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TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was held on Tuesday May 11, in the Collegiate Church, Fifth Ave. cor. 48th St., instead of the chapel, as heretofore. The large attendance of delegates from the 190 Auxiliaries, together with pastors and friends of the cause, proved we had been warranted in changing our place of meeting.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by Rev. Dr. Terry. The meeting was opened by singing of a hymn, after which Dr. Terry read the Scriptures and Dr. Reed offered prayer.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Foreign Corresponding Dr. Cole, Secretary was read by Dr. Terhune.

The Annual Report of the Home Secretary was read by and the Report of the Treasurer by Dr. Coe.

The reports were accepted, and ordered printed for distribution among the Auxiliaries.

Dr. Terry presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and read the names of the managers for the ensuing year. The election was unanimous.

After the singing of a hymn, the audience listened with deep interest to Dr. Chamberlain of Madanapalle, India. His testimony that the education of Hindoo girls, is 'the greatest lever in reaching the Zenanas,' was specially applicable, as the care of the girl’s schools in our Mission fields is specifically the work of the Woman’s Board. The remarkable incidents illustrating the direct answer to prayer, were faith
inspiring, and a verification of the Master's promise, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." For such cheering facts, we can thank God, and take courage as we endeavor "to come up to the work."

The Rev. Mr. Raymond, of Plainfield, N. J., in a brief address spoke pertinently of the influence of Mothers in this Woman's Work for Woman, the importance of which shall only be realized in the future generations.

After singing the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Coe, and the meeting adjourned to the lecture room, where simple refreshments were served, and an hour of social intercourse enjoyed by all, some of whom have only this opportunity in the year to meet face to face their fellow-workers. None could go down from the day's mount of privilege, without feeling stimulated to further effort in our various places which we "occupy till He come."
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The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, presenting in its First Annual Report, for the year ending April 30, 1875, a list of 19 Auxiliaries, to-day multiplies that number by 10. We include upon our roll 190 Auxiliaries, of which 17 have been added since the last annual meeting.

Congratulating ourselves that so many of our churches are represented in this helpful organization, we regret that there are those which still remain outside its bounds, confidently anticipating a time when, into its association of love and work, it shall gather all the women of our Reformed Church.

Instituted originally in the interest of woman's work for woman, the Woman's Board has endeavored to confine its operations strictly within its legitimate field. To carry forward the Girl's Schools, to educate native women as Bible teachers, to light the gospel torch in heathen homes, is our aim still, as it has been from the beginning.
Also, it is our privilege to clasp hands across the sea with our missionary sisters, exchanging frequent letters with them, and co-operating intelligently in their work. It is their distinction aid to have resigned for Christ's sake, much which is to us the joy of life. Not alone in the deprivation of social opportunities and pleasures, and in absence from the atmosphere and environment of a Christian land, but often in the enforced separation for years of mothers and children, is found the heroic element in the Missionary's life. Our share in the work is the easier, but we claim it as a share, rejoicing that at both ends of the line, the work is one for Christ.

Insisting that ours is woman's work, far be it from us to interfere with or subtract from the beneficence of the church at large. No annual collection for the Board of Foreign Missions should in any church be smaller, because in that church there exists an Auxiliary Society of the Woman's Board.

Coming with the children's pennies dropped into their little boxes, with the fruits of small household frugalities, or the larger gifts of unobtrusive love, the Woman's Board lifts no responsibility from the shoulders of men; proposes only in its modest way to assist in the education of its own sex.

The mother with her babe, the forlorn little girl, despised and enslaved from her birth, the maiden with life beckoning her frowningly to narrow drudgery, or idle dreams, each in her place is the object of our care. By the brightness of our homes, we measure the obscurity of theirs, and our endeavor is to bring to our sad-browed sisters, the dawn of a new day.

A delightful part of our work, is in the impulse it gives in the education of our own children. Many of the streams flowing into our treasury are swollen by tiny rills from bands of little helpers, and we rejoice in the trend, which the
Woman's Board, through its Mission Bands and Circles, is giving to a host of youthful lives.

