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The Fifth 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 Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street, on Tuesday, May 13th, in the afternoon.

The room was well filled with the members and friends of the Board; and deep attention and warm interest was shown in all the proceedings of the meeting.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Van Cleef. The meeting was opened by reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Reed, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Wells.

The Annual Report was read by Rev. Mr. Merritt, and the report of the Treasurer by Rev. Dr. Ormiston.

The names of the Board of Managers for the ensuing year was then presented. Dr. Ormiston moving its approval, together with the adoption of the reports. The meeting was then addressed by Dr. John Scudder of the Arcot Mission, India. He spoke of the great work to be done at home by the Board, in arousing a deep missionary spirit through the establishment of its auxiliaries in all the Churches. That there were earnest and devoted women in the 366 Churches, which have now no direct connection with the Board, who would gladly take up and carry on the work, if they were personally solicited.

A plea was then made for the women and schools of India.

The Rev. Mr. Ballagh, of Japan, spoke of woman’s power as having lain dormant in the Church, until these last years, for a great purpose; namely, to revive the missionary spirit in the Church after the romance and first glow of the work had passed away. He showed how the women of America, during the past year, had given a half million of dollars to this work; and by personal labor in the field, had done a service that could not be overestimated.

Prayer was then offered by the Rev. William Scudder, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D.
In looking over the records of the monthly and quarterly meetings, the year does not appear to differ materially from the preceding ones. But those who have attended these meetings will testify that the year just closed has been one that has tried their faith to the utmost.

It will be remembered by many that at our last anniversary, two young ladies were with us prepared to go to Japan to establish the long-talked of seminary at Nagasaki, and in June we bade them God speed on their voyage. The responsibility that we then assumed was great in itself and new to us, and our natural anxiety was increased by the intelligence which we received, not long after the arrival of our teachers in Japan, of the depressed state of the Mission at Nagasaki; the unfit condition of the house intended for present use as a school building; and the sickness of the elder Miss Farrington. These circumstances, though beyond our control, called for immediate counsel and comfort. In recalling those days of anxious deliberation, we feel like saying with the Psalmist: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, then the waters had.
overwhelmed us.’’ How much, in the face of these difficulties, the sisters, especially the younger, accomplished, will be seen by the report they make. The Managers and Executive Committee have been very faithful in their attendance at the regular meetings, and we had almost closed the year without a break in our membership. But a few weeks since, however, death broke our circle. God removed to a higher sphere of usefulness one who always took a deep interest in our work, our beloved associate, Mrs. Isaac L. Kip.

One other change we may note. Our Recording Secretary, who has held that position since the organization of the Woman’s Board, some two months ago sent in her resignation, which was accepted with regret.

Our home work has been carried on with diligence, and much progress has been made. Not the least pleasant part of this work has been the share we have taken in editing the ‘‘Mission Monthly.’’ This little publication of the Synod’s Board deserves a large circulation, as its very small cost brings it within the reach of all. Since it was started, a twelve-month ago, there have been printed, in our fourth of it, letters from nearly all the ladies of our different missions. In this way only can these, our missionary sisters, communicate with all Auxiliary Societies. Were they required to write to each one separately they would certainly have to give up all other work. Ten new Auxiliaries and five Mission Circles have been formed during the year. The reports from them are very encouraging, and many speak of revived interest and treasuries most unexpectedly filled. We have added to our life membership forty-three new names, and we wish that all the women of the Reformed Dutch Church would look upon this list as a roll of honor and each strive to have her own name upon it. Our Treasurer reports a gain of $1,368.16, over the receipts of last year.

THE KOLONGSU FUND.

We think it worthy of record that the appeal for this fund of two thousand dollars was responded to so heartily, that we had to stop the contributions and cry ‘‘enough.’’ This money is not to found a new school, but to put up, on the Island of Kolongsu, where the missionaries live, a commodious building for the long established girls’ boarding school of Amoy. Its teachers hope, by thus having it under their constant supervision, greatly to increase its efficiency. As for ourselves, we will have the pleasant consciousness that
we have made the duties of these faithful workers less difficult, not
to say less dangerous, by thus removing the necessity of the daily
crossing from island to mainland.

The reports that have come to us from the foreign field are very
interesting, and we give them almost entire. We begin with our
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NAGASAKI.

Experienced Missionaries say that the first year in a foreign land
may well be devoted entirely to learning its language. The Misses
Farrington, in addition to such study, and on the part of the
younger one, to the study and practice of music, almost immediately
began to teach. Miss Elizabeth writes, "We arrived in Yokohama,
Japan, August the 9th, and left for Nagasaki the 20th, where we ar­
rived five days later.

"School opened on the second Monday in September with six
pupils. Of these, two were the children of the Rev. Mr. Stout; two,
former pupils in the schools at Yokohama and Tokio, and
Christians; two only were heathen girls. One of the two Christian
girls is entirely under our care, as a boarding pupil. The two
heathen girls represent the class of five formerly under the tuition
of Mrs. Stout. The others were detained, as far as we can learn,
by illness in two instances and a removal in the other. We began
with an afternoon session, but one in the morning proving more con­
venient, school now opens at nine, with a recitation from Scripture,
and prayer. The studies at present are the rudiments of Arithmetic,
and Geography; first lessons in History; Reading, Writing, Spell­
ing and Music. Saturday morning is spent in the study of
Music. Sabbath mornings the girls come to us for a short
Bible study. We are so unable to explain to them as we desire, or
to teach as they should be taught, that we sometimes fear this may
be unwise effort; yet, as it ensures their attendance at the morning
service, we continued the effort in "Hope." We were sorry to lose
one of the pupils, in December, but trust that rich blessings await
the work of herself and husband in the new field to which they go—
Kagashima. During these four months, the attendance of the girls
has been more than good, with a constantly increasing interest—from
the teacher's point of view—it is certainly an interest that deepens
every day." When sickness made a trip to Yokohama advisable,
the school was left under the temporary charge of the wife of the
native pastor. Our latest advices gives us reason to believe that
the health of Miss Farrington will be restored in a few months, and that teaching will be resumed in the Fall.

YOKOHAMA.

Mrs. Miller writes of the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama. The whole number of pupils during the year has been thirty-seven. Of these twenty-six were entirely self-supporting. The greatest amount of help any one received, was to the extent of her board, three dollars per month. The class of older girls who left us, I suppose we could hardly have expected to remain much longer, although we did hope it might be otherwise. Five of our pupils have married during the year. I am sorry to say that three of those who were Christians have married heathen. Kuni Tamanu, one of those who married heathen, has been much prosecuted by her husband and they are at present separated. We cannot say what the end will be. Perhaps the hand of the Lord is upon her to deepen her Christian character. Ko Okada, who only left us two months ago, perhaps has not yet felt the unhappiness which is sure to come with a heathen husband, whatever his worldly advantages may be. She hopes to be the means of his conversion. We pray that this may be so. One Christian has married a Christian, and is doing effective work with her husband in the Nagasaki field. The fifth had not long been with us and was still a heathen when she left us to be married. Rio Harada left us to go to Tokio to live with her parents, who removed there and who, she thought, were too feeble to be left alone. She attends the Kojimashi church, and takes an active part in the woman's prayer meeting in connection with that church. Hisa Okuno did not return after the summer vacation, on account of her feeble health. She is growing stronger and will soon be with us again. Suyeko and Kashi are most faithful workers for our Master. They have established a Sunday-school, or rather gotten permission to teach on Sunday in a private school owned and taught by a Japanese during the week. While we have been so tried in regard to our older pupils this year, we have had great cause for rejoicing over our dear little ones. Nine of them were received into the full commission of the church the first Sabbath of June. One of these, Kaku Ishii, was baptized with her parents some years since, and is the first Protestant child in Japan, who has taken upon herself the vows assumed for her in childhood by her parents. She is now eleven years old, and we think her Christian character almost perfect. This class of nine little Christian girls is full of interest to me. I
believe the Lord has chosen every one of them for some especial work, and it is my prayer that we may have wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in fitting them for it. Near the end of the year, two sisters whose parents moved from Nagasaki to Yokohama entered our school. The elder one, Uta, a girl of seventeen, had been a pupil of Mrs. Stout and is much interested in the Bible and Christian teaching, if she is not already a Christian." Mrs. Miller adds that for a part of the year she was permitted to teach the Bible twice a week in a private Japanese school of sixty poor children. But gradually a feeling of opposition grew up; and after the summer vacation, although she made repeated efforts to teach in the school again, various excuses were made for deferring it so that it was not resumed. With the help of Hisa Okuno, she held meetings in two other places through the week, and their efforts were blessed in the conversion of some. Miss Whitbeck, she writes, has devoted herself earnestly to study and teaching in the school.

