegate to the meeting of the Woman’s Board of Missions, and upon her return gave to her own and a neighboring auxiliary an account of what she had there learned and enjoyed. The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle find it more convenient for the majority to meet once a month in the evening. There have been five sociables, at which the associate gentlemen members were entertained. The Inanda Seminary has received aid from them, and they have now an interest in the young lady lately gone to San Sebastian, Spain. The Busy Bees, through the Dayspring, have become interested in the new school in Bombay, and would like to construct there a few cells, whence shall issue words sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. There are no drones in their hive.

Brookfield Center.—Only six meetings have been held owing to the illness of the President. The most noteworthy events were the visit of the County Vice-Presi-
dent, when there was a good attendance, and the annual county meeting at Newtown. Missionary literature is circulated to some extent, and the contributions exceed those of any previous year.

Danbury.—There has been an increase in attendance, and new faces from time to time at the regular meetings, also new subscribers to Life and Light. The latest intelligence from mission stations, the accounts of zeal among our college students, and the work of Mrs. DeForest, which they follow with undiminished interest, afford them ample and instructive reading. Though contributions have not been enlarged, the gifts have been more intelligently bestowed.

Easton.—A few seem interested in the general work, but the majority give it little thought. Neighbors are so far apart that no meetings are held. The enthusiasm attending missionary meetings in other towns is denied them for lack of railway facilities. Consequently little growth is reported.

Georgetown.—The society struggles yearly with the same obstacles—few members and much work at home. The young ladies are trying to do a little foreign work, but find a leader with health and consecration almost unattainable.

Monroe.—Meetings have been held every month, with a membership of twelve, the average attendance is seven. Half the members take Life and Light. This is a good record for so scattered a community.

Newtown.—The society exists as it has for several years. No particular growth is noted, no regular meetings are held, and the membership remains the same. But the annual county meeting was held here, and the whole town turned out to meet the strangers, and served them in every possible way. Mrs. Capron telling of the seed-sowing in India, dropped a seed which shall bear fruit in the hill country of Connecticut.
Redding.—The officers upon whom rest the burden of the auxiliary, have been disabled by illness from doing as much as in former years. Fewer meetings have been held, but the cause has not materially suffered. The “Ready Folks” have entered their sixth year, and have had eight regular meetings, also a pic-nic in July, and a concert in August. Five collectors are appointed for the different districts, and thus share the work. Financially, the year has been a success.

Ridgebury.—A society with only five members would seem hardly able to exist, but these tiny country societies are a vital part of our organization. The auxiliary in Ridgebury holds interesting meetings, reads with eagerness all items pertaining to the work, and is zealous to do its portion.

Ridgefield.—The past year has been uneventful—the membership and contributions are not essentially changed. Some disappointment is felt by the officers that more do not attend the monthly meetings. In a scattered parish various causes operate to account for this fact. The “Snowflakes” were left by their elders to their own resources this year. And they have done well, considering that the congregation are endeavoring to build a new church. They meet once a month, have six new members, and several young men as associate members. Birthday and mite boxes are kept, and one entertainment has been given. If they have not realized as much for their treasury as last year, they have the gratification of feeling it has been a year of self-reliance.

Trumbull.—The woman’s cause has not suffered, although large contributions have been gathered for the foreign work in other departments. The Permanent Fund of our branch has realized a substantial sum in the extras. Only a few meetings have been held during the year, and the usual number have attended.

Cordelia Sterling.
**FAIRFIELD COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.**

We find fresh and strong growth in this portion of the vineyard. Some of the plants are assuming more healthy and vigorous proportions; others striking deeper roots into well-prepared soil. In some instances seeds long sown have sprung into new life, promising large harvests in the future and in a few the work has been without anticipated results. Much land is still to be possessed and cultivated. We need and are asking for showers of divine grace. A society in Green's Farms, and two mission circles, one in New Canaan and one in Westport, are added to our number.

**Bridgeport.**—Our report from year to year is much the same. About the same number are present at monthly meetings with the usual amount of interest. We find these meetings a real benefit to us personally in the interchange of sympathy and prayer and cooperation in the cause so dear. Only by the persistent personal effort of the "faithful few" will the work advance. The energy and activity of our mission circles inspire bright hopes for the future welfare of our society. The "Pearl Seekers" raise their money by entertainments and feel a special interest in Inanda Seminary. The secretary writes, "If we work more and pray more we shall have more to report next year." The "Young Ladies' Circle" of the North Church report growth. They united with the "South Church Circle" in preparing a box of clothing to send to India. Their meetings have been made inspiring by addresses from Miss Pierson of China and Pundita Ramabai. They are waking up to the truth that the missionaries are very much in need of Christian sympathy and prayer. The "Cheerful Workers" of North Church have been studying about Africa, Japan and India. At our meetings many interesting letters have been read. In June we had a bag sale at which we raised fifty dollars. In the
Autumn we also raised twelve dollars by the A B C method toward the permanent fund. And now this report must be supplemented by announcing the death of their dearly beloved president, Mrs. Palmer. "We stand bewildered and almost paralyzed. What shall we do? We felt we could not spare her from our meeting," writes a friend who was for years associated virtually with her in the work. And so every worker in the county will say, for we all felt renewed courage when we saw her face among us. Can it be that we were leaning too heavily upon heavenly strength. The "South Church Young Ladies' Circle" is reported as prosperous, but the secretary writes, "We have nothing at all new to add." The "Dewdrops" are doing nicely; "We have a membership fee of five cents a month, so dividing our circle into active and associate members. We meet twice a month and our average attendance is twenty. The society of Olivet Church, organized one year ago, has a membership of fourteen. Meetings are held monthly and are well attended. The missions in nine different countries have been studied and as a consequence interest in the cause has greatly increased.

Darien.—Meetings are well sustained even during winter's severe reign, two ladies frequently coming two miles to attend. The work has been growing in the hearts of those so closely associated in labor for Christ and his cause. The meetings have been distinctively for study; at one, contrasts between heathen and Christian homes was made and reasons for personal thanksgiving were mentioned. During part of the year a half hour of prayer preceded the regular meeting. Every year of association with Mrs. DeForest endears the privilege of being identified with her efforts to speed the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in Japan. We would not omit the inspiration also gained by marching in step with the advancing host of fellow-workers.
in the Woman's Board army. The "Busy Bees" have sustained their meetings during the year and some of them have been marked occasions.

*Green's Farms.*—"Our report must necessarily be very brief, as we only organized the last of February; but at that meeting sixteen names were enrolled as members, with a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. At our second meeting we numbered twenty-one. We feel already that this union of Christian women in this work for Christ will be productive of great good to our own hearts. Over and above our regular dues we propose from time to time to make thank-offerings to the Lord for His special favors to us."

*Greenwich.*—Our report is not quite so encouraging as it has been in some former years, owing partly to our unsuccessful efforts to induce the older ladies of the junior circle to come with us. We shall continue to use every effort to secure the attendance of our own members at our monthly meetings. We have invited the county meeting to be held with us in October, feeling sure that it will do us good and give new interest to our workers. This being our nineteenth year we think we are the eldest child of the Woman's Board of Missions in this county. With two exceptions our meetings have been held every month and much interesting missionary intelligence has been given. The "Bearers of Light" report a good year's work. Two members are appointed at each meeting to prepare a programme for the next. "The Little Neighbors" have united with them, making one circle.

*New Canaan.*—The history of the year is very encouraging. With the contributions to the permanent fund much more money than ever before has been raised. Meetings are better sustained with an average attendance of fourteen nor are all the gains to be reckoned by figures. A far deeper cause for gratitude is the in-
creasing love for and sympathy with foreign missions. A mission circle composed of boys and girls has been formed and some of the young ladies are gladly giving their support and help to the undertaking. They call themselves “Sunbeams” and have already a membership of twenty-five. The interest in the Kraabschitz School has been transferred to the work in Mexico. The belief is expressed that those who love best give most.

