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NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church was held in the Chapel of the Collegiate Church, corner of 5th Avenue and 48th Street, on Tuesday, May 8th, at 11 A.M.

A large assembly convened, and the Auxiliaries were represented by numerous delegates. Many had come from a distance, and all showed, in their cheerful and interested faces, that they felt it a privilege to be there.

Many pastors and elders were among the friends, whose presence was a token of their sympathy with Woman's work for women in the lands beyond the sea.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Cole.

The exercises were begun by the singing of the 339th Hymn.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. W. J. R. Taylor, and the Scriptures were read by the Rev. Dr. C. S. Hageman; after which the Annual Report was read by the Rev. Dr. Alfred J. Hutton.

The Rev. Dr. E. A. Reed read the Treasurer's Report.

The 694th Hymn was sung.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read by the Rev. Dr. Cole, and the Managers whose names were presented were unanimously elected.

The Rev. Dr. Cobb, Secretary of Synod's Board, in an
earnest and eloquent address, congratulated the Board on what it had done thus far, and urged the cause of Foreign Missions on the church at large, pleading for systematic beneficence and greater liberality.

The Rev. Mr. Amerman charmed and thrilled the audience by a recital of experience in the work in Japan. He spoke of the importance of educating heathen women, and impressively related instances of the far-reaching influence of Christian womanhood. His address was vivid and inspiring.

After the singing of the 717th Hymn, the closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Cornelius Brett, followed by the Doxology; the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Cole.

The audience adjourned to the Sunday-school Room, where a collation had been provided by the Managers. Here, in delightful social converse, those who have only this annual opportunity of meeting face to face spent an hour which will linger long in memory.

Such a gala-day as this is the fitting clasp to bind together hearts which toil for a common cause—their daily petition being, “Thy kingdom come.”
THE work of the Woman's Board during the past year, though attended with great financial success, has not been as aggressive in its character as the Managers hoped to make it when they entered upon their duties last May. At that time a committee was appointed to endeavor to secure a lady physician to go to China, in the autumn, in company with Dr. Talmage's family. As soon as this object became known, a number of letters expressive of interest in it, promises of medical and surgical appliances, and even money itself, began to be sent in to the Treasurer. Encouraged by these, the committee opened a correspondence with the heads of a number of medical colleges, and, to their surprise and disappointment, learned that the supply was not at all equal to the demand. Neither has correspondence with individuals who have offered themselves been anymore successful. Perhaps because all candidates have been judged in the light of a message sent from one of our oldest missionaries in China: "A lady doctor must have a good constitution, for there will be large demands on it, and a weak one would soon
break down. The utmost skill is also desirable, as one mistake will more than neutralize many successes.” And so the missionary party set off in November, and spring has come again; and we can only drop our unfinished work into the hands of next year’s Managers, begging them to pursue the quest with renewed energy and with prayer to the great Physician to send some representative to consecrate herself to the work.

But although we have been “let hitherto” in extending our work in this direction, that part of Foreign Mission work which especially belongs to the Woman’s Board has not only been fully sustained, but additional grants of money have been made to each of the missions for their greater comfort or efficiency. From the one thousand dollars, the personal gift of our President for the use of the three missions, a part was sent to Mrs. Jared Scudder for the support of a native day-school, and to provide some comforts (necessities to us in this favored land) for the pupils in Vellore Seminary. On receipt of the money, Mrs. Scudder wrote: “How can I thank the ladies for their kind liberality, which far exceeds my fondest hopes?” Three hundred dollars were given to Synod’s Board for the outfit of Miss Winn, who has gone to teach in Ferris Seminary. And still another portion, with the addition of several hundred dollars from our regular funds, has been appropriated (though not yet sent) to buy ground and build a house on Kolongsu, China, to be a temporary home and school for women desiring to be taught to read the Bible. In addition, about sixty dollars have been expended in drawing-books and physiological charts and text-books for Ferris Seminary. This school is now under the very efficient management of the Rev. Mr. Booth and wife, with Miss Carrie Ballagh and Miss Leila Winn as teachers. Miss Witbeck has been in this country for the past six months, and Miss Louise Winn expects soon to be here. We heartily hope that the absence of both from their work will be but temporary.
REPORTS OF SCHOOLS.

We have no report from the Ferris Seminary later than December, when the fiscal year of the mission had just closed. Mr. Booth wrote at that time: "The examinations will be finished to-morrow, when we expect to graduate from the Japanese department two new girls, both of them excellent Christians. One has already finished in English, and the other expects to do so in the spring. As this is the first graduating class in the history of the school, we feel sure that it will henceforth bear more fruit than was possible in the past. We expect to have all the accommodations of the school filled at the opening of the new year. We shall then ask the good people at home to allow us to increase our accommodations." Mr. Booth adds: "My ambition is to gather a school of sixty pupils about me, and I am sure it can be done within a year or two." We are glad to supplement this report by extracts from letters lately received from Miss Leila Winn, the new teacher. She writes: "I think this school would compare favorably with most of our American schools. There are now thirty-five pupils, all boarders, and a more orderly, lady-like, and well-behaved set of girls I never saw. Music is taught, both vocal and instrumental; also English literature and the sciences, in connection with Japanese and Chinese. The Japanese think foreign manners and etiquette quite fearful, and complaints are made by the parents of the falling off of their daughters in this respect. So that Mr Booth has engaged a polished Japanese lady to come occasionally and give lessons in courtesy,—how to bow, to shut a door gently, hand a book, and pour out and pass a cup of tea in a lady-like manner. It is a very pretty exercise, and the Japanese manner is affectionate, gentle, and docile. Worship is held twice daily in the school, once in English and once in Japanese. The Christian girls have a daily prayer-meeting, and a school is held on Sunday afternoon for them. Quite a work of grace has been going on in the school, quietly and with no
excitement. Five of the grown girls have come out boldly on the side of Jesus, and, having had no persuasion in the matter, it has been a great source of encouragement to the teachers.”

The report from the school on Koöngsu, China, is not very full. We presume because Mrs. Kip has had to conduct it alone in addition to her other duties. These consisted in part of keeping up the women’s meetings connected with the two Amoy churches and of giving lessons in geography to the lads in the boys’ school. Mr. Rapalje writes: “The girls’ school, numbering twenty-seven pupils, we consider one of the most important departments of our work. No little difficulty has been experienced to obtain a suitable native teacher for it since Pastor Jap’s two daughters were taken away by death. This has made Mrs. Kip’s duties harder, as she has had much to do in the way of personal teaching as well as in the way of superintending.”

Miss Mary Talmage, whose visit to this country so many of us remember with pleasure, arrived at Amoy in January, and we may hope much from the fresh vigor with which she resumed her post at the head of the school.

Mrs. Jared Scudder’s report of the Girl’s Seminary at Vellmore, India, is as follows: “There were twenty-nine girls in the seminary at the beginning of 1882. In February two of them were married to young men who were about to begin work as mission helpers. We hear from time to time of their good conduct as wives and of the general good conduct of the families. In March the school was visited by the scourge of the East, cholera. Six of the pupils were attacked by the disease, and one fell a victim to it, after a short illness of only twelve hours. The school was dismissed and the children sent home as rapidly as possible. We were kept in a state of great anxiety for two weeks, and then the Lord was pleased to lift the burden from our hearts. Mrs. Holman the matron, and our Bible reader and some of the older girls rendered very valuable assistance at that trying time. The seminary re-opened on the first of May, and I am happy to state
that the pupils have enjoyed excellent health, not a single case of illness occurring from that time to the end of the year. In August twenty-four girls were examined by the deputy inspector of Schools, for a Results Grant, and all passed. Later in the year the whole school was examined by the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff in Scripture lessons and catechism. The result was pronounced very satisfactory. On the thirteenth of December the school was closed for the holidays with thirty-three pupils, and we expect to increase the number very considerably during the coming year."

Dr. Scudder writes of the two Caste Girls' Schools at Vellore: "Both are well situated, one especially so, being in the healthiest and most aristocratic part of the native town. The larger of the two has been in existence for ten years, and is a well-established institution. The number on its rolls is one hundred and three, and the average attendance for the year was seventy-five. The results of the examination of the pupils by the deputy instructor were very good indeed, and the head-master of the school deserves special commendation for his diligence and faithfulness to duty. The other school was opened a little more than two years ago, and is in a fairly flourishing condition, the average attendance throughout the year being fifty-seven. This school was also examined, and received government grants. At the prize distribution, held in January, 1883, the court of the large school-house was crowded with native gentlemen and a few native ladies, who showed a keen interest in the proceedings. The girls were briefly examined in arithmetic, dictation, and Scripture lessons. They sang several Christian lyrics sweetly and rhythmically and exhibited specimens of needlework and embroidery. All the ladies and gentlemen of the mission were present. The Munsif of Vellore presided, and eloquent addresses were made by several native gentlemen. The exercises were closed with a few remarks by the chair and Dr. Scudder. "The pupils looked charmingly in their rich dresses and costly jewels, and the whole occasion was one of great interest and pleasure, not only to the missionaries, but to
the large and influential audience of natives who had gathered to witness a scene which is still rare in this land of woman's degradation. The influence of such schools as these in shattering time-hardened prejudices, and in introducing light and knowledge into heathen homes, cannot be overestimated."

PLANS AND PURPOSES.

The Managers of the Woman's Board have long felt the need of giving more than these annual reports of the schools to the auxiliaries. In these days, when the ends of the earth are cabled together, any object heard from only once a year is apt to be forgotten; and so our auxiliary societies must hear often from their beneficiaries in order to keep up their personal interest in them. This need we endeavored to supply by issuing, in leaflet form, letters from our missionaries. For various reasons these did not answer the purpose. It is now in contemplation, however, to publish a bi-monthly paper, to contain not only letters, but general news from our mission stations, extracts from other sources suitable for reading at society meetings, and a department for the help of bands of young people. Communications may also be invited from auxiliaries which have been particularly successful in awakening an interest in missions or raising money for them. In short, we hope to make the paper necessary to every lover of Foreign Missions in our church, and we trust that it will obtain as wide a circulation as the periodical of a sister denomination, which not only pays for itself, but adds considerable to the funds in the treasury.