CHINA.

Miss Talmage gives her report of the Girl's School at Amoy, for 1878, as follows:

"We are passing another mile-stone,
Another school year's done."

It closed with us on Wednesday, January 8th, after an examination conducted by the Pastor of the 2nd Church. The Pastor of the 1st Church with some other visitors, both Chinese and foreign, were also present at the closing exercises.

We look back upon the year that has gone with mingled feelings of discouragement and encouragement, regret and thankfulness. We regret that the time has gone leaving so much undone which might have been done. That although the scholars have learned so much of the Bible and the way to salvation, so few give sufficient evidence that they have decided to walk in that way. It is an easy matter to become discouraged in our work. We have only to look upon its greatness with the many difficulties in the way, and then look upon ourselves in all our own frailty and weakness—our utter inability of ourselves to do the least good. But, if we turn the picture and look upon the other side, we can see every reason for encouragement, for He who is "mighty to save" has promised to be with us alway. And as we take a retrospect of the year now passed, and see how He has been with and helped us, we have reason indeed for thankfulness.
Through the year we have had a full school. The average number of scholars has been thirty, of whom the majority were boarders. We are happy to report that two of the number made a public confession of their faith in Christ last summer, and are, judging from their lives since that time, earnest followers of Jesus. They each have a very interesting history which it would take too much time and space now to give. One has left the school and is living with her husband’s family, about thirty miles from Amoy. Her husband was willing that she should become a Christian, but his mother (mothers-in-law rule in China) and the rest of the family, as well as the whole village, were bitterly opposed to the Christian religion and made it very unpleasant for her. We have heard since that her mother-in-law, as well as other members of the family, have decided to give up idol worship and adopt Christianity; and may we not hope that the leaven which has began to work may spread through that region? The other scholar is the blind girl, who has improved in disposition in a remarkable degree during the past year, and seems to be exerting a good influence on the others. One or two other girls have shown a good deal of interest, and we trust it may not be long before they give themselves to Christ. Two of our best students were married near the close of school, one on the closing day. We are sorry to part with them, but hope their influence will be for good in their new homes.

We have decided to make some change in the management of the school when it again opens. The pupils have been under the charge of a matron, and a young lady teacher has been employed to come in the afternoons to teach reading and writing of the Chinese character. This teacher is about twenty years of age, very quiet and very lady-like in her manners. As the matron has never had proper control of the pupils, we have decided to give her department also to the teacher. This is something of an experiment, because she is so young, and because the position is no easy one to fill. But her father and mother (Pastor Jap and his wife) have promised to give her all needed help and advice. They are very good and sensible people, and live in the building adjoining the school. This change causes some anxiety, but we hope it will be an improvement.

We propose to employ the matron as a “Bible-woman.” The work of employing women to send out, two and two, to the country stations to work among the women there is one that has been much on our minds, as a great deal of good has been done in other parts in this way.
We, as yet, have not been able to find suitable women. Those whom we thought qualified had families or other obstacles to prevent their leaving their home. This woman wishes a companion to go with her, but we have not been able to find one; for women sent out on such work should not only be well instructed in the Bible, but should also be earnest devoted Christians, or their visits will be of little use. We trust that at the stations to which she may be sent there will be found among the female church members those who will volunteer to be her companions in her work among the women.

There is work everywhere to do, if we had time and strength and a better knowledge of the language to do it.

In closing I would remind our friends again of our need of a new school building on Kolongsu. May we have it before the close of another year?"

It gives us great satisfaction to know that by our contributions we have made this possible.

INDIA.

Miss Mandeville's Report of the "Girls Boarding School at Chittor," is a somewhat sad one, inasmuch as trials and afflictions of sickness and death have marked the year. Intermittent fever prevailed, and not less than a dozen names were on the sick list at once. Two were at death's door, and one "passed through to the other side." The matron was also suddenly removed from their midst by death, after a few hours of intense suffering.

These afflictions, however, seemed to develop the character of the girls, for Miss M. writes that "burdened with the extra duty of looking after the smallest details of the school, nothing has given me greater pleasure than the universal expression of a desire to be helpful and prevent unnecessary trouble. The pupil teachers have relieved me of a great deal of care, and have given unmistakable evidence that they are capable of putting into practice the principles and methods in which they have been trained." The services of a second master have been dispensed with this year, these pupils having done all the work. Two of these have left and are maintaining themselves as teachers. The number of scholars has been reduced from forty to thirty-five. The custom of demanding fees has been continued with good effect, and parents are beginning to understand that they are not conferring a favor on us by sending their children to school.
During the year especial attention has been given to the study of the Bible, and a class has been formed which we propose calling, “The Bible-woman’s training class.” We have long felt the need of this, having frequently observed how incapable most of the pupil teachers are of making practical application of Bible truths when called upon to give a Bible lesson to some of the lower classes.

After much prayerful consideration and preparation, five pupils were admitted to the Lord’s Supper at last Communion, and have since shown a great desire to walk consistently.” A habit of prayer prevails, and there are frequent meetings for prayer aside from the regular weekly meetings.

“Every year brings fresh proof that the future success of our Mission depends mainly on the careful and efficient management of our Boarding Schools.”

CONCLUSION.

In the days of the Captivity, when Cyrus, King of Persia, determined to rebuild the temple, he called upon such of the Children of Israel as were willing, to go up to Jerusalem to build, and on whomsoever remained to help them “with silver and with gold, and with substance.” In these modern days, may we not compare our missionaries to these builders. They have heard the call of their King to go and build for Him a spiritual temple. In these Reports which they have sent us from China, from India and Japan, we see how they are progressing. It certainly is the duty and should be the delight of us who stay at home, to strengthen their hands with our “gold, our silver and our precious things,” that the work may be more speedily accomplished.

CHARLOTTE W. DURYEE,
For. Cor. Sec.
While gratefully recognizing and acknowledging the blessings that have enabled us to bring the record of our work forward into the fifth year of our organization as a Woman’s Board, we cannot, at the same time, fail to express regret that while we went down as Ruth into the fields to glean, and our success has been as the Lord of the harvest has commanded that some handfuls be let fall on purpose for us, many more of our Christian women have not come forward with their “Ephah of barley” to aid in this work for the Master. This feeling will doubtless be shared by all our co-workers, as in the bond of union established, all, as members, must rejoice or sorrow, as gain or disappointment predominates. It seems as though the Providence of God, in a peculiarly marked manner, indicates that it is not for us to sit still “at ease in Zion” at this very important and critical hour, when India with her waiting thousands, and China with her opening door, and the wondrous preparations of the field, in the hands of the Master in the Isles of the Sea, call loudly upon us. Is it not a significant fact, that our faith and faithfulness to Him and His cause, are being tested by increased and enlarged opportunities for Him and His service? Can any one bear, even for a moment, to scan the result if
he neglects to see what is very clearly the indication of His will or fails correctly to interpret it?

We believe it has been clearly demonstrated that the women in our churches can do a work in this way, and through this instrumentality, as friends of the Saviour, that cannot be done in any other form for the heathen women and girls in foreign lands, and we can but repeat the inquiry as given in our 'Address,' "Shall we not have our part in this blessed work, conducted by ourselves and sustained by our own prayers and gifts? Shall we not come to the help of our Church Board, which is fairly staggering under the weight of the noble work it has undertaken in India, China and Japan? Shall we not place our dear church side by side with sister churches in the grand endeavor to win the world to Christ?"

We are able to report a steady growth in the work of the Auxiliaries during the year. Ten new Societies have been formed, and five Mission "Bands." We would earnestly recommend to the Auxiliaries that some specific object be decided upon, and the efforts devoted to it year after year. The work would then be regular and systematic, rather than an excess for one school, and the rest, perhaps embarrassed, and vice-versa. If this course were pursued, Synod's Board would be able to know more definitely what could be depended upon and what was provided for.