North Stamford.—Our president has worked hard in keeping up our numbers and bringing the members together at her home for meetings. We shall lose, this spring, our valuable treasurer, who has been with us ever since our formation ten years ago. Our meeting are held on the last Thursday of the month, but we have not been able to meet so regularly as in some former years. Our “Do What You Can” band are true to their name, although now only six in number they sent thirty-seven dollars to the treasury. They have a long list of honorary members whose gifts are a great assistance in swelling their collections.

Norwalk.—“One or two names are added to our membership. We have been favored in having with us Mrs. Bliss of Turkey, who interested us deeply. Mrs. Bainbridge also gave us a talk and won some to the cause of foreign missions who before were not in hearty sympathy. We have made our usual appropriations to the Constantinople Home in addition to two life memberships. One of our number, a beloved son, Rev. Mr. Curtis, who was brought up in our church and Sabbath school, has gone to the work in Japan. The “King’s Cadets” have held their own, though their meetings have been somewhat irregular. They number twelve and hope to do more work this coming year. The “Sunbeams” are enthusiastic workers, made up of the small children in our Sunday school and are much interested in the Dayspring, fifty copies being taken. Our “Young
Ladies’ Band ” are often represented in our auxiliary meetings, and have done good service also in preparing programmes for missionary meetings for the Christian Endeavor Society. There is also a junior circle.

**Sound Beach.**—Meetings have been held irregularly a part of the year and the average attendance is good considering the number of members, and the distance all live from any common center. Through the earnest efforts of our president a few new names have been added to our roll. All are prompt in paying their dues. We have had some most helpful suggestions and intelligence sent us from a county delegate to the annual meeting of the Woman’s Board of Missions.

**South Norwalk.**—The secretary writes: “There has certainly been a quickening of interest with us in missionary work this past year, shown in a larger attendance at the meetings. The new life and activity of the young ladies and their cordial cooperation with us in our meetings have been very encouraging and helpful, so we are provoked to more love and good works by every effort put forth to advance the coming of the kingdom of our Lord. We have very efficient collectors. Our "Cheerful Givers" have nearly doubled their membership and are very much interested in their work. One year ago they began to use mite boxes, and the children are delighted with them, some going on purpose to get one. They have made patchwork and useful articles for a sale. Mrs. Theo. Baldwin from Turkey attended one of their meetings, and gave some account of the school in Broosa.”

**Stamford.**—“Our meetings held during the winter were full of profit and interest. We feel encouraged and are hoping for still better things. We have an efficient president whose influence is working good for our society. We have been unfortunate in not hearing from our native teacher in Miss Ely’s school for more
than, eighteen months. Our "Tiny Helpers" have in their success been also an inspiration to us. They meet every other week. Their average attendance is twenty. They take twenty-five numbers of the *Dayspring*, which they thoroughly enjoy.

*Stratford.*—"If every church member is not connected with us, at least she has been asked to join our society and has learned what the Woman's Board of Missions is. We have several real earnest workers among us who are willing to do house to house work, the hardest kind but most efficient. The cause seems to have gained friends since Miss Judson went to Japan from our town. We have not omitted a monthly meeting during the year. Since January *Life and Light* has been circulated in some families where it had never been heard of before, and we have already eight new members. Our "Young Ladies' Circle" is holding its own, is becoming more and more interested in missionary intelligence and effort is made to more generally circulate such reading among their members and others. The "Alpha Band" has thirteen members and meet every month. They have sent basted work to Miss Hance in Africa. The young secretary writes: "One good thing has been accomplished. Eight of us during this past year have learned to pray for our missionaries and their work."

*Westport.*—The Westport society has held its regular monthly meetings, with a little increase in numbers and more increase in interest and earnestness. We were represented at the county meeting in Newtown and sent a delegate to the annual meeting at Boston. Interesting letters have been received from Mrs. Capron, Mrs. Rand, Miss Dency Root and Miss E. M. Lyman. All these privileges have done us good. In December our dear vice-president went home to heaven, leaving us with a sense of deep bereavement and loss. We have distributed money barrels among the ladies of the church
and hope to have a thanksgiving offering for September. We report ourselves as alive and awake and trying to improve. A mission circle was organized last May by the young ladies of Saugatuck and Westport. They hold their meetings every month and all the children of the church are invited to come. They spend the time in work, giving and receiving missionary intelligence and recreation. The proceeds of articles made and sold has netted quite a sum in addition to their membership fees.

Wilton.—This society has a membership of fifty-nine including gentlemen who only attend the social gatherings. Twenty-eight meetings have been held, nine of them social, the others devotional, sewing and business meetings. The A B C plan, the secretary writes, “caused some groans, but really increased the interest in our society. On the whole we feel encouraged with our year’s history, as our membership is larger than ever before.” The “Morning Stars” had very interesting meetings through the summer and in September held a fair which was quite a success. They are hoping in the future to earn and collect their money, saving it in mite boxes.

Mrs. N. E. Gleason.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

The societies in the northern division of Litchfield County are nearly all in a hopeful condition of growth. One of our smallest hill towns has raised twelve dollars the last year, by personal visitation. We have lost one auxiliary by the removal of the few who were interested in the work. We have gained one by the revival of an old society, which had been discontinued. The missionary spirit is deepening. The good which has come to us through the labor and efforts of the New Haven Branch
can never be known. Its pioneer workers will hear with joyful surprise the welcome of the King: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Canaan.—The secretary writes that "extracts from missionary literature are listened to with increasing interest. Meetings are more frequent, and the attendance larger than usual."

Colebrook.—The members are too few in number, and too scattered to maintain meetings, but much interest is felt in the work, and twelve dollars furnish evidence of increasing helpfulness.

Ellsworth.—The severity of the winter has prevented regular meetings. A few faithful ones meet when they can, to pray and give to the work. The "Golden Links" have had the same difficulties in meeting, but the society has now resumed its work.

Falls Village.—The removal of the few interested, prevents any report.

Harwinton.—A regular and enlarged attendance at the meetings, together with the aid of the young ladies, justifies the secretary in feeling great encouragement, and hopeful for the future. Lessons from Life and Light form the monthly topic for study.

Norfolk.—The auxiliary meets regularly each month, and the ladies bring reading matter, in which all are interested. The "Young Ladies' Band" are much interested in the study of different mission fields. The "Hillside Gleaners" and "Mountain Wide Awakes" are very energetic and interested girls and boys, meeting irregularly, but always ready for the work. They have an annual fair on the "green" during the summer, and the treasurer's report shows the result of their industry.

Plymouth. This auxiliary has re-organized, and commenced its work in studying the mission fields. The
young ladies are entering heartily into the preparations for the meetings, and aiding in the singing.

*Salisbury.*—The secretary writes: "Although we cannot report a great increase of numbers at our meetings, there seems an increasing interest in the minds of those who do come, and we hope for greater numbers."

*Sharon.*—A meeting held last summer, to which several auxiliaries were invited, is remembered with thankfulness. The meeting for devotion, and the earnest spiritual tone of some of the papers have been a power for good. The "Busy Bees" are enlarged in numbers, and meet once in two weeks with increased interest. The president closes her interesting account of the work by saying: "So that all in all, a life exists here, which is a promise of better things to come."

*South Canaan.*—They have been able to keep up their contributions, and hope that in the coming summer they shall be able to revive their meetings.

*Thomaston.*—The secretary writes: "The members are reduced in numbers, but they are firm and reliable, and the outlook is very encouraging. There has been much to discourage and depress us for the last few years, but the way now seems clearer."

*Torrington, First Church.*—The meetings have been held regularly each month, with good attendance. The young ladies have added greatly to the interest of the meetings by their presence and assistance. The places made weak by removal and death, have been strengthened by new members.

