

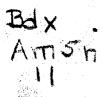
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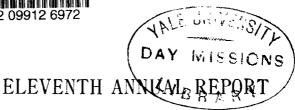
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ANNUAL MEETING.

An early morning of rain and clouds ushered in a bright spring-like day for the eleventh anniversary of our New Haven Branch on May 9th, 1882. Ten o'clock found a goodly number assembled to join in the opening exercises conducted by Mrs. Burdett Hart. After singing Dr. Bacon's hymn, "Wake the song of Jubilee," all took part in the responsive reading of selections of Scripture which covered the relation of the Shepherd to the sheep, forcibly impressing the thought that there were other sheep not of this fold, that must be sought out and brought into its shelter and pasturage, within reach of the Shepherd's voice.

Mrs. Mather, President of the Hartford Branch, led in prayer, after which the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Hart's greeting though short was most cordial. Referring to the beautiful array of flowers before her, she said: "There are some things we always take for granted, as, for instance, these flowers. Just so you are to take for granted that you are the recipients of an elaborate welcome adorned with all the flowers of rhetoric." Five minutes given to greetings from each auxiliary would occupy the time till midnight without a moment for prayer or praise.

The Secretary, Mrs. Brown, then read the Annual Report, for which we would be speak a careful perusal. The suggestions of methods for increasing the interest in meetings, and the bright outlook for mission circle work, will be helpful to many. The question whether

parents can learn a lesson from the children in the matter of giving was urged.

Mrs. Fairchild read the report of the Treasurer, who was detained from the meeting by illness.

Mrs. Barnes brought greetings from the Mother Board at Boston. Knowing that we would rejoice in all their joys, she cheered us with news of fruit garnered from all parts of the home field, which seemed to have ripened under the warm influences of their January meeting. In that meeting all felt the conscious presence of the Sun of Righteousness, and it has proved to be an abiding presence. Dormant societies have revived, and each Branch has since sent out or adopted a new Missionary or Bible Reader.

Mrs. Barnes assured us with no little pride that it was from no failure of pledges on the part of the Woman's Board that retrenchment has been found necessary by the A. B. C. F. M. Yet she pressed the question whether after all we are entirely free from responsibility, and whether we have faithfully used our influence to quicken the missionary spirit in uninterested members of our households. The circulation of "Life and Light" has increased, and in addition 10,000 copies of the new paper for children, "The Mission Dayspring," are taken. The new demand for mite boxes gives evidence that even its covers are read.

Mrs. Blinn then sang a solo, "Let thine hand help me," after which Mrs. Wm. H. Smith of New Britain took the chair.

Next followed an abstract of reports from auxiliaries, prepared by Mrs. Prudden. Some mission circles tell of members coming to the front and taking part in larger meetings. The single fact that twenty-five in one circle have united with the church is very suggest-

ive, and we may almost ask whether our churches at home can afford to do without foreign work in the light of reflex influence.

Miss Hart then read the following list of excellent "Topics for Papers," prepared by Mrs. Hart:—

Who shall write to missionaries and what kind of letters? (Put yourself in the place of the missionary when answering this question.)

The Children—How shall they be enlisted more generally in the missionary work? (This subject is put forward by the Woman's Board as worthy to be foremost in our thought this year.)

Medical Missionaries—their special advantages and opportunities.

The system of tithes for God's ancient people. Has a lighter burden been laid upon His modern people?

What lessons may we learn from the heathen (as to free giving, as to enthusiasm in extending our faith)?

How may we use all our time yet waste it all? The same question as to our money and all our talents.

May those who stay at home share in the "hundred-fold" promised in Matt. xix. 29? If so, by what means?

Methods by which we may attain a serene patience, in view of the magnitude of the missionary field, and the feeble force in it.

Missionary ships and polar sea ships, or the perils of Central Africa to missionary pioneers compared with the perils of the polar seas to scientific explorers, or (if wishing to delineate noble heroes in both departments)—Livingstone, Pinkerton, Bagster, and Franklin, Kane, DeLong.

Wanted, for the comfort of a large class in our churches, an able argument to show that one may give little or nothing to save the lost while spending lavishly for self, and yet be sure at last of the "well done, good and faithful servant."

Mrs. Smith next introduced Miss Anna Felician, an Armenian, who wished she could more fluently expressher gratitude to the ladies for all the advantages she herself had enjoyed, and for the work they were doing through their missionaries in Turkey. Those who looked upon her face, fairly radiant with Christian love, felt that few words were necessary to prove her sincerity. An idea of the position America holds in the eves of the Armenians was given in the parting words of a friend to her when leaving Marsovan: "Blessed you eyes, for you going to see New Jerusalem. You going to those holy meetings." She gave an interesting account of one of the Bible Readers, and in speaking of the loud call for one in Samsoon, she made a most touching appeal. saying: "The Greeks and Turks are waking from deadly sleep, and you remember when Christ brought the little daughter to life, his first command was-' Give her something to eat." Her simple faith and child-like spirit made all feel with the presiding officer, that it was "no wonder the Turkish girls are pleading with her to come back." She will probably return during the summer.

Miss Rice then read extracts from missionary letters. One from Mrs. Pease of Micronesia announced the arrival of the "Morning Star," and described the enthusiasm of the Kusaians at the return of Mrs. Snow.

Miss Shepard of the Dakota Mission increased our interest in the Indians by the portrayal of their degraded, selfish lives when without Christianity, and their noble sacrifices for the Gospel when brought under its power. Intemperance has proved one of the greatest enemies to the success of work among the Indians. The Presbyterians and Congregationalists work together, though supported distinctively by their own Boards. They report nine churches and eleven native pastors, some of

whom are supported by the Indians themselves. The girls of the Home also aid in this work and earn money by sewing. They also hold prayer meetings, finding time for these extra duties in addition to eight hours spent in manual labor and three in study. Miss Shepard had with her a bright Dakota girl, eight years old, who repeated in English as well as Dakota the twenty-third Psalm and the Lord's Prayer, and sang a song in English.

The appointment of a nominating committee was followed by a short devotional meeting conducted by Mrs. Palmer of Bridgeport. The Scripture selection, which was very appropriate, was from the Master's call and commission to Peter, with the accompanying promises. She reminded us that the Saviour made use of even Peter's boat, and that Peter's prompt obedience to the command to let down his net secured a great reward. Thus unquestioning obedience to the Divine command in small matters ensures great opportunities for service. The last command of our Lord was—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and the promise was commensurate with it: "Lo! I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

Many precious promises were repeated by those in the audience, and prayers were offered, in which special supplication was made for Mrs. Hume, who makes a new sacrifice in giving a third child to the work in India.

The meeting was then adjourned to two P. M., after which a simple but bountiful collation was served.

At two P. M., after singing the hymn, "Ho! Reapers of Life's Harvest," the report of the nominating committee was presented, and the officers for the ensuing year elected. It was with sincere rejoicing that Mrs. Hart was welcomed again to the President's chair that

has been so long vacant. For herself and the other officers she accepted the election, saying, "we are your servants for Jesus' sake." Mrs. Barnes led in prayer for a special blessing on the newly elected officers, after which greetings were brought from other fields.

Mrs. Whiting, the delegate from the Baptist Society, reported that the work of their missions has been greatly enlarged, and the interesting work among the Telugoos is still progressing.

Mrs. Jewell represented the Hartford Branch, and spoke most encouragingly of the work among young ladies, and expressed the need of more earnest prayer and consecration on the part of all.

A letter was then read from the Philadelphia Branch. It was with peculiar interest that the ladies listened to the report of Mrs. Hume, the Corresponding Secretary, as she pictured the work of the missionaries and their needs. Throughout the day many allusions had been made to her new offering to the Lord. Tender had been the prayers for her, and very impressive were her words as she said: "Our very best need to be clothed upon from on high. Our fountains need always to be filled from the purest source, if we are to be Christ's epistles, known and read of all men. Can the heathen read what Christianity is in sinners like us?" A beautiful example of whole-souled devotion to the Master was given in the story of a native church in Africa. In sending delegates to a meeting three hundred miles away, they consecrated them in a solemn service, continuing from sunrise to sunset, by the laying on of hands, and the praver that "God himself would send them forth by His holy spirit, and keep them from dishonoring His name."

Reports from all parts of the field were encouraging. "This is God's grand spring-time in heathen lands, and

the nations are awakening from the slumber of ages. China, one-tenth of the habitable portion of the earth, containing one-fifth of its population, of which 20,000 are professing Christians, is like a garden all ready for the rain and dew from heaven. Prejudice against the white man, who is supposed to come to them only for gain, or to bring opium, is being gradually disarmed toward our missionaries, and 20 theological schools are already preparing native ministers to go to the very heart of the empire. Our beloved Miss Andrews, one of the least hopeful, writes: 'My work is a joy to me now, my health is much better. The truth spreads slowly but surely. Some of our Christian people seem so true and earnest, that no one can question the work of grace in their hearts, and we work on with hope while you pray. There are 286 Chinese church members in the Hawaiian Islands and many more in our own country.'

In Western India, the Ahmednagar Mission have celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. Twenty-six native churches were represented by their pastors in a three-days' service, and at the close six hundred and fifty men and women—Brahmin and Pariah side by side—partook of the communion together. The marked event of this anniversary was that all of these churches assumed their own support. They had been accustomed to give a tenth of their income; they now pledged more that they might become independent.

More than twenty thousand women and children in zenanas and humble huts have heard the Gospel message from our faithful Bible women.

In Turkey our three missionaries are full of joy in their work.

The Constantinople Home, full of promise for the daughters of Turkey, has just sent us the report of its

tenth anniversary. The struggles and victories chronicled prove most beautifully the wisdom as well as the faith and perseverance of our missionaries. nationalities have lived together harmoniously. The English language has become the bond of union between races hitherto separated and embittered toward each Sitting side by side while studying and reciting, kneeling side by side at the hour of prayer, living together in love, has proved the sisterhood of nations and wrought out the happiest results. 'The number of pupils who lovingly obey the precepts of the Bible is increasing from year to year.' In all the course of instruction the Bible has the first place. The building has just been enlarged, adding much needed accommodations, through the generosity of an American friend." The teachers say-"We recognize as specially strengthening and comforting, through all these years, the prayers of friends in America who have borne this school on their hearts."

After three thousand years the prophecy of David is being fulfilled. Ethiopia is stretching out her hands. But already we are learning something of the sacrifice through which God's spiritual temple is to be reared. "God's plan seems almost that of life for life. Our debt to Africa can be paid at no common cost."

Mrs. Hume's reference to the costliness of laying foundations recalls the record of the building of the Temple under Solomon. "And the King commanded and they brought great stones—costly stones, hewed stones—to lay the foundation of the house." Already in some parts of Africa we are permitted to see the beautiful superstructure rising. At Inanda at least two hundred girls have been trained for Christian homes and teachers, and very soon the native churches will

join the mission in the work of carrying the Gospel to Umzilla's kingdom, where the same language is spoken and the same Bibles and tracts will be used.

"We have a peculiar interest in Austria, especially in the Kraabschitz School near Brinn, which commenced in a contribution of \$4,000, mostly from New Haven, to erect a building for what has been called 'a Mt. Holvoke for Austria.' This school was the nucleus, perhaps I might say the seed-corn, of the Austrian Mission. Pastor Schubert, the leader in the new Protestant educational growth, is a godly man, and under his guidance the Kraabschitz Home has become a miracle on Bohemian soil, being the only Protestant school in Austria for training young women for teachers. He says in his last letter: 'The barriers are being broken down, and good audiences are gathered in a few places even on week days. The little church organized in our house two years ago, which has received additions at every communion service since, has fifty-five members."