We have now one hundred and thirty-three auxiliary societies, and these have contributed during the year $10,768.16—a noble sum; and yet we ask them to give still more during the coming year. For, just at the present time, the voice of the Lord seems to be calling to us, as to His people of old, "Spare not; lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand, and on the left." Synod's Board has lately sent
us its appeal for Nagasaki, and we have promised, if the church at large responds favorably, to contribute toward the expense of reinforcement two thousand dollars in addition to the funds we have long held for a school at that station.

Still more recently a letter has been received from Yokohama, asking for twenty-five hundred dollars, to build an addition to the "Isaac Ferris Seminary." The letter says: "We feel that this is very much needed, as our accommodations are all taken. We are very much cramped for recitation-rooms, and our dining-room is too small for the number of scholars. We feel assured, from the number of applications that have come to us lately, that, by the beginning of another school year, we must turn many away unless we can begin at once to enlarge. This would be a great injury to the school, now that the Japanese seem to be turning to us more than formerly." Permission to make the proposed enlargement having been granted by Synod's Board, the sum asked for has been appropriated by us. That neither of the above pledges has yet been paid will account for the large balance now in the treasury.

But, although this proposed extension of the work may be begun with this year's money, it will not end with it. Let us, therefore, give generously, counting no sacrifice too great when souls are to be saved, and remembering who has said, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."

Charlotte W. Duryee,

*Foreign Corresponding Secretary.*
In presenting our Ninth Annual Report of the condition and prospects of the auxiliary societies, we would gratefully trace the leadings and recount the mercies of the Divine hand. The promise of God through all the year has proved a blessed reality. "Fear thou not; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Since the formation of our Board we can recall no year when the aspect of the work was more pleasant or inspired greater hope for the future. Though auxiliaries have not multiplied greatly, yet the general features of the work are encouraging.

This is seen in the unflagging interest of the societies already in the field, in the hopeful spirit animating the members, in an increased spirit of prayer, in the uniformly expressed desire for still more extended achievement in the cause of missions, in the increasing use of missionary-boxes for a systematic giving to the Lord, and in the happy results attained.

Is it not an evidence that work for missions is becoming more and more spiritual in its character as the desire becomes correspondingly greater to achieve still larger results for the welfare and salvation of others, and to reach a still higher standard of perfection as Christian workers? This we believe to be the attitude of the auxiliary societies to-day. *Ours is a Christian woman's mission to heathen women and children, making known*
to them the story of redeeming love. It has been said that "what is true of woman in the Christian home and in Christian nations is not less true of the sphere she holds in this work of redeeming the world in Christ." Is not this thought a sufficient stimulus to make us faithful, and if He so please, successful "co-workers together" with Him?

We have every incentive to still greater effort for heathen women and children, as we see, on every side, prejudices disappearing with the arbitrary spirit that once barred our progress. Now, heathen mothers, newly taught of Christ, are moulding and winning their children to the Saviour. It is an encouraging fact that "India is more accessible to-day to the influences of the gospel than ever before; that the faith of Hindus and Mohammedans in their religions has been shaken within the last two decades to an extent never known before."

We have every reason to increase our efforts from the testimony received from the girls' schools, now supported by our Board, of progress made by the pupils, not only in intellectual culture, but in Christianity and the practice of the Christian virtues. These schools are now regarded as a permanent agency for the extension of Christ's kingdom in heathen lands.

We have every reason for renewed effort from the intelligence received of the reforms contemplated to break up the old and cruel customs of the past, and of removing the bitter sorrow and degradation of Hindu widowhood.

We have every reason for increased effort from the record of heathen women who have become Christians by the blessing of God upon the labors of our faithful missionaries, for the earnest work accomplished by our helpers, catechists and teachers, for the opportunities continually opening, and for the growing interest in our mission fields.

We have reason for renewed effort from the joyful testimony recently received that "the preaching of the Divine Word and the contact of the minds of the youth with the literature and science of Christian nations are very rapidly preparing the soil for the spread of Christian truth and the reception of the seed of life."

We have reason for renewed effort that still greater "showers of blessing" may descend upon the work at home and abroad and for the hastening of the "Coming of the Kingdom" for which we labor and pray.
NEW AUXILIARIES.

Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.—The ladies of this church met on the 26th of July, 1882, for the purpose of forming a Ladies' Missionary Association. The foreign department is auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. It was resolved that the meetings should be held monthly, the yearly dues not less than fifty cents, the monthly fee ten cents, to be paid at each meeting. The society is the outgrowth of a missionary convention held at Ovid, July 12, 1882, to give Mrs. Helen Nevius an opportunity to relight, by the fiery zeal which flamed in her own heart, the missionary spirit in the hearts of the ladies of her native country, and to bid them farewell for ten years, perhaps until they meet again on the shores of the better land. The auxiliary now numbers twenty-six members, and a goodly proportion are in attendance at each meeting with unabated interest, and an earnest desire that their gifts may assist in multiplying the toilers in the "fields which are white already to harvest," that no one may be lost for lack of laborers, but that the fruit may be all gathered unto life eternal.

Kiskatom Reformed Church, N. Y.—This society, organized for a three-fold object, in respect to its foreign work, became auxiliary to our Board December, 1882. The congregation is divided into twenty-two districts, with as many collectors, and the effort is to reach each family and each individual with the offered opportunity of giving to the cause of Christ, and thus deepening the interest of all in sending the gospel to the perishing. The congregation is wholly in the country and widely scattered. The regular meetings are held twice a year. During last autumn the society was highly favored with a visit from our veteran missionary, Rev. Dr. Talmage. Mrs. Talmage also met with the ladies, and gave an interesting account of her work among the women of China. The influence of their presence and instructions awakened a fresh interest in the missionary cause. The "Manual of Missions" has been gratefully received and distributed among the members of the auxiliary. There are no membership fees; the contributions are voluntary. Thus far the work has been comparatively successful; but the aim of the so-
ciety is, for larger results, believing that the motto and spirit of all Christian work should be, “Onward,” “Thy kingdom come.”

Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York.—A meeting of the ladies of this church was held in the chapel on Monday, Feb. 9th, 1883, for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. The presence of twenty-three ladies gave much encouragement to the movement, and the enterprise was fairly inaugurated. At an adjourned meeting, held March 12th, two officers from the Woman’s Board were present by invitation, and found a large gathering of ladies full of enthusiasm for the cause. The “Constitution for Auxiliaries” prescribed by our Board was adopted, article by article, and the fee for membership placed at one dollar. It was decided to hold the regular meetings quarterly, on the Monday following the communion service.

After the regular business was concluded, the president read an interesting article on mission work, and the meeting adjourned till the month of June.

Franklin Park Reformed Church, N. J.—A society organized in this church, under the name of “The Missionary Guild,” became auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions in February, 1883. This band of earnest workers consists of about twenty young girls, with some older ones to guide them. The regular meetings have proved of hearty interest. Articles from missionary papers are read while busy fingers are engaged in sewing.

The society has decided to support two pupils, one in India and one in China. The pastor heartily aids the work, and the new missionary society, begun under happy auspices, and with an increasing loving consideration for those who know nothing of Him who died that we might live, and who has commanded that His gospel shall be preached to “every creature,” is full of promise. May these young “light bearers” receive a rich spiritual blessing for themselves, as they offer their prayers, gifts, and efforts for those who have never yet heard the “glad tidings of salvation.”

The “Manual of Missions” has been circulated, and is thankfully acknowledged.
A meeting of this association was held April 10th, in the Reformed Church at Utica, at the time of the convening of Classis. Representatives were present from Syracuse, Owasco Outlet, Alexandria Bay, Utica, Chittenango, West Leyden, and Cicero.

The Rev. Mr. Amerman, from Japan, gave a very interesting address in the morning, and in the afternoon all united in a missionary meeting under the auspices of Classis.

Hereafter the meetings will be held in the autumn, as the weather and facilities for traveling are very much better at that season of the year. It may not be uninteresting to know that such was the desire to attend this meeting by two members of Classis and their wives, that they walked eight miles through the snow to the railroad station, it being impossible to drive, and two others walked twelve miles—a comment on those who will not walk across the street to attend a missionary meeting.

The following report was presented at this meeting:

REPORT.

In presenting the first report of the Woman’s Classical Missionary Association, the Corresponding Secretary would call to mind the fact that the organization was only effected in September last. The record of what has been accomplished must be necessarily small; but some efforts have been made whose results, it is hoped, may be seen in the future, and some have already borne fruit in the organization of societies in churches where there were none existing.

In the church at Alexandria Bay a great deal of interest is felt in the cause of missions; and although at present no organized society exists, there is a strong determination to form one at no distant day.

The ladies in the church at Canastota have recently organized a society for Home Mission work; and the secretary writes that if they should prosper, it will be their pleasure, as well as privilege, to include the Foreign work also.

From Owasco comes the good news that a missionary society was organized in November last. The ladies have been working
for Home Missions, and have distributed family mission boxes, the contents of which will be devoted to Foreign Missions.

The ladies hoped to reach the churches of Naumberg and New Bremen through their representatives, and to urge them to begin sowing the seed for future harvests.

The congregation at Cicero are rebuilding their church edifice, destroyed by fire, and wish to defer organizing a missionary society until after the dedication of their new house of worship.

The report from Owasco Outlet is a record of service begun long since, and continued in the spirit of those "not weary in well doing." Their contributions are divided equally between the Home and Foreign Boards, with the addition to the latter of an especial gift. A children's mission "band" has been formed during the year.

From the ladies of Syracuse a gratifying report is received from their society; its very name, "Penny a Week Missionary Society," suggests a method of work and systematic using of means. We do not sufficiently understand or apply the fact of many littles making one grand total, of a thousand rills flowing through one broad river with the fullness of the ocean itself. This society has been in existence a number of years, holding monthly meetings—their contributions divided between Foreign and Home Missions, amounting this year to two hundred and twenty-five dollars and sixty-one cents.