That we may be helpful rather than hindering, we deprecate being anywhere regarded as a substitute for the church itself. Ourselves auxiliary to Synod's Board, we are limited to a single department.

If we have any real sphere, any definite vocation, sphere and vocation are crystalized in one word, plus. We are plus the efforts of husbands, fathers, and sons, bringing with them our personal offerings to the treasury of the Lord.

RECEIPTS.

Our total receipts from Auxiliaries and individuals during the year have been $15,838.25. An excess over last year of $774.25. As usual we have greatly exceeded all, to our annual pledge of $5,500.00, having paid in Synod's Board, $15,313.39. But we regret our inability to report a larger gain. Part of what we have is due to the beneficence of our venerable President, Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, whose gift of $1000.00 coming opportunely, filled us with thankfulness. Persistent effort all along the line is needed that we may neither retrograde, nor remain stationary. That we may be incited to this, let us glance at the field, where the whitening harvest awaits the reapers.

OUR WORK.

Our work for the year has been less in the way of new departures than in the development of existing agencies. Though sometimes more apparently aggressive, it has never been more steadily successful. The letters of our Missionaries have borne witness to their own fidelity, and to the presence with them of the Holy Spirit.
We will take the several Stations in order. From

AMOY, CHINA

comes assurance of progress in the success of the Home for native woman, completed two years ago, and under the management of Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage. In memory of our late lamented Foreign Secretary, this Home in which she took a deep interest, has been called the Charlotte W. Duryee Bible School. Here women are received as their duties permit them to come, are retained for some months, and taught in the gospels, returning at the close of their allotted term of instruction to their villages, where they impart to their neighbors, what they have themselves learned. Going out two by two these native Bible-readers work in the primitive method, and gain access to their kindred and friends in the crowded quarters where they live, as no stranger could possibly do. The chief responsibility of training these evangelists, is assumed by Miss Mary Talmage, whose frequent visits to the villages, have given her familiarity with their requirements. Eighteen women have been in the school during the year, (not more than seven however at one time,) and the school has been ordered with wise economy.

In the Girl's School at Kolongsu, there have been thirty pupils between the ages of nine and seventeen, with an average attendance of twenty. Their progress in study has been creditable, and eight during the year have confessed their faith in Christ.

Touching requests for prayer have been slipped into the hands of the teachers, and the Christian girls have been deeply interested for their playmates who are still unconverted.

It is gratifying to know, as it is also a token of the grow-
ing strength of the true religion, that our girls in this school, are able to walk in comfort, on their own feet, unbound feet being now the rule among Christian Chinese women.

**THE ARCOT MISSION.**

In the Hindoo Girl's School at Vellore, the roll numbers nearly 60, and the average attendance has been good. Twenty out twenty-three girls passed the tests of the government examination in July, and in December the hearts of the pupils were gladdened by a prize distribution when rewards of merit were bestowed, and cards, fruits and sweetmeats given to the children. Many prominent officials both native and foreign, together with the parents of the children were in attendance, and the District Munsif, who made an address in English, presided on the occasion. Early in the coming year, a school for girls will be begun in Chittoor, the lack of necessary funds having prevented this hitherto.

Miss Scudder reports from the girl's School at Madanapalle an increase of 16 boarding pupils against 10 of last year, and in the Day School, an average attendance of 27 pupils with 35 on the roll. The gift of a beautiful sewing box from Faith Mission Band, through Miss Wendover, of New York, was greatly appreciated, as the girls are faithfully taught the womanly art of sewing by hand.

**Four** girls during the year, have in this school, professed Christ. A loss deeply deplored is the death of the native matron, endeared by her work to all her associates.