"In Spain and Mexico there is little more than the leavening. One of our missionaries writes: 'Prevailing prayer is the lever placed in your hands to help lift this infinite weight. The case is desperate, ordinary means fail.' 'This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.' Another says: 'It comforts me to feel that we are all one in Christ, not even the ocean can divide the kingdom of Christ.'"

Following Mrs. Hume, the President said she would like to report an auxiliary not often heard from by the Branch, but most influential—the Invalid Corps. "Cheerful Givers" in the past, they are now to be "Cheerful Takers." Upon them has been laid the burden of sickness or weakness, often with no prospect of returning to active work again. But through their

sacrifices they are still able to give to the cause. Some are most fertile in planning methods of work. Many of our returned missionaries belong to this corps. Their prayers and sympathy are invaluable, and they should be assured that they are still helpful to the work. In a thousand ways these all serve while seemingly they only stand and wait, "content to remain in the mists and shadows, if so be the shadows are those of loving arms," whose sustaining power they have experienced on many a road. An expression of appreciation of and sympathy with these chosen ones was voted, by the congregation rising to their feet and singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Then followed the reading by Miss Cady of a most appropriate and touching poem, "Only an earthen vessel," after which Mrs. Blinn favored us with another solo, "Not ashamed of Christ."

A choice paper by Mrs. Leonard of Marsovan was read by Mrs. Cady. Not having time to review twentyfour years' work, Mrs. Leonard could only give a few clusters of ripened fruit. Graphically she sketched for us homes among both rich and poor where Christ has taken up his abode, and where lives transformed by the indwelling of his spirit have been consecrated to his service, either to endure persecution here, or to be given up at his call, if only he might be magnified. After such a recital well might she ask-Do missions pay? Can any one sit idle? For all that has been accomplished this is only the beginning of the end. churches must be built up, and to this end our motto must be, "All for Jesus." Learning from the sacrifices made by many of these converted heathen, should not we ask for a spirit of consecration which will pray,

> "Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold."

The closing address was by Mrs. Bowen, a missionary, who spoke of the Christian families and homes in Smyrna, where a year and a half ago there was only the remnant of a church. She said: "Even as far back as the foundation of the Seven Churches of Asia by the Apostle a church was planted in Asia. In the earlier history of modern missions much faithful work was done here which was lost for want of continuous care. work has been to trace out the seed planted before." The people reverence the name of Otis, for through the Otis legacy they are rejoicing in a new church building. They have an average attendance of eighty at their services and thirty-five communicants. Mrs. Bowen spoke of their prayer-meetings as the warmest she has ever attended. The Holy Spirit has been among them, and no greater proof of it could be given than the reconciliation of three members who had been at variance. and whom they had never expected to see friends. Since this occurrence a blessing has descended upon the church, and new members have been received at every communion. This result seemed traceable to their daily prayer-meeting. Mrs. Bowen spoke also of the "Smyrna Rest," established by Miss West, which was a valuable aid in Christian work.

Mrs. Hart urged special remembrance of the missionaries who were to sail this week—Mr. and Mrs. Harding and three children, Miss R. Harding, Miss Fairbank and Miss Hume.

Resolutions were passed expressing thanks to all who had contributed to the enjoyment and success of the meeting.

Mrs. Barnes announced a message from Dr. Clark, to the effect that eight new missionaries are needed, and after the singing of the hymn, "Go teach all Nations," the meeting closed with a touching prayer by Mrs. Adam, our former Home Secretary.

Those who had been looking to this meeting for fresh inspiration must have received an impulse to greater faithfulness, and must have seen an opportunity open for greater usefulness by organizing new mission circles, which are becoming so important a factor in our work. The key-note of the meeting, interwoven with all the services, was "more prayer—without it we can do nothing; with it, through it, all things are possible." We find that Jesus passed much time in prayer previous to any great manifestation of his power. Are not these records given for ensamples?

H. M. E.

New Britain, Conn.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Voyagers in mid-ocean who look day after day on apparently the same stretch of waters, are wont to seek eagerly from the ship's officers all possible information as to the number of miles made since vesterday, the rate of speed, the time when they may hope to first catch sight of land. Untoward winds have perhaps been blowing; sails that were thrown to a favoring breeze been furled, and to the eye the distance to the desired haven seems as great as ever. The steady jar of ever-revolving machinery is an assurance that power is constantly being put forth to bear them on, but they love to measure their progress and rejoice in the thought of the miles safely traversed. And thus to-day the New Haven Branch is asking for her latitude and longitude: how far we have come, and if those on the outlook can catch any glimpse, discern any tokens of land. And we, for response, will survey together with you the wheels great and small that love and faith and self-sacrifice keep in motion, and point upward to the stars by which our course is guided-even such unchanging heavenly promises as these: "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." "Ye shall reap if ve faint not." "My word shall not return unto me void." Perhaps, too, some wave-borne branch or fragrant breeze from the land we seek may to-day gladden hearts that pray and labor for that glorious end-"The whole wide world for Jesus."

In the Home field, while we do now and then hear of an auxiliary that seems to have quite lost heart, and though we may believe that all come at times to the hill Difficulty, which is both steep and high, yet the prevailing tone of the reports which have come in from time to time is such as to call for deep, glad thankfulness.

We have welcomed four new Auxiliaries, Cromwell, North Madison, Torrington Hollow and another in Guilford, and thirteen Mission Circles, the "Busy Bees," of New Britain, "Highland Workers," of Torringford, "Steadfast Workers," of Northfield, "Helping Hands," of East Haven, "Wide Awakes," of Branford, "Fairbank Circle," of Dwight Place Church, New Haven, "Ruby Circle," of Ansonia, "Mission Dew Drops," of Bridgeport, "Phænix Society," of West Haven, a Society at Wolcott; in New Haven the "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" at the Third Church, a mission circle at the North Church, and at Mrs. Cady's school, besides the reorganized "Free Givers," of Thomaston, to offset two or three only which have disbanded or been absorbed into older societies.

Of the good work being done by these two hundred or more organizations we can give but a glimpse here and there. Such words as these we glean from a multitude of similar ones: "Our Auxiliary, with a membership of fifty, is alive and full of missionary spirit; we always have a good attendance, and inclement weather makes very little difference;" "No abatement in interest or effort;" "Less complaint that responsibility rests on a few;" "A larger average attendance than during any previous year;" "Pledged to increase our contributions for the coming year;" "The ladies are more and more interested and interesting in their communications:" "Our president, always zealous, makes our meetings privileged halting-places in the journey where much help is gained for future service;" "Almost every meeting reports additions to membership;" "Second year's work better than the first." One auxiliary reports two hundred and twenty members, though the female membership of the church with which it is connected is but two hundred and six.

In a large proportion of these societies there has been close study of mission fields; papers have been carefully prepared, maps drawn, the suggestions given in Life and Light being found very helpful. Indeed, the preparation of essays on missionary themes has proved so valuable and interesting an exercise that the need is less felt of frequent letters from abroad, and thus the time and strength of our missionaries are left freer for work at the front.

From mission circles our reports are perhaps less full, but judging them by their fruits we are sure that the spirit of Eunice and of Lois also stirs them up to the work. We find the newly-organized "Busy Bees," of New Britain, bringing to the treasury one hundred and forty-two dollars raised by their own efforts. Bridgeport we see young and old sharing the pleasure of preparing a Christmas-box for Miss Andrews, their missionary in China, as in Easton also we find the young ladies eagerly fitting out a box to remind the workers in the Dakota Home of their loving interest in them. A vigorous new circle in this city, which has held sewing meetings to work in aid of Dakota and India, has raised seventy dollars by an entertainment, and held most interesting bi-monthly missionary meetings open to all; while in another place the eager little ones who have come together every Saturday begged their leader to protract the weekly meetings to two hours, and when she felt obliged to postpone meeting with them till the autumn, voted to hold occasional meetings by themselves and continue their offerings. One mission circle organized with nineteen members

now numbers seventy. Some hold meetings fortnightly, some even weekly; in some the topic of study is always that on which the mothers and aunts are preparing themselves also. There are questions and answers, map exercises and map drawing, all of which gives valuable information, and trains mind and heart together.

Can any adult society report a better instance of patient, self-denying effort than this which comes to us from one of our circles of a little girl not yet six years old who washes dishes every morning for a cent, and her brother four years old who also for a cent a day takes care of his own and his sister's shoes and clothes worn the day before, the two having thus actually earned and given four dollars for the Lord's work.

The annual county meetings, like those of previous vears, have been occasions of deep interest, and we may believe of spiritual quickening and lasting benefit. presence and addresses of Mrs. Harding, of India, contributed largely to the interest of the meetings in Westport and in Norfolk. Miss Morris, from Africa, Miss Anna Felician, our own teacher from Marsovan, and Mrs. Hume, brought forth from their treasure stores things new and old to inspire and edify those gathered at Middletown. At Wallingford also there was an interest manifested in Miss Felician and the work she represented and described, that was quick, warm and The following, written of the meeting at Norfolk, describes the spirit of them all: "Every manuscript was just the most interesting and every person was so eager, leaning forward to hear what was said, that the enthusiasm of the occasion will not soon be forgotten. One woman said she had never been at a missionary meeting before and she would never be absent again if she had to walk miles to attend. We do really

seem like one family at these county meetings; the day is too short, and we leave them aglow with love to God and man."

At the monthly Branch meetings Mrs. Harding, Miss Ferguson and Mrs. Washburn, of Constantinople, have brought vividly before us different phases of the work we love, while for the most part missionary letters and original papers and exercises have furnished forth the feast.

At the Children's meeting, held on Fast-day, in the Center Church, Mr. Vittum, from Robert College, delighted his hearers with graphic pictures of child-life in Turkey. An address from Mr. Krykorian, an Armenian, and singing by a quartette of native Armenians, together with admirable recitations by children from the Orphan asylum, were also most fitting and highly appreciated.

Though the New Haven Branch has deplored its lack of a leader it finds cause for gratitude that its year's work has gone on without losses to its Executive Committee. At its close, however, we have been called on to accept the resignation of Miss Goodrich, whose care of mission circles has been most faithful and acceptable.

As in other years, busy fingers have laid aside personal occupation for the unselfish task of copying missionary letters and documents, and thus the few have been multiplied into the many, which have been sent forth with their stirring messages to every auxiliary and mission circle that has stretched out its hands for them.

The offerings of Auxiliary societies show a slight falling off from those of last year, while the Mission Circles have increased their gifts by eight hundred and fifty dollars, of which three hundred and fifty dollars are from two circles in the same town. Shall it be that the

mothers must look to their children for an example of zeal and self-sacrifice?

Turning now for a brief survey to our work abroad, which is really the ultimate end for which we as a Branch exist, it is but fitting to allude to events which have linked those at home to one foreign field with peculiarly tender interest. When the call came to our dear Mrs. Abbie L. Hume to exchange the work committed to her as missionary, wife and mother, for the service of the upper temple, we felt that a blow had fallen on the hearts and hopes of us all. Fitly described as "a spiritual sister of that 'Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile;" no letters had breathed a more Christlike spirit than hers, or had inspired and incited more to hope and self-sacrifice; no laborer had seemed better adapted than she to win blessed victories for Jesus. Yet, to the one who had come to love her with a mother's love, who mourns for herself, for her son and his little ones, as well as for the loss to the work, how deep and abiding the sorrow! And now that this mother is called to send a third child to India, and the daughter on whom she most leaned sets forth on her mission of love, our warmest feelings are stirred, and the work seems more than ever one and our own.