*Torrington, Third Church.*—The auxiliary is gaining in numbers. Of the new members the secretary writes: "That an encouraging feature is, that there are among them those who bring love and devotion to the cause, and promise to be efficient workers." The "Valley Gleaners" continue the same interest in their work. The
meetings are held Sunday afternoon, and the social meetings quarterly.

_Torrington._—The attendance has been small, but the meetings have been regular during the winter months. The "Highland Workers" have enthusiastic members, and meet regularly during the summer and autumn. They choose a young lady each month to take charge of the meeting, and are studying the different mission fields.

_Watertown._—No report has been received from the auxiliary. The mission circle "Merry Workers" meet and work for an annual sale, but are at present absorbed with local interests.

_Winsted._—The average attendance increases slowly year by year. Each meeting has its printed programme, and the different countries are studied, two or three months being spent upon each one. We have eleven meetings each year, and as many ladies have them in charge. The leader invites four or five to study the topics assigned, giving variety to the meeting, and enlarging the knowledge of many Christian women.

_MARY P. HINSDALE._

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**Litchfield County—Southern Division.**

The extreme cold and storms of the winter have prevented the regular meetings of many of the societies, but the reports indicate the same interest in the work, and desire for larger blessing the coming year.

We are daily being taught to "cease from man" and find our expectation from God. With loving and grateful remembrance of the prayers and labors of other consecrated women who have been removed from the Branch during the year, I cannot fail to pay a tribute to Miss Julia Bull, of Woodbury, recently called unto
the immediate presence of Christ. The cause of mis­sions was very dear to her, and many of us can bear testimony to her untiring zeal in its behalf. The Master found her watching and praying, and I am persuaded, sends her still on missions of love, we know not where.

*Bridgewater.*—"Our circle is small and scattered over the hills, so that the attendance at our monthly meetings is not large, though our numbers are the same. We are hoping to accomplish more next year." The Young Ladies' Mission Circle and "Cheerful Givers" are holding their meetings together. The circles are small, and find this method pleasant and profitable.

*Cornwall.*—"We hold monthly meetings, but the in­clemency of the weather has rendered it impossible this winter. There certainly is true interest in the work, and the outlook for the future is hopeful."

*Goshen.*—"This winter our president has not been able to meet with us, consequently we have had no meet­ings, though ordinarily we hold meetings monthly."

*Kent.*—Kent has missed but one monthly meeting during the year. The average attendance was nine. The president's duties have been much lightened by a very efficient secretary. "Our meetings have been characterized by an earnest spirit of prayer. The Young Ladies' Circle has lost a good many members by removal, but the remnant are persistent in holding on. The 'Mission Workers' have held meetings with a fair degree of regularity, sewing meetings alternating fortnightly with meetings for instruction and devotional exercises, conducted by the young president. The *Dayspring* is used to good purpose. The children are dressing dolls to send to Micronesia. Each child is to name a doll and send a letter with it. One girl has sold a dollar's worth of 'Morning Star' certificates, mostly to mothers for their very little children."
Litchfield.—"The usual interest is maintained, and we have had monthly meetings as far as possible. During the winter they have been thinly attended, and several times on account of the weather, have been omitted. The funds given to the New Haven Branch by the Litchfield circles have been largely increased. The Young Ladies' Mission Band has held monthly meetings with few exceptions. The work this winter has been the filling of a 'School System Sewing Box' for the mission schools. A very successful lawn party was held last summer. The 'Daisy Chain' has a large and enthusiastic membership. A 'Harvest Home' festival in the autumn brought a large sum into their treasury. Meetings have been held nearly every month."

Morris.—"Our monthly meetings, while marked by no special increase of interest, are regularly attended, and a missionary spirit pervades our gatherings."

New Milford.—"There has been little change in membership. An increased interest in all missionary intelligence has been shown. The 'Valley Wideawakes' hold monthly meetings, and a great deal of interest is taken in them. The meetings are opened with devotional exercises, and some of the members read articles on missionary work. The officers take turns in leading these meetings. A number of entertainments have been held this winter to raise money for missionary purposes. The very efficient directress is a great help to the society."

New Preston.—"We have maintained our monthly meetings during the year just closed, notwithstanding many discouragements. The 'two or three' that have 'gathered together' have realized the promised blessing. We feel encouraged to expect a large attendance, and a more active interest in the cause in future. There is good assurance of additional subscribers for Life and Light in the ensuing year."

Northfield.—Monthly meetings are held with slight
increase in numbers. The secretary writes: "At our last meeting my heart was cheered by the gift of one dollar from the same poor woman of whom I wrote last year. Her face shone as she privately slipped it into my hand. Would that all our members and others would give as joyously. I am glad to report favorably for the 'Steadfast Workers.' They hold semi-monthly meetings, and two young men have joined as members. Twenty-five cents is the annual fee. The meetings open and close with devotional exercises."

Roxbury.—"The interest and numbers are about the same. Monthly meetings, and a quarterly sociable, are quite well attended, pleasant withal and adds to the treasury. This year the officers of the mission circle were appointed among the girls. We are resolved to do what we can and raise at least twenty dollars the coming year. The girls went home from the last meeting quite enthusiastic. We work at the meetings and at home on fancy aprons, holders, etc., which are to be sold."

Sherman.—"As a society, we may not be in a flourishing condition, compared with many others. Yet we keep up an interest in the cause, though we have not had meetings through the winter. Two copies of *Life and Light* are taken, which are circulated as far as practicable."

Washington.—"We have had monthly meetings throughout the year, which have been quite well attended. The membership remains about the same."

Woodbury, First Church.—From this auxiliary come mingled words of sorrow and comfort. The death of Miss Bull is deeply felt. She was untiring in her labors, and devoted to the cause of Christ at home and abroad. A friend taking her place as secretary, writes: "The year as to our auxiliary has been uneventful. All dues are promptly paid. It is truly a praying circle. Not a
few are ready ‘when called upon,’ but none would shrink from this part of service. May all of us thus be ready watching unto prayer.”

Mrs. D. D. T. McLaughlin.

Middlesex County.

Centerbrook.—This society now holds meetings quarterly. The attendance has been better and greater interest manifested than when held oftener. Though their numbers do not increase they feel that they are not going backward.

Chester.—Meetings have been fairly attended through the year, though there is room for improvement in this respect. Monthly studies are taken from the Missionary Herald, Life and Light, and Mission Studies. While we cannot report special progress in our work still we hope for more interest and enthusiasm among our members and a steady growth in grace and knowledge in days to come.” The “Light Bearers,” for lack of a leader and the more interested ones being absent, have failed to hold meetings since January, 1887.

Clinton.—“As regards the meetings of our society there is no particular change except that we now hold them quarterly instead of monthly.”

Cromwell.—Meetings have been regularly attended when the weather permitted. They have been interesting, pleasant and profitable to all. The support of the Bible reader, Nanapirakasi, in Madura is continued. The “Young Ladies’ Mission Band” has increased in numbers and is in a flourishing condition. They show spiritual development as well as zeal for mission work.

Deep River.—No report. The “Young Ladies’ Band” from deaths, removals and marriages has been disbanded. The “Buds of Promise” have failed in interest and have held no meetings for some months.
East Haddam.—We have held ten meetings full of profit. Owing to the extremes of weather the attendance has been small, yet the general interest and desire to be present has increased. "The Phoenix Band" has met regularly with good average attendance. The last five months the members have written papers on different countries having mission stations connected with our Board, which have added interest and knowledge of the foreign work. Two socials and an entertainment held on Washington's birthday increased their funds. They have, mostly by mite box money, purchased the mission maps.

East Hampton, First Church.—The secretary reports: "If we did not send a small collection every year and quite a number attend the annual meeting, we might forget there was a society here. I do not think we could get a vote to give it up entirely, but we do sometimes fear it will die out."