The society of the church at Utica was organized March 31st, 1877, as an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Since that time it has held quarterly meetings regularly, supported two girls and some of the time one boy in India, besides contributing to the general fund of the Woman's Board.

Our report may not seem a flattering one; it is offered in no spirit of boasting, and certainly not as "having done what we could;" but to any who may be discouraged, we would instance our Saviour's parables of the mustard-seed and the leaven, "which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened." That is the appointed way, and in no other way can we hope to extend our efforts and influence here, at home, or promote the growth of our Lord's kingdom in heathen lands. Our Saviour's last command, "Go ye and teach all nations," is imperative and binding; but with it comes the inspiring promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end."
New York City Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street.—
The condition of this society remains about the same as last year. At two of the regular meetings, lady missionaries have been present and addressed the society. In the fall, Miss Youngman, of the Japan Mission, had a profitable talk with the ladies, and at the April meeting an interesting address was made by Miss Hillis, of Ceylon. She gave insight into the work both in Ceylon and Southern India. The sincerity and self-sacrificing life led by this devoted missionary seems very wonderful, and it was regretted that many more could not have been benefited by her remarks. Miss Hillis has gone to labor, during the summer, for the work of Domestic Missions, and will visit, as far as possible, many of our auxiliary societies, and give them information which we know they will appreciate. It is hoped and believed that the work may be greatly increased through her influence. Two life-members have been added to the auxiliary the past year.

Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 48th Street, New York.—
This auxiliary was organized two years ago last January. Since that time there has been collected, and paid into the treasury, over fourteen hundred dollars; and while the society is grateful for this liberal response to its appeals, there is a feeling that the number of those who have thus demonstrated their interest is small compared with the size of the congregation. If the object of this work were better understood—if the ladies could feel how urgent the need, and realize how bright is the promise—many more would give it their hearty support and co-operation. "We don't believe in Foreign Missions when there is so much to do at home," is the rebuff with which collectors are constantly met. Truly, there is much to be done. He who ordered that the poor should be always with us, gives us daily opportunities for the ministries of love and kindness. But those who do most of the work of the good Samaritan, to raise the fallen, to gather in the outcast, will not find their sympathies bounded by city limits. Their hearts will go out all the more freely to those for whom there is no church with open door, no day of rest and gladness. It is for these, our Hindu sisters, whose religion provides only a life of ignorance, and with no outlook of future happiness, that we maintain a school at Madanapalle. Mrs. Chamberlin writes that some of the pupils, whose parents died during the recent
famine, have been committed entirely to their teaching and guid-
ance; and they listen eagerly to the story of a God of love,
instead of vengeance. This seems like a direct answer to prayer,
and it is the hope and intention to enlist the children, the coming
year, in this work, so that when the glorious consummation shall
come, there may be some among “the great multitude whom no
man can number,” who, through our offerings and prayers, have
been taught the way of life.

Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.—The lapse of a twelvemonth
naturally marks a period in the flight of time peculiarly sugges-
tive of retrospective thought, whether limited to individual expe-
riences and individual labor, or whether it is applied, in a broader
sense, to the combined efforts of working associations or societies.
Hence, with this fact in view, a brief résumé of the work of this
society seems fitting, and, it is hoped, may be not wholly devoid
of a certain interest naturally evolved from the subject. The
meetings of the society, occurring at intervals of three
months, have been regularly maintained, and made exceptionally
interesting. The value of these meetings in disseminating gen-
eral knowledge in the church upon the subject of missions can-
not well be overestimated. It is mainly through this agency that
we are enabled to hold regular systematic correspondence, both
public and private, with our workers in the foreign field. Being
thus brought into direct personal relations with them, we soon
come to understand somewhat the magnitude of their work: the
obligations it imposes, and, no less, the toil and privation it
involves, and may thus, in some degree, learn to appreciate the
personal sacrifices required of those who leave home, friends, and
country, to proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Saviour. The
contributions for missions during the year, both for general and
specific purposes, while falling somewhat below those of last
year, have been fully equal to the expectations, considering the
case that the resources have been laid under heavy tribute in
rebuilding and furnishing the church. During the year
the society has been called to deplore the death of one of
the original members—Mrs. Mary Schuyler. She was character-
ized by a strong devotion to the church, entering in and fully
sympathizing with every effort put forth for its advancement and
prosperity. The society enters upon another year of work with
renewed energy and increased faith in the usefulness of missions: earnestly desiring to contribute what they can in furtherance of the glorious work of evangelizing the uttermost parts of the earth, and thereby hasten the coming of our Lord and Redeemer.

Philadelphia Reformed Churches—The president of this auxiliary writes as follows: As time has carried us on to the Fourth Annual Report we have the pleasure of making to the Woman's Board, we feel thankful that it is still our privilege to work for the Master. We adhere to the same plan of canvassing each church for subscribers, and working, also, in the Sunday-schools.

A Mission Band in the Sunday-school of the Second Church contributed this year twenty dollars toward the support of a Bible reader in India, and the Sunday-school of the First Church has contributed the same amount.

During the last year the ladies have gotten up a "Missionary Basket," by gifts of useful and fancy articles made in their odd minutes, and, by the sale of these at different times, ninety dollars and twenty-five cents have been realized, to add to our amount raised.

We also try at every meeting to have something interesting read aloud relative to Missions; and twice we have had a lady to speak from a Presbyterian Mission in Egypt. We are encouraged by the fact that our contributions are increased this year, and our earnest prayer is that our efforts may be blessed to the glory of God and the spread of His kingdom.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church, Philadelphia, was organized February 23, 1883, with sixteen members. It now numbers thirty-seven active, and thirty-five contributing members. Those placing their names on the list of active members pledge themselves to attend every meeting, or pay a fine of five cents for absence. Meetings are held every two weeks, at which interesting items of missionary news are read. Twenty dollars has been sent for the support of a Bible reader in India through the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church, N. Y.—This society was
organized January 9, 1882. The membership at first meeting numbered seventeen; since increased to sixty-five. This includes those who only contribute as well as those who attend and contribute at the regular meetings of the society. These occur monthly, and have been marked by a steady increase in interest, the last one being more largely attended and enthusiastic than any before. Funds have been raised in three ways: 1. By collections at meetings—no fixed sum required. 2. By subscription from church members outside of the society; this is accomplished by collectors, who call among the people and present some specific purpose agreed on by the society. 3. By earnings of the society. By all these the sum of one hundred and sixty-five dollars has been raised. The work attempted has been chiefly the support of pupils in the school at Madanapalle, three of whom have been maintained. Two of these will be a permanent endeavor; the third was an investment of surplus funds. The attention and interest of the society has been drawn to the subject of a female medical missionary by the presence of Mrs. Mansell, late physician and missionary in India. This lady addressed the society, giving the most vivid description of the work, and showing how readily the people are reached by the means of physical relief: this being a golden opportunity for impressing spiritual truths upon the mind. Seventy-five dollars have been contributed toward this object. The knowledge of the work of Foreign Missions and its importance is much increased in this auxiliary, and the interest and improved intelligence on these subjects, to be remarked.

First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.—The secretary of this auxiliary writes, in her annual report, of interest manifested and quietly, steadily increasing. Regular quarterly meetings are held, and on these occasions missionary intelligence is presented, hoping thereby to hold and increase the interest in missions. At each meeting it is the endeavor to have a paper prepared by some lady present on some particular field of Foreign Missions. The gifts of the society are at present for the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, and very kind and interesting letters are received from Mrs. Booth. Enclosed in her last letter was one from a Japanese student in the seminary that reflects great credit on both teacher and pupil. The quarterly meetings are well attended, though not largely, but the faithful few continue to pray for
God's blessing on the work. The writer feels that no stronger weapon can be used than prayer. The meetings have proved a stimulus to those who have attended, and it is hoped a renewed interest will be awakened in the hearts of all.

**Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y., “Star of Hope Mission Band.”**—More than six years ago this Band was formed, and during the past year its numbers have been increased by an addition of five new names. The membership now registers twenty-two. This Band of young girls support a child in the Amoy Mission, and last year raised sixty dollars for the work. The secretary writes full of zeal and encouragement, grateful that their efforts have been blessed in the past. We feel to bid them “God speed,” and pray for a continued shower of blessing on their faithful efforts.

**Freehold Second Reformed Church, N. J.—**The secretary of this auxiliary reports but little outward progress the past year. Yet the evidence of the presence and growing activity of the missionary spirit among the members of the society offers encouragement for what has been done, and is regarded as a hopeful sign of the future prosperity of the society. The seventh anniversary was held on the last Sabbath in May, taking the place of the morning service. Rev. Dr. Talmage was present, and addressed the meeting. At the December meeting a motion was approved to hold quarterly meetings again, instead of semi-annually, as for two years past; and by changing the time of meeting to the Saturday afternoon of Preparatory service, when it is more convenient for the members living out of town to be present, a much larger attendance has already been secured.

During the past year the Board of Domestic Missions has made a special effort to press its claims for help in the work of establishing and maintaining our Reformed churches in the West; and in response to their earnest appeals in behalf of this work, it was proposed at the December meeting of the society to add this object to the one to which they are already pledged to sustain; but while the officers earnestly protest against any object that would lessen the interest in, and gifts to, the foreign work, they feel assured that if each member will practice a little self-denial if necessary, in order to increase still more her contri-
butions, it will enable us to do more for the cause of missions than has been hitherto accomplished. It is the intention of the society for the coming year to try the plan of quarterly collections, also to endeavor to increase the membership by a more thorough canvass of the congregation. And that the society may extend its work and become an instrument of greater usefulness, it is necessary to have the support and cooperation of all who in their midst love our Lord Jesus Christ.

Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.—The sixth annual report from this auxiliary speaks of the interest in Foreign Mission work as of slow growth oftentimes, even in this day of general information on the subject. "It seems a difficult thing," the writer says, "to impress on the minds of all that we are personally responsible in sending the Word of life to the heathen—that God means each one of His followers to do all he or she can to advance the interests of His kingdom in foreign lands. We all know that this is not intended to make us neglectful of the opportunities for doing good in our own land. The command is, "Go ye into all the world"—beginning at Jerusalem, it is true, but not waiting there for completed work." During the past year the collectors in this society have cheerfully and successfully attended to their work.

Arrangements are being made for holding quarterly meetings during the coming year, which we hope will prove interesting and instructive. Frequent tidings from the Rev. Mr. Conklin, of Chittoor, India, has served to increase the interest in the church and Sunday-school, and to make this society more anxious to assist him and Mrs. Conklin in their extensive field of usefulness. One hundred dollars has been sent from the Sunday-school, thirty-five dollars of which is to support one of the students in the seminary at Chittoor for one year. This beneficiary is a boy of good abilities, and bids fair to be a useful missionary among his countrymen. The treasurer's report for the past year is also encouraging.

Jersey City Second Reformed Church.—The secretary of this auxiliary writes as follows: "At the close of this, the eighth year of our organization, we feel that we have reason to be grateful to the Giver of all good for the work He has enabled us to do.
The Master will own each earnest effort to extend the knowledge of Himself, and 'tis He who has enjoined us to be faithful; therefore 'let us be strong, and of good courage.'

"There is necessarily but little variation in our reports from year to year. Our interest centres in Amoy, and the amount contributed goes for the benefit of Miss Talmage's school. The maintenance of the three beneficiaries, Law-tek, Untian, and Seng-a, is still continued. The youthful members of the "Farrington Circle" still seem deeply interested in their work, and are ambitious to advance. We look forward each year, hoping the succeeding will be one of increased prosperity and interest. This is the Master's work—it is not our own. If we sow the seed, when the sheaves are gathered into the garner, the joy of the reapers shall be our joy.'"

"Come, let us, with a grateful heart,
In the blessed labor share a part;
Our prayers and offerings gladly bring,
To aid the triumph of our King."

Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.—The Ladies' Missionary Society of this church celebrated this year its tenth anniversary, thus plainly manifesting its steadfastness and perseverance. The secretary of Synod's Board, Rev. Henry N. Cobb, and Rev. Mr. Amerman, from Japan, were present, and, though the night was stormy, the attendance was fair. The year now closing has been one of congregational embarrassment, in consequence of the burning of the parsonage, and, though the society has made no advance, it has quietly held its own. The six faithful collectors have called monthly to receive the dues from a membership of about fifty. Little by little, ten cents at a time, with a few exceptions where a larger sum is spared, the amount has grown into dollars, and been forwarded by the treasurer to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. A part of the contributions has been used for a native helper under the care of Rev. Mr. Wyckoff, in the Arcot Mission. In this the Sunday-school joins by a gift of twenty dollars. But money is not the extent of giving. "The gift without the giver is bare;" and so the society would send what the work so truly claims—our sympathies and prayers.

The attendance on the monthly meetings has been small. Surely the loyal soldiers of a King are interested in the events.
and extension of His kingdom. They watch for the signals of the King’s approach, and are busy in removing the stumbling-blocks out of His way, and “His business demands haste.” To each one the night cometh when there is no more work; and how shall “our eyes look upon the King in His beauty in the land that is very far off,” if our hands have failed to do His bidding for the lands that are near at hand?

Acquackanonk Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.—The monthly meetings of this auxiliary connected with the First Reformed Church have been regularly held on the first Wednesday afternoon in each month. The meetings have proved profitable as well as interesting. The society has a membership of sixty-four, and an average attendance of sixteen. Many of the members, living in the country, are unable to attend the monthly meetings. Letters have been received from Mrs. Scudder, Booth, Stout, and the Misses Talmage since their return, and have done much to stimulate those engaged in missionary work. The president of the society adopted the plan of holding the meetings at the homes of the ladies, and it has been found more cheerful and pleasant than to meet in a public place. The society feel that they have been blessed pecuniarily when they can report two hundred and ten dollars and ninety-five cents as the total amount raised. In the summer one hundred dollars was paid in, to be used where it should be most needed, and in February one hundred dollars was sent to the Amoy School. It has been the custom of this auxiliary, for some years, to have a fair to add gifts to the treasury; but this year, by a vote of the ladies, this was omitted, and the money which was raised by means of the dues and donations was sent, with prayer for the good which it might, through God, accomplish. Thus the good work has been quietly, but steadily, going forward, and the earnest prayer is that they may accomplish in the future even more abundantly than in the past.

Newburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.—The Newburgh auxiliary held its eighth annual meeting on the 13th of March.

The interest in the cause of Foreign Missions is unabated. The collectors have received one hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty cents for the cause during the year. Some changes have occurred in the membership of the society. The president, Mrs. Carroll,
has removed to Minnesota. The society has been greatly bereaved in the death of its vice-president, Mrs. M. J. C. Fowler. The following resolution in reference to this affliction was adopted:

"Resolved, Since it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us, by death, Mrs. Mary J. C. Fowler, one who has been thoroughly identified with this society from its beginning, and who, at the time of her decease, held the position of vice-president, we desire to record here our sense of loss and bereavement. We feel that there are few who can show such devotion, and give so much of their time and attention to interests of the church in all departments, as she gave. We shall long miss her open-handed charity and wise counsel in the conduct of the affairs of the Master's cause, both at home and abroad.

"When the cause calls for more, and the present laborers are, one by one, removed, we can only give ourselves the more entirely to the work, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard. We would convey to our secretary our tender, heart-felt sympathy in this sore trial, and commend her to the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the orphan."

The society is supporting two girls at school in India, and we pray for a blessing from our Heavenly Father to rest upon them.

Spring Valley Reformed Church, N. Y.—The managers of the "Woman's Christian Association of the Reformed Church, of Spring Valley, N. Y.," in presenting their second annual report, desire to express their gratitude to God for the encouragement they have received during the past year.

Although they have realized the disadvantage of inexperience while prosecuting their labors, yet they have been permitted to see a gratifying increase of interest and enlarged co-operation with the good work in which they are engaged, in both the Foreign and Domestic departments.

In addition to our regular quarterly meetings, we have held several others in months intervening, making eight in all.

The attendance, though not large, has been such as to encourage the friends of the cause. "The Manual of Missions" is doing a good work, as it goes from house to house, increasing our knowledge of the different mission fields connected with our church.
Dr. J. V. N. Talmage addressed our society in May, and the Rev. A. S. Van Dyck, in November; besides which our pastor has given us an historical address upon the Sandwich Islands Mission.

We have received four new members into our Foreign department, making the number twenty-four. While looking at the missionary field, which is the world, it is the heart-felt conviction of this society that God is placing before His people of the present day the most powerful incentives to induce them to exert all their energies and use faithfully all their talents for the immediate conversion of the world to Christ. Just here it is well for us to consider some facts, which are most encouraging, as we look at the heathen side of the subject—facts which have a special interest for the women of our church. Prejudice (among the heathen) against female education is steadily retreating into the background. The pupils, after obtaining an education, are desirous of imparting to others the light which they have themselves received, and are accomplishing much good as teachers; and many of them become help-meets for the native pastors, elders, and teachers. Thus it will be readily seen that the schools which are established and supported by our missionary societies are the centres of ever-widening circles of Christian light and influence: circles widening, even now, with a rapidity which had not been anticipated by the most sanguine workers in Christendom. The doors of heathenism, idolatry, and superstition, which had been locked and bolted during long ages, are now thrown wide open; so that the grand opportunity for which the church has been praying is now granted; and we can enter in, bearing the blessed Word which is appointed for the healing of the nations.

When, on the other hand, we look at this subject from a home point of view, we are met by the fact that workers, both men and women, are coming forward, unsolicited, as to human agency, but impelled by a burning desire to spread abroad the knowledge of the same Saviour who has redeemed them from eternal death, and are asking to be sent out to the "dark places of the earth," where they hope to promote the glory of God by bringing multitudes of benighted souls to the saving knowledge of Christ.

It is a source of tender interest to us, as a society connected with the Reformed Church, that, among the workers to whom we
have referred, her Board of Foreign Missions has recently sent out four young men to whom we are attached by the strong bonds of personal friendship as well as by the common tie which binds all Christian hearts together.

Surely, we cannot resist the conclusion that to us belong the duty and privilege of doing our utmost toward sending and supporting these workers among those who are calling for them, and waiting to hear God's Word from their lips.

*New York Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.*—The "Ferris' Auxiliary" brings its seventh annual report, and rejoices that it is spared to begin a new year with stronger faith, more untiring zeal, deeper charity, and unwavering hope. The ladies of this church met on January 7, 1876. Twenty-four ladies were present, and an auxiliary to the Woman's Board was organized, as the secretary writes, that they might be in sympathy with the other women of our church—that, being few in number, they might have strong and tender hearts in banded love and effort with them, a foreign work—that they might more fully remember that "God so loved the world—the whole world—that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," lest that precious love should be confined to the home circle, or even our own land, almost forgetting Africa, benighted Asia, and the unconverted islands of the sea. The members of the society, who have come together from month to month, to labor and pray, have felt their hearts go out in increased love and desire for these foreign nations. To the preciousness of these seasons of conference and communion together all can testify; and the wish has been often felt that more of the women of the church were present to enjoy them. At the last anniversary the veteran missionary, Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, was with the society, and great pleasure was felt by his presence and joy in his words. At the names of Dr. Chamberlin and Rev. James Ballagh a responsive chord is touched in each heart, because these brethren have been seen face to face; and now, when India and Japan are mentioned, it is a gladsome thought that the society has interests in those countries. Letters have been received from Mrs. Booth, Miss Ballagh, and others in the Foreign field.
Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, New York.—The "Faith Mission Band" has prospered very well during the past year. The meetings now are held once a month, and there are some new names added to the list at nearly every meeting. There are now over sixty names on the roll, and the larger number are children. During the last three months evening meetings have been held for those of the boys and girls who felt as if they were too large to attend the afternoon meetings. All over the age of thirteen years are admitted to these meetings. At the first evening meeting, held in February, a company of twenty-seven boys and girls met—the exercises consisting of recitations, readings by the boys, and music, while the girls engaged in sewing: so that the time passed pleasantly and profitably for all present.