The Branch has adopted into its band of missionaries Mrs. Edward Hume, whose work in Bombay, and especially in the school for the children of native Christians is described in a recent letter from Mrs. Joseph Cook as wonderfully efficient and useful. The salary of Miss Graham, a teacher in this school, has also been recently assumed by the Branch. We have taken besides a share in Pastor Schubert's school at Krabschitz, "the Mount Holyoke of Moravia," as it has been called, "the only institution of its kind among the sixteen millions of

the Sclavic population in the Austrian Empire." "It aims at nothing less than the conversion of its pupils and their preparation for doing missionary work among their own people. From it go out life-giving influences all over Bohemia and Moravia."

Six of our eight missionaries have been actively engaged at their posts throughout the year. Mrs. Bond. in Bulgaria, ministering relief and healing to body and soul, often reaching the one by means of the other. Mrs. Schneider, with widening opportunities and with unflagging zeal, seeking to win souls to Christ in Constantinople. Mrs. Edward Hume, busy and useful in so many ways, but especially in the care of the flourishing Bombay school. Miss Andrews, in China, going from house to house, and village to village as she finds those who will listen to her message. Mrs. DeForest, in Japan, holding meetings for women and teaching them in classes, and Mrs. Edwards, in South Africa, toiling cheerfully on amid difficulties that would overwhelm a weak faith, yet rejoicing in some precious fruits of her years of patient, loving endeavor. Mrs. Leonard is still providentially detained in this country, and Mrs. Williams, the invaluable head and house-mother of that fountain of Christian influence, the Constantinople Home, has been seeking to renew her exhausted strength by a few months, vacation.

Sixteen Bible-women, warm-hearted, faithful, zealous and under the constant supervision of such spiritual mothers as Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Capron are winning a way for the truth in hundreds of homes long darkened by the shadows of heathenism or false religion. Maintained by our contributions seventy-five scholars have been trained by self-denying, soul-seeking teachers; thirty-two in India and Ceylon, nineteen in Turkey, six

in China, one in Spain, six North American Indian girls at the Dakota Home, and eleven pupils among the dark Zulus. We also support native teachers at Marsovan and at Bitlis, and nine day schools, besides the large and highly important school in Bombay.

These then are our agencies—this our year's work. And must we not believe that if in response to the oftrepeated, urgent entreaties of our missionaries we constantly and fervently pray for them and their work—if out of hearts and lives wholly consecrated we labor and give as well as pray, our eyes shall surely rejoice in the sight of manifest tokens at least, of the approach of that glorious consummation which even a Mahommedan official speaking truer than he knew foretold, when he said to one of our missionaries, "Jesus Christ will yet conquer all lands and all people."

Lydia W. Brown, Recording Secretary.

COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY-NORTHERN DIVISION.

We held a county meeting, June 22d, at Bethel, which was well attended. We were disappointed by our failure to secure a missionary, but Rev. Dr. Hazen was present and spoke to us in the afternoon. One thought suggested at this meeting was that we must learn to work from a real heart-felt desire to save souls; not looking for our inspiration to the transient glow aroused by the moving words of returned missionaries, but to the abiding command of Christ: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Bethel.—No meetings held except the county meeting which was held in June. They support as usual their Bible Reader and have increased the circulation of "Life and Light."

Danbury.—"The monthly meetings have been regularly held during the year, with the exception of July and August, which are considered as vacation. The interest has increased during the past few months. We have studied thoroughly Turkey and Africa. We have had many missionary letters read and have been particularly interested in those from Mrs. DeForest, whom we help to support, and from Miss Chandler and Miss Stone in regard to their girls' schools. The future success of missionary work depends so largely on the efforts of these girls, that we eagerly watch their development.

The treasurer reports a small increase in funds."

Easton.—"We have great reason to hope for better things in the future from our society." During the

winter the meetings were few, but latterly they have been held every month and some of the time every other week. The membership has doubled in six months. The young ladies were much interested in fitting out a Christmas box which they sent to the Dakota Home.

Georgetown.—"The interest in our society has not all gone out; the spark is kept alive by the faithful few. The meetings are well attended and interesting as we have letters from time to time." The "Buds of Promise" continue to send as usual to the treasury.

Newtown.—They have had no meetings during the year and have attended none in other places, although they would have enjoyed doing so had it been practicable. They find it difficult to meet their necessary church expenses and some ladies give in other directions and do not like to change. They feel the need of an active leading spirit to stir them up. However, they hope to re-organize soon and to take a new start.

Redding.—"Our little auxiliary still maintains its former strength and I think gains a little in courage if not in numbers." They have held eight meetings during the year, in which they have taken up the topics given in "Life and Light." The secretary adds, "Side by side with one interest in the Woman's Board, and I am confident an outgrowth of it, is the work of preparing a home missionary box." The treasurer reports fifty dollars this year, last year twenty.

Ridgefield.—There have been no meetings held here during the year. The secretary writes: "There are some good reasons for this. Most of our members have many cares; it is next to impossible for them to get together. Two of them are invalids who have been for years confined to their beds. Only two of our nineteen members are young ladies. By the use of the envelope

system we secure each year more than enough money for our Madura Scholarship." The "Cheerful Givers" continue interested and are getting to be quite punctual with their penny contributions.

Sherman has been transferred to Litchfield County.

Trumbull.—Their meetings are held quarterly and are attended by about a dozen ladies and young girls. It is difficult to keep up the interest.

MISS MIRANDA B. MERWIN.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY-SOUTHERN DIVISION.

In the retrospect of the year we feel called upon to rejoice in the steady, efficient and prayerful labors of most of the auxiliaries. The county meeting held at Westport in October did much toward strengthening our determination to continue faithful in the work, and Mrs. Harding's earnest words warmed our hearts into a real glowing love for herself and associated workers all over the broad field.

Bridgeport.—They still support their own missionary in North China, besides contributing something now and then towards Mrs. Walker's Home at Auburndale. They are favored in having three such live mission circles actively engaged with their own special part in the great work. At their annual meeting they were rejoicing in a letter from Miss Andrews telling of the safe arrival of a Christmas box, a joint enterprise in which young and old had more or less stock and proved an unexpected treasure in China. For their monthly meetings some particular subject, previously announced, is considered, papers are prepared, and selections culled from different sources are read. The "Earnest Workers" of the North Church have entered upon their sixth year with growing interest. In addition to monthly meetings

they have held weekly prayer meetings which they have found helpful. They also have held two meetings for the little children who seem eager to attend, and willing to give their pennies. We rejoice to report a fourth mission circle, "Dew Drops," formed in the South Church of the younger children. The young people of which this is composed could not be prevailed upon to meet less frequently than once a week, sometimes about forty attending, and desired to have the time of being together prolonged to two hours. As their leader cannot be with them through the summer, they propose to have little neighborhood gatherings among themselves.

Darien.—The Secretary says if Darien doesn't grow in numbers it holds on in "patient continuance." At their annual meeting they were favored with the presence of Miss Child from Boston and Miss Strong from Mexico. Not one of the monthly meetings have been omitted, though on a sultry August afternoon three ladies met on the steps of the church, under the shade of the trees and listened to one of Miss Capron's letters and went home to pray in concert for the women of Madura. They have lost much in the removal of their President. The "Busy Bees" and "Sunbeams" hold their meetings and are growing in the knowledge and love of missionary work.

Greenwich.—The Secretary reports a larger average attendance at their monthly meetings than in any previous year. The first part of the hour is devoted exclusively to devotional exercises. Two ladies are appointed each quarter to be readers at the meetings. Besides the usual letters and intelligence each one is encouraged to communicate what she may have gathered from daily readings so helping to interest. Fearing difficulty in raising the sum pledged to the Branch

they adopted the plan of increasing the sum for membership twenty per cent. and are pleased with the results. Their mission circle, "Bearers of Light," organized in 1870 with nineteen members, now numbers about seventy. Mrs. Osgood, one of their number, was for many years a missionary to China. They have been for months past studying the various mission fields with growing interest; their study includes map-drawing also.

New Canaan.—Their membership is twenty-five with a commendable average of ten at their meeting. They have been studying the various mission fields, and have pledged themselves to an increased treasury the coming year. Having as their President writes put their hands to the plough, they are not going to look nor turn back.

Norwalk.—There is no abatement in either interest or work, envelopes doing their silent office. They have lost by death during the year four members. Dr. Reynolds was with them in January telling of his work in Turkey, when news came of the severe affliction of their much loved friends Mr. and Mrs. Barnum. The latter went from Norwalk to her work in Turkey. Their mission circles are also doing good work besides being efficiently trained to take the places of those who are yearly dropping from the ranks.

North Stamford.—The meetings are interesting but not largely attended. Much missionary intelligence is received and communicated through their society.

South Norwalk.—The Secretary writes: "We are now to devote more attention to foreign missions, and at our next meeting commence the study of Africa and our missions there. We hope sufficient interest will be developed to enable us to devote three months to the study of that land and the wonderful openings there for

the entrance of the Gospel. Attendance at the meetings has numbered from twenty-five to thirty."

Stamford.—With but one exception monthly meetings have been held all the year with an average attendance of fourteen. Topics suggested in "Life and Light" have been considered. The ladies are more interested and interesting in their communications. Their aged President is always zealous. The mite boxes used help to swell their collections. The Secretary says that the pleasant talk at the close of each meeting impresses all with a more than ordinary feeling of fellowship.

Stanwich.—The mission circle of Stanwich have suffered much in the absence of their officers, so that their meetings have not been held regularly. Occasional meetings are held and their dues paid promptly. They "are not weary in well doing," but only waiting until they can get the absent ones together to have new life infused into the body.

Stratford.—They report a larger membership than last year and at almost every meeting one or more new members are added. They have kept up their regular monthly meetings through the year. The President writes, "we welcome gladly all new members and their contributions, but long for more deep heart interest to accompany the gift. This is only our second year of work with the Branch and it has in it much more of interest than the first."

Westport.—Though their numbers are somewhat diminished the meetings have been held very regularly with a little increase in the average attendance. The county meeting held in October was to them as an oasis in the desert; a source of great enjoyment and profit. They feel that good seed was then sown which will spring up and bring forth much fruit in the future.

Wilton.—This auxiliary is in its eighth year. They have more members than last year and their Secretary writes in some respects their outlook is more hopeful. Different members of the society contribute an article on the subject or field denoted in Life and Light, and these are collected into a paper called the Kaleidoscope, edited by the President and read at their social and sewing meetings. They feel sure that they are enriching themselves in missionary intelligence and study.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY-NORTHERN DIVISION.

The spirit of the work in this part of the county is deepening. Increase of missionary literature is proving a most efficient aid. Two new mission circles and one auxiliary have been formed, not one society has been discontinued the past year, not one discouraged. In all of them one can see service and prayer and love, and even sometimes the precious ointment of sacrifice broken in His name.

Canaan.—The members of the society are so scattered that it is with difficulty that they sustain their meetings.

Colebrook.—The regular missionary meetings are discontinued, but the "Cheerful Givers," although discouraged, have hope in persistent well-doing.

Falls Village.—The meetings which are held with the South Canaan ladies are very interesting and hopeful. More money has been sent to the treasury; though few in number are thoroughly in earnest. The "Little Seekers" are wide awake, meet and work regularly and faithfully, and enjoy their meetings.

Harwinton.—The secretary writes: "Our society is full of missionary spirit and we have a good attendance

at our monthly meetings. Once in three months we hold a public meeting in the church, which is carried on entirely by ladies. We have a good audience and as a result several have joined as and others are becoming interested."