Mrs. John Scudder at Tindivanum has 44 pupils in attendance at the Girl's School, superintending their studies, teaching them to sew and to sing, and giving them maternal care. 50 girls are clustered in the school at Coonoor, which owes much to the kind interest of English ladies resident in the place, who often visit it, and aid in its management. From Vellore, the most encouraging reports have been re-
ceived. In the two street schools there are 193 pupils with an average attendance of 148. American mothers would be surprised and pleased at the proficiency of these young Hindoo girls in Bible truth. Every day, the Bible and Catechism form part of their systematic study, and they absorb such lessons readily, surpassing in quickness of apprehension, many children in Christian lands. But, we too often, leave the religious instruction of the family wholly, or almost wholly to the Sunday School, so that the heathen children under missionary influences, come into the Kingdom before our own.

Under the supervision of Mrs. J. W. Scudder, the Female Seminary at Vellore, has had a year of usefulness. Sixty girls have been under instruction, of whom eleven have been welcomed to the table of the Lord.

Each of the eleven is a beneficiary of some church or Mission Band at home.

Sweet hymns of faith and hope, the hymns we sing at home on Sabbath evening, are heard in Tamil and Telegu, from lips which have learned a new strain of love to the precious Saviour. At Christmas and Easter, the song-waves which sweep around the world, touch and break in music on these distant shores.

In March, 1885, a pleasing ceremony attracted both heathen and Christian observers, when eight graduates of the Vellore, were married to as many graduates of the Arcot Seminary, by the Rev. Dr. Scudder. Among the bits of special work in which are young ladies may find agreeable occupation in their social meetings, nothing pleasanter has been indicated than the making of simple trousseaux for native brides. Our interest in them is the deeper, that they go to preside in Christian homes. We pass on to
which has been prosecuted by Miss J. C. Scudder, accompanied as a volunteer by Mrs. Isaac Henry, a native member of the Church at Vellore, Miss Scudder has visited several high-caste families, instructing the ladies in secular subjects, needle and crochet-work, and in the Bible. Cordially received and winning an entrance to those who can no otherwise be reached, the pity is that funds are lacking to organize and systematize the work adequately with a force of efficient assistants. Perhaps the mere mention of this want, will be a fruitful suggestion here. Shall we not enable our sister to carry the dear message of Christ's salvation, to those forbidden by custom and prejudice to hear it in any other way?

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

The report from Ferris Seminary is of a nature to inspire a Te Deum Laudamus. For the first time in its history, the school has a complete corps of Christian teachers. The conversion and baptism of Mr. Ato Kumano, the accomplished professor of Chinese literature, was the occasion of devout gratitude on the part of his associates. A follower of Confucius he approached the light slowly, but has become with his whole strength, a disciple of Jesus. Five foreign and seven native teachers compose the faculty of Ferris Seminary, and two pupil teachers are receiving the benefit of a normal training.

During the absence on vacation of Rev. Eugene S. Booth, and Mrs Booth, now on their way to America, the school will be under the care of Miss H. L. Winn, whose experience is a guarantee of her ability to carry it forward. Miss Anna Ballagh has taken the place left vacant by the marriage of her cousin last year.

In addition to her duties in the school, Miss M. Leila Winn,
has undertaken an interesting work among Japanese women in their homes. The place to which she goes is Yokosuka, about two hours' sail on the Bay from Yokohama, and the women are the wives of officials who are desirous of becoming acquainted with foreign ways. Miss Winn, takes tactful advantage of this desire, to impart religious instruction. Several of the ladies are Christians.

The number of pupils in Ferris Seminary is at present 63, of whom all are boarders. Seventy-three have been enrolled during the year, and the numbers of new applicants has been 31—16 in excess of last year. Three pupils have been baptised during the year, 20 of the whole number are communicants, and 12 are daughters of Christian households. Since the cessation of the measles, epidemic in March a year ago, the health of the school has been good.

Mr. Booth acknowledges with thanks, a beautiful Christmas box from the 2nd Reformed Church of Albany, two generous gifts of money for special uses, from Mrs. Charles Aycrigg of Passaic, N. Y., and a donation of $50.00 from Elbert B. Monroe, Esq., of Southport, Conn., who, while passing through Yokohama, visited the school. At

TOKIYO.