This "Band" has been very successful in the years gone by, and the trust is expressed that the same Hand which has guided and blessed it in the past will continue to direct the members in all their ways, and crown their efforts with success.

Second Reformed Church, Bethlehem, N. Y.—During the year a weekly prayer and missionary meeting has been sustained, and upward of one hundred dollars has been forwarded for mission purposes. At the anniversary, in December last, the members of the society had the pleasure of having Mrs. Pruyn with them just previous to her departure for China.

Catsban Reformed Church, N. Y.—The secretary writes as follows: "In presenting this, our fifth annual report, we feel that we have no cause for distrust or discouragement. We greet this, our fifth anniversary, with the same joy and thankfulness (if not with quite the same fresh enthusiasm) as we did our first one. We feel this to be a vital part of our church work, and there are those connected with this society whose love for the mission cause and steadfast perseverance in every good work would not allow them to falter or look back; there are others who do not know by experience the satisfaction of being co-workers with Christ in this blessed cause. To these we would earnestly and affectionately say, 'Come thou with us, and we will do thee good.' Monthly meetings have been held during the year, at each of which mission letters, or articles giving information concerning different mission fields, have been read, giving encou-
agement as to the progress and benefit of this work. The meetings have been well attended, notwithstanding unfavorable weather and great distances from the place of meeting. The gifts have not been designated for any special object, but sent for the general use of the Woman's Board, believing that those having the management better qualified to appropriate the funds as will most effectively aid the mission work. Neither have the gifts of this society interfered in any way with, or lessened, the church and Sabbath-school collections. As we learn of the wonderful achievements of this blessed gospel in heathen lands, and faith looks forward to its ultimate triumph, when 'the Lord shall be King over all the earth,' we rejoice that our feeble efforts make one of the little rills that, flowing on with the many others, will help to form the mighty stream that shall make glad the whole earth with the joyful tidings of salvation."

Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary has gained during the year eight new members, lost two by withdrawals, and has at present a membership of thirty-nine. Regular meetings have been held each month, with an average attendance of seventeen. In March, 1882, a pleasant letter was received from Mrs. Jared W. Scudder, telling the society of the orphan child selected for their support at the Vellore Seminary. At the June meeting the Misses Talmage met with the ladies, and in their own charming and helpful way told them of their life and work in China. At the August meeting it was resolved to maintain for the ensuing year a pupil at the school at Kolongsoo. The suggestions in the eighth annual report of the Woman's Board and "May Leaflet," that it would be better for auxiliaries to send their funds for general distribution, instead of devoting them to specific objects, were read, and deliberated upon; but some of the members had become so much interested in the work of the Misses Talmage, that they desired to work with them, rather than in any other way, and sincerely thought it the most helpful work for the auxiliary at present. The writer concludes: "It has been our glad experience, as we have met again and again during the past year, that we have not only been permitted to send the good news of salvation to those who have not known it, but that in our endeavor to help others we have ourselves been helped to new faith and hope in the cause of the Master, and for whom it has been our privilege to be workers, together with you."
East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.—The annual report from this auxiliary shows that it has been in active operation three years with a marked increase of interest since its organization. Eight regular meetings have been held during the year, and four omitted on account of the inclemency of the weather. Though the number of the meetings has been less than last year, the contributions will be slightly increased. The "Leaflets" from the Woman's Board have been read at the meetings, and proved a source of interest and pleasure. The society was favored last October by having Miss Witbeck from Japan with them, who gave an interesting talk upon the work in Japan. It is hoped that in the coming year more interest will be excited and more names enrolled as members of the society and new sympathy enlisted in the good cause.

East Greenbush "Mission Band," N. Y.—Regular meetings have been held by the "Band," with the exception of very stormy occasions. The general attendance has been good, though the hope has been indulged that many more might feel led to attend the meetings. No cause for discouragement, however, is felt, as those who have attended have given to the cause liberally. The members of the "Band" feel that it has been beneficial for them to meet together monthly, as they have in this way gained a greater knowledge respecting the great cause of missions. Letters received from a young Japanese girl has very largely given added interest to the meetings, and their contributions have nearly doubled this year.

Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.—The secretary of this auxiliary writes as follows: "Standing at the threshold of another year, it is fitting that we look back over the past months and review our work as an auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. What record is given by the year just closing of our efforts to extend the knowledge of the gospel of Christ among our heathen sisters? Although we cannot say that we have done what we could, still we have striven to do something to prove our love for our risen Lord and our interest in the extension of His kingdom. The meetings, with the exception of July and August, have been held regularly every month, with a larger average attendance than last year, and the contributions have exceeded the amount of our last report—two reasons for encouragement."
During the year the plan of taking up a special mission field for study at the meetings has been adopted, and proved both interesting and profitable. At the September meeting the society had the pleasure of a farewell visit from Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr., and wife. The earnest words he spoke and the spirit of devotion manifested to his chosen work will long be remembered. May the influence of his words and example incite us to renewed diligence in doing our share of this blessed work. We were very glad to receive a letter from him telling of his safe arrival in India and the hearty welcome received from the native Christians. In May we received a letter from Anna H. Gibson, the little girl in India for whose support we make our annual contribution, which greatly deepened our interest in her and our desire that she may be a worker for Christ among her people."

_Tarrytown Second Reformed Church, N. Y._—This auxiliary reports the interest undiminished in their work, a new impulse having been received from the missionary convention held at Fordham, April 4th. Three meetings have been held during the year—October, January, and April—the work of the society having been done mainly by the collectors. At the meetings the society has been instructed and stimulated by addresses from the Rev. Mr. Amerman, of Japan, the Rev. Dr. Cobb, Secretary of Synod's Board, Rev. William Anderson, and Miss Cornelia Anderson, of Fordham. The ladies have been encouraged by interesting letters received from the two helpers supported by the society in the Arcot Mission. At the annual meeting, held April 5th, the pledge to support two helpers in the foreign field was renewed. At the same meeting the name of the society was changed, dropping the word "Foreign," and calling themselves simply a missionary society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions. The purpose is to send not one cent less to Foreign Missions, but more if possible.

_Schraalenburgh Reformed Church, N. J._—This auxiliary closes its second year of work, and reports the meetings held monthly, with the exception of two summer months, during the entire year. The attendance has been good, and the collections much the same as formerly—the membership not increased; missionary
intelligence has been read at each meeting; and in June Mr. and Mrs. Talmage, of Amoy, China, gave the ladies of the society an interesting account of their work. A part of the funds are for the support of a child. The remainder is left to the discretion of the society.

Jersey City Reformed Church of Lafayette.—The quarterly meetings of this society have been regularly held, and well attended during the past year. Each meeting has been rendered particularly interesting and instructive, either by the reading of letters direct from the mission field or the presence of some returned missionary, which was still better. In March an old friend and citizen, Mr. Amerman, was with the society, and gave a delightful talk upon his work in Japan. The missionary meetings of this society are the most social and best attended of any held during the year, owing to the great pains taken by the president, who labors faithfully to add to the interest of the society in the cause of missions.

Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.—The interest in this society has been steadily increasing during the past two years, very noticeably so during the year just closed. The meetings are very interesting and well attended. At a meeting, held March 8th, over forty ladies were present, and several original papers were read by members of the society. This auxiliary, as is well known, has been very successful in the collections made from the use of missionary boxes. The receipts from seventy-two boxes for the year was two hundred and forty dollars and thirty-five cents. A donation of five dollars and a church collection of fifteen dollars made the total sum still greater. A list of these boxes is kept by number, and it is known who has any box not returned. A separate list of the money is kept by number also, and no one but the treasurer need know who owns the different boxes. For systematic giving to the Lord we think this method an admirable one. Carrying out Paul's suggestion to the Corinthians, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

Greenpoint Reformed Church, N. Y.—Although a missionary society in connection with this church has been in existence for
two years past, not until this year has it been identified with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. This society has a membership of one hundred and twenty-nine, ninety of whom are represented by scholars from the Sabbath-school. During the year thirty-one new names have been added to the roll, the only condition of membership being a stated monthly contribution. A meeting for the transaction of business is held on the first Wednesday of each month, and quarterly reports of the society's work are given from time to time. Also an anniversary service is held in the church on the last Sabbath of January. The increasing interest manifested, both among the church members and the children of the Sabbath-school toward the support and advancement of the mission cause, is a source of great rejoicing and thankfulness. The society has especial cause for gratitude in view of the fact that one from their church has, during the past year, entered upon the foreign work, and is now laboring in China. The foreign funds of the society for this year are appropriated to the entire support of a Chinese girl. The secretary of the society trusts that the future may bear still greater evidence of our desire to obey Christ's last command, "Preach the gospel to every creature."

New Utrecht Reformed Church, N.Y.—In presenting the second annual report, this society feel grateful for the success that has attended their efforts thus far, as an auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Quarterly meetings have been held, and though not as largely attended as the members could wish, yet the interest manifested by those present has been sincere and earnest. The treasurer reports much larger collections than last year, which is in itself encouraging. No new names have been added to the roll of membership; but it is believed that, by faithful perseverance in the work undertaken, much good may result to prove that the labor has not been in vain.

Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church.—Since the report of last year, the work of the auxiliary has been continued with its usual interest. Monthly meetings have been regularly held, and though the attendance has not been large, the interest has been sustained, and new names have been added to the roll. The receipts in the treasury have been larger than any previous year,
and a new impulse has been given to the work. Mrs. Baldwin, for twenty years a missionary in China, was present at the annual meeting of the society, and gave an intensely interesting address to the ladies present. The Rev. Mr. Amerman has addressed the society, and made the occasion an interesting one, from his talk on the Japan Mission with which he is connected. This society enters upon its sixth year of work as an auxiliary greatly encouraged, believing that, with united prayer, God will bless their labors at home as well as those of our missionaries abroad, and fulfill His promise to be a "present help in time of need."

Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.—The past year has been one of prosperity in this society ; the membership has increased and the interest in missions deepened. Monthly meetings are held at the parsonage, which are opened with devotional exercises, followed by any business which is to come before the society. The meeting is then open for the reading of articles prepared on some special subject: India, China, or Japan—of the people, manners, dress, customs, or religions of the country. A committee of three ladies is appointed to prepare a programme for each meeting. They select articles to be read, and in this way there is always a good programme, and much information is gained in regard to the countries in which our missions are located.

The ladies gave a Japanese social, Monday evening, February 5th. The Rev. Mr. Amerman, of Japan, was present, and gave an exceedingly interesting address, and the young ladies composing the committee of entertainment appeared in Japanese dress and served the refreshments. At the March meeting Mrs. M. E. Morrison, of Montclair, addressed the ladies on China. The first year of this society's life the sum raised was sixty-four dollars and fifty-cents; this year the sum reached one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents—showing a great advance in interest and substantial aid. Two girls are supported in Ferris Seminary, Japan—the balance of funds sent to China. The society start upon another year with earnest purpose, encouraged by the manifold blessings of the past.

High Bridge Union Reformed Church, N. J.—To the membership of this auxiliary a few new names have been added; but what is better than this, a spirit of earnestness seems to pervade the members, which promises better things for the future.
The faithful few in this society, as in many others, are willing to do what lies in their power to advance Christ’s kingdom, and to try to induce others to bear a part, and feel that they are personally responsible in the work of saving souls for Christ. “I gave my life for thee; what hast thou done for Me?” should make us deeply feel that we are accountable for the use of our time, talents, and means. This society enters upon its fifth year of effort, and its contributions are for the general use of the Board.

_Coxsackie First Reformed Church, N. Y._—Another year’s work is recorded for the Master, and a broader outlook permitted over the extended and extending work of missions for our down-trodden sisters in foreign lands. Each year leads the workers for this cause out into greater light and responsibility and to increasing gratitude that we are called to be laborers together with Him, and have a part in the upbuilding of His kingdom. This society has held regular monthly meetings through the year. At each of these varied and instructing articles have been read—leaflets, mission letters, and missionary intelligence from other churches and organizations, awaking a wider interest in the cause. The special interest centres upon the Girls’ Seminary at Chittoor, India. May the richest blessings of the Holy Spirit descend upon this institution, founded by a representative Christian woman, filled with a missionary spirit, who, through her munificent giving, has reared a memorial in India to her precious memory.

_Coll’s Neck Reformed Church, N. J._—This auxiliary organized about a year ago with but a few members, now increased to thirty-one. The minimum subscription was fixed at fifty cents; but many of the members give more. At one of the meetings it was resolved to raise thirty dollars for a scholarship in India, and that all moneys collected beyond that amount should be paid into the general fund of the Woman’s Board, to be used at the discretion of the Board for their work for women.

Regular monthly meetings have been held during the year, at which items of missionary intelligence have been read, with a view of increasing the interest in this cause.

_Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y._—During the year this society has had a very creditable letter from “Anna Josephine,”
the young girl it is pledged to support in the Arcot Mission. One of the officers of this auxiliary has given thirty dollars for maintaining a Bible reader. The society is very much favored in having for its president one who can give much information about the country and people with whom she dwelled so long and labored so faithfully.

*Belle ville Reformed Church, N. J.*—The meetings have been held monthly, with but one or two exceptions, in this society, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, during the past winter. The attendance about the same as in former years. The faithful few are always present. The contributions are given to the Woman's Board, to be appropriated at their discretion. The society has been deeply afflicted in the death of some of its valued members: one, a former president; another, the first treasurer of the society; another, a true friend and sympathizer in the work. They have passed from our sight, but the memory of their love and devotion to the Master's cause will ever remain to stimulate to more earnest, faithful work for missions.

*Brooklyn Church on the Heights, N. Y.*—The annual meeting of this auxiliary was held February 15, 1883, in the lecture-room of the church. The meeting was largely attended, and the pastor (Rev. Mr. Hutton) made a very interesting address, urging the society to more zeal in the work, and giving a brief sketch of what has been accomplished in Japan. Letters were then read from the young girl who is now the beneficiary of this auxiliary, and also from the teachers in the Ferris Seminary, Japan. The contributions show an increase over the amount received last year, and it is evident that the cause of missions is receiving a deeper interest in this society, and we earnestly pray that God's blessing may rest upon the labors and efforts put forth by each individual member.

*Coif's Neck Reformed Church, N. J.*—This is the first year of the existence of this auxiliary. Last spring the society concluded to devote thirty dollars of the money raised each year toward the education of a girl in the Arcot Mission, India, and to send the surplus to the Woman's Board, to be used at their discretion. Thirty-six dollars and fifty cents have been raised by the society the past year.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.—The report of this society does not materially differ from that of last year. Although circumstances have prevented the meetings from being as regularly held as usual, the interest has not seemed to decrease, and the society has been able to redeem their pledge for the support of the native teacher in India under their care. During the year a very encouraging letter has been received from him, giving reason to hope that their labors have not been in vain. The Brinckerhoff Mission Band, which was organized about a year ago, report a larger attendance at their meetings since the beginning of the new year, and an increased interest in the work. The secretary writes that one way adopted for raising money was by tacking comfortables for a lady of the congregation. She mentions this, thinking it may prove a useful suggestion to others. The money raised in the Sabbath-school is entirely independent of the Mission Band. A collection is taken once a month in the school for the cause of Foreign Missions, and this is donated to the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Ghent First Reformed Church, N. Y.—In submitting the second annual report, this society is glad to be able to report an increase, rather than a diminution, of interest. The meetings have been regularly held, with the exception of the month of August; and, though the attendance has not been large, there has been no meeting held without sufficient present to furnish interest and profit. The readings have been mainly from the "Manual," with occasional selections from missionary periodicals. Both the membership and receipts have been in excess of last year; the number of members reaches forty.

Pella Reformed Church, Iowa.—This society numbers sixty or perhaps seventy members, including ladies and children. For three years this church has been without a pastor; but now the Lord has sent them one interested in the missionary cause, and it is hoped that he will speak to them on this subject. Meetings are held twice a month. Sixty dollars has been forwarded to our treasurer and the society, and the decision is to support two pupils in India.

Gravesend Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary is holding
monthly meetings with increasing interest. The society has been incited by Miss Fairweather, a missionary from India, and in September last by the Misses Talmage, who spoke in a very interesting manner of their work in China. In January the society received a letter from Dr. Chamberlin with photographs of the beneficiaries they are supporting.

_Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y._—With grateful pleasure the secretary presents the second annual report from this society. Owing to the very unfavorable weather and condition of the roads, the quarterly meetings have been thinly attended, and it was apprehended that a corresponding falling off of interest in mission work might be expected. The result, however, shows a steady though quiet working in an increased membership and an equally prosperous condition of the finances. Last year sixty dollars was given for the support of beneficiaries in Japan, and this will be continued the present year. Owing to the isolated location of the church, the society is denied the privileges that many have of receiving visits from, and hearing of, the work abroad directly from our returned missionaries; but the members endeavor faithfully to make use of the helps they have in the use of the "Manual," leaflets, and mission monthlies.

_Raritan Reformed Church, N. J._—The past year in this society has been one of quiet effort. Meetings have been held regularly, and the members have shown a continued interest in mission work by faithfulness in attendance. The secretary writes that their contributions have reached one hundred dollars, and trusts that their prayers may be offered in faith, so that the gifts will have an additional value as a means in this blessed work. The society wishes to assure the Woman's Board that their prayers and efforts shall be continued, while remembering with gratitude to God what He has enabled that society to accomplish for Him.

NewLabel Reformed Church, N. Y._—Five years have passed since the organization of this society, and during that period the interest in the work of the Woman's Board has been steadily maintained. The meetings are held quarterly, on Saturday afternoon, at the close of the preparatory service preceding communion.
Four regular meetings have been held, and well attended. After devotional exercises and the singing of appropriate hymns, interesting articles from religious newspapers, showing the progress of Christianity in foreign countries, are presented to the attention, and several papers relating to the cause of missions have been prepared and read before the meeting. These gatherings have been pleasant and instrumental in awakening more interest in the hearts of the ladies in the work of the Woman's Board in its elevation for the moral and Christian elevation of our own sex in heathen lands. The membership fee is fixed for unmarried ladies at fifty cents, and for married ladies one dollar. A reception, held in the lecture-room of the church, brought forty-three dollars and fifty cents into the treasury.

Readington Reformed Church, N. J.—This society has now reached its eighth anniversary, and has a membership of about sixty. From dues and donations the sum of one hundred dollars has been raised. No extra effort has been put forth to collect funds. A liberal spirit is manifested among the members, and especially so in a certain few. The society is in a prosperous condition, and, with God's blessing, hopes to be productive of much good.

Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.—Regular quarterly meetings have been held by this society, and well attended. The society is in a flourishing condition. The funds are to be used at the discretion of the Board.

North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.—The quarterly meetings of this society have been well sustained, and, while not able to report as much interest as they could desire, there has been an increase of membership, notwithstanding some removals by the members to other places. The loss of the beloved treasurer of this society by death is deeply felt, she being one of the founders of it and having its interest always at heart.

"When parting rends the heart in twain,
'Tis then we say, We meet again,
We meet again!"

This society raised last year thirty-one dollars and sixty-five cents for our mission work.
North Branch Depot Mission Circle, N. J. — This noble band of seven young girls are still faithful as ever in their work for the Master. Seven is the number still reported, and we rejoice to know that the hearts and hands are still enlisted in this blessed work. They have sent, the past year, thirty dollars for the support and education of a girl in India. From a pleasant entertainment they realized a very good sum toward this object. The secretary writes that they would like to do more for the foreign cause, but that they are carrying a little home work along at this time, and feel glad they are able to do something for the Saviour, both at home and abroad.

Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y. — The secretary, though sorry to find that the amount of their contributions falls below what they had hoped, is glad to be able to report some progress in other directions, from which tangible results may be looked for in time. From the Ladies' Society there has grown this year a Sunday-school Missionary Society, which holds its meetings from time to time, not so much to gather money as needed instruction concerning the mission work. These meetings have been largely attended, and have proved most interesting and instructive. Dr. Ferris once addressed the children, and Dr. Cobb spoke to them at one occasion. The ladies have endeavored to gather interesting items of information, and have encouraged the members to send in questions written beforehand, which were answered at the meeting. Letters have been received from the catechist in India, which seems to bring the work nearer. The Misses Talmage and Mrs. Cobb have addressed the society at different times.

Montville Reformed Church, N. J. — The past year has been one of quiet work in this society. No addresses have been made by visiting missionaries, but a very interesting letter has been received from Mrs. John W. Conklin, of the Arcot Mission. The monthly meetings have all been held, and the attendance has increased. Some of the young ladies, indifferent before, have manifested an interest in missionary news, and have been induced to take part in our meetings. At several monthly concerts the young people have taken part in the exercises. A married people's concert has been well attended, the church being filled on such
occasions. The writer believes that the next generation will be thoroughly imbued with a missionary spirit.

Jersey City, Bergen, Reformed Church.—Regular meetings have been held during the year for prayer, general missionary intelligence, and transaction of business. Though the attendance has not been large, the interest has been maintained throughout. The contributions, which have been collected quarterly, have nearly equaled those of last year, and will be devoted to the same objects. From all quarters the work is steadily growing each year. The secretary writes: "We feel thankful for being able to help in the good cause, but we long to see many more engaged with us, and do cordially invite the many Christian women of our church who contribute so generously of their means for this object to attend our meetings, and aid us with their counsel and prayers in extending the Redeemer's kingdom."

Kingston Second Reformed Church, N. Y.—The auxiliary in the Second Church held its annual meeting April 9th. The treasurer reported a membership of forty-four. In addition to the loss of the valuable services of the former secretary, through removal, the members have been reduced through death. The meetings are to be held semi-annually, and the contributions are for the general purposes of the Woman's Board.

Brooklyn, E. D., First Reformed Church.—A steady interest in the cause of missions exists in this society, and an increase of the same spirit is hoped for in the future. Regular meetings have been held during the winter months. At one of these a member of the Board was present, and greatly delighted all by her earnest, quiet talk on missionary matters. The contributions are for the Female Seminary, Arcot Mission.

Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.—The ladies of the Piermont Church tried, as an experiment, the distribution of missionary boxes, and, when the boxes were opened, there was much pleasure experienced with the amount of their contents, and the venture regarded as a success. From a little society, called "The Merry Workers," formed from the Sabbath-school, a donation was received, being the proceeds of an entertainment given by them.
Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.—Regular meetings have been held by this society during the year, and these have been made interesting and instructive by reading articles relating to missionary topics. Though the attendance has not been as large as the members could wish, the contributions compare favorably with those of the former years. The writer trusts we may be encouraged in our work for missions through the reports received.

Schenectady First Reformed Church, N. Y.—This society now has a membership of seventy-three—a steady growth as to numbers, last year's register being but fifty-six. The secretary feels that, as regards advancement in a missionary spirit, that may be left with a higher power to judge; but the ladies feel the importance of continuing the good work. Regular monthly meetings have been held, at which readings on India, China, and Japan have been introduced. The writer feels the importance of engaging the young, and of forming children's missionary societies in our churches. The question naturally arising is, How shall we draw them in, and make it interesting to them? It is a broad field, and "the laborers are few." If the children are trained up with a missionary spirit, the future of the church is assured.

Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary is in its fifth year of organization, and continues to hold monthly meetings. The faithful few who attend regularly have found them to be blessed opportunities for an increase in knowledge and love for the Master's work, and feel greatly encouraged to go on with renewed effort, knowing that the Lord of the harvest will sustain and bless both here and hereafter. The society still continue to maintain a girl in Ferris Seminary. This beneficiary has passed through the preparatory course, and entered upon the graduating course of three years, through which she will be supported by this auxiliary. At the February meeting Mrs. Coan met with the society, and gave a very interesting account of her work in Persia, in which she and her husband were engaged for a number of years. We shall hope for an increase in the work of missions through the work of grace now going on in this church, many being gathered into the fold of Christ.

Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.—The secretary of this auxil-
iary reports that the past year has been a successful one for the society. Monthly meetings have been held, and collectors reported from ninety-nine members. At every meeting information of value has been received, and it is hoped that the knowledge of missions is increasing. Letters have been received from the scholar in Chittoor supported by the auxiliary, which has added very much to the interest in him. There are in this society, as in many others, a few faithful in prayer and in service, and it is hoped that a little leaven will leaven the whole lump. In the review of a year and a half since the organization, though there has been much to discourage, the society can, with Paul, feel to “thank God and take courage.”

_Hope Reformed Church, Holland, Mich._—In March the “Young Girls’ Band” in this church received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Conklin, enclosing one from C. Thomas, the young man they are educating in Chittoor. He will finish his course this year, and become either a preacher or a teacher next year. He is very happy in the prospect of becoming a preacher of the gospel. Dr. Conklin says that he would like to have the “Band” continue his support. The young girls are pleased with the idea of this beneficiary finally becoming a preacher, and desire to continue his support; but it will be quite an undertaking for them, as they found it difficult the past year to raise thirty-eight dollars, and next year it will require sixty dollars to maintain him. Rev. Mr. Conklin wrote that if the “Band” would contribute but a part of the necessary funds, he would try and get the funds some other way; but the girls would like to do it all, and our faithful co-laborer, Mrs. Van Olinda, is willing to help them all in her power. The missionary spirit seems to be increasing. To make up the sum for the young man, C. Thomas, some of the girls had to contribute quite largely. The three societies have met every month during the year, and have had very interesting meetings. The writer has felt apprehensive about the future, but is willing now to place all in the hands of the Lord. A letter has been received from Dr. Chamberlin, inquiring if they still wished to support a Bible reader. This letter was in reply to one sent the year previous. The reply was, that the society wanted two beneficiaries, and were willing to give fifty-five dollars each, or one hundred and ten dollars for the readers. The numbers have not
diminished in these societies, with the exception of a few removed and one or two who have died.

_Pella Reformed Church, Iowa._—A very earnest and interested Mission Band exists in this church, consisting of about sixty children—nearly all very young—their average ages being from five to twelve years. Some young ladies are connected with the society—the children attending regularly. Twenty-five dollars has been raised the past year by the "Band." This is for the education of a child in the Arcot Mission, and has been raised by self-denial contributions by the children. These young seed-sowers exhibit much life and interest in the good cause of missions.

_Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y._—Since the last anniversary of this auxiliary—at which time we were favored with the presence and encouragement of the Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Amoy, China—the work has gone quietly and steadily forward. Regular monthly meetings have been held, with the exception of an interval during the summer, and with the usual average attendance. Missionary news, printed by the Woman's Board, in leaflet form, has, from time to time, been distributed at our meetings; and published articles have been read, giving interesting accounts of what is transpiring at our mission stations, with information of what has been, and is still being, done for the spiritual and intellectual culture of the pupils in the girls' schools now under the care of the Woman's Board. The society has subscribed for the "Mission Record," published by the Classis of Passaic, and distributed copies of it gratuitously in the pews of the church, hoping thereby to awaken interest in the cause of missions and a love for our work. In addition to the support of a catechist in the Arcot Mission and a Bible reader in the same field, the support of a pupil in the school at Madanapalle, India, has been continued. This school, though small in its beginnings, has grown steadily, and we believe will continue to exert a controlling influence upon the native community in that part of India. Its prosperity is due, under a kind Providence, to the wisdom and self-denying zeal of Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlin. A very beautiful photograph has been received from Mrs. Chamberlin, exhibiting the group of girls in this school, prominent among them being the little girl
selected as a beneficiary by this society. The history of this child is one that appeals to our warmest sympathies. Griana Soundari—the name signifying "the beauty of wisdom"—is descended from high-caste parents; but the unnatural father deserted his wife, and she was unable to support the child. Two of the Telegu catechists, Joseph and Esther, adopted the little one when she was but six months old. Joseph died when Soundari was but three years of age. Esther, his wife, kept the little girl, and managed to support herself, little Soundari, and a niece, who had been left motherless, through the dreadful famine. Nobly did Esther fulfill the sacred trust; and this devoted care was continued on her part until a place for the former was secured in the hospital and the little girls received into Mrs. Chamberlin's school. Soundari is described as a quiet, gentle girl, susceptible of culture, well repaying the loving care she has received, and a general favorite in the school. If we can comprehend the faith and patient trust this native Christian foster-mother has shown through all the years of infancy and childhood, and how wholly changed is the aspect for this young girl, both for this life and the next, we cannot too highly estimate what Christianity has done for her. These schools not only give the pupils the comforts and advantages of a home, and the highest intellectual culture they are capable of receiving, but they are designed to be the means of bringing them to Christ, and to cultivate in them the Christian virtues. How interesting is this great work of the Lord! How far-reaching! Our ladies, by means of a few dollars consecrated to God's service in this way, may be instrumental in exerting an influence for good which will continue through all eternity. There is to be a great assemblage on a coming day. They shall "come from the east and from the west," and sit down with the "children of the kingdom." Blessed will be those children if they shall find, among these strangers, their own beneficiaries. We believe it to be our duty to consecrate our time and talents to this work for the Master, and ask ourselves the question conscientiously—

"What shall we do for the Master so dear!
Oh, there are many in need of our cheer,
Souls that know nothing but darkness and fear,
Souls in the dark without Jesus."
"Many He has who are not of this fold,
Out in the storm and the pitiless cold;
Them we will win by our prayers and our gold,
Win them to love our Jesus.

"Over the mountains, and over the seas,
Lovingly—joyfully—speed we to these,
Seeking to save them by tenderest pleas,
Saved by the blood of Jesus."