Morris.—The meetings have been interrupted during a portion of the year, but the members are now hopeful that they shall be able to continue them regularly.

New Hartford.—The secretary writes: "A few of us are still holding on our way, although not rejoicingly, yet not discouraged." The "Valley Wide Awakes" have never failed to send their pledged amount annually to the treasury.

Norfolk.—The encouragements in the work here are the two mission circles "Hillside Gleaners" and "Mountain Wide Awakes," whose influence is felt through all the homes. A missionary box receives articles of interest on missions to which each one is expected to bring. While the girls sew, the boys read them, and at the close of the meeting one is selected to take home the "Missionary Scrap Book" and paste in the articles. Once a year a special sermon and entire church service is held for these bands.

Northfield.—The meetings have been well attended, with much interest in the study of the lessons in "Life and Light." A mission circle, the "Steadfast Workers," has been organized and has already produced good fruit.

Salisbury.—The meetings are regular but the "Lakeside Workers" are disbanded temporarily.

Sharon.—The secretary writes that they are happy to report progress this year both in contributions and members. The meetings are held regularly, with a good attendance considering the members are so scattered. The "Busy Bees" made a large contribution to

the treasury this year for the Bombay school, besides making articles for the use of the scholars.

South Canaan.—The meetings are well sustained in connection with the Falls Village society and their gifts equal their usual amount.

Thomuston.—The secretary writes: "I think the society feels strengthened at the present time, and can truly say that a genuine missionary spirit is growing in the hearts of our members." The "Free Givers" have taken up the work again with great success, winning a right to their name.

Torringford, Second Church in Torrington.—The secretary writes: "Our meetings have been uniformly interesting and profitable." A new mission circle, the "Highland Workers," has been organized.

Torrington, Third Church.—The secretary writes: "Our meetings are fairly sustained in numbers and interest and we find the subjects for study in 'Life and Light' both pleasant and profitable."

Torrington Hollow, First Church in Torrington.— This auxiliary has been formed during the last year and with most encouraging results. It is watered with as sincere prayer and service as ever earth can find. Although the people are scattered there is a good attendance at the meetings, which are full of interest.

Watertown.—The members feel much encouraged by increasing interest in the meetings and themselves by personal aid sent to the Bible Reader whom for eight years they have supported in Marsovan. They cannot report great increase of members, but are conscious that the work is deepening in all their hearts. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" have met with greater success than ever before in their efforts.

Winsted.—The attendance does not increase, but the meetings are interesting and profitable to those who are

present. The "Mountain Daisies" are at work and continue the support of a young scholar in Cesarea.

MISS M. P. HINSDALE.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Bethlehem.—Little progress has been made during the year, but monthly meetings have been held. The topics given in "Life and Light" have been followed. The "Willing Hands" have felt the loss of Mrs. Bassett very much, yet they number about the same as last year.

Bridgewater.—The degree of interest manifested is very encouraging, there being a large attendance at the monthly meetings and a cordial readiness in each one to contribute something to make the meetings pleasant and profitable, if not more than a text of Scripture. This is truly delightful when we so often find a reluctance to take any part in the meetings.

Cornwall.—The society is small and considerable effort is necessary to keep up the meetings. Only thirteen of the original members of 1871 remain, fifteen having been removed by death. "These bereavements are disheartening to us, but notwithstanding our discouragements we hope to continue to fulfil our pledge each year for a scholarship in Mrs. Leonard's school at Marsovan."

Ellsworth.—The secretary says: "Our meetings have increased in spirituality, our hearts are more warmly enlisted in the work and we have gained much needed information with regard to missions. This is but a beginning, and we trust that with increased knowledge will come increased desire to work for the cause of missions." The mission circle of young girls, "The Golden Links," is more flourishing than the older society.

Gaylordsville.—The interest in the circle is fully sustained as heretofore.



Goshen.—There has been no material change during the year. The meetings have been much interrupted by storms. The faithful few who attend pursue the plan of study given in "Life and Light."

Kent.—The secretary says: "While we have nothing of special interest to report, we feel that as a society we have much to encourage us. Our meetings are well attended and the interest of all has been increased by different ladies taking charge of the meetings in turn, and thus a sense of more responsibility has been aroused. The topics given in 'Life and Light' have been used and much information gained thereby. The 'Mission Circle' is very prosperous, holding meetings regularly, giving little entertainments in which they have been very successful."

Litchfield.—This society maintains its old interest and indeed developes new interest from year to year. The "Daisy Chain" is still active and has paid a large sum into the treasury, the result of an entertainment last year.

Milton.—The meetings are continued as heretofore, being held at the homes of the members, spending an hour or more in the study of missionary matters and the rest of the time socially. They have held ten meetings the past year with an average attendance of fifteen, the whole number being nineteen.

New Milford.—"We are holding our own, but without much enthusiasm in this work. Our numbers remain about the same, for though we lose yearly by deaths and removals, I think we have gained enough new members to make good our loss. We greatly need a 'missionary revival,' a revival of consecration to do our Lord's will. The mission circles are both strong and active, and enjoy their meetings, perhaps because their missionary hour is followed by a good sociable time."

New Preston.—The meetings are held regularly, the attendance is not large, but those who do attend are much interested.

North Cornwall.—They report that they have material and enough missionary interest to persevere in the good work they have begun, but are so scattered that but few meetings have been held. The "Mission Bank Society" are unflagging in their zeal, and meet with success financially.

Roxbury.—This society is regaining all its old strength and the meetings are increasing in interest, twenty members being present at the last two meetings. This coming year, effort will be made to draw in those who have never yet been interested.

Sherman.—Although in Fairfield County, this society has come to us because the church is ecclesiastically within our borders. We are glad to welcome them and hope to find strength and comfort from their zeal in, and love for, this work for Christ. They will be sure to do what they can, but have not held meetings the past year on account of the illness of the officers.

Warren.—The members have not held meetings as they are so scattered, but they do not feel any less interest in the work and continue to contribute as usual.

Washington.—They have not held meetings during the past year, but have sent the usual amount to the treasury.

Woodbury, North Church.—Quite a marked increase is manifest in this auxiliary. The secretary says we need a missionary awakening. A few are aroused, but we want the interest to be general. A visit from Mrs. Harding, last October, greatly interested the ladies, and doubtless much good will come from it.

Woodbury, South Church.—The society is in its infancy as yet, but they feel that they have much to

encourage, nothing to discourage them. They hope and trust they will grow stronger.

MRS. J. B. BONAR.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY-NORTHERN DIVISION.

Cromwell.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society long organized in this church, was most cordially welcomed to our fellowship at the county meeting last October. Their average yearly offering to the American Board, and later to the Woman's Board, has been sixty dollars. Nine life members are recorded from their number. There has been a society for the children for twenty years, and it is hoped a circle directly connected with us will soon be started among the young people.

East Hampton, First Church.—For some reason the auxiliary here does not report quite as favorably as usual. We trust it is but the ebb tide, that will soon come back with a flood of blessing. The children have been doing some missionary work through the Sunday school.

East Hampton, Union Church.—This society held no meetings during the summer, but keep their interest in the face of many discouragements.

Middlefield.—"By their fruits ye shall know them." The Treasurer's report grows larger every year. Missionary letters and papers are read in connection with the Ladies' Sewing Society.

Middle Haddam.—"There has been much to encourage us in the presence of new members who willingly take part in our meetings. We have adopted the envelope system with good results, I think I can say with some gain." The meetings of the "Whatsoever

Band" have been held regularly and much interest was awakened by a *Paper Festival*, from which they realized twenty-five dollars. They mourn the loss by death of their treasurer, Miss Ida Taylor.

Middletown, First Church.—This society is in a healthy growing condition. Twelve new names are added, making the present membership one hundred. The meetings are well sustained and have been provided with eight interesting papers prepared by various members. One lady collected thirty dollars to aid in the sudden preparation of a missionary who went out last The Gleaners sent thirty dollars for Mrs. summer. The "Ten Times One Society" held Hume's school. no meetings during July and August but earned money to bring at the first meeting in September. This sum amounted to over six dollars. In December they had a fair table, providing it with fancy articles and candy made by themselves, and realized ten dollars. have raised over twenty dollars.

Middletown, South Church.—This auxiliary entertained the county meeting in October. One lady contributed twenty-five dollars in aid of Mrs. Walker's Home for missionary children. The meetings are held regularly.

Middletown, Third Church, Westfield.—The progress of work among the children, so happily begun last year, has been interrupted by the removal from the church of its main helpers. We hope next year it will be continued.

Portland.—The sickness of the Secretary has retarded the work here a little.

Westchester.—The Secretary reports an increase of membership and a larger amount in the treasury. An effort has been made to keep up the Mission Circle which has resulted in a contribution of money "from both boys and girls" though they do not hold regular meetings. The pastor's wife invites the children to come to her home and hopes to interest them in missionary work.

Mrs. A. W. HAZEN.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Center Brook.—An unexpected interest has been developed in the meetings during the year, with an addition of several new members.

Chester.—"During the winter our meetings have been more fully attended and have been quite interesting. The topics in "Life and Light" have been studied, different parts being assigned to individual members. We still lack that zeal in this cause necessary to induce a majority of our church members to become interested helpers in this great work."

Clinton.—"There has been no increase of interest during the past year. The meetings have been sustained by a very small proportion of its members. Necessary expenditures in our own church seem to be a reason why more is not given in this channel. We hope to be able to report more favorably at some future time."

Deep River.—No report has been received from this society but they have sent as usual to the treasury.

Essex.—The Secretary writes: "I do not know as we have grown much, but there seems to be a greater amount of interest among the members. The combination of the social element in our meetings, meeting in turn at each member's house, works well and relieves in a great measure the formality which formerly characterized our meetings. We are more hopeful than we were some months ago."

East Haddam.—"Owing to unpleasant weather our meetings have been interrupted, only seven having been held during the year. But more missionary information has been circulated than ever before and an increased interest is the result. The young ladies of the Phænix Band have been working steadily but quietly, and their interest remains unabated though their numbers are lessened.

Haddam.—"Although we report a decrease in membership, our average attendance and contributions have increased and there has been a good degree of missionary culture and growth among the members. Methods of working have been various. Special mission fields have been chosen and thoroughly investigated. inal papers have been prepared by our members. these and other means our knowledge of the missionary work has been enlarged and we have gained an intelligent love for it which we hope will not decline. Secretary of The Young Ladies Mission Band writes: 'We hold our meetings semi-monthly with usual interest. We find that in this work as in all work for Christ the more we do for Him the greater our blessing. The 'Willing Workers' entered upon their fourth year with a gain in their membership and an increase of interest. There has also been an improvement in the attendance at meetings."

Higganum.—"Our society has increased somewhat in numbers and average attendance over last year. The ladies have been very ready and prompt in preparation and much material has been presented. The outlook for the present year is encouraging but as in all undertakings in life the 'price of success' is 'eternal vigilance.'" The Little Missionary Workers were all present at the county meeting in Middletown in October last and

became so much interested in Miss Anna Felician they immediately commenced working for her and the Marsovan girl's school.

Killingworth.—"The past year has been one of marked progress in the cause of missions. Monthly meetings for the first time have been held here. There is increasing interest in the cause, and more missionary periodicals are now taken than ever before.

Millington.—This auxiliary has held its meetings during the year with but one failure and financially it has made some advance. The Childrens' Mission has been more successful than the previous year.