Mrs. Mary E. Miller is unremitting in varied service, holding meetings with women and children, translating, and editing an excellent periodical in Japanese. The record of Mrs. Miller's every-day work, puts to the blush some of us who fancy ourselves burdened at home, and her work is practical and telling in its results.

IN NAGASAKI

our work is still mainly tentative. Miss M. E. Brokaw is diligent in her study of the language, and has kept a brave heart
at her post, while her bright letters have awakened in us a responsive chord. The indications are hopeful that another year we may give a fuller report from Nagasaki.

SEWING-BOXES.

Sewing-boxes containing a complete outfit in all that little needle-women require, have been prepared for several of the schools, by Mrs. Sturges, but are still awaiting their destined recipients.

THE MISSION GLEANER.

This little periodical, the only organ of the Woman's Board, published once in every two months, ought to be in all our homes. It is edited judiciously, contains the latest news received in Missionary letters, hints as to the conduct of the work at home, and other matters pertinent to its field. It costs only 25 cts. per annum, and at this price, if properly supported, it would not only be self-sustaining, but would return a revenue, which would enable us to publish other leaflets and tracts. Our Sister Societies of other denominations, find their account in scattering Missionary literature broadcast, receiving their reward, in enthusiasm kindled, and information afforded. We are smaller, but in our degree, may emulate the wisdom they have shown. A vigorous effort in every Auxiliary to increase the subscription list of the Mission Gleaner, would be our best policy, and we earnestly hope it may be made at once.

THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

The Medical Missionary Committee reports reluctantly that its work is still described by an interrogation point. The inquiry diligently made in many directions for an already
qualified lady physician to go as a Missionary to Amoy, has elicited answers which have ended in disappointment. We have not felt justified in diverting money contributed to the direct work of the Missions, to the education of a young lady, under pledge to go out after graduating, as a Missionary-physician, but until we have a fund which we are at liberty to appropriate in this way, we fear that the subject must continue in abeyance. Meanwhile the sufferings of our sisters in China do not grow lighter, the gate to this work of blessing still stands ajar, and our Missionaries at Amoy are feeling the pain of hope deferred.

IN CONCLUSION.

Not blind to the features of encouragement which we observe in this review of a twelve month's toil, and deeply conscious of the debt we owe to our faithful and self-denying Missionaries, we are still aware of one thought, which like the constantly recurring motif in the strain of music, must make its impression. How many soever the variations we return inevitably to the one word, money. We do not apologize. On the contrary, it is our desire to emphasize it in every ear.

It is trite to say, that did the liberality of the church at home, keep pace with that of the native churches, if our giving were at all in proportion with theirs, the world would soon be converted. If we were willing to spend for Christ what we freely expend for business, pleasure, dress or amusement, the world would soon renew the beauty of its lost Eden. Unfortunately it is with the minority still, that the gift is considered as much a part of daily duty, as the prayer, and the opportunity to give as welcome as the invitation to a feast.

Pleading, not for ourselves, but for those who sit in the
twilight, asking only in the Name of the dear Redeemer, we urge the Woman’s Board next year to double the record of this. The call is to every Auxiliary not only. It is to each individual. So shall it be possible to extend the work over a wider area, to strengthen toiling hands and fainting hearts in distant lands.

And then, may not we hope for the spirit of consecration, which shall devote sons and daughters to this work of the Lord, keeping back nothing of its dearest and best? Then shall it not become the habit of our lives to pray always by name for our Missionaries, and for their particular fields, so that not in vain, it shall be the burden of their every letter, “Pray for us.”

We do not forget that we sit under the shadow of the cross. In the severe illness of our beloved friend, Rev. Dr. VanCleef, never absent hitherto from one of these anniversaries, and in the death of Gamaliel G. Smith, the venerable Treasurer of Synod’s Board, in common with the whole Church, the Woman’s Board is afflicted. The death of the latter is universally felt as a deep bereavement; the prostration of the former is everywhere the cause of sincere solicitude. There are few of our Auxiliaries, which in this presence do not tenderly recall some dear one, to whom on a summer’s or a winter’s day, since last we met, there came the message that the King desired to see her in garments of immortality. The work goes on, though one by one, the Master calls his servants to the higher activity, and the perfect rest. Till He come! Do we need a more thrilling watchword as we continue our toil for Him?