East Hampton, Union.—"Every person interested in our auxiliary society is either an invalid or has the care of one. The outlook this spring is a little more promising and we may find it possible to meet with one of our number who has nearly lost her sight and is in constant attendance on a sick sister. There is some genuine missionary spirit among us and we cannot quite give up our existence."

Essex.—In order to make the interest more general a committee was appointed to solicit each lady member of the church to join our society. This plan proved successful and the membership largely increased. It also helped to strengthen the social element in the church. The monthly meetings are well attended and are full of interest; they are commenced promptly and no time is lost. The "Whatsoever Band" has met regularly every month as in years past. The "Mission Workers" is a newly organized band of young girls who meet alter-
nate Saturday afternoons. The devotional exercises of their meeting are a pleasant feature. The girls nearly if not quite all take part in prayer. The "We Will Do Something Circle" consists of boys who hold their meetings once in two weeks on Thursday evenings and enjoy it much. These circles are formed from Sunday school classes and as they have exceptionally faithful and devoted leaders we may hope that their interest will grow with their growth.

Haddam.—The attendance at our meetings has been small during the year, though there are some who would gladly be present at every meeting. Some who are denied this privilege always remember those who gather at the hour of prayer. The "Alpha Society" report ten meetings. They have just entered upon a new year with an increase in numbers and interest. Their meetings are conducted almost wholly by the children and are very interesting.

Higganum.—"Our society has held the usual number of meetings during the year upon alternate months. The Bible reading is sweet and helpful. We have not studied any one field but have presented items of special interest as found from month to month in the missionary journals. 'The Young Ladies' Circle' meets at the parsonage monthly in the evening. A season is spent in devotional exercises in which all take part. After a few earnest words are spoken several prayers are offered by members of the circle and all join in the Lord's prayer. An hour is then spent in sewing while one reads to us about the country we are studying. Mexico has been our study of late. A half hour or more is spent in amusements, followed by refreshments furnished by two young ladies each month. We always have delightful times. 'The Coral Builders' have been studying China and the Zulu mission and real interest is manifested. A penny has been given different members to invest and
bring in the proceeds, and all are awaiting the result with interest."

Killingworth.—Though we have met with great losses by death we feel that there is an increasing interest among us. Our quarterly meetings have been well sustained. We are striving to draw in the young ladies, a number of whom have recently professed their love for Christ, and we hope they will be our workers in the future in this cause and that they will realize that for them "the clock of time has struck woman's hour."

Killingworth.—"Union Band." Our meetings have been well attended, and though we are few in numbers we are encouraged to go forward feeling that there is a work for each of us to do.

Middlefield.—"We are interested in missions. That is all there is to report."

Middle Haddam.—The secretary writes: "Since the annual meeting in 1887 no meetings have been held."

Middletown, First Church.—"Our meetings have not been as largely attended as usual, owing to sickness and the severity of the winter. Only one meeting in January was omitted and the eight have been full of interest. There has been a gain in members. Topics in Life and Light have been followed and many have contributed items of interest not confined to these. 'The Ten Times One Society' of boys are much interested in the 'Morning Star' mission, in which all are stockholders. They have also contributed to the famine relief fund for Turkey. Last fall they had a pleasant experience with Dr. E. E. Hale, the originator of the 'Ten Times One' societies, who, learning of their existence, sent them his love and badge, inviting a correspondence. The invitation was accepted and resulted in each member becoming the possessor of a badge, a silver Maltese cross with the initials I. H. M. mounted on a pin. 'The Gleaners' were not able to organize for work this year till Janu-
ary. Since that time they have held seven meetings with a gain in average attendance over last year. "The enthusiasm of our new president has inspired us all and we are hoping to begin earlier and do better next year."

Middletown, South Church.—"We have nothing of special interest to report. Our meetings are held regularly and the interest maintained. The 'Good Will Society' is an active and interested circle of girls and the 'Earnest Workers' is a circle of boys."

Millington.—There have been some interesting meetings, but owing to sickness none have been held of late.

Portland.—The society has not been as prosperous as in days past, but a new inspiration was received by the delegate to the last January meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, and the secretary writes hopefully of the prospect for the coming year. "The Work and Win Circle" seem to have caught something of the spirit of the older society and good results are anticipated for the future. The boys' circle has, for good reasons, been disbanded.

Saybrook.—This society maintains a steadily growing interest. The number of those who are willing to take part in the meetings is increasing. At one meeting a trip around the world was taken by aid of a map and a better acquaintance with the work of the Branch was gained. All hearts were stirred to new interest by the coming to us of the last county meeting. The meetings of the "Seaside Mission Band" have been sustained with interest through the year.

Westbrook.—No meetings have been held since last spring. "The Fruit Gatherers" lost their leader last fall and her place has not been filled and no meetings have been held, but it is hoped they may be reorganized soon.

Westchester.—Eleven meetings have been held with slight increase in attendance. Mission studies have been
helpful in suggestions and readings. "The Willing Workers" have been so reduced in numbers by death that they propose soon to join the ladies' society.

The county meeting held in Saybrook in October last was small but one of deep interest. Mrs. Capron's presence, with her clear exposition of Scripture, her sweet spirit, her loving and helpful words, were a benediction that will not soon be forgotten. "The Seaside Mission Band" contributed their share of interest to the meeting by rendering the dialogue, "Offerings to the Genius of Christianity" in appropriate costumes. A copy of Mrs. Hart's letter addressed to the ladies assembled was afterwards sent to each society in the county, and we believe was helpful to those who heard it. But how much more work with us needs to be done! Shall we not

"Rise! for the day is passing,
Shall we lie dreaming on,
When others have buckled their armor
And forth to the fight have gone?
A place in the ranks awaits us,
Each one has some part to play;
The Past and the Future are looking
In the face of the stern To-day."

MRS. S. MccALL.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY—EASTERN DIVISION.

Cheshire.—"Only two meetings have been held the past year. This spring at the annual meeting we reorganized and elected our officers."

Guilford, First Church.—"We have held our meetings regularly the past year and they have been well sustained both in numbers and interest, we have taken up the studies of missionary history as suggested in Life and Light, with much interest, questions being prepared and given out the month before, occasionally to
those who are not members, hoping to bring them in. We have been favored in having the reading of extracts from Mrs. DeForest's letters to family friends. A large number of our society attended the annual meeting at Stratford and the county meeting at Madison receiving enjoyment and profit at both. We continue the envelope system and hope for still larger results. We sent a box by Mr. Hume to India, and have recently received letters of acknowledgment from Mrs. Bissell and our Bible woman. Home mission work and work for the Indians, threaten to lessen our grasp on the foreign work, but we will try to extend our hands toward all the world, and quoting from Mrs. Hart will say, 'We may not make much progress but we are established.'

*Guilford, Third Church.*—The secretary writes, "I wish I had a very favorable report to give you, but have not. Our meetings are held regularly as usual, but there is no increase of numbers or interest. The prayers of the few are yet to be answered, but we hope for an added blessing upon us."

*Madison.*—"Our meetings have been regularly attended the past year. The county meeting held here in the fall was one of much interest and profit. Two Bulgarian girls and a missionary have spoken to us of their work in Philipoppolis. We hope still to keep up our interest in and our contributions for Anna Felician. Since 1881 sixty-seven of our number have been called to a higher service or have removed to other towns."

*Meriden, First Church.*—Every meeting of the past year has seemed to have some special interest. In June an address from Mrs. McGrew, the lingering sweetness of whose appeal for the Mahommedan girls of India is with us yet. The September meeting brought us honey gathered during the vacation, and showed us that through the sunny hours of leisure our work had not been forgotten. January brought us the very best
thank offering meeting we have ever had—best because there were more gifts, and the summing up showed the largest amount yet contributed in this way—while with the gifts there came such sweet words of faith and hope, of prayer and divine promise whose fulfillment had already blessed the giver. In March an exercise in song and scripture, was sufficient to have marked the meeting as a "red letter" hour, but there was an added interest in a recitation by nearly all present, bringing out the past and present of Africa. Many new voices have answered the missionaries' cry 'Pray for us.' Our members are seldom absent and their interest in mission work is unabated. One whom we have learned to love not only for herself but her work's sake has been called to a higher life and work. Our mission circles grow more and more interested in the work."