Saybrook.—There is a large membership in this society, but the average attendance at meetings has been small. The Seaside Mission Band hold meetings semimonthly. Some of the members are very much interested and earn money between the meetings.

Westbrook.—"The average number at our meetings during the year has been small, sickness and bad weather preventing many from attending. Death has also taken a number of our members. One who for some years has given largely toward a scholarship at Ahmednugger and was full of zeal for the mission cause was suddenly in a moment summoned to her heavenly home. The members of 'Seaside Gleaners' seem to enjoy their meetings which occur twice a month. We do not number as many members as last year but the interest continues. We sew for the Dakota Home. Our collections are not large but are given with cheerful hearts."

MRS. E. E. McCall.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY-EASTERN DIVISION.

Of the churches in this division there are but three where there is no auxiliary to our Branch. We welcome this year two new societies, the Third Church of Guilford, and North Madison.

Cheshire.—About one-fifth of the female church members belong to the auxiliary, many of them not being in circumstances to do much benevolent work.

Guilford, First Church.—The members of this society have sustained a good degree of interest and have sent quite a sum of money to the treasury.

Guilford, Third Church.—This society was organized in June with twelve members and as yet regard themselves as feeble. Their officers are full of interest and burdened with a sense of responsibility. The plan was adopted of appointing a committee to prepare a paper to be read at the following meeting.

Madison.—"Our meetings are held quarterly and our numbers are somewhat increased. We have enjoyed the presence in our meetings of Anna Felician, our teacher at Marsovan, whom we have loved so long and so well. Our mission circle is prosperous."

Meriden, First Church.—"We feel that we have been prospered, and our meetings have been more interesting than ever before, and have been held regularly each month with the exception of August. Our numbers have increased, and by systematic study of mission fields and the appointment of committees to arrange for the meetings, we have secured more effort on the part of our members and a deeper personal interest. The 'Cheerful Givers' have never failed to redeem their pledge for a scholar at Harpoot, and the 'Boys' Mission Band' have been peculiarly successful this year."

Meriden, Center Church.—"Our society we hope is increasing in influence. We easily doubled our last year's contribution. The mission circle 'Willing Workers' is at work and have undertaken the support of a scholar in Miss Twichell's school."

North Branford.—"Though few in number much interest is felt by those who attend our meetings, which are quite interesting. In 1877 we resolved to take upon ourselves the support of a heathen girl in one of the schools in India; since that time we have been able to raise thirty dollars a year for her support. We hope the time will soon come when all the ladies of our congregation will join us in this good work."

Northford.—"All who contribute we call members. Some of these have an intelligent appreciation of the work and would continue to give for its support though a word was never spoken to them, and their only knowledge was gained of what has been done and is now doing through the printed page."

North Madison.—"We organized in May and held our first meeting in June. With the exception of July we have held meetings regularly which were well attended. We all love the work and feel that we are engaged in a cause for our Divine Master."

Prospect, "Gleaners."—"The mission circle has met quite regularly through the year and continues much interested. The amount of money given was raised by a fair and festival held in September."

Wallingford.—The New Haven County Meeting was held with this society last autumn. The members have, with great effort, redeemed their pledge to support a scholarship at Santander.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY-WESTERN DIVISION.

Ansonia.—The monthly meetings of this auxiliary have been held regularly. Two of its active members have been removed by death, both of whom were great lovers of the work, and were much relied upon for help by their prayers and contributions. Quite a number of young ladies have associated themselves together as a mission circle named the "Ruby Circle," after Miss Harding who greatly interested them on a recent visit.

Birmingham.--They contribute the same as last year and have no increase in membership.

Derby.—Instead of quarterly meetings as heretofore, the past year this auxiliary have met monthly. Their meetings have been very pleasant and those attending have felt blessed in so doing.

East Haven.—Fewer members are reported, but more meetings, which have been very interesting. A mission circle has also been formed in the church.

Middlebury.—This society reports no sensible progress. Several of its members have daughters who are active in the mission circle "Hillside Gleaners," and it is hoped that the sympathy and interest of the mothers in their work may accomplish greater good.

Milford.—"The prospect for the ensuing year is most encouraging. There seems to be a revival of missionary spirit, and our average attendance is quadrupled. We have listened to inspiriting addresses from Mrs. Hume, of New Haven, and Miss Strong, formerly of Mexico."

Mount Carmel.—"We have lost by removal two active and efficient members. Our Heavenly Father has taught us that He always cares for His own work, and other shoulders have been put to the wheel and the work has gone forward. Our losses included a large

percentage of our receipts; even this has been provided for and we send our usual sum."

Naugatuck.—This auxiliary has held regular meetings, excepting in the summer months, at which a good degree of interest has been manifested.

New Britain, Center Church.—The secretary reports "an increased attendance at meetings. Several papers have been prepared and read on different missionary fields, and we have been favored with letters from Mrs. Schneider and Miss Gleason. Our members are better informed concerning missionary work as the months go by. We have two mission circles; one, the 'Busy Bees,' we have welcomed the past year."

New Britain, South Church.—The secretary says: "We are glad to tell you of a larger attendance at our meetings, an increasing interest, of fresh, bright, interesting papers, showing earnest study, patient research, and familiarity with the world's field. We often linger about the little Home, in Constantinople, and listen to Mrs. Schneider and Miss Gleason as they tell us of their work in visiting from house to house, and of their unwearied efforts in seed sowing, and we rejoice in being permitted to work with them by our prayers and gifts from month to month. Our 'Little Helpers' and 'Banvan Seeds' are reaching out into wider fields as they advance in years, and receipts to the treasury from their labor and entertainments prove them to be real helpers. One earnest desire is to see the youngest workers kept for the Master's use, thoroughly consecrated to him, and ready intelligently to carry on the missionary effort as older ones lay it aside."

NEW HAVEN: Center Church.—This society remains about as last year.

Church of the Redeemer.—No report sent.

College Street Church.—They report nothing new.

Davenport Church.—The interest in missionary work is on the increase. The Mission Circle has been revived and its members are very enthusiastic in its work.

Dwight Place Church.—As this church is now financially more free to work for others than in the past, it is coming into a more healthful missionary spirit. It reports this year a new auxiliary among the young ladies, called the "Fairbank Mission Circle," which, though an acorn now, they hope may develop into something of an oak.

Fair Haven, First Church.—An interesting feature of missionary work in this church is found in the Boys' Mission Circle, by name, "The Helpers." The circle meets once a month for half an hour before the bible service, and the time is spent in talking on subjects connected with the missionary work. It has been found that the boys become specially interested in items of genuine missionary news and effort, and in true stories about the countries and the people, and the work among them.

Fair Haven, Second Church.—This auxiliary holds regular meetings on the Thursday following the Branch monthly meeting. These are well sustained, and the members are confident that their interest in the work of our sisters in foreign lands is not diminished.

Howard Avenue Church.—This auxiliary held an annual meeting in March which was well attended and especially interesting. A letter was read from Mrs. Minor, one of their number, who is now laboring in India.

North Church.—A new mission circle has been organized in this church, as also one in Mrs. Cady's school.

Third Church.—There has been a genuine gain in sympathy with missionary work the past year. The

zeal shown by the "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" has been most encouraging. During the winter they held semi-monthly meetings, one upon Sabbath afternoon after the church service, to which all the women of the church were invited. They have listened to addresses from Miss Strong, Miss Felician and Miss Shepherd. The mid-monthly meeting is for work. They have a scholarship in the Dakota Home and also give towards the support of a teacher at Bombay. The auxilliary has lost a faithful and energetic worker in the departure of their secretary, Miss Sarah Hume, for India.

Temple Street Church.—This society still retain their interest in missionary work, and though few in number pledge themselves to aid it all in their power.

Yale College Church.—This auxiliary remains the same as last year.

Orange.—They report regular monthly meetings.

Southbury.—This society has lost by death and removal some of its most useful members, so they are but a little band. They are trying to devise methods for securing larger contributions.

Waterbury, First Church.—Sends no special report, but they continue to give as heretofore for Mrs. Bond, in Turkey.

Waterbury, Second Church.—This auxiliary reports more interest in the work and larger contributions than heretofore. The attendance at the monthly meetings is also increased. Letters have been read at these meetings from Mrs. Edward Hume which have added much to the interest.

West Haven.—The meetings have been held regularly month by month save when prevented by unavoidable circumstances. Missionary items are always given and earnest prayer offered. It is very encouraging

that the regular monthly concerts have increased in interest and the young people are ready to take part in them. Especially is zeal shown by a dozen young ladies who have organized themselves into a Circle and are very enthusiastic in keeping up their semi-monthly meetings.

Whitneyville.—This auxiliary holds on its way with no less interest than formerly, but sadly afflicted in the loss of two of their earnest praying and giving members, who have passed away. Those left feel admonished to do with their might what their hands find to do in the Master's service.

Woodbridge.—Nothing differing from the last year is reported.

Westville.—This society has sent no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Haven, May 9th, 1882.

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Balance in treasury, May 10th, 1881,	▼ 1,457.35
Subscriptions from auxiliary societies,	7,108.00
Subscriptions from mission circles and Sunday schools,	2,374.22
Legacy of Mrs. S. Wells Williams, New Haven,	400.00
Legacy of Mrs. E. C. Davies, New Haven,	100.00
Collections for expenses at Branch monthly meetings,	83.46
Collections at County meetings,	59.82
Miscellaneous,	75.00
Sale of "Ten Years' Review" and "Outward Bound,"	9.83
Deposit in Savings Bank with interest,	419.48
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Sent Treasurer of W. B. M., Boston,	\$10,740.82
Balance in Savings Bank,	169.48
Printing,	197.25
Postage and other incidental expenses,	83.98
Expenses of missionaries to address meetings,	34.67
Sending out annual reports,	13.80
Discount counterfeit money,	1.00
Balance on hand,	0.6.4
	846.16

New Haven, May 20, 1882.

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

ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

^{*} Actual receipts for 1881-82, \$10,210.33.

RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES. Ansonia, \$53,00 For scholarship at Foochow. Additional from Mission Circle, \$5. Bethel, 42.00 For Sagunabai in Western India. Bethlehem, 37.65 Towards scholarship at Marsovan. Additional from Mission Circle, \$2. Birmingham, Bridgeport, _____ 500.65 For Miss Andrews' salary, of which \$25 from Mrs. Thomas Hawley to constitute life member Miss Mary L. Hawley; and \$25 each from Mrs. B. B. Beardsley, Mrs. Styles B. Middlebrook and Miss Anna J. Burr. to constitute themselves life members. Additional from Circles and Sunday schools, \$149.75. Bridgewater, 40.00 For Mrs. Edward Hume and to constitute life member Mrs. E. F. Atwood. Canaan, 15.00 Towards scholarship at Foochow. Centerbrook. 32.00 Cheshire, -----42.00 Towards salary of Vesuvasum: \$10 from Mrs. A. S. Baldwin's class towards a life membership. Chester, 63.00 To constitute life members Mrs. Lydia Gaylord and Miss Nettie Hungerford and towards another. Clinton, 41.14 For scholarship at Foochow and to constitute life member Mrs. Edwin A. Dibbell, and towards another. Colebrook, 11.00 Cornwall, 30.00 Towards scholarship at Marsovan, of which \$2.33 from Mrs. Marsh's class. Cromwell, 47.25 Danbury, 150.00 \$12 to complete life membership of Mrs. Sarah M. Starr.