We are often called upon for some more definite information in regard to the Mission fields from Societies about to organize; and to those who contemplate this, we would earnestly recommend that the "Manual of Missions," issued by the Woman's Board, be secured, and used as a basis for information. Intelligence on all these points in respect to our Church Missions will be found in its pages, and it cannot be too highly prized as an efficient aid in the various departments of the work.

*Middle Collegiate Church, New York.* — "The Middle Dutch Church Auxiliary respectfully reports to the Woman's Board, that they have collected and paid to the Board the same amount as sent each year since the formation of the Auxiliary. We are encour-
aged by this success, as our numbers from force of circumstances are diminished yearly."

**Collegiate Church, Fifth Ave. and Twenty-ninth St., New York.**—"Meetings have been held during the year in this Auxiliary, the subscriptions amounting to about the same as formerly. We hope to renew our energies in the Fall. The 'DeWitt Mission Band' fund we miss this year, as nothing has been done by them."

**North Collegiate Church, Fulton St., New York.**—"The Auxiliary in this Church was addressed in April by the Rev. John Scudder. The support of a teacher in one of the villages in India, was assumed by the society at his suggestion. The amount raised was devoted to this purpose and to the general fund. Two little girls, the daughters of the pastor, contributed a sum from money they had saved towards this object. The members of this society are few in numbers, but are earnest workers in the cause of Foreign Missions."

**Owasco Lake, Sand Beach Church.**—"During the past year, a renewed effort has been made to circulate the family missionary boxes given by the Board of Foreign Missions for this purpose. All the collections, except one or two special donations and the contributions received at the monthly concerts, have been made by means of the mite boxes. The plan is to have these boxes left at every house in the parish wherever they will be received, and at stated times they are called for and the contents handed to the treasurer. Collectors are appointed who are instructed to visit every house. The contributions this year, have been given to Amoy and Nagasaki. In both these missions this Church feels a special interest. Miss Caroline Adriance, one of the most esteemed members of this Church, joined the Amoy Mission some years ago, and gave her life to the cause dear to her heart. The Society intend to perpetuate the memory of her work and labor of love, by an annual contribution to the Amoy Mission. The hope is expressed that the Missionary Society will increase its interest in missions with every passing year."

**Brooklyn, E. D., Williamsburgh.**—"At the annual meeting of this Auxiliary in May, it was decided that the Society should become responsible for the support of a scholar in the Jonathan Sturges Seminary, then about to be established in Nagasaki. A correspondence with the Misses Farrington was opened as soon as possible, after their arrival in Japan. In response, a very interesting letter was received from them, with a description of several of the scholars
under their care, and calling attention particularly to the case of their first boarding pupil O'Hatsusan. This young girl was for a time in charge of a missionary at Yokohama, and supported by friends in America. Last year, upon returning to Nagasaki where her parents reside, O'Hatsusan urged them to accept the Christian faith, but their reply was, that she must either give up her home or her religion. She chose the former alternative, and was subsequently received into the home of Miss Farrington. As it seemed desirable that O'Hatsusan should become the special charge of this Society, it was resolved to accept and regard her in that light. At the time of her entrance into the Seminary, it was thought that she would probably require three years more instruction in English. At the end of this period, it is thought she will be qualified to assist in the teaching of her countrywomen and fitted for active service for the Master for whom she has thus early been called to suffer persecution. The funds of this Society are for this beneficiary, and the balance for Kolongsu.

New Brunswick, Second Reformed Church.—"This Society was organized three years since, with the hope of arousing among the ladies of this Church, an increased interest in and love for Foreign missions. To this end, the congregation has been thoroughly canvassed to secure, if possible, an annual subscription, even though small, from every female member. Quarterly meetings have been held, at which interesting selections relative to this subject have been read and other means adopted to promote success. A member of this Auxiliary contributes $120, for the support of a native teacher in Kandipatur. The Sunday School educates a boy in Vellore, and a girl in Chittoor. The Auxiliary maintains a Catechist in India and contributes to the Caste girls' school in Vellore. The collections from the Society, as compared with those of the previous year, show an increase of interest and effort. The Rev. John Scudder addressed the Auxiliary, and a large audience gathered to listen to the interesting statements of the great needs of the Arcot Mission. The Secretary of the Auxiliary writes of "the tidings from the various mission fields, of the great desire among the heathen for religious teaching which seems to come as an answer to prayer from Christians, that God would bless their missionary labors, and of the encouragement this gives to redouble effort, self-denial and prayer, and to inspire us with faith, that in due season, we shall reap if we faint not." The boy, John Titus, supported by the Sunday School, has written a very good letter to the children, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Woman's Board for publication."
Jersey City, Second Reformed Church.—"This Society has held regular quarterly meetings, and is greatly encouraged by increased liberality and interest in the cause. The secretary writes: "We have reason for gratitude to the Giver of all our benefits, and feel that the Lord is with us in the work. The interest in our meetings has been stimulated by reading the letters and articles from missionary lands, and by the 'Mission Monthly.' From our treasury we are able to advance Miss Talmage's salary without diminishing other appropriations, and have continued the tuition of the Chinese girl 'Ruth' (Lau-teek) in the school at Amoy; and also by special donations, we are enabled to respond to the appeal of Miss Talmage for the school building on the Island of Kolonsu. By gifts from a few members of the Society, the pastor's wife has been made a life member of the 'Woman's Board.' A few of the boys and girls in the Sunday-school, known as the 'Pastor's Class in the Compendium,' expressed a great interest in the work of the Misses Farrington, of whom they had read in the 'Mission Monthly,' and a desire to contribute to it. At their request the Pastor's wife met with them, and they have formed a 'Circle' in connection with the Auxiliary. They pay one cent a week (which must be earned or saved). Some have brought more, manifesting great earnestness in the movement. They have taken the name of the 'Farrington Circle.'"

Fishkill Village Reformed Church—"Regular monthly meetings have been held by this Auxiliary during the year, and some new memberships have been obtained. The secretary writes: "The efforts of our Society, as in previous years, have been devoted to the school at Nagasaki. It is with the deepest interest we report that the teachers so prayerfully and earnestly sought for this School have at length been supplied from our own church. The 4th of June, 1878, will long be remembered with pleasure by those who attended the "farewell" exercises held in the Reformed Church, previous to the departure of the Misses Farrington for their appointed field of labor. The cheerful conversation of these faithful missionaries, and the kindly words of comfort and congratulation which were offered to them, all served to render it an occasion of deepest interest. Early in September, these sisters arrived in Nagasaki, their chosen future home, where they have already gathered about them a little class of girls whose heathen minds they are striving to lead to Jesus, and are at the same time busily engaged in the study of the Japanese language, that they may be prepared for greater usefulness. We cannot but feel that as a church, we are closely connected with
the mission land, since from our communion has gone forth those who have devoted their lives to its service."

*Yonkers Reformed Church.*—"The Auxiliary in this church has held regular meetings during the year, and maintained the special work in Japan and India to which it was pledged. At the anniversary exercises, held on Sabbath afternoon, February 23d, the Rev. James H. Ballagh of Japan, spoke to a numerous and interested audience, of the field with which he is so familiar, in a very acceptable address. In some preliminary remarks, the pastor stated, that the end of these anniversary services was to set before the people the nature and extent of the work to which our Foreign Mission Board is called, and the motives that ought to influence, not only a few, but all the friends of the Redeemer to do what they could for this work—that there was need of individual effort—a personal responsibility in the matter—and that it was not from any single person doing largely, but from each member of Christ's church doing what lay in his power, that great results might justly be expected to flow. Mr. Ballagh pointed out the almost incredible changes that have taken place, and the astonishing progress toward the Christian civilization and religion in Japan within the last ten years. Incidents of conversion were related, showing the aptitude of the Japanese mind to the reception of the truth, and this 'honest field' was dwelt upon as containing much precious grain 'ripe for the sickle. Proofs of the divine favor in the efforts made to evangelize this country were abundantly given, and it was clearly shown how much more might be done than has been attempted, or imagined hitherto. These direct appeals from our missionaries it is believed will bring good results, and the immediate effect will be to greatly increase the missionary spirit among the women of our Reformed Churches everywhere, and the efficiency of the Auxiliaries will be thus greatly developed for the work the Lord has called them to do."