Meriden Center Church.—"We have met once a month through the year with the exception of July and August, and although no new members have been added there has been no falling off and our meetings have been full of interest; we have gathered much information from the study of missions in nine or more different countries. Our offerings this year are as large as at any time before. We wish we could send a more cheering report, yet we are not discouraged and hope in time, others may be interested enough to give of their time as well as their means to help along the cause of missions."

North Branford.—There is the same interest in this society as heretofore.

Northford.—The secretary writes: "We met in January and appointed a new president and vice-president but have held no meeting since. Our contributions however show that we still keep up an interest in the W. B. M. We are hoping to do better the coming year."

North Madison.—"The Holy Spirit has been poured out upon this church with quickening and converting
power, its influence having been felt upon our missionary as well as every branch of work for Christ. Our meetings are well attended with added interest, and after our missionary intelligence, we have a season of prayer, many ladies who had heretofore been silent, voicing petitions for blessing on the workers at home and abroad. We have tried appointing members of our society to visit each lady of our church and solicit members. The plan is working admirably with us."

MRS. F. E. HINMAN.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY—NAUGATUCK VALLEY AND VICINITY.

Ansonia.—After two years of inactivity earnest work has begun. In December the ladies gathered to listen to Miss Sarah J. Hume of New Haven, and after her talk upon the work in the Maratha mission, the society was re-organized and officers elected. About one hundred cards inviting the co-operation of the ladies of the church, have been sent out, many of which have been acknowledged by gifts of money. The subscription list of "Life and Light" has been increased, and the monthly meetings are reported as interesting, with a good average attendance.

Birmingham.—"Four meetings have been held during the winter, at which Miss Mary Porter, Miss Hume and other out of town ladies have been present, and an increased interest in foreign missions is the result." Meetings are about to be resumed after an interruption caused by the illness of the president.

Derby.—There is no marked change in the work. "Meetings have been held with the usual average attendance."

Middlebury.—Death and change of residence has lessened from year to year the membership of this socie-
ty, but the interest of the remaining few is manifested by the yearly contributions.

Naugatuck.—There has been an unusual pressure of home work. No meetings were held until April, when a fresh start was made, officers re-elected, new plans formed for study of mission fields, and an earnest desire expressed to sustain monthly meetings. The amount raised by the systematic benevolent system, clearly denotes a growing interest in foreign missions.

Prospect.—"The Gleaners" held semi-monthly meetings during the summer. We are together for perhaps three hours, and a large part of the time is spent in sewing although there are always devotional exercises and the reading of items connected with mission work. Once during the year some kind of an entertainment is given, and by this method the larger part of our funds are raised. The "Gleaners" are ten years old with a membership of about thirty-five.

Southbury.—Because of a few encouraging features, hope is entertained that a more cheering report can be given next year. About the usual contribution has been raised, but no meetings have been held.

Waterbury, First Church.—"Our auxiliary has more reason for encouragement this year than for many previous ones. It is with pleasure that we have noticed an increase in the attendance at monthly meetings, and also the zest with which the ladies have entered into the spirit of them. Papers upon different mission fields have been prepared, and the presence of several out of town workers at the meetings has been much appreciated. A small collection taken up at each meeting enabled us to purchase cloth maps. At the missionary tea given in January, Mrs. Bowen spoke of life in Smyrna, and mite-boxes, distributed last year, were opened. The Daisy Chain Circle are in the second year of foreign work. An active interest is taken in the Broosa school."
Waterbury, Second Church.—There is little of special interest to record of our society monthly meetings which have been held regularly, with the exception of July and August, with the usual average attendance. There was a slight increase in contributions the past year.

Mrs. Lewis E. Perkins.

New Haven County—New Haven with adjoining towns.

New Britain—Plantsville.

East Haven.—Quarterly meetings, the same as last year, have been held with perhaps an increased interest, as the president makes the meeting both attractive and instructive. A slight increase in the contributions may be reported.

Milford.—The experience of the past year is much the same as that of previous years, but hope and courage strengthens as time goes on. Africa has been thoroughly studied during the year, and missionary letters have added much interest to the subject. The "Rosebud" mission circle is in a most flourishing condition, numbering thirty-five active and wide-awake boys and girls. They devoted their contributions to the Inanda extension and now they are turning to the new work in Bombay, hoping to belong to the new "East India Land Company." Twenty-one of them attended the "Children's Annual Fast Day Meeting" in New Haven, which they much enjoyed.

Mount Carmel.—The lack of general interest is lamented by members of this society, while rejoicing in the fact that the contributions remain the same as in former years. Meetings have been quite irregular on account of bad weather.
New Haven, Center Church.—"There seems little to mark this year from its predecessors. Earnest, steady work for others, persistent purpose in advancing the missionary cause, and heartfelt prayer for the salvation of the world, these have been the energizing factors. The monthly prayer meeting has been continued throughout the year, and has been sustained by the faithful few. The Young Ladies' Mission Circle has had a prosperous year. They have added to their usual methods of raising money a weekly sale of cake made by the members, which has materially increased the sum raised by personal gifts."

Church of the Redeemer.—There has been no attempt to hold meetings by this society the last year, trusting that regular and faithful attendance upon the monthly branch meetings, on the part of the members, would be better secured in consequence. Whether this result is obtained may be doubted. The Young Ladies' Missionary Society has continued with its usual vigor. Finding that Sunday meetings were no longer practical, the fashion of simple afternoon teas has been made serviceable to the missionary cause, as an adjunct to a four o'clock monthly missionary meeting, and an average attendance of twenty-five has been secured.

New Haven, College Street Church.—The Young People's Missionary Society has held twenty-two meetings during the year, with an average attendance of fourteen. At six of these meetings letters and reports from different missions were read. Mr. Nakashima spoke twice upon Japan and the work there, Mr. Rouse twice upon the Sandwich Islands, Mr. Saunders told of the work, manners and customs in India and Ceylon, and Mr. Greene, told of Turkish life and showed some Turkish costumes.

The Coral Workers continue in the good work as in other years. They have studied India and Africa, draw-
ing maps of the countries, and locating and describing
the mission stations. Short sketches relating to the
work have been prepared, and stories read to interest
them in the countries studied. The aim has been to in-
terest the many by bringing them into active service.
The money has been mostly raised by the monthly col-
lections and the missionary boxes. In May, a musical
and literary entertainment was given, which added con-
siderable to the treasury. At the annual opening of the
missionary boxes in December, a pleasing program of
songs, recitations and readings, with a dialogue called
"The Heathen Children's Appeal," was much enjoyed,
and the boxes were opened with satisfying results.

Davenport Church.—This society has held monthly
meetings the past year, with the exception of No-
ember and March, with an average attendance of fourteen,
and with an increasing interest and willingness on the
part of the members to sustain the meetings by prepar-
ing and reading papers. "They mourn the loss of their
long-time, faithful treasurer, Mrs. Pardee, who was called
home in January to realize the fulness of the promise,
'Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a
crown of life.'"

Dixwell Avenue Church.—The president writes: "I
am sorry to say we have not held formal meetings as an
auxiliary. This has not been for lack of interest in the
work that women are doing in this country to send the
gospel abroad, but owing to the fact that practically we
are a mission church ourselves, having just built a new
edifice, and we are now endeavoring to lay foundation
principles, so necessary at this juncture in our work."