Darien,	60,00
\$50 for salary of Mrs. DeForest; \$5 towards Dakota	
scholarship; \$5 for General Fund. Additional from	
Mission Circles, \$30.	
Deep River,	21.25
Derby,	34.75
East Haddam,	107.75
\$25 from Mrs. E. T. Reed to constitute life member	
Mrs. Sumner Reed of West Brookfield, Mass.; \$25 from	
Mrs. S. McCall to constitute life member Mrs. Giles	
F. Ward of Saybrook, Additional from Mission Cir-	
cle, \$30.	
East Hampton, First Church,	25.20
East Hampton, Union Church,	10.00
Additional from Mission Circle, \$2.	
East Haven,	35.93
Additional from Mission Circle, \$40.	
Easton,	26.00
Ellsworth,	23.50
Additional from Mission Circle, \$18.	
Essex,	10.00
Falls Village,	12.50
Additional from Mission Circles, \$25.	
Georgetown,	11.5€
Additional from Mission Circles, \$7.61.	
Greenwich,	127.00
For Constantinople Home scholarship.	
Guilford, First Church,	50.00
Guilford, Third Church,	10.00
Haddam,	34.00
To complete life membership of Miss Catherine R. Kel-	
sey: \$14.75 towards making life member Mrs. Cor-	
nelia B. Rogers. Additional from Mission Circles,	
\$22.51.	
Harwinton,	52.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Edward Hume.	•
Higganum,	51.00
To constitute life members Mrs. Hiram Brooks and	-
Mrs. A. H. Gladwin.	

Kent,	\$49.00
For scholarship at Foochow. \$1 for printing. Addi-	,
tional from Mission Circle, \$25.	
Killingworth,	31.00
To constitute life member Mrs. Wm. Bristol.	_
Litchfield,	155.67
For scholarship at Harpoot and support of Drupatabai, Western India: \$25 from Mrs. Joseph Adam to constitute life member Mrs. G. M. Woodruff, and to constitute life member Mrs. George Richards. Additional from Mission Circle, \$83.02.	
Madison,	110.00
For teacher at Marsovan. Additional from Mission Circle, \$30.	
Meriden, First Church,	135.00
\$60 for a scholarship at Ahmednuggar and Madura;	
\$75 to constitute life members Mrs. S. C. Pierson, Mrs.	
E. I. Merriman and Mrs. E. C. Allen. Additional	
from Mission Circles and Sunday Schools, \$115.	
Meriden, Center Church,	50.00
To constitute life members Mrs. Maria P. Bradley and	
Mrs. Jane M. Ward. Additional from Mission Circle,	
\$ 50. *	
Middlebury,	22.50
Additional from Mission Circle, \$30.	
Middlefield,	
Middletown, First Church,	172.00
\$40 for scholarship at Marsovan, \$25 of which from	
Miss Marianne Clark to constitute life member Mrs.	
Augusta C. Clark; \$40 for Gangabai; \$30 for Ahmed-	
nuggur scholarship; \$30 for Inanda scholarship; \$10	
from Mr. Selah Goodrich in memory of his wife; \$32	
for General Fund. Additional from Mission Circles,	
\$ 50 .2 0.	
Middletown, South Church,	32.00
Millington,	13.00
Towards life membership of Mrs. Mary E. Bell. Addi-	
tional from Mission Circle, \$6.	
Milton,	
Monroe,	12.00

Morris,	\$19.00
Towards a life membership,	
Mount Carmel,	50.00
For scholarships at Ceylon and Ahmednuggur.	
New Britain, Center Church,	232.71
Towards salary of Mrs. Schneider: \$25 from Mrs. H.	
P. Strong to constitute life member Miss Sarah M.	
Strong. Additional from Mission Circle, \$142.44.	
New Britain, South Church,	258.25
Towards salary of Mrs. Schneider: \$25 from Miss	
Jennie E. Case to constitute life member Mrs. John	
Wiard; \$15 from Mrs. F. B. House to complete her	
life membership; \$5 from Mrs. Samuel Rockwell to	
complete life membership of Miss Emily L. Stanley.	
Additional from Mission Circles, \$198.52.	
New Canaan,	28.00
For one-half of a scholarship at Dakota. \$3 for Gen-	
eral Fund.	- 0
New Hartford,	
\$25 towards a scholarship at Bombay, the remainder for Mrs. Bond. Additional from Mission Circle, \$25.	
New Haven, Center Church,	~ 0= ~~
\$15 each from Mrs. W. I. Townsend and Mrs. Leonard	287.00
Bradley for Bible reader; \$10 from Miss Shipman, and	
\$5 each from Mrs. H. C. Kingsley and Miss Thomas for	
Bible reader.	
Church of the Redeemer,	160 TO
\$50 from Mrs. H. B. Bigelow for Bombay school; \$5	100.10
from Mrs. Prudden for expenses. Additional from	
Mission Circles and Sunday School, \$115.	
College St. Church,	84.50
For support of Excipet: \$25 from Miss Jane A. Maltby	
to constitute life member Mrs. Stephen E. Harrison of	
Waterbury.	
Davenport Church,	58.00
For scholarship at Marsovan: \$25 from Mrs. Roxanna	
P. Bolles to constitute life member Miss Anna P.	
Bradley. Additional from Mission Circle and Sunday	
School, \$60.	
Dwight Place Church,	63.00

Fair Haven First Unurch,	BI47.75
\$25 to constitute life member Miss Almeda Butler; \$5	
from Mrs. Samuel Hemingway to complete life mem-	
bership of Miss Sarah Hemingway. Additional from	
Mission Circles, \$68.	
Fair Haven, Second Church,	56.55
Howard Avenue Church,	30.00
North Church,	70.05
\$5 from Mrs. Rice for Bible reader. Additional from	
Mission Circles, \$22.40.	
Temple St. Church,	14.00
Towards scholarship at Ahmednuggar.	•
Third Church,	176.50
\$25 to constitute life member Mrs. Jessie Barnum;	, ,
\$60 from Mrs. Wm. Ives for school and teacher, at Vi-	
zier Kupri, Turkey; \$5 from Miss Landfear, South	
Africa. Additional from Mission Circle and Sunday	
School, \$115.	
Yale College Church,	185.00
For Constantinople Home scholarship.	•
New Milford,	124.54
Towards salary of Mrs. Edward Hume. Additional	
from Mission Circles, \$65.	
New Preston,	40.00
For scholarship at Madura.	•
Newtown,	10.00
North Branford,	30.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggar.	•
Northfield,	33.00
Northford,	
North Stamford,	15.00
Norwalk, First Church,	-
Towards Mrs. Williams' Salary. Additional from	•
Sunday School, \$30.	
Orange,	36.53
To support Greek girl Sotera at Marsovan. Addi-	
tional from Sunday School, \$7.72.	
Redding,	50,00
\$25 to constitute life member Miss Emma E. Olm-	-
stead; \$25 from Mrs. David C. Delevan to constitute	
herself life member.	

Ridgefield,	\$31.00
Additional from Mission Circle, \$5.	
Roxbury,	60.00
Salisbury,	75-14
Additional from Mission Circle, \$6.45.	
Saybrook,	39.78
Additional from Mission Circle, \$72.	
Sharon,	55.00
\$25 to constitute life member Miss Fannie H. Gillette.	
Additional from Mission Circle, \$50.	
Sherman,	17.60
South Britain,	12.00
Southbury,	16.25
South Canaan,	16,00
South Norwalk,	50.00
For life membership.	
Stamford,	80.00
Stratford,	49.78
Thomaston,	46.00
Additional from Mission Circle, \$58.84.	
Torringford,	22.00
Torrington, Second Church,	44.00
Trumbull,	25.00
To constitute life member Mrs. Samuel Edwards.	
Wallingford,	110.70
Warren,	15.50
Washington,	42.00
Waterbury, First Church,	71.55
Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.	
Waterbury Second Church,	100.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Edward Hume. Additional	
from Mission Circle, \$125.	
Watertown,	77.25
\$50 for support of Zahouhi; \$25 from Mrs. M. F. Curtis	
to constitute life member Mrs. James L. Loveland.	
Additional from Mission Circle, \$100.	
Westbrook,	51.00
\$20 from Mrs. Reuben Stannard for school at Ahmed-	
nuggar; \$31 for Bible reader.	

Westchester,	\$27.00
To constitute life member Miss Jane Almira West.	
Additional from Mission Circle, \$5.18.	
West Haven,	87.00
\$25 from Mrs. S. P. Beardsley to constitute life mem-	
ber Mrs. E. C. Kimball; \$50 to constitute life mem-	
bers Miss Lida Richards, Miss Addie M. Smith. Ad-	
ditional from Mission Circle, \$17.	
Westport,	54.00
For Harpoot scholarship; \$25 from Mrs. Wm. B.	
Wright to constitute life member Mrs. Wm. Hart.	
Additional from Sunday School, \$4.58.	
Whitneyville,	46.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.	-
Wilton,	100.00
\$40 for scholarship at Foochow; \$30 for Inanda; \$30	
for General Fund.	
Winsted,	200.25
\$25 from Mrs. Dudley to constitute life member Miss	
Mary Beach Dudley. Additional from Mission Cir-	
cle, \$30.	
Woodbridge,	20.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggar.	
Woodbury, North Church,	30.00
For scholarship at Ceylon.	
Woodbury, South Church,	10.00
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RECEIPTS FROM MISSICN CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL	s.
Ansonia, "Ruby Circle,"	5.00
Towards scholarship at Ahmednuggar.	
Bethlehem, "Willing Hands,"	2.00
Bridgeport, "North Church Mission Circle,"	47.00
\$30 for scholarship at Pulney; remainder for General	
Fund.	
Bridgeport, North Church Sunday School,	30.00
The substantia of Tanada	
For scholarship at Inanda.	
Bridgeport, "South Church Mission Circle,"	37.00
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Bridgeport, "Park St. Church Mission Circle,"	\$30.00
Darien, "Busy Bees,"	25.0 0
For school in Turkey under Miss Bush.	
Darien, "Sunbeams,"	5.00
Towards Dakota scholarship.	
East Haddam, "Phoenix Band,"	30.00
East Hampton, Union Church, "Children's Band,"	2.00
East Haven, "Helping Hands,"	40.00
For scholarship at Broosa.	
Ellsworth, "Golden Links,"	18.00
Falls Village, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle,"	25.00
For one-half of a Dakota scholarship.	
Georgetown, "Buds of Promise,"	7.61
Haddam, "Young Ladies' Mission Band,"	10.00
For school at Ahmednuggar.	
Haddam, "Willing Workers,"	12.51
Towards salary of Bible reader in Turkey.	
Kent, "Mission Circle,"	25.00
For a share in school at Bombay.	
Litchfield, "Daisy Chain,"	83.02
For scholarship at Harpoot.	
Madison, "Willing Hearts,"	30.00
For Antony Ammal, Madura.	
Meriden, First Church, "Cheerful Givers,"	40.00
For scholarship at Harpoot.	
Meriden, First Church, "Boys' Mission Band,"	25.00
For a share in school at Bombay,	
Meriden, First Church Sunday School,	50.00
For scholarship at Broosa, Turkey.	
Meriden, Center Church, "Willing Workers,"	50,00
For scholarship at Broosa, Turkey.	-
Middlebury, "Hillside Gleaners,"	30.00
For scholarship at Inanda.	
Middle Haddam, "Whatsoever Band,"	25.00
Middletown, First Church, "Gleaners,"	
For school at Bombay.	•
Middletown, First Church, "Ten Times One,"	20.20
For school at Bombay.	
Millington, "Stella Band,"	6.00

New Britain, First Church, "Busy Bees,"	142.44
For Mrs. Schneider.	
New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers,"	186.52
For Mrs. Schneider.	
New Britain, South Church, "Banyan Seeds."	12.00
For Mrs. Schneider.	
New Hartford, "Valley Wide-Awakes,"	25.00
For school at Bombay.	
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Aurora,"	70.00
For scholarships at Harpoot and Ceylon.	
Church of the Redeemer, "Morning Star,"	5.00
Church of the Redeemer Sunday School,	40.00
For school at Bombay.	
Davenport Church "Mission Circle,"	25.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggar.	
Davenport Church Sunday School,	35.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.	
Fair Haven, First Church, "Young Ladies' Missionary	
Society,"	50.00
For school at Bombay.	
Fair Haven, First Church, "The Helpers,"	18.00
For school at Bombay.	
North Church, Mrs. Cady's school,	17.40
For school at Bombay.	
North Church "Mission Circle,"	5.00
Third Church "Young Ladies' Missionary Society,"	70.00
\$40 for Dakota Home scholarship; \$30 towards salary	
of teachers at Bombay.	
Third Church Sunday School,	45.00
\$25 for a scholarship in South Africa; \$20 for a schol-	
arship at Ahmednuggar.	
New Milford, "Star Circle,"	50.00
New Milford, "Golden Links,"	15.00
Norfolk, "Hillside Gleaners,"	75.00
\$30 for scholarship at Madura; \$25 for school at Bom-	
bay; \$20 towards a scholarship at Foochow.	
Norfolk, "Mountain Wide-Awakes,"	75.00
\$30 for scholarship at Ceylon; \$25 for school at Bom-	
bay; \$20 towards a scholarship at Foochow.	