*Brooklyn, South Reformed Church.*—"The interest in this Auxiliary remains unabated. It is believed that the contributions will be increased in future by the use of missionary boxes. The funds for the present year are for general purposes. The secretary feels that though in the review the work may seem small, they are not discouraged, but pray that a blessing may rest upon and accompany their offerings, and more zeal and self-sacrifice be manifested, that Christ's cause may be advanced."

*Schenectady, First Reformed Church* report: "We welcome
the Second Anniversary of our Society. Although its membership has not increased, yet there has been a definite purpose and steady work, producing most satisfactory results. Information concerning mission fields of labor has been sought, and distant places have been brought near by frequent correspondence. The meeting for prayer has been well sustained, and we enter upon our third year with earnest hope and bright anticipation. We have sixty-three members of the main society, three ‘Bands,’ and one ‘Circle.’ The envelope system has been adopted, and a box placed at the entrance door for small contributions. The ‘Adzuma Circle’ composed of the Infant School have joined with the Sabbath-school in sending forty-five dollars to the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, and are in correspondence with ‘Rashi,’ the young girl whom they are educating. ‘The Christian Home Band’ realized from a tableaux entertainment forty dollars, which has been appropriated to Tsuyeko Yamano Uchi, Ferris Seminary, with whom they also correspond. With God’s blessing upon our work, may we not hope that some souls may be brought into His kingdom, which is the blessed result for which we are striving?"

Utica Reformed Church.—From the report of the Secretary of this Auxiliary, we give the following extract: "In presenting the annual report, we are happy to say that there has been no falling off of interest in the cause of missions with us, nor any decrease in the contributions by which that interest is practically expressed. On the contrary, we are able to record a slight improvement on the preceding year. Five new members have been added. The contributions are for Chittoor, Amoy and Nagasaki. A meeting held during the session of the General Synod in June last, under the auspices of our society, and addressed by Rev. Dr. Chamberlain and Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Scudder, was a great encouragement and assistance to us. We enter upon the coming year with cheerfulness and hope, ’knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord,’ and trust that He will bless us in the future as in the past if we continue to wait upon Him in faith and patience.”

Hudson Reformed Church. The Hudson Auxiliary was formed a little over a year ago amid discouragements, financial and otherwise, but the interest in the work has slowly yet surely increased. The membership has now reached sixty-three. The first year’s contributions were devoted to the Nagasaki Home, now called the ‘Sturges Seminary.’ Meetings have been held regularly. The year has
passed with its earnest purposes and prayers. The new year is here, and, as the threshold is crossed, may the duties be entered upon with unswerving courage, quickened zeal, united efforts, and earnest prayers that each succeeding year shall bring forth fruit more abundantly, until the day break and the Christless homes of heathen women be filled with the glorious sunlight of the Gospel."

Newark, North Reformed Church.—The meetings have been sustained in this auxiliary, and contributions amounted to nearly the same as last year. "In November a returned missionary, a lady from India, spoke to the society in an informal manner upon Foreign Mission work in general, and also of her own work, and of the field where she had been laboring, in particular, in a very interesting and acceptable way."

Coxsackie, First Reformed Church.—"The Auxiliary of the First Church, Coxsackie, most gratefully record in their annual report the regularity of their monthly meetings through the year—their joy in their first offering to the Master's service sent with earnest prayers for enlarged results from their associated efforts and consecration. The proceeds of our contribution was sent to the Jonathan Sturges Seminary, Nagasaki. The 'Manual of Missions' is being circulated for reading, to arouse the spirit of missions. Subscriptions and interest are enlisted for the 'Mission Monthly.' Our anniversary brought to us the Rev. J. H. Ballagh, who animated and inspired us in his blessed mission work to beamighted women, and in fulfilling the command 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.' More than ever we realize 'How can they preach unless they be sent.' May we ever serve in self-denying, giving, and doing for our heathen sisters."

Hackensack Reformed Church.—From the report of this Auxiliary we are informed of increasing interest, and of meetings regularly held and sustained. The contributions have been for India, Amoy, and the general fund. The Secretary writes: "God grant His blessing full, rich, and free on our Board of Missions. How we should praise Him for the success that has crowned it, and for the hope that it may be a power for good in the future. Through its instrumentality may precious seed be sown that will bring forth an abundant and glorious harvest. How precious to do even the little that we are able for the dear loving Saviour whom we hope to praise throughout all eternity."

Jersey City, Lafayette Reformed Church.—Very encouraging
progress is reported in this Society for the year—not from increase of numbers, but that there has been a greater eagerness on the part of the ladies to engage in any work tending to advance the cause of missions among heathen women. The contributions have also been more generously donated than in previous years. The work is being carried on with zeal and fidelity.

Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City.—At the annual meeting of this Auxiliary held April 3d, it was resolved to continue the support of the scholars in Yokohama, Chittoor, and Vellore, and the surplus funds to be forwarded to the Sturges Seminary in Nagasaki. Regular quarterly meetings have been held, and a monthly meeting also to seek a blessing on the work. Letters and articles from the various mission fields have been read, and as the Mission Monthly has many subscribers, the information extends to those who are not able to attend the meetings. The hope is expressed that the interest will be general throughout the Church. A very interesting feature of progress is the great interest manifested by the children of the Church who last year organized a Nellie Amerman Mission Circle, and have, since their organization done all in their power to prove their love and earnestness for the cause.

Brooklyn, First Reformed Church.—The Secretary writes: “I can truly say that the people are deeply interested in our missions, and respond most willingly to the call made upon them for the means to send the Gospel to “those who sit in darkness.” A short time since Dr. John Scudder delivered an address in the Church which has awakened a greater interest in regard to the foreign field. If the contributions are not so large as last year it is not from want of zeal, but from depletion in numbers.

Orange Reformed Church.—The Secretary reports that the coming year they intend to dispense with collectors and have the money contributed quarterly in envelopes. These will be collected in the baskets on the Sabbath following the one on which they are given out. There may not be as much raised in this way, but the Society are willing to leave it to the Lord to whom belongs the silver and the gold, and who has power over the hearts of men also. It is believed that this is an education which, if persevered in, will bring good results. The Society numbers 114 members. The Society have enjoyed the presence and addresses of Rev. Mr. Ballagh.
Bronxville Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary report that regular meetings have been held during the year, and the members all very much interested. "Rio Harada," the former beneficiary, has married; but the intention is to continue to correspond with her, as all are very much interested in her. The Secretary of the Band, "Star of Hope," have taken a great interest in the work, have held regular monthly meetings, and have decided to support a girl in Miss Talmage's School at Amoy, and are waiting anxiously to hear from her.

Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.—"The Scudder Memorial" Auxiliary to the Woman’s Board held its annual meeting in March. It was well attended, and much interest was manifested. A portion of the funds of this Society is devoted to the support of a child in the Arcot Mission, and this year a generous sum was sent towards the new school building on Kolongsu. The members number thirty-four and regular meetings have been sustained. The Mission Band, "The Willing Workers," connected with this Auxiliary was organized in February with a membership of twenty. They have met weekly, and the articles made at the time have been sold, and the sum raised sent to the mission at Vellore. A dime sociable held at the Parsonage netted an amount which was forwarded to Kolongsu. "The President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. E. C. Scudder, has had many years experience in missionary work, and it is hoped that her example will stimulate to a greater zeal in this work." Their "united prayer is that God will bless their efforts." In a letter written us by Mrs. Scudder, she says: "My whole heart is with you in this work, especially in that department which concerns the dear people of India with whom we lived so long. What can we do for the thousands there who are begging to be instructed in the truths of the Gospel? To us who were so many years engaged in urging these truths upon indifferent or unwilling listeners, this seems such a glorious opportunity. I do hope that we, as a Church, will not fail to improve it."