Fair Haven, First Church.—The ladies of this socie-
ty have adopted the plan of an occasional afternoon
missionary tea with pleasant results. A slight gain is
noted in the contributions, and the same is true of the
Young Ladies' Mission Circle.
Fair Haven, Second Church.—"In consequence of the illness and subsequent removal of our president to another field, no meeting was held until December, since which time we have held three, one being our annual meeting. At that time we voted to hold five meetings during the year. Our method is to appoint a committee of one or more at each meeting, to arrange a program for the next. We have found it successful in two ways at least. We have more interesting meetings, and gain much information of the mission work. There has been a slight increase in our receipts, but the fact that more are interested than formerly, gives us great encouragement for the future. The Quinnipiac Mission Circle reports some new members, and have raised about the same amount as in previous years. They are stockholders in the Inanda Seminary, and have been much interested in letters relating to the work among the Zulus."

Humphrey Street Church.—Meetings are held with regularity each month. The membership and contributions remain unchanged. As our knowledge of mission work increases so does our interest.

United Church.—The missionary meetings in connection with their weekly prayer meetings, have not been as regularly held during the past year as heretofore, owing to untoward circumstances rather than to waning zeal. Inclement weather, sickness and absence from town of those who usually sustain these meetings were some of these causes, but a growing love for all kinds of missionary work is manifest. The Young Ladies' Mission Circle are able to more than keep their pledges.

Yale College Church.—The secretary reports nothing new and contributions the same. The Mission Circle continues to hold regular meetings although the members are fewer than last year.

Orange.—The mission band, "The Orange Workers,"
hold fortnightly meetings, and since September last have given two successful missionary concerts.

**West Haven.**—The monthly meetings have been held with regularity despite the unpleasant weather, oftentimes with but three present, and never more than four. The three mission circles are prospering, holding meetings on alternate Saturdays, when they work on various articles of fancy-work for two hours, hoping to hold a fair sometime during the summer.

**Westville.**—"The Young Ladies' Mission Circle has held monthly meetings as formerly, for the purpose of mission study. In January, it was decided to occasionally hold a public meeting in the chapel, inviting any ladies of the church who might be interested in mission work."

**Whitneyville.**—There is little to report as the meetings are not frequent, but the interest is unabated as proved by the collections. The mission circles hold interesting meetings each month.

**Woodbridge.**—This society continues to support a scholarship at the Ahmednagar school. No effort is made to hold meetings.

**New Britain, First Church.**—Regular monthly meetings are held, which are almost inspired by the zeal of their president, who has taken them on a missionary journey around the world, visiting one field each month, and so becoming better acquainted with the missionaries. The journey was not as expensive as might be supposed—the outfit—a set of missionary maps. The average attendance at these meetings was about nineteen.

**New Britain, South Church.**—The secretary says: "What good word can we bring for the year past? Is it of interest to report that at our annual meeting the same officers were re-elected, who have, with one exception, served for thirteen years? Our first president, after two years of active service, was called into the
chamber of suffering, and was only released the last year. Her successor presents the rare example of not having been absent from one meeting for eleven years. The record of the other officers shows that one hand has written every report and signed every cheque during the thirteen years of the society's existence. The membership steadily increases, and the interest is unabated. Each meeting seems better than the preceding one. Six mission circles have been formed. The first graduated into the church. Five have done noble work, helpful in almost every mission field of the Board, and the auxiliary and these societies have given more than five thousand dollars for the foreign work."

Plantsville.—The Mission Circle is composed of quite young children, who must be led wisely and interested by variety, and not by reports. The meetings are made up of missionary talks, reading and singing, but the president greatly desires that the love of the cause shall be the chief incentive to active service.

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 8, 1888.

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Receipts from Auxiliary Societies.

Ansonia ...........................................$12.00
Bethel .............................................. 60.50
To constitute life member Mrs. S. O. Chapman and for salary of Sagunabai.
Bethlehem ........................................... 26.00
Bridgeport ........................................ 427.59
A friend to constitute life member Miss Ada C. Sterling, Mrs. John H. Whitney by herself, Mrs. George Baldwin by society.
Bridgeport, Olivet Church ....................... 15.00
Towards scholarship at Ceylon.
Bridgewater ....................................... 38.00
For school at Bombay.
Brookfield Center .................................. 10.62
$1.16 for Branch expenses.
Canaan ............................................. 10.00
Towards scholarship at Foochow.
Centerbrook ....................................... 51.50
Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.
Cheshire ............................................ 40.00
For salary of Vesuvasum.
Chester ............................................ 64.80
To constitute life member Mrs. J. E. Waterous.
Clinton ............................................. 50.00
To constitute life member Miss Caroline F. Hull, Mrs. Elisha K. Redfield.
Colebrook ......................................... 12.00
Cornwall .......................................... 25.00
Towards scholarship at Marsovan.
Cromwell .......................................... 178.64
To constitute life members Emeline E. Savage, Mrs. Andrew Botelle, Mrs. Laura D. Calef and salary of Nanapirakasi.
Danbury ........................................... 120.00
To constitute life member Mrs. Rena Maxwell.
Darien ................................................................. $60.00
Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

Deep River .......................................................... 40.00
To complete life memberships of Miss Sylvina Kellogg and Miss Alice Anderson, by Mrs. Anthony Anderson.

Derby ................................................................. 51.00
East Haddam .......................................................... 78.93
$25 from Mrs. E. W. Chaffee to constitute life member Miss Kate Gardener.

East Hampton, First Church ........................................ 26.35
East Hampton, Union Church ....................................... 10.00
East Haven ............................................................ 48.90
To constitute life member Mrs. Mary G. H. Dodge.

Easton ................................................................. 9.00
Ellsworth ............................................................... 11.70
Essex ................................................................. 34.63
Goshen ................................................................. 25.00
For salary of Mrs. Bond.

Green’s Farms ........................................................ 10.00
Greenwich ............................................................. 117.10
For scholarship at Constantinople Home, $4 for Branch expenses.

Guilford, First Church ............................................... 55.00
For salary of Ramabai.

Guilford, Third Church .............................................. 14.00
For salary of Mrs. Ramsey, Ceylon.

Haddam ................................................................. 25.35
To complete life membership of Miss Mary Brainer.

Harwinton ............................................................. 35.00
$15 from Miss Eveline S. Barker to complete life membership and for salary of Mrs. Alfred, Ceylon.

Higganum ............................................................... 44.40
To constitute life member Miss Dollie May.

Kent ................................................................. 89.00
$25 from Miss Mary E. Hopson to constitute life member Elizabeth Crane Porter, for salary of Dayabai and scholarship at Foochow, $3 for Branch expenses.

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These amounts are for various charitable contributions as follows:

- $25 from Miss J. A. Maltby to constitute L. M.
- Miss Kate L. Maltby, $25 from Mrs. M. Brooks to constitute L. M. Mrs. Wm. Cottle.
- $25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Julia A. Strong, $50 from Mrs. Sarah B. Camp to constitute L. M.'s herself and Miss Ellen B. Camp, $25 from Miss Martha Beardsley to constitute L. M. Miss Louise Ellen Potter, $25 from Mrs. Mary C. Curtis to constitute L. M. Miss Helen C. Curtis.
- Towards a L. M.
- For scholarship at Marsovan.
- For scholarship at Foochow, $30 at Inanda, $30 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, constitute L. M. Mrs. A. W. Merwin.
- For scholarship at Ahmednagar.

*Note: The amount for Woodbridge is unclear due to a possible transcription error.*
## Receipts from Mission Circles and Sunday Schools

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Toward a scholarship at Madura.

Essex, “Whatsoever Band” .............................................. 5.00
For Morning Star mission.

Georgetown, “Buds of Promise” ........................................ 3.00
For twenty-four feet of land at Bombay.

Goshen, “Buds of Promise” .............................................. 15.00
For Morning Star mission.

Greenwich, “Bearers of Light” ......................................... 49.26
Towards salary of Miss Judson and one share in Dalita Isaacs.

Greenwich, “Little Neighbors” .......................................... 7.13

Haddam, “Alpha Society” ................................................. 5.00

Higganum, “Young Ladies’ Mission Circle” .......................... 10.00
For Inanda Building.