North Cornwall, "Mission Bank Society,"	\$25.00
For school at Bombay.	
Northfield, "Steadfast Workers,"	10.00
Norwalk, First Church, Sunday School,	30.00
A Christmas gift.	
Orange, First Church, Sunday School,	7.72
Plantsville, "Mission Circle,"	10.00
Prospect, "Gleaners,"	40.00
Ridgefield, "Cheerful Givers,"	5.00
Salisbury, "Lakeside Workers,"	6.45
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band,"	72.00
For school at Ahmednuggar and General Fund.	
Sharon, "Busy Bees,"	50.00
For school at Bombay.	
Southport, Congregational Church, Sunday School,	30.00
For Hohannes Agadion at Harpoot Seminary.	
Thomaston, "Free Givers,"	58.84
For scholarship at Marsovan.	
Waterbury, Second Church, "Young Ladies' Mission	
	125,00
To constitute life members Mrs. Charles Pyke, Miss	
Joanna Judd, Miss Hattie Johnson, Miss Mary Pierce,	
Mrs. S. W. Kellogg.	
Watertown, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle,"	100.00
\$50 to constitute life members Miss Anna Peck, Miss	
Cora Partree; \$25 from Miss Fannie Curtis to consti-	
tute life member Miss Elsie Peck; \$25 from Miss Alma	
Curtis for another life member.	
Westchester, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle,"	5.18
West Haven, "Missionary Sunbeams,"	17.00
Towards scholarship at Madura.	
Westport, Congregational Church, Sunday School,	4.58
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle,"	40.00
For scholarships at Ahmednuggar.	
Winsted, "Mountain Daisies,"	30.00
For scholarship at Talas.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Legacy of Mrs. S. Wells Williams, New Haven,	400.00
Legacy of Mrs. E. M. Davies, New Haven,	100.00
Mrs. Polly Linsley, North Haven, to constitute herself life	
member,	25.00
Collections at Branch monthly meetings,	83.46
Collections at Fairfield County meetings,	11.51
Collection at Litchfield County meeting,	21.23
Collection at Middlesex County meeting,	15.03
Collection at New Haven County meeting,	12.05
A friend, for printing expenses,	20.00
Mrs. O. P. Hubbard,	5.00
Miss Sarah A. Hotchkiss, Derby,	5.00
Mrs. Herman Perry and Mrs. Maria J. Perry, Southbury,	
to complete life membership of Miss Mary J. Perry,	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Hough, Wolcott,	1.00
Mrs. Churchill, Woodbury,	1.00
New Britain Seminary, Young Ladies' Missionary Society,	
for expenses,	6.00
Cornwall, "Star Circle,"	5.50
Left over from collation fund,	1.50
Sale of "Ten Years' Review" and "Outward Bound,"	9.83
Friends from the East Church, New Haven,	8.25

BENEFICIARIES.

Miss Mary E. Andrews, Tu	ngcho, Chi	na,	Salary,	\$450.00
Mrs. Fannie G. Bond,Ph	ilippopolis	, Bulgaria	, "	352.00
Mrs. Elizabeth DeForest, Os	aka, Japan	,	**	640.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards,Ina	inda, South	Africa,	"	450.00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume, Bo	mbay, Wes	tern India	, "	525.00
Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard, Ma	rsovan, W	est Turke	y "	
Mrs. S. M. Schneider, Co	nstantinop	le, W. Turl	key,"	740.00
Mrs. Kate P. Williams	"	44	"	660.00

BIBLE READERS.

Vesuvasum,	Madura, South India, S	Salary,	\$40.00
Gnanaperhasen,	Madura, South India,	"	41.00
Zanakabai,	Jambgaw, Western India,	"	43.00
Drupatabai,	Satara, Western India,	"	43.00
Yesabai,	Sirur, Western India,	44	43.00
Tsangunabai,	Bombay, Western India,	"	43.00
Sagunabai,	Sholapoor, Western India,	44	43.00
Gangabai,	Wadale, Western India,	44	43.00
Pritabai,	Ahmednuggar, W. India,	44	43.00
Zahouhi,	Amasia, West Turkey,	16	66.00
Excipet,	Vizier Kupri near Marsova	n, ''	40.00
Sourpourai,	Hadji Keoy near Marsovai	ı, "	53.00
Yeksa Astadoorian,	Arabkir, East Turkey,	**	22.00
Juhar Enfijian,	Mesereh, East Turkey,	14	42.00
Mariam Moosesian	•	44	42.00

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Anna B. Felician, in Girls' B'ding Sch., Marsovan, Salary, \$110.00 Salveen, Teacher in Miss Ely's School, Bitlis, "60.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

At Constantinople Home, Prin., Mrs. Williams, 3, Exp	ense,	\$375.00
At Marsovan, Turkey, Principal, Miss Fritcher, 10,	44	400,00
At Harpoot, Turkey, Principal, Miss Bush, 5,	"	200.00
At Madura, South India, Prin., Miss Rendall, 10,	41	300.00
At Ahmednuggar, Western India, Mrs. Bissell, 17,	44	340.00
At Udupitty, Ceylon, Principal, Miss Townshend, 7,	41	210.00
At Foochow, China, Prin., Miss Ella J. Newton, 6,	46	240.00
At Inanda, South Africa, Prin., Mrs. Edwards, 11,	"	330.00
At Dakota Home, Santee Agency, Neb., Prin., Miss		
M. A. Shepard, 6,	44	300.00
At Santander, Spain, Principal, Mrs. Gulick, 1,	**	100.00
At Talas, West Turkey, Principal, Miss Closson, 1,	"	30.00
At Broosa, Turkey, Principal, Miss Twichell, 3.		120.00

SCHOOLS.

At Pulney, South India, Mrs. Chandler,	- :	Expense, \$	31.00
At Bombay, Western India, Mrs. Edward	Hume	, 11	710.00
At Andiaman, Central Turkey,	-	"	88.00
At Killis, Central Turkey,	-	44	29.00
At Keller, Central Turkey,	-	**	27.00
At Sert, Eastern Turkey,	-	44	32.00
At Kulleth, Eastern Turkey,	-	"	23.00
At Vizier Kupri, Western Turkey, -	-	11	26.00
At Harpoot Seminary, Hohannes Agadion,	, -	"	30.00
At Kraabschitz, Austria	-	**	90.00

LIFE MEMBERS

MADE SINCE MAY 10TH, 1881.

Mrs. E. C. Allen. Mrs. E. F. Atwood. Mrs. Jessie Barnum. Mrs. B. B. Beardsley. Miss Anna P. Bradley. Mrs. Maria P. Bradley. Mrs. Wm. Bristol. Mrs. Hiram Brooks. Miss Anna J. Burr. Miss Almeda Butler. Mrs. Augusta C. Clark. Mrs. David C. Delevan. Mrs. Edwin A. Dibbell. Miss Mary Beach Dudley. Mrs. Samuel Edwards. Mrs. Lydia Gaylord. Miss Fannie H. Gillette. Mrs. A. H. Gladwin. Mrs. Stephen E. Harrison. Mrs. Wm. Hart. Miss Maria L. Hawley. Miss Sarah Hemingway. Mrs. F. B. House. Miss Nettie Hungerford. Miss Hattie Johnson. Miss Joanna Judd. Mrs. S. W. Kellogg.

Miss Catherine R. Kelsey. Mrs. E. C. Kimball. Mrs. Polly Linsley. Mrs. James L. Loveland. Mrs. E. J. Merriman. Mrs. Styles B. Middlebrook. Miss Emma E. Olmstead. Mrs. Cora Partree. Miss Anna Peck. Miss Elsie Peck. Miss Mary J. Perry. Miss Mary Pierce. Mrs. S. E. Pierson. Mrs. Charles Pyke. Mrs. Sumner Reed. Mrs. George Richards. Miss Lida Richards. Miss Addie M. Smith. Miss Emily L. Stanley. Mrs. Sarah M. Starr. Miss Sarah M. Strong. Mrs. Giles F. Ward. Mrs. Jane M. Ward. Mrs. Jane Almira West. Mrs. John Wiard. Mrs. G. M. Woodruff.

SOCIETIES AUXILIARY TO THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.

Me	m. L.	αL,
INSONIA: Mrs. Charles Stowell, Pres.; Mrs. Chauncey		
Leach, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Verenice Munger, Rec. Sec.;		
Mrs. Charles L. Hill, Treas.,	40	12
ETHEL: Mrs. George F. Waters, Pres.; Mrs. A. L. Ben-		
edict, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. W. Smith, Sec.; Mrs. Geo.		
C. Starr, Treas.	58	7
ETHLEHEM: Mrs. A. Hamilton, Pres.; Miss Alice E.	•	•
Bird, Sec. and Treas.,	40	7
RRMINGHAM: Mrs. E. F. Bradley, Pres.; Mrs. C. H. De-	•	•
Forest, Sec. and Treas.	35	
RIDGEPORT: Mrs. C. R. Palmer, Pres.; Mrs. R. G. S.	•••	
McNeille, Mrs. G. S. Thrall, Vice Pres.; Miss H. A.		
Hawley, Sec.; Miss M. J. Clarke, Treas.,	280	44
BRIDGEWATER: Mrs. Harmon Treat, Pres.; Mrs. S. F.		
Atwood, Vice Pres.; Mrs. A. E. Mead, Sec.; Mrs. S.		
R. Weeks, Treas,	26	
ANAAN: Miss Mary Fitch, Pres.; Miss S. W. Adam,		
Sec.: Mrs. Charles Adam, Treas	25	
ENTERBROOK: Mrs. T. D. Murphy, Pres.; Mrs. Samuel	-	
Cheney, Vice Pres.; Miss Sarah M. Bushnell. Sec.;		
Miss H. S. Comstock, Treas.,	30	3
HESHIRE: Mrs. Julia Rogers, Directress; Miss H. E.	•	-
Calhoun, Sec.; Mrs. S. E. Stoddard, Treas.,	26	14
HESTER: Mrs. H. H. Clark, Pres.; Mrs. G. M. Abbey,		
Vice Pres.; Miss M. E. Ely, Sec.; Mrs. M. S. Brooks,		
Treas.,	26	9
LINTON: Mrs. Wm. Hull, Pres.; Mrs. Sylvester Hull,		•
Miss Fannie Elliot, Vice Pres.; Miss Marietta W.		
Hull, Cor. Sec.; Miss Emily C. Hull, Rec. Sec. and		
Treas	43	4
OLEBROOK,	.5	•
ORNWALL: Mrs. Frank Garner, Pres.; Mrs. H. C. Mon-		
son, Sec. and Treas.,	40	

CROMWELL: Miss Mary G. Savage, Pres.; Mrs. S. A. Penniman, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Harriett W. Wheelock,	εш. υ.	œu.
Sec. and Treas., DANBURY: Mrs. Chas. Starr, Pres.; Mrs. Roger Averill,	14	7
Mrs. N. Carr, Vice Pres.; Miss Mary E. Stone, Sec.; Mrs. George E. Ryder, Treas.,		
DARIEN: Mrs. N. E. Gleason, Pres.; Miss Maria Hyde,	55	9
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NRW HAVEN: Church of the Redeemer S. S. College Street Church S. S. Davenport Church S. S. Third Church S. S.