Freehold, Second Reformed Church.—The third anniversary of this Auxiliary was held in April, 1878. Prof. Doolittle, of Rutgers College, conducted the services and delivered a very interesting address upon missionary effort in Japan. He gave the Society much encouragement to go on with its chosen work. The former protege of this Society having married it was decided to appropriate the funds the past year to the general fund of the Ferris
Seminary. The majority of the Society feel that it is given them to plant the seed, believing that what is sown in faith will be followed by a harvest for the Master, and we are doing all in our power and leaving the result with God.

Flatbush Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary continue their very liberal contributions to the cause of foreign missions, and have displayed much interest in the appeal of Miss Talmage for a school building on the island of Kolongsu, sending a handsome sum for this object beyond their regular yearly donations.

Brooklyn, Twelfth St. Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary reports not only the membership doubled in this, the first year of its organization, but an increasing interest also in the missionary cause. Regular meetings have been held and efforts made by means of letters and items of missionary intelligence to make them interesting to all. The Society have had the privilege of listening to one young missionary about starting for his field in Ceylon. The returned missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. Scudder and Ballagh, presented very urgent appeals to the Church for the work of their respective fields. Mrs. Scudder met the Society at one of its regular meetings, and after hearing the claims of India upon our Church, it was decided that a part of the funds should be appropriated to the support of a native helper for one year. The Secretary writes: "We hope to increase the sum devoted to Nagasaki as the year advances, and trust that when all the districts of our Church have been thoroughly canvassed the result will be commensurate with our desires for helping the school there in which we take so great an interest." The Mission Band, "Children of Light," has become Auxiliary to the Ladies Society of this Church, and by means of its annual fair has helped to replenish the treasury. The "Band" supports a child, "Elizabeth," at the Chittoor Seminary, and is composed of earnest little workers. It is hoped "that it will be a power for good and a blessing to those who sit in darkness."

Pella, Iowa, Second Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary reports an undiminished number, and continues, the support of a teacher in India. The members feel that they have cause to be thankful that the Lord has prospered them, and trustfully pray that this blessing may be continued, and that through its instrumentality many may be converted to Christ. The Mission Band, "The Little Workers," has carried on its efforts with increasing in—
Two of the little ones, "lambs of the Heavenly Fold," Jesus has tenderly called, and has carried them in his bosom to his heavenly home. They were very young, but earnest workers in the "Band" for more than a year. These dear ones were ready and willing to leave their loving and agonizing friends, crossing the dark river, fearlessly leaning on Jesus, who, when on earth, said "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Their Society send their funds again this year to Yokohama. The Secretary writes: In reviewing the past we feel encouraged to go forward. We may not be able to see the fruits of our labor, but there is a wise husbandman near who will gather the fruits into his garner.

_New York, Union Reformed Church, Sixth Ave._—"Interested friends in the cause of Foreign Missions have addressed this Auxiliary during the year, thus strengthening and refreshing their hearts. The self-sacrificing act of the Misses Farrington in leaving home for a far distant land to establish a School in Japan, has given the Society great encouragement and cheer, some of the members having had the pleasure of meeting these devoted sisters previous to their departure and hearing directly from them their desire to be engaged in the work, and the society rejoice that they are enabled, to some extent, to obey the injunction, 'Help those Women.' The interest in the girls' school at Nagasaki has very perceptibly deepened in the hearts of the members of the Auxiliary. The average attendance on the meetings has increased, and the united prayer is that they may be made faithful and useful, so that at the last it may be said of each one, 'She hath done what she could.' The Faith Mission Band' that grew out of this Auxiliary is well reported. Their meetings are held twice a month, attended by about forty children. At their first anniversary the attendance was large. They have been cheered by an address from Mrs. Scudder, who spoke to them of India. They have contributed for a child in India, and a Bible reader there also has received their donations."

_Nyack Reformed Church._—"At the beginning of the year, the members of this Auxiliary met to decide whether the Society should be continued. The state of affairs financially had made this a serious question. It had been found difficult to sustain the Society, as it had begun, in its work for foreign missions. After prayerful deliberation, seeking wisdom from above, it was decided to make the effort to continue the work. The result has been
eminently satisfactory, the Society being able to contribute about the same as in former years. The ladies were not satisfied with a sum that was raised. The young girls who last year raised money for the Society through a sale of fancy articles came forward again nobly and organized themselves into a Missionary Society. They worked diligently and raised a generous sum which was sent to Kolongsu in connection with the amount raised by the Auxiliary. The Secretary adds, 'Hoping the good work may continue, feeling that hitherto hath the Lord helped us, we are in faith and love still an Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.'

Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.—"Extract from Secretary's report: "It is always pleasant in reviewing the past, to find that in no way have we gone backward in the work we have attempted to do. At the close of the second year of our Missionary Society, it is with feelings of pleasure and encouragement we present our second Annual Report. It is gratifying in any church work to have the co-operation of the Pastor, and this has been our privilege. Our meetings have been profitable. Some new work has been assigned us, or some news of interest stimulated us to go forward. At the last annual meeting it was decided to devote the contributions to the support of a girl in the School at Yokohama. The Secretary wrote to Mrs. Miller, who in reply, described a little girl in her School who would gladly avail herself of our proposal. The Society decided to accept the care of this girl as their special work. The presence of Dr. John Scudder and the Rev. Mr. Ballagh at the Christmas festival was gratifying to the children, as well as to all who had the pleasure of hearing them. A great interest has been awakened in the Sunday-school in the cause of Missions. Gratitude for the past should inspire us to greater activity in the future. May the day when 'the heathen shall be given to Him for an inheritance' be hastened on."

Acquackanonk Reformed Church.—"This Society report the attendance at their regular meetings sustained, and the exercises profitable and pleasant, stirring their hearts to more interest in the cause of Missions. The selection of some particular missionary field on which to read or speak has made them more interesting. Their contributions are for Nagasaki. Two letters have been received the past year from that mission field, thus deepening the interest in the School now established there. An autograph
quilt has been made and forwarded to Nagasaki, thereby increasing the funds of the Society."

*Brooklyn, Church-on-the-Heights.*—"This Auxiliary brings the record of its fourth year's work in connection with the Woman's Board. Regular meetings have been held, not largely attended, but with increasing interest on the part of those who were present. The contributions have somewhat increased during the year. At the Pastor's suggestion, a prayer meeting has been established to pray especially for God's blessing on missionary work. The Society feel that they can only labor and pray faithfully while waiting for the blessing that must follow."

*Caatsban Reformed Church.*—From the report of the Secretary of the Auxiliary we give the following extract: "It is with feelings of great pleasure and heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father that our society presents its first annual report. A little more than a year ago, in a monthly concert address, our pastor touched upon the efficient aid the women of every age had often rendered in many good undertakings, and intimated that in his opinion, the ladies of Caatsban might, if they undertook it, do much to promote the Missionary work in our midst. This, together with the firm conviction that the cause of Missions has an imperative claim upon the energies of every Christian, and a strong desire to have our congregation, as a whole, more deeply interested in this blessed cause, impelled a few ladies to meet and organize an Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. As we enter upon our second year's work, cheered by the past, hopeful for the future, we trust that at our second anniversary we may be able to report still greater prosperity, both in increased numbers and enlarged contributions, and pray that our Heavenly Father (whose own cause we believe this to be) will add His blessing to our feeble efforts and give success." The society has a membership of sixty-two.

*Raritan, Third Reformed Church.*—"The Ladies' Missionary Society of this church, Auxiliary to the Woman's Board, would gladly speak of results commensurate with their desires. And, while grateful that Mission work has been so wonderfully blessed among the heathen, and that they have been able to do something towards it, regret is expressed that the support of our missions is so inadequate, and that their contributions are but a drop in the tide that should be flowing in to sustain this work. The year
has been one of quiet work. Six names have been added to the list of members, making forty-two on the roll. Regular meetings have been held at which Missionary intelligence has been abundantly communicated. A portion of the funds is given for Kolongsu, and a part for a Bible reader in India.

Hopewell Reformed Church.—In a brief report of the work of the year and of the present condition of the society we learn that regular monthly meetings have been held with one or two exceptions, the stormy days testing the faithfulness of the few. Much interest has been manifested by those present at the meetings. Part of the contributions have been given to the Amoy Mission, and a part to the general fund. The membership continues about the same as last year.