Higganum, “Coral Workers” .............................................. 5.00
For Morning Star mission.

Kent, “Young Ladies’ Mission Circle” .................................. 25.00
$20 for Mrs. Eaton’s salary, $5 for Inanda Building.

Kent, “Mission Workers” ................................................. 5.00
For Morning Star mission.

Kent, S. S. of Congregational Church .................................. 6.00
For Inanda Building.

Kent, North S. S. .......................................................... 5.00
For Inanda building.

Litchfield, “Young Ladies’ Band” ....................................... 180.00
$40 scholarship at Foochow, $30 each at Inanda and Ceylon and Japan Home, $50 salary of Miss Dency Root.

Litchfield, “Daisy Chain” ................................................ 100.00
$40 scholarship at Harpoot, $50 salary of Miss Dency Root, $10 Inanda building.

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

Meriden, First Church, “Boys’ Mission Band” ...................... 25.00
For school at Bombay.

Middletown, First Church, “The Gleaners” ............................. 40.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.

Middletown, First Church, “Ten Times One Circle” .............. 8.65
$3 for famine sufferers in Turkey.

Middletown, South Church, “Good Will Society” ................... 30.00
$20 salary of Miss Judson, $10 Bombay building and land.
Milford, "Rosebud Circle" ........................................ 5.00
For Inanda building.
New Britain, Center Church, "Little Givers" ............ 28.33
New Britain, South Church, "Young Ladies' Mission
Circle" .......................................................... 55.00
$25 to constitute life member Miss Jennie E. Chap­
pin, $5 Inanda school, $5 Inanda building, $20
Bombay building.
New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers" ........ 53.58
$40 for scholarship at Foochow, $10 Bombay build­ing.
New Britain, South Church, "Standard Bearers" .... 38.31
$18.31 for Inanda building.
New Haven, Center Church, "Young Ladies' Mission
Circle" .......................................................... 190.00
$40 for scholarship at Broosa, $30 for scholarship at
Inanda, $30 towards salary of Mrs. Eaton, $15 for
B. W. at Ceylon, $5 for Morning Star.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Young Ladies'
Mission Circle" .................................................. 105.00
$40 salary of Mrs. Eaton, $40 salary of Miss Jud­
son, $25 Bombay building.
New Haven, College Street Church, "Y. P. M. S." .... 50.00
For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
New Haven, College Street Church, "Coral Workers" 80.00
$30 Bombay school, $30 Inanda scholarship, $10
Inanda building, $10 Morning Star Mission.
New Haven, Davenport Church S. S. ......................... 70.00
For a scholarship each at Ahmednagar and Mar­
sovan.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church, "Fairbank Mission
Circle" .......................................................... 25.00
For a scholarship at Ahmednagar.
New Haven, Fair Haven, First Church, "Young Ladies'
Mission Circle" .................................................. 58.00
Towards Mrs. Eaton's salary.
New Haven, Fair Haven, First Church, "The Helpers" 15.00
$10 for Inanda building, $5 Morning Star Mission.
New Haven, Fair Haven, Second Church, "Quinnipiac
Circle" .......................................................... 30.00
$25 for scholarship at Inanda, $5 for Bombay build­ing.
New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" $40.00
§20 for salary of Miss Judson, $10 Bombay building, $10 Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, United Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" 150.00
$60 scholarship at Kraabschitz, $40 Broosa, $30 Bombay, $20 for Bombay building.

New Haven, United Church, Mission Circle at Mrs. Cady's school 5.00
For Morning Star Mission.

New Milford, "Valley Wide Awakes" 50.00
$30 school at Kraabschitz, $20 salary of Mrs. Eaton.

New Milford, "Golden Links" 18.00

Norfolk, "Young Ladies' Mission Band" 60.00
$30 for school at Kraabschitz, $30 scholarship at Madura.

Norfolk, "Hillside Gleaners" 112.00
$75 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $30 scholarship at Inanda, $7 Morning Star Mission.

Norfolk, "Mountain Wide Awakes" 112.00
$75 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $30 for scholarship at Ceylon, $7 Morning Star Mission.

North Cornwall, "Mission Bank Society" 30.50
For salary of Mrs. Eaton.

Northfield, "Steadfast Workers" 5.00
For Inanda building.

North Stamford, "Do What You Can Band" 37.00
$30 for scholarship at Inanda, $7 for Zulu Bibles.

Norwalk, "Young Ladies' Mission Band" 10.00
Norwalk, "Junior Circle" 6.00
Norwalk, "King's Cadets" 6.00
Norwalk, "Sunbeam Circle" 8.00
Orange 5.00
For Inanda building.

Portland, "Work and Win" 11.00
$6 for Bombay building.

Prospect, "Gleaners" 40.00
$30 for school at Bombay, $10 for Bombay building.

Redding, "Ready Folks" 60.00
$30 scholarship at Ceylon, $15 Inanda building, $15 Morning Star Mission.
Ridgefield, "Snowflakes" ........................................... $20.00
  For building at Bombay.
Roxbury, "May Flowers" ........................................... 8.50
  For Inanda building.
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band" ................................ 20.00
  For scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Sharon, "Busy Bees" .................................................. 50.00
  $40 salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 Inanda building.
Sherman, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" .................... 1.00
  For Inanda building.
South Norwalk, "Cheerful Givers" ............................. 5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Southport S. S. ..................................................... 30.00
  For school at Bombay.
Stamford, "Tiny Helpers" ......................................... 30.00
  For school at Bombay.
Stratford, "Young Ladies' Band" ................................ 30.00
  $20 salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 Inanda building.
Stratford, "Alpha Band" ........................................ 36.88
  $26.88 school at Bombay, $10 Inanda building.
Torrington, "Highland Workers" ................................ 40.00
  For scholarship at Harpoot.
Torrington, "Valley Gleaners" .................................. 20.00
  $10 for Dalita Isaacs, $10 Inanda building.
Wallingford, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" ............... 25.00
  For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Waterbury, First Church, "Daisy Chain" ...................... 42.50
  $40 scholarship at Broosa, $2.50 Inanda building.
West Haven, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" ............... 30.00
Westport, "Mission Circle" ..................................... 50.00
  For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" ................. 70.00
  $40 salary of Mrs. Eaton, $30 Inanda building.
Westville, "Junior Mission Circle" ........ ................ 20.00
  For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Whitneyville, "Sunny Circle" .................................. 50.00
  $40 salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 Inanda building.
Wilton, "Morning Stars" .......................................... 38.00
  $30 for two girls at Ruk, $8 Morning Star.
Winsted, First Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" 25.00
  For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Winsted, West, "Mission Circle" ............................... 35.00
  Scholarship at Talas.
Woodbury, First Church, "Valley Gleaners" .......... $35.00
$10 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $20 for Inanda building, $5 Morning Star Mission.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

*For Missionary Fund.*

- Gift of Miss Eliza M. Day, Colchester .......... $150.00
- Thank-offering at Fairfield County meeting. Bible Woman each at Ceylon and Turkey .......... 59.68
- Christmas gift from Mrs. Gladden ................. 2.00
- Mrs. W. Nettleton ............................................. 5.00
- At annual meeting ............................................. 7.00
- Sale of "Life of Titus Coan" ......................... 1.00
- Homer Osborne's mite box for Morning Star .......... 1.00
- Helen Pitman, of Jacksonville, Florida ........... .10
- Sale of Morning Star certificates ................ .50

**Total:** $226.28

*For Branch Expenses.*

- Collections at Branch monthly meetings .......... $84.38
- Collection at Fairfield County meeting .......... $16.49
- Collection at Litchfield County meeting .......... 32.49
- Collection at Middlesex County meeting .......... 22.21
- Collection at New Haven County meeting .......... 7.85

**Total:** 78.54

- Collection at annual meeting ......................... 93.21
- Advertisements in Annual Report ................... 88.50
- Sale of leaflets ............................................ .40
- Miscellaneous ................................................ 1.23
- Interest on fund at savings bank ................... 2.36
- Interest on $1,000 from Mrs. Farnam ............... 60.00

**Total:** $432.38

**PERMANENT FUND.**

*Fairfield County.*

- Bethel .......................................................... $0.80
- Bridgeport, $36.30 from South Church M. C., $11.10 from North Church C. W. .......... 101.10
- Brookfield Center ........................................ 10.40
- Danbury .................................................... 20.00
- Darien ....................................................... 6.90
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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 found the same correct.