MARGARET E. SANGSTER,
Foreign Corresponding Secretary.
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OF THE

HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

*For the year ending April 30th, 1886.*

We have entered upon the twelfth year of our history as the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, and still our work is not completed. There are yet remaining multitudes of heathen women and children, living under a weight of idolatry and superstition to which they are in abject slavery. It is the blessed privilege of our Christian women in the home land, to save them from this spiritual darkness, and bring them into the light of divine truth.

During the twelve years of our history, we have seen the harvest whitening all over the world; surely, the church of Christ must enter in and garner the sheaves which her Lord has prepared to be brought into his storehouse.

With the solemn injunction, and final command of our dear Redeemer ever before our minds, and with its spirit deeply impressed upon our hearts, we have carried our work forward through another year. In the retrospect, we find that the work of the Auxiliary Societies has been progressing in interest, liberality, and spiritual growth. In several instances, monthly meetings have taken the place of quarterly gatherings, and a weekly prayer meeting established, with the special object in view of more earnest prayer for Foreign Missions. These meetings have been followed by a rich spiritual blessing and a deeper consecration to the cause. It
is said that this call to united prayer among Christians was first heard in far away India, coming from hearts burdened with the sense of the impossibility of converting the world to Christ, unless the mighty Spirit of God would descend in answer to the prayer of His people everywhere: and so, our Christian co-laborers concentrated thought and petition on this object, watching in hope and faith for the signs of the showers of blessings to follow.

The letters received from our Missionaries in India, China and Japan, and the faithful glowing words spoken by those whose lives are consecrated to this work abroad, have proved a power for good, bringing us into closer fellowship with those Godly men and women who have left all to follow Christ, and giving cause for gratitude that we have been able in any degree to hold up their hands.

The Manual of Missions presented to each new Auxiliary by our President, Mrs. Sturges, has exerted an enlightening influence upon the Auxiliaries, is highly valued, and gratefully acknowledged by the recipients of the gift.

We would record our grateful appreciation and acknowledgement of the numerous letters, full of cheer and encouragement, expressing warm interest in the work of the Woman's Board, received from correspondents during the year. As, in the retrospect we linger for a moment and recall that cold dreary, stormy morning in Jan. 1875, when a little company of twelve “entered earnestly upon the work,” new, and all untried before them; when the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church was fully organized, and prepared for the cultivation of the wide field, that only waited for the hand of the sower; and contrast this, with the harvest the “great husbandman” has permitted us to gather, our own hearts are led to rejoice in the blessings and success attending the work undertaken for love of Him, whose we are and whom we serve. How many have come forward with the Alabaster-box, and “poured the precious ointment at his feet,” and yet, how much more might have been accomplished if each individual member of our beloved Zion had felt a personal responsibility in the matter? Some one has said that “the flower and crown of true religion is enthusiasm
—an enthusiastic surrender of talent and means to Him" whose service is a rich reward" would enable our Church to abundantly sustain the Missions already planted on foreign ground, and to open new avenues to greater usefulness. Then, our religion would become aggressive, as we sought to win new trophies for the Master. An English clergyman returned from an extended tour among the Mission stations of Asia, writes thus, of his impressions: "It seemed to me when I went around that we were watching the buildings of an enormous temple. We saw walls rising not visible to others; we saw workmen already at their post, the stones beside them, and the tools in their hands; we found them daring, and enduring, full of hope, although those who lacked their motive, said they had reason for despair; we found them admiring, not the beauty of the walls as they rose, but the glory of Christ in whose honor they would be raised. We found there was one blessed thought among them all, that the time would come when the building would be completed when the aisles would be filled with a great company, when there would be only one song sung, and one love known, the song of Jesus Christ and the love of the blessed Lord, and when that building is raised, we shall hear the welcome words "Come ye blessed of my Father, enter into the Kingdom prepared for you." What part shall we have in this glorious building, this "mighty temple of God?" What part have we in the coming of "that Kingdom" for which we pray?