Kingston, Second Reformed Church.—The quarterly meetings held by this auxiliary during the year have been well attended and always interesting and instructive. The original papers read at these meetings upon India, China and Japan, have received careful consideration, and the knowledge and interest increased, and also the contributions. The annual meeting held in March was a memorable occasion. The Rev. Mr. Ballagh of Japan addressed the society and gave a most graphic account of Woman's Work in that country. This address instilled new life into the society, and the vote of thanks extended at the close was no empty form. The contributions are devoted this year to India and Kolongsu.

Saugerties Reformed Church.—The secretary of this Auxiliary reports an addition to the membership this year, which now numbers forty. Regular meetings have been held to read and converse on Missionary subjects that might be appropriate, and thereby increase a knowledge and interest in the work. Although these meetings have not been largely attended they have been exceedingly interesting. At one of the monthly concerts for prayer the subject of Woman's Work was brought up and reports read of much interest.

Clover Hill Reformed Church.—The regular quarterly meetings of this society have been sustained. The congregation being much scattered, it is difficult for all the members to attend the meetings occurring in the Winter season, but those who are able to be present seem greatly interested. Some new members have been added to the Auxiliary which is reported to be in a prosperous condition.
New Paltz Reformed Church.—At the annual meeting held by this Auxiliary in April, it was reported that the interest in the meetings had been well sustained. Some of the ladies had contributed very much toward the interest by reading essays and selections in respect to heathen countries. The membership numbers fifty-three. The contributions are for a native teacher in India. A reception held at the parsonage resulted in a very generous contribution for the cause. The Mission Monthly is much valued as an aid in stimulating the interest in Missions.

Newburgh Reformed Church.—The secretary of this Auxiliary gives a very interesting account of the progress of the society. Extract: “Another year has passed, and we once more review, what, through God's blessing, we have been enabled to accomplish. At the first glance it may seem that we have not been as successful as last year, yet, on looking back, we see that we have gone a step farther. Not only have we been enabled to raise the necessary amount for the pupils in Chittoor, but also a sufficient sum to send the glad tidings of the Gospel of peace to a village far away in the darkness of heathendom, who were only waiting for some one to 'come over and help them.' This work, we purpose, with God's help, to still carry on. Let us not be weary in well doing, seeing that our efforts have not been in vain in the Lord, if, through our labors, even one soul can see, after the long night, the day of salvation breaking for him.”

Readington Reformed Church.—The fourth anniversary in this Auxiliary has been reached, and now has a membership of fifty. At the annual meeting this year it was decided to devote the funds to the new school building on the island of Kolongsu. During the year Church sociables have been held, at which those attending have endeavored to increase the interest in the cause of Missions. Some discouragements have been met, but the society is in a very prosperous condition.

Belleville Reformed Church.—The work in this society has gone steadily forward since the last anniversary. There has been a slight increase of attendance at the meetings. The secular contributions have been somewhat larger during the year. The collection taken at the public meeting was given to the treasury of the Auxiliary. The Rev. Mr. Ballagh addressed the society in March. In response to his appeal, setting forth the imperative necessity for the immediate establishment of a Christian college in Japan,
sums were pledged to be given during five successive years towards the accomplishment of this object. The Auxiliary is in a prosperous condition.

_Astoria Reformed Church._—The organization of this Auxiliary was affected in May, 1878, and now reports thirty-nine members. The "Manual of Missions" is regarded as of great value, a very material assistance in the work. And the _Mission Monthly_ is also an aid. Nothing tends so powerfully to awaken or increase the interest as the presentation of facts. The Rev. Mr. Ballagh gave two most able sermons bearing on the work, which were listened to with great interest. Miss Van Doren has also spoken to the society on the Mission at Amoy. The work increases in interest.

_Catskill Reformed Church._—The subject of an Auxiliary to the Women's Board having been faithfully presented to the ladies of the church, action was taken in May 1878, and a society organized with eighteen members, now increased to ninety-nine. Regular meetings are held, and, at the September gathering, the president called attention to the importance of some special object for effort. A vote was taken on the subject and the support of a girl in India assumed by the Auxiliary.

_Greenport Reformed Church._—A society was formed in this Church auxiliary to the Woman's Board in June 1878, with forty members. The meetings of the society have been quite well attended, the secretary informs us, as well as could be expected, for, dwellers, in the country, where inclement weather and bad roads make travelling at certain seasons of the year almost impossible. The infant class Circle, "Workers for Jesus," has started with vigor and has contributed the larger portion given for Foreign Missions this year. Under the leadership of one who is heartily interested in the good cause they are doing a noble work.

_Syracuse Reformed Church._—An Auxiliary in this church was reported in July, 1878. The ladies decided to support a teacher in the Arcot Mission. We quote the article from the pen of the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, and published in the _Intelligencer_, July 4th, which called out this decision: "It is a great step gained when men loose themselves from their idols, and are formally received as a Christian congregation. Yet but little can be expected of them, except a Christian man be sent to teach and lead them. Now is the time for the Reformed Church to gather a rich harvest of souls, and to plant churches in many villages which
may become so many centres from which Christian influences may emanate. Will she embrace the opportunity? We ask again what shall we do with these people? Shall we let them go back to their idols, or shall we send them teachers to guide them into the way of life? If they are to be retained, thirty (30) teachers are needed immediately. Each teacher costs the small sum of $50 a year. Are there not thirty churches that will give this amount above their ordinary contributions?"

New Brunswick First Reformed Church.—The following communication was received from this Church in November, 1878:

"The ladies' Missionary society of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, has never been recognized as an Auxiliary of the Woman's Board, yet it is in full sympathy with the work in which you are engaged, and if agreeable to your views would desire to be placed on your list. The organization has been in existence for upwards of fifty years, and has always contributed both to the Home and Foreign Boards of our Church. Just now the ladies are contributing fifty dollars annually for the support of Mrs. Scudder's school at Chittoor. And a few ladies, not immediately through this society, but from this church, are contributing a similar amount for the same purpose."

Passaic North Reformed Church.—In October we received information of the organization of an Auxiliary in this church. The membership is reported at forty-four. The contributions are devoted to the support of a girl in Chittoor, India. A letter from the president informs us that the desire of the members seems to be to help the women of that country principally. Prayers, remarks, sympathies, seem to tend most heartily to them.

Athens Reformed Church.—In November, 1878, an Auxiliary was formed in this Church and continues to evince much interest in the cause. The meetings are held quarterly, and a sewing circle to aid the work meets twice a month, at which time a missionary box receives the contributions. The writer states: "We have begun and intend to make the furrows deep and lasting, with willing hearts and hands, each one striving to do what he can to accomplish the work before us. The three-fold cord of Love, Unity, and Charity, with patience and continuance in well-doing and God's blessing on the work can accomplish something for the elevation of our sex at home and abroad."
Flushing Reformed Church.—This Society held its first meeting as an organization in January, 1879, and proved to be one full of instruction and interest. A lady missionary from Ceylon, addressed the Society, and pictured vividly the pleasures and trials of the field. Previous to organization the Sunday School had been contributing to the support of Suye, in the Ferris Seminary. The Secretary writes: "We have taken the ‘Manual of Missions’ as the basis of information, and expect to read, talk, and pray, aye! and give for this object." Pray for us that our Society may grow in zeal and strength, and that the work of the Lord may abound.

Tarrytown Second Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary was organized in January, 1879, with sixty members, now increased to sixty-eight. At the first quarterly meeting held in April, the attendance was very encouraging. Mrs. John Scudder spoke to the ladies of the mission field in the most acceptable manner, and her remarks gave a new impulse to the cause. A woman’s prayer meeting has grown out of this Society, held weekly, and is a power for good, and exerting a wholesome influence upon the Church. The contributions are for India.

Glasco, Flatbush Reformed Church.—The Auxiliary in this Church was organized in February, 1879. The collectors appointed called for monthly subscriptions of not less than three cents, nor more than twenty-five, and at the same time solicited subscriptions for the Mission Monthly. One hundred and fifty-four names are enrolled as members of the Society, and much encouragement is expressed, and also the belief that the more information the people receive in regard to mission work the more cheerfully and gladly they will contribute towards it. The contributions are for India.