IN MEMORIAM.

A shadow has fallen on our pathway from the work of the "Great Reaper," who has been gathering in His sheaves from among our active co-laborers in the auxiliary societies. From several of these have come the report of the loss by death of valued officers or members. In the midst of usefulness and unwearied service they have been called, from the cares and labors of earth to the rest and rewards of heaven. Their loving spirit, wise counsel, and fidelity to the cause of missions will make their memory very precious; but we shall see them once again:

"Brighter, fairer far than living,
With no trace of woe or pain,
Robed in everlasting beauty,
Shall we see them once again.

"By the light that never fadeth,
Underneath eternal skies,
When the dawn of resurrection
Breaks o'er deathless Paradise."
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street, New York City.
Middle Collegiate Church, New York City.
North Collegiate Church, Fulton Street, New York City.
Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, New York City.
Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Flatbush Reformed Church, Long Island, N. Y.
Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.
Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, L. I.
First Reformed Church, Hackensack, N. J.
North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, N. J.
First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Owasco Outlet, Sand Beach Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Stuyvesants Reformed Church, N. Y.
Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Newburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Readington Reformed Church, N. J.
Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.
Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.
Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.
Third Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Acquackanonck Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.
Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J.
Bushnell Reformed Church, Illinois.
Wyckoff Reformed Church, N. J.
Adams' Station Reformed Church, N. Y.
Sayville Reformed Church, Long Island, N. Y.
Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church, Williamsburgh, N. Y.
Schenectady First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Pella Second Reformed Church, Iowa.
Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.
Hopewell Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.
Orange Reformed Church, N. J.
Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.
Kingston Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Hackensack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Owasco Reformed Church, N. Y.
Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Paltz Reformed Church, N. Y.
Catsbou Reformed Church, Saugerties, N. Y.
Coxsackie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church, N. Y.
Astor Reformed Church, N. Y.
Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.
Syracuse Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Brunswick First Reformed Church, N. J.
Passaic North Reformed Church, N. J.
Athens Reformed Church, N. Y.
Flushing Reformed Church, L. I.
Tarrytown Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Glassco, Flatbush Reformed Church, N. Y.
Mott Haven Reformed Church, N. Y.
Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.
High Bridge Reformed Church, N. J.
Schenectady Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Coxsackie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Harlem Reformed Church, N. Y.
Constantine Reformed Church, Mich.
34th Street Reformed Church, New York City.
Holland Reformed Church, Mich.
East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.
Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.
Paterson First Reformed Church, N. J.
Niskayuna Reformed Church, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Canajoharie Reformed Church, N. Y.
Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.
Middleburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
Gravesend Reformed Church, N. Y.
Montville Reformed Church, N. J.
Collegiate, 5th Avenue and 48th Street, Reformed Church, N. Y. City.
Boonton Reformed Church, N. J.
Ghent First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Middlebush Reformed Church, N. J.
Peapack Reformed Church, N. J.
Jersey City First Reformed Church, N. J.
Jersey City, South Bergen Reformed Church, N. J.
North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.
Raritan Reformed Church, Ill.
Boght Reformed Church, N. Y.
Spring Valley Reformed Church, N. Y.
Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Poughkeepsie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Utrecht Reformed Church, L. I.
Greenpoint Reformed Church, L. I.
Fairfield Reformed Church, N. J.
Stuyvesant Falls Reformed Church, N. Y.
Schraalenburgh Reformed Church, N. J.
Mount Vernon Reformed Church, N. Y.
Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.
Colt's Neck Reformed Church, N. J.
Leeds Reformed Church, N. Y.
Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.
Irving Park Reformed Church, Illinois.
Zeeland Reformed Church, Michigan.
Shokan Reformed Church, N. Y.
Plainfield Reformed Church, N. J.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
Kiskatom Reformed Church, N. J.
New York Madison Avenue Reformed Church.
Franklin Park Reformed Church, N. J.
<p>| RECEIPTS |
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| May 1st, 1882. Balance on hand   | $6,731.43 |
| Acquackanonck Auxiliary, for school at Amoy, China, and general use | 202.00 |
| Albany, Madison Ave. Reformed Auxiliary, for general use | 211.00 |
| &quot; Second Reformed Auxiliary, for medical missionary | 50.00 |
| Astoria Auxiliary, for general use | 60.00 |
| Bergen, Jersey City Heights Auxiliary, for Yokohama, Vellore, Chittoor, and general use of Society | $210.44 |
| Same Church, Nellie Amerman, Mission Circle | 19.00 |
| Bushnell, Ill., Auxiliary | 48.33 |
| Belleville, N. J. | 26.00 |
| &quot; Infant Class | 5.00 |
| Bethléem, Second Reformed Auxiliary | 91.33 |
| Brooklyn, L. I., Auxiliary in South Reformed, for girl, Emily, at Chittoor | 30.00 |
| Brooklyn, L. I., Middle Reformed Auxiliary | 69.50 |
| &quot; Church on the Heights Auxiliary, for Ferris Seminary and general fund | 173.00 |</p>
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**Interest on Nagasaki Fund, May 1, 1883**

- $17,293 59
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The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account and compared the vouchers, finds the same to be correct, and that the balance in the treasury is eight thousand five hundred and twenty-two 57-100 dollars, of which two thousand two hundred and eighty-eight 89-100 belongs to the Nagasaki Fund.

**April 26, 1883.**

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

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Feb. 13, " " " " " " " 11.27

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June 5, " R. Brinkerhoff, for report, ...... $288.49
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Feb. 1, " " " leaflets, etc., .... 42.48

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 Hatch Lithographic Company, for printing certificates, .... 11.50
Draft to Mrs. Jared Scudder, .... 170.00
James L. Amerman, for goods for Ferris Seminary, .... 52.10
Postage and stationery, .... 6.00

Total disbursements, .... $9,128.22

$9,425.88
Of the general balance of $5,926.68, $1,030.00 has been appropriated to work in India and China; $3,000.00 has been pledged to the Nagasaki work in case Synod's Board is able to fully re-enforce that station; $2,500.00 has been appropriated to enlarging Ferris Seminary; thus leaving only $396.68 of money unappropriated in the treasury.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America," and its central point of operations shall be in the City of New York.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands; and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money which shall be contributed to this Society, subject to the approval of the Board, in the appointment of missionaries supported by this Association, and in fixing their locations and salaries. To the furtherance of this end, it shall also endeavor to organize similar associations in all Reformed Churches, and these associations shall bear the name of Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and shall report their work to this Board at such times as the By-Laws may direct.

ART. 3. Each person paying one dollar annually, through an Auxiliary, or directly to the treasury, shall become a member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a Life Membership.

ART. 4. The business of this Board shall be conducted by thirty Managers, each of whom shall be a member of an Auxiliary society. They shall be elected annually by the members of the Board, who may be present at the annual meeting; and shall organize on the first Tuesday after their election, by selecting from their number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall have power to elect not more than twelve honorary Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members, when the object of the Board can be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

ART. 5. There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers and two other Managers, to be elected annually. This Committee shall have
power to transact such business as may require attention in the intervals between the stated meetings of the Managers. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 6. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, in the City of New York, at which time the Managers shall report to the Association the operations, conditions, and prospects thereof: and an election shall be made of Managers for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. A special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, upon the request of the Managers.

Art. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. The Managers shall hold their stated meetings on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at such place as they shall appoint. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the request of five members.

Art. 2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month, at such time and place as the Committee shall decide.

Art. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Managers, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office, and shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

Art. 4. A Vice-President shall perform, in the absence of the President, all the duties of her office. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have all the privileges of Corresponding Members.

Art. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of all money given to the Board, and shall disburse it as the Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and make a quarterly report to the Managers. Her annual report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Managers.
Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and Managers, which shall be read for correction at the close of each meeting, and she shall give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries for the foreign field to conduct the business of this Board with the Board of Foreign Missions, and also with the Missionaries, Teachers, and Bible-readers supported by this Association. They shall prepare the annual report of the Managers; and Missionaries supported by this Association shall report to them.

Art. 8. The Corresponding Secretaries for the home field shall correspond with the churches, and propose the organization of Auxiliary societies, wherever it is possible to awaken an interest in the work for which this Association is formed.

Art. 9. Auxiliary societies shall be required to make an annual report to the Managers, through the Corresponding Secretaries, on or before the first Tuesday in April.

Art. 10. Any Manager who shall be absent from three successive meetings, without giving notice of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position, and her place may be filled.

Art. 11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Managers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such vote.

The following Constitutions are recommended for adoption. They can be modified and adapted to the circumstances of different localities:
CONSTITUTION
FOR
_AUXILIARIES
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———— of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Art. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board in sending out and maintaining Female Missionaries, Bible-readers, and Teachers, who shall work among heathen women and children.

Art. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ———— annually.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

Art. 5. The duty of these officers shall be as follows:

The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of the Society.

The Secretary shall give notice of meetings, shall record the minutes of each session, and shall prepare the Annual Report. It shall also be her duty to transmit to the Woman's Board the names of the officers of this Auxiliary, a report of its proceedings and condition, whenever necessary, and the Annual Report with that of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall report the state of the Treasury at every meeting, and shall remit the funds obtained, at least once a year, on or before the tenth day of April, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

Art. 6. This Society shall hold regular meetings on the ———, and an annual meeting on the ———, to receive and adopt the Annual Report, and to elect officers.
DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

1. An association of young ladies, formed to aid the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall be called a "Mission Band," and shall be Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is formed, or to the Woman's Board.

2. Each Band shall be responsible for at least $20 each year.

3. Any young lady may become a member of a Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents yearly.

4. The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have a general oversight of the work of the Band. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and shall make an Annual Report to the Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all sums contributed, paying the same, at least once a year, to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary of the Church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

6. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

1. An association of children, remitting yearly not less than five dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall constitute a "Mission Circle."

2. Each Circle shall be designated by an appropriate name, and shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Woman's Board.

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted:

PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

"We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may hear of Christ, who died to save them. We promise to give one cent a week to the Missionary Box, and to come together once a month, to hear about Missions, and to work for the cause."