The year has been marked by a greater consecration of means, and the "grace of giving" has been exercised where self denial and self-sacrifice have been called into practice. An Auxiliary asks, "must we not increase our gifts for the Missionary work of our church, and the fact is stated for greater encouragement, that through the labors of our devoted Missionaries in India, China, and Japan, noble examples of giving out of poverty are reported each year. Our Churches of the Arcot Missions gave last year to benevolence $597; those of the Amoy Missions, $1,631.77; and those in Japan, $2,049.59. And the earnest appeal of our last General Synod is quoted; "When devoted men ask to be sent forth into waiting, and even perishing harvest fields, and the
church refuses to send them, not because of inability, but because it *will not*, it is a serious question whether its prayer that the Lord would send forth laborers into His harvest has really any meaning.

*Classical Work* in the Classis of Albany, Orange, Cayuga and the So. Classis of Long Island has been extended through the earnest efforts of the ladies composing the Classical Committees. As indicated in our circular letter, these ladies have furnished information, and by stimulating a Missionary Spirit have aided in organizing Societies Auxiliary to the Woman’s Board. They have called the attention of our Sisters who are church members, to the necessity of a more generous contribution of their means to the work of Missions, and to the need of a more prayerful Spirit and a more earnest consecration of themselves to God. They deeply feel that this should be urged as a *personal duty*; and we entreat our Sisters to unite with the Woman’s Board, so that by their prayers and their active co-operation in the effort to spread the knowledge of Christ at home and abroad, there may come to all the families in our beloved Church, a real-izing sense in their homes and in their hearts of the promise that “they that sow bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The year has not passed without its lights and shadows—

"Valued co-laborers have been removed from the work they sought to advance on earth to a higher sphere of usefulness, where in that upper temple “they serve the Master continually. Though these losses sadden us, “faith does not know of empty hearts,” and with gratitude we record the love that guides us still. We know that the departed were “Engraven on the palm of His hands,” and we have experience that God does not permit His work to falter when He calls His faithful workers home to their reward. We commend the coming year with all its interests to Him, And in view of the abundant work which lies ready to our hand, we would “present our bodies a living sacrifice to spend and be spent in His service.”

Elizabeth M. Cumming.
NEW AUXILIARIES.

The organization of seventeen (17) Societies Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is reported for the year ending April 30, 1886, as follows:

Athenia Ref. Ch., N. J.
Athenia Mission Band.
Clarksville Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Canastota Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Guilderland Centre, N. Y.
Grahamsville Ref. Ch. N. Y.
Holland, Mich., Hope Church.
Jersey City, Lafayette Ch. Memorial Miss. Band
Lawyersville Ref. Church, N. Y.
Middletown " " N. J.
Mahwah " " "
New Hurley " " N. Y.
Ridgewood " " N. J.
Schoharie " " N. Y.
Somerville Second Ref. Ch., N. J.
Unionville, Albany Co., N. Y.

Total 190.
NEW AUXILIARIES.

_Athenia Ref. Ch., N. J._—This Auxiliary organized in August 1885, is called “The Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Ch. of Centreville.” Regular monthly meetings are held which are well attended and interesting. Missionary tracts and leaflets are distributed and “The Sower” subscribed for, and read at the meetings. As the Society is still young no great effort has been made for contributions outside the annual fee for membership. The Secretary hopes for a much greater advance in the good cause in the future and an increase in membership.

_Athenia “Mission Band.”—_The young ladies connected with the Sunday School of the Athenia Ref. Church organized a Mission Band in March 1886, and became Auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. There are twenty-three active, and three honorary members enrolled. The membership fee is twenty-five cents, and five cents paid at each meeting, held once in three weeks. Honorary members pay one dollar a year. The Band is