Griggstown, N. J.—From the classes of small children in the Sabbath School of the Reformed Church in this place, a “Circle” was formed in December, and took the name of the “Self-Denial Mission Circle.” These scholars were invited to the house of Miss Van Doren, where a Christmas tree had been prepared for their pleasure, and at this time the subject was broached to them. The Circle was formed and “Pledge” adopted. Twenty-five names are enrolled, and great interest is manifested.
We would not fail, in conclusion, to record our grateful appreciation and acknowledgement of the numerous letters, full of cheer and encouragement, expressing warm interest in the work of the Woman's Board, that have come to us from our correspondents during the year that is past. As in the retrospect we linger for a moment, and recall that cold, dreary, stormy morning in January, 1875, when a little company of twelve “entered earnestly upon the work,” new and all untried before them. “When the Woman’s Board of the Reformed Church was fully organized and prepared for the cultivation of the wide field” that only waited for the hand of the sower, and contrast this with the harvest the great husbandman has permitted us to gather, our own hearts are led to rejoice in the blessings and success attending the work undertaken for love of Him “whose we are, and whom we serve.” How many have come forward with the “alabaster box,” and “poured the precious ointment at the Saviour’s feet,” and yet how much more might have been attempted if each individual member of our beloved Zion had felt a personal responsibility in the matter. During the year an exceedingly interesting letter was received by the writer from a friend interested in the work of Missions, with an appeal to the Woman’s Board to inaugurate a mission in Madagascar. The letter was published in our Church paper, The Christian Intelligencer, January 30, 1879. Again an earnest call was made by those interested very deeply in the tribes of Indians in Arizona that have been placed under the fostering wing of the Reformed Church by our Government. The appeal was for teachers and schools, in short a strong appeal to us to teach them the arts of civilized life. The question was raised why these tribes should not be aided through our instrumentality? Why the Reformed Church, which was first to establish a pure faith in this new world, should not be the instrument of christianizing and civilizing these Indians. The reply may be anticipated—a lack of adequate means, “this sower question of contributions.” Some one has said that “the flower and crown of true religion is enthusiasm”—an enthusiastic surrender of true talent and means for Him “whose service
is a rich reward," would conquer these impediments, enabling our Church to sustain abundantly the missions already planted on foreign ground, and to open their new avenues to greater usefulness. Then our religion would become more aggressive as we sought to win new trophies for the Master.

"The whole wide world for Jesus!
Once more, before we part,
Ring out the joyful watchword
From every grateful heart.
The whole wide world for Jesus!
Be this our battle cry,
The lifted Cross our oriflamme,
A sign to conquer by."

"The whole wide world for Jesus!
From out the Golden Gate,
Through all Pacific's sunny isles
To China's princely state;
From India's vales and mountains,
Through Persia's land of bloom,
To storied Palestine
And Afric's desert gloom."

"The whole wide world for Jesus!
Through all its fragrant zones
Ring out again the watchword
In loftiest, gladdest tones.
The whole wide world for Jesus!
We'll bring the song with prayer,
And link the prayer with labor,
Till Christ His crown shall wear."

MRS. JAMES P. CUMMING,
Home Cor. Sec.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Collegiate Church, 5th 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.
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.
First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.
Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Newburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Readington Reformed Church, N. J.
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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.
Acquackanock 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.
Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church, Williamsburgh, N. Y.
Schenectady, First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Pella, Iowa, Second Reformed Church.
Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.
Hopewell Reformed Church, N. J.
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.
Caatsban Reformed Church, Saugerties, N. Y.
Coxsackie, First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Brooklyn, 12th Street Reformed Church, N. Y.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y.
Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Greenpoint 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.
Glasco, Flatbush Reformed Church, N. Y.

Total, 63.
NEW "MISSION BANDS" AND "CIRCLES."

Griggstown, N. J., "The Self-Denial Mission Circle."
Upper Red Hook, "The Willing Workers."
Twelfth Street Church, Brooklyn, "Children of Light."
Greenport, N. Y., "Workers for Jesus."
Jersey City, Second R. C., "Mission Band."

SOCITIES CONTRIBUTING TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

Collegiate Church, 5th Avenue and 48th Street, New York City.
Albany, First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Rhinebeck Reformed Church, N. Y.
Bedminster Reformed Church, N. J.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions
OF THE
Reformed Church in America.

MAY, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

From last year's cash balance, $5,695.62
1st Reformed Church, Aquackanock, Passaic, for Nagasaki, 160.00
2nd Reformed Church, Albany, including $25.00 to make Mrs. R. H. Pruyn a Life Member, 108.50
Auxiliary 1st Reformed Church, Astoria, for Nagasaki, 58.20
Auxiliary Reformed Church, Athens, for Amoy, 22.00
Sand Beach Church, Auburn, N. Y., $20, from Musical and Literary Society of Sand Beach Church, Auburn, toward the support of a girl in school at Amoy, 40.00
Belleville Auxiliary, 37.00
Auxiliary of Bergen, J. C. Heights Reformed Church, for Yokohama, Chittoor, Vellore, and Nagasaki, 298.45
Nellie Amerman Mission Circle, Bergen, J. C., for Kolongsu, 43.15
Bushnell, Illinois, Auxiliary, for general use of the Board, 25.00
South Reformed, Brooklyn Auxiliary, for Emily at Chittoor, 27.42
South Reformed, Brooklyn, for Nagasaki, 31.52
Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, toward the salary of Miss Emma C. Witbeck, 142.00
Auxiliary of 1st Reformed Church, Brooklyn, E. D., for Kolongsu and Nagasaki, half each, 100.00
Auxiliary of Bronxville Reformed Church, $65 for Rio, and $10 for Nagasaki, 75.00
12th Street Reformed Church, Brooklyn, for a native helper in India, Miss E. Griffin, of same Church, for the girl Elizabeth in Chittoor Seminary, $60.00

Dawning Light Band, 1st Reformed, Brooklyn, toward salary of Miss Witbeck, 30.00

South Bushwick Auxiliary, 50.00

Caatsban Auxiliary, for girl in Ferris Seminary, and general use of the Board, 67.86

Caatsban Sunday School, for girl in Ferris Seminary, 57.00

Catskill, for education of girl at Chittoor, and other work in India, 80.00

Clover Hill Auxiliary, for Jonathan Sturges Seminary, Nagasaki, and general use of the Board, 52.00

Coxsackie, N. Y., Auxiliary, for Nagasaki, 28.69

Faith Mission Band, Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, for Bible reader in India, 81.00

Ferris Auxiliary, Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, for Nagasaki, 100.00

Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street Collegiate Church Auxiliary, for Nagasaki, Kolongsu, and general use of the Board, 398.50

Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street Sunday School, for Kolongsu and Nagasaki, 80.00

Fourth Street Collegiate Church, (Lafayette Place), for Miss M. E. Talmage's school at Amoy, 100.00

North Dutch Collegiate Church, Fulton Street, $60.00 for a teacher in one of the villages mentioned by Dr. Chamberlain, and for general use, $17.00, 77.00

Fonda (N. Y.) Auxiliary, for Nagasaki and general use of the Board, 138.00

Auxiliary, Flushing, L. I., 20.00

Sunday School, Flushing, L. I., for girl in Yokohama, 50.00

Freehold, N. J., for girl in Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, 50.00

Fishkill Village, Auxiliary, for Nagasaki, 54.50

Flatbush (L. I.) Auxiliary for Nagasaki, 240.00

Flatbush, Ulster County, for India, 20.00

Glenville, 2d Reformed Church, 8.00

Gravesend Village Sunday School, for Kolongsu, 12.00

Red Hill Sunday School, Greenport, N. Y., for girl at Chittoor, in Miss Mandeville's school, 46.00

Greenport Missionary Society, for Kolongsu, 14.00

Hackensack Auxiliary, 1st Reformed Church, for Dr. Scudder in India, for girls' schools under his care, Miss Talmage, and general use for the Board, 250.00

Hudson Auxiliary, 1st Reformed Church, for supporting native helpers in India, and for Nagasaki, 61.64

Infant Class Sunday School, Reformed Church, Hudson, for general use of the Board, 12.57

Hopewell Auxiliary, for education of girl at Amoy, $28.00, and for general fund, $20.00, 48.00