NORWALK: First Church S. S. ORANGE: Cong. Church S. S. PLANTSVILLE: Cong. Church S. S. SOUTHPORT: Cong. Church S. S. WESTPORT: Cong. Church S. S.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act incorporating the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

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

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

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

SEC. 3. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold money given by voluntary contributions, donations, bequests, or otherwise, to be exclusively expended for the christianization of women and children in foreign lands, by supporting such missionaries, teachers, bible-readers and schools, and such other missionary work as may be selected by the board of officers, with the approbation of the Woman's Board of Missions located in the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

SEC. 4. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure; it may appoint such officers as may be deemed expedient, and may make, ordain and put into execution such by-laws and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of the same, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, the laws of this State, or the laws of the United States.

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

CONSTITUTION

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

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

ART. 2. The Executive Committee shall have full power to do all that is necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this society, and may fill vacancies in office during the current year.

- ART. 3. The object of this society is to spread the knowledge of the pure gospel among women and children in heathen and nominally Christian lands. It seeks the union of many societies having a common center, and to awaken interest and raise money throughout its limits by the diffusion of missionary intelligence.
- ART. 4. All money raised by this society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, at Boston, for the purposes of its organization.
- ART. 5. The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership.
- ART. 6. A number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, subject to its constitution, by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall constitute a local Executive Committee.
- ART. 7. Any number of children or youth contributing annually not less than five dollars may form a mission circle, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, subject to its constitution.
- ART. 8. The annual meeting of this society shall be held on the second Tuesday of May, and at such place as the Executive Committee shall appoint, at which the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected. Regular public meetings of the society for suitable religious exercises, the communication of intelligence and for business, shall be held at New Haven on the second Tuesday of each month of the year, with the exception of May, July, August and September. Also a meeting shall be held in each of the four counties annually.
- ART. 9. This constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of the intended amendment having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

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

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

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

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

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall write to missionaries and to the parent society, preserve copies

of important letters, conduct other correspondence outside of the home work, warn meetings and provide information and speakers for the same.

ART. VI. The Home Secretary shall present a report of the home work at the monthly meetings, correspond with the county Vice Presidents and with Auxiliary Societies and Mission Circles, keep a careful record of interesting facts and items gained during the year, including change of officers and names of new societies with the names of their officers, from which record material may be gathered for the annual report. They shall furnish societies and mission circles with missionary letters and papers from the Bureau of Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

ART. XI. Auxiliaries shall be requested to send their annual reports to the Vice-Presidents of their counties the first week in April. These reports shall include the names of officers, number of members both in auxiliaries

and mission circles, the names of mission circles and number of subscribers to "Life and Light."

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE I. This Mission Circle shall be called the

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

ART. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn more about the heathen, and to do more than we have done to send them the Gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.

ART. IV. We promise to come together at stated times to hear and read about missions, or to work in some way for the cause, and through our own Treasurer to send our contributions, amounting to not less than five dollars, to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

The more subscribers you have for "Life and Light" the more interest will be felt. The subscription list of this monthly should be greatly increased, not solely because it is the organ of our own Woman's Board, but because it imparts just the light and inspires the life needed in our home work.

We call attention to the Children's Department in the "Missionary Herald," which is very attractive and instructive, and also to the Mission Dayspring.

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

"Life and Light." Editress, Miss Abbie B. Child, Cong. House, Beacon street, Boston. Sixty cents a year in advance.

"Mission Dayspring," a missionary periodical for children, published monthly. Address Publishers of Mission Dayspring, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass. \$1.00 for twenty-five copies to one address per annum, postpaid. Any number of copies less than twenty-five 20 cents each per annum.

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

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

"Our Mission Field." Published monthly by the Presbyterian Ladies' Board of Missions. Address Miss Parsons, Rye, New York. Fifty cents per annum. "Heathen Woman's Friend." Methodist Board, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, 287 Bunker Hill street, Boston, Mass. Fifty cents per annum.

The "Helping Hand." Baptist Board, W. G. Corthell, Missionary Rooms, Tremont Temple, Boston. Forty cents.

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

A map on cloth of Southern Japan, China, Micronesia, Central and Southern Africa can be obtained from Mrs. W. H. Fairchild.

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

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

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

Reading of Scripture and Prayer.

Singing.

Minutes of last meeting by Recording Secretary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Discussion.

Business.

Addresses—Reading Missionary intelligence or letters. Doxology.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Executive Committe will gladly accept an invitation to hold the annual meeting elsewhere than in New Haven, in the hope of increasing the interest by giving an opportunity to all the Auxiliaries to share equally in the privileges of that occasion.

The Missionary Library Association has about two hundred volumes, mostly valuable books, and subscribers can draw them at the close of each monthly meeting, or at other times by applying to Miss McAlister, 154 Crown street. Persons from out of town can return books to Mr. McAlister, 71 Church street, opposite the Post Office. We invite the patronage of the friends of missions and urge a free use of the library.

The importance of such information as will keep the friends of missions familiar with the progress of the missionary work cannot be over-estimated, and an occasional book or a monthly pamphlet will not suffice.

The Library contains such books as those who love, support and pray for missions need to read, and we hope it will eventually comprise all the popular and standard books on missions, missionaries, and the countries in which they are located.

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

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

Twenty-five dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member; if given by one person, it may also be applied for a Beneficiary. This may be paid by installments, mention being made with each installment that it is intended for that purpose. Copies of fresh Missionary Letters, from all of our fields, may be had on application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 26 Trumbull street.

Requests for Beneficiaries should be addressed to Miss Julia Twining, 314 Prospect street.

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

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

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

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

We earnestly commend the observance of the hour from five to six P. M., each Sabbath in unison with the time chosen by other Boards, in special prayer for a blessing on missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and all concerned in promoting the work of missions.

Reports are sent annually without expense to each Auxiliary in the proportion of one to every five members. If more are desired they can be obtained at twelve cents each, the cost price, by application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 26 Trumbull street.

MANUSCRIPT PAPERS

NOW READY FOR THE USE OF SOCIETIES.

[They may be obtained, without charge, upon application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, New Haven, Connecticut.]

- 1. Advantages of organization. Mrs. Chaffee.
- 2. An experience with mission circles, and the results. Mrs. Backus.

Africa Papers.

- 3. Africa.
- 4. Notes from Dr. Means' Paper on Central Africa. Mrs. Adam.
 - 5. Story of two native Zulu boys. Mrs. Bridgman.
- 6. The opening opportunities for the spread of the Christian religion in Africa previous to 1880. Miss Bradley.
- 7. What Western Connecticut has done for Africa. Mrs.
 - 8. Bulgaria. Miss Bella Hume.
 - 9. Cesarea. Mrs. Farnsworth.

China Papers.

- 10. China.
- 11. Infanticide in China.
- 12. The Bridgman School. Miss Porter.
- 13. Christ in the person of His children. Miss Peabody.
- 14. Correlative Bible Readings. Mrs. Burdett Hart.

Dakota Papers.

- 15. Mission work among the Dakotas. Middletown.
- 16. The Dakota Home. Miss Bella Hume.
- 17. Experience of a worker. Mrs. McCall.
- 18. Extracts from Mrs. Whitney's private journal on her passage to the Sandwich Islands, in 1819-20.
 - 19. History of the American Board. Mrs. Churchill.
- 20. How to overcome difficulties in forming auxiliaries. Mrs. McCall.

India Papers.

- 21. A Brahminee's experience.
- 22. Ahmednuggar. Mrs. Winchell.
- 23. Description of map of India. Mrs. Adam.
- 24. Early missionary work among Hindoo women. Mrs. Ballantina.
 - 25. Hindu-stan. Mrs. H. D. Hume.
 - 26. India's history. Miss Twining.
 - 27. Our missionaries in India, 1881. Miss Hume.
 - 28. The Brahmo-Somaj. Miss Alice Bacon.
 - 29. What the Bible has done in India. Miss Twining.
- 30. Is there salvation for the heathen without the gospel? Mrs. Hart.

Japan Papers.

- 81. Ancient religions in the way of Christianity in Japan. Mrs. Charles Peck.
 - 32. Description of map of Japan. Miss Prudden.
 - 33. Japan. Middletown.
 - 34. Manners and customs of the Japanese. Miss Morris.
 - 35. Sketch of the past of Japan. Miss McAlister.
- 36. The missions of the A. B. C. F. M. in Japan. Miss Alice Bacon.
 - 37. The new civilization of Japan. Mrs. Burdett Hart.
- 38. The work of Protestant missionary societies in Japan (omitting our own). Mrs. Burdett Hart.
 - 39. The Women of Japan. Miss Eastman.
 - 40. Letter containing hints for mission circles. Miss Bowen.
 - 41. Letter with suggestions for extra offerings.
- 42. Letter from Dr. Treat answering the question, Are the receipts of the American Board decreased since the organization of the Woman's Board?
- 43. Letter from Mrs. Thurston, of the Sandwich Islands, to her daughter Persis, 1843.
 - 44. "Lord, is it I?" Mrs. Lewis.
 - 45. Love service. Mrs. F. A. Noble.
 - 46. Marsovan; with map of the field. Mrs. Tracy.
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 - 48. Micronesia. Mrs. Miller.

- 49. Missionary prayer-meeting forty years ago. Mrs. Eastman.
- 50. Missionary work in Litchfield county during the past century. Mrs. Prudden.
 - 51. Need of perseverance in the work. Vermont Branch.
 - 52. Our friends in Ceylon. Miss Stone.
 - 53. Our personal influence. Mrs. Churchill.
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- 56. Prayer. Dictated by Mrs. Eastman as her last message to co-workers in Foreign Missions.
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 - 63. Ten Years' Review of our work. Mrs. Prudden.
- 64. Ten Years' Review of the Constantinople Home. Mrs. K. P. Williams.
- 65. Translation of letter to missionaries in Harpoot from an Armenian whose daughter had been educated at the Seminary.
 - 66. What are you doing for Jesus? Mrs. Curtiss.
 - 67. What else? Miss Prudden.
- 68. What mean ye by this service? East Connecticut Branch.
 - 69. What more can we do? New Britain.
 - 70. What she could. Miss Lav.
 - 71. What the W. B. M. has done for me. Miss Hinsdale.
- 72. What would be the result if the W. B. M. should cease from its work? Mrs. McCall.

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