Attest: ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.
### NATIVE TEACHERS.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

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| Tung-cho Dispensary, China      |                | 100.00  |
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LIFE MEMBERS

ADDED SINCE MAY 10, 1887.

Miss Alice Anderson.  
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Mrs. Anna W. Betts.  
Mrs. Ira C. Billman.  
Mrs. Horace F. Boardman.  
Mrs. Andrew Botelle.  
Miss Elizabeth C. Bradley.  
Miss Kate Bradley.  
Mrs. Robert B. Bradley.  
Miss Susan L. Bradley.  
Miss Mary Brainerd.  
Mrs. R. S. Buell.  
Miss Mollie E. Bunce.  
Mrs. Laura D. Calef.  
Miss Ellen B. Camp.  
Mrs. Sarah B. Camp.  
Miss Jennie E. Chapin.  
Mrs. S. O. Chapman.  
Mrs. Wm. M. Churchill.  
Mrs. Henry L. Clark.  
Mrs. Wm. Cottle.  
Miss Helen C. Curtis.  
Mrs. Lucius P. Deming.  
Mrs. Mary G. H. Dodge.  
Mrs. Emeline K. Dowd.  
Mrs. Theodora W. Dudley.  
Miss Kate Gardner.  
Mrs. Nancy P. Hart.  
Mrs. J. G. Houghton.  
Miss Caroline F. Hull.  
Miss Sylvina Kellogg.  
Mrs. Samuel H. Lord.  
Miss Kate L. Maltby.  
Mrs. Rena Maxwell.  
Miss Dolly May.  
Mrs. A. W. Merwin.  
Mrs. Mary T. Nichols.  
Mrs. Helen W. Osgood.  
Mrs. Theron H. Page.  
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Miss Elizabeth Crane Porter.  
Mrs. Louise Ellen Potter.  
Miss Ellen M. Pritchard.  
Mrs. C. F. Raymond.  
Mrs. Elisha K. Redfield.  
Miss Ellen M. Rowe.  
Mrs. Emeline E. Savage.  
Miss Polly Selleck.  
Mrs. M. L. DeForest Skinner.  
Mrs. Stephen C. Southmayd.  
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Mrs. J. E. Waterous.  
Mrs. James D. Whitmore.  
Mrs. John H. Whitney.  
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Bethlehem: Mrs. Wm. R. Harrison, Pres.; Mrs. C. H. Bird, Sec. and Treas. 32 5
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E. Stone, Sec.; Mrs. Wm. H. Rider, Treas. .......... 70 10

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Sec.; Miss M. C. Hyde, Treas. ........................ 23 13

DEEP RIVER: Mrs. S. E. Southworth, Treas. ........

DERBY: Mrs. D. Lee, Pres.; Mrs. W. H. Sawyer, Vice-  
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EAST HADDAM: Mrs. E. E. McCall, Pres.; Mrs. A. Day,  
Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Henry Peck, Sec.; Mrs. Anne A.  
Butler, Treas. .............................................. 26 9

EAST HAMPTON, First Church: Mrs. John Starr, Pres.;  
Mrs. Philo Bevin, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. D. W. Wat-  
rous, Sec. and Treas. ................................... 26 6

EAST HAMPTON, Union Church: Mrs. B. Gillette,  
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EAST HAVEN: Mrs. D. J. Clark, Pres.; Mrs. Julius  
Morris, Vice-Pres.; Miss H. Anna Bradley, Sec.  
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EASTON: Mrs. Thomas Turney, Pres.; Miss Carrie  
Seeley, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Charles Nichols, Sec.;  
Mrs. W. W. Lyon, Treas. ................................ 18

ELLSWORTH: Mrs. Charles W. Everett, Pres.; Mrs.  
C. B. Everett, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Mary H. Loper,  
Sec.; Mrs. E. S. Dunbar, Treas. ......................... 8 3

ESSEX: Mrs. J. Howe Vorce, Pres.; Mrs. Alfred M.  
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FALLS VILLAGE: Mrs. U. H. Miner, Sec. and Treas... 12

GEORGETOWN: Mrs. Aaron Osborne, Pres.; Mrs. Ed-  
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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 an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be helden 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 report shall be presented and officers elected. Regular public meetings of the society for suitable religious exercise, 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 Executive 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 Cooperative 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 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.

Article I. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of———, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch of the Women'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.

Article I. This Mission Circle shall be called the
Art. II. The officers of this Circle shall be ——— ———.

Art. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn 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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1889,
Mrs. P. M. Snyder, ............................................. Middletown.
Mrs. E. K. Holden, ............................................. Bridgeport.
Mrs. J. S. Lee, ............................................. Madison.
Mrs. J. M. Tuck, ............................................. New Britain.
Miss Charlotte B. Bennett, ............................................. New Milford.

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. B. M., BOSTON, IN 1889.
1. Mrs. James M. Tenney, Newtown, del.
   Miss Frank Seeley, Easton, sub.
   Mrs. M. G. Reynolds, Ridgebury, sub.
3. Mrs. Edward Anderson, Norwalk, del.
   Miss Louise Chase, Stamford, sub.
   Miss Ella K. Peck, Greenwich, sub.
   Mrs. Chas. S. Barber, Harwinton, sub.
6. Mrs. W. H. Williams, Winsted, del.
   Mrs. Emily S. Wilcox, West Torrington, sub.
7. Mrs. James R. Bourne, Sharon, del.
   Mrs. L. H. Reid, Salisbury, sub.
8. Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Bethlehem, del.
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10. Mrs. Stanley Williams, New Preston, del.  
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   Mrs. M. S. Brooks, Chester, sub.
   Mrs. A. M. Wright, Essex, sub.
   Mrs. A. E. Baldwin, Birmingham, sub.
15. Mrs. A. D. Warner, Naugatuck, del.  
   Mrs. S. J. Bennett, Southbury, sub.
   Miss Lizzie B. Lee, Madison, sub.
17. Miss Elizabeth R. Eastman, New Britain, del.  
   Mrs. W. H. Phipps, Prospect, sub.
18. Miss Carrie F. Street, East Haven, del.  
   Mrs. Elias Dickerman, Whitneyville, sub.
   Miss Emma E. Dickerman, Mt. Carmel, sub.
   Mrs. L. P. Deming, New Haven, sub.
    Mrs. H. B. Rowe, New Haven, sub.
22. Miss Delia W. Lyman, New Haven, del.  
    Miss Mary E. Ives, New Haven, sub.

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NEW PAPERS.

Africa's Lighthouses. Mrs. M. T. Landfear.
Incentives to missionary zeal. Springfield Branch.
Missionaries of Micronesia. Mrs. Hart.
Prayer. Mrs. McCall.
Sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ousley. Mrs. Clark.
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Monthly meetings of the Branch are held in New Haven, at 8 P. M., on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of May, July, August and September.

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

Requests for pledged work, 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. W. H. Fairchild, 213 Crown street, New Haven.

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

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

The Missionary Library has about two hundred volumes, which subscribers may draw at the close of each monthly meeting, or at other times by applying to Miss McAlister, 254 Crown street. The yearly subscription is twenty-five cents, or the gift of any suitable book not already in the library.

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

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same after my decease, to the person then acting as Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions, to be used for the objects of said society.