Harlem Reformed Church, for general use, 34.96

Jamaica, L. I., for general use, 22.52

Second Reformed Church, J. C., $75.00 toward Miss M. E. Talmage's salary; $20.00 toward tuition of girl Ruth; $40.00 for Kolongsu, and balance for general use of the society, 161.00

Auxiliary of LaFayette Church, Jersey City, N. J., for Kolongsu, $50.00; for Nagasaki, $100.00, and for general purposes, $62.45, 212.45
Auxiliary of Park Reformed Church, Jersey City, all for Kolongsu, $156.10
Auxiliary of 2d Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y., $60.00 for support of Bible reader in India; $13.25 for Kolongsu, 73.25
Lodi, Seneca County, N. Y., for Kolongsu, 25.00
Millstone (N. J.) Mission Band, for two Bible readers in India, named Rebecca and Eliza, under Mrs. A. M. Heeren, 103.00
Millbrook Auxiliary, for general use of the Board, 23.00
New Paltz, $58.00 to support a native helper in some new school in Arcot Mission; $45.00 for general use of the Society, 103.00
Two classes Sunday School, 2d Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., Infant School, North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., for support of two children in Amoy, China, 50.00
Day Spring Auxiliary, North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., Clinton Avenue Sunday School, Newark, N. J., $50.00 for girl in Mrs. Miller's school, and $30.00 for Kolongsu, 80.00
Clinton Avenue Auxiliary, Newark, N. J., for general use, 50.00
Newburgh Auxiliary, for support of two girls in Clinton Seminary, 80.00
Auxiliary, New Hackensack, for Nagasaki, 150.00
First Reformed, New Brunswick, N. J., for support of girl in Mrs. Scudder’s School, Arcot, 50.00
Second Reformed, New Brunswick, N. J., for support of Native teacher at Kandipatur, India, $120; for cost of school at Vellore, $65. From Sunday School for boy at Vellore, and girl at Chittoor, $60. A special collection for support of native teacher in one of the villages of the Arcot Mission, $64, 303.00
Nyack Auxiliary, for school building at Kolongsu, 109.01
East Orange, N. J., for general use of Society, 170.31
Owasco Outlet, or Sand Beach Church, for Kolongsu, and general use, 20.00
Pella Auxiliary, toward support of native teacher at Arcot Mission, $20, Pella Sunday School for Nagasaki, $25.50, 45.50
North Reformed, Passaic, for pupil in Miss Mandeville's School, $30, general use of the Society, $18.30, 48.30
Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, for Kolongsu, 10.00
Infant Class, 1st Reformed, Philadelphia, for Kolongsee, 20.00
Woman’s Missionary Society, Pompton Plains, N. J., Nagasaki, 8.75
Sunday School Reformed Church, Rhinebeck, for Kolongsu, 24.00
Readington, Auxiliary, for Kolongsu, 58.00
Raritan Auxiliary, $60 to Arcot Mission, and $50 to Kolongsu, and $1 for Exchange, 101.00
Saugerties, N. Y., Auxiliary of the Reformed Church, for general purposes, $81, from Young Ladies’ Fair, $115, from the Sunday School, $25, 241.00
Auxiliary Syracuse Reformed Church, for the Arcot Mission, 110.00
Auxiliary First Reformed Church, Schenectady, N. Y., $10.34 for Nagasaki, $55.23 for general use of the Society, 75.96
Auxiliary, Sayville, L. I., general use of the Board, 6.50
Second Reformed, Tarrytown, to be used for the Arcot Mission to support native preacher, 75.00
Utica Auxiliary, for Chittoor, Kolongsu and Nagasaki, 185.00
Utica Sunday School for Chittoor, 30.00
Upper Red Hook, Scudder Memorial Auxiliary, for Arcot Mission, $45.00; from Miss Elting for Kolongsu, $25.00; from the Willing Workers, for Vellore, and for a girl in the school at Amoy, $47.55, 117.45
Ladies’ Missionary Society, Wyckoff, N. J., 20.00
Yonkers Auxiliary, $72.60 for Ko Okado, in Japan; $30.00 for Bible reader in India, and $15.00 for Kolongsu, 118.00
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, for Kolongsu, ........................................... $1,000.00
Mrs. Wm. H. Steele, North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., ............... 100.00
Mrs. John Skillman, Brooklyn, L. I., ........................................... 60.00
Rev. John Forsyth, D. D., ............................................................. 25.00
Mrs. Remsen Bennett, ................................................................. 5.00
Mrs. J. H. Van Doren, Magee's Corner, N. Y., ................................ 15.00
Mrs. Jacob Strong, Peekskill, N. Y., ................................................. 25.00
Mrs. D. P. Ingraham, ................................................................. 10.00
Mrs. Peter Donald, ................................................................. 10.00
Mrs. James H. Briggs, ................................................................. 5.00
Old North Church, Albany, " A good suggestion," ................................ 1.00
Endorser of " a good suggestion," .................................................. 1.00
Miss Anna Yan Wagenen, ............................................................... 5.00
Mrs. Wm. T. Runk, ................................................................ 1.00
Mrs. Rogers, ........................................................................... 3.00
Mrs. Mary Pruyn, of Albany, ............................................................ 5.00
Miss M. A. Campbell, of Fonda, ...................................................... 10.00
Miss Mary Golder, of Queens, L. I., ................................................. 5.00
Member of Rev. E. A. Reed's Church, 57th St. and Madison Ave., .......... 10.00
Miss Caroline R. Schell, for Kolongsu, ............................................. 5.00
W. B. Schell, M. V. L. C., ......................................................... 5.00
Hillside, Tarrytown, ................................................................. 7.00
Miss E. M. Talmage, ................................................................. 2.00
Miss Hannah Vander Ploeg, ......................................................... 2.00
Miss Margaret Bergen, contents of mite box, .................................... 2.54
Aunt Martha, ........................................................................... 3.65
Mrs. Chas. H. Stitt, Bayonne, N. J., .............................................. 5.00
Miss Maria Heermance, .............................................................. 2.00
Mrs. A. Paige Peeke, Rhinebeck, N. Y., ........................................... 2.00
Mrs. E. C. Lyall, Leeds, N. Y., ...................................................... 10.00
Albany, for Kolongsu, .................................................................. 5.00
Three friends from Roxbury, per B., ................................................ 5.00
A stranger, per Mrs Patterson, for Kolongsu, ................................ 0.60
Miss Day, 30 cents; Miss Polhemus for 45 cents, .............................. 0.75
Mrs. Chas. Van Wyck, 1878, $5.00; 1879, $5.00, .............................. 10.00
Mrs. John Scudder, ................................................................. 5.00
Mrs. Henry Bookstaver, .............................................................. 10.00
Miss Cook, ................................................................................. 1.00
Mrs. Alex. H. Young, Greenville, N. J., .......................................... 10.00
Interest on Deposit for Nagasaki, ................................................ 191.77

Total Receipts, ......................................................................... $14,150.17

DISBURSEMENTS.

1878.

May 21 By Cash G. G. Smith, Treasurer Synod's Board, ........................ 80.00
June 14 " " " .......................... 30.00
July 8 " " " .......................... 25.00
" 17 " " " ................................ 221.75
" 23 " " " ................................ 180.00
" 31 " " " ................................ 45.00
Aug. 9 " " " .......................... 70.00
" 14 " " " .......................... 30.00
Sep. 24 " " " .......................... 30.00
Oct. 31 " " " .......................... 61.50
Nov.11 " " " .......................... 75.00
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    Feb. 18 For Treasurer, 5 00
    1879. Mar. 30 For Treasurer, 30 00

1878. July 1 By Cash for 4,000 Fourth Annual Reports, 198 95
    Nov. 14 Wrappers for Secretary, 2 15
    " " Postage, 4 00
    1879. Certificates, 46 00

By Cash of bill of credit for school building on Island of Kolongsu, 2,228 20

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Mrs. Peter Donald, Treasurer.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, and compared the vouchers therewith submitted, certifies the same to be correct, and that the balance now in the Treasury is forty-five hundred and seventy-six and 47-100 dollars.

New York, May 10, 1879. TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.
NAMES OF LIFE MEMBERS.


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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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 the —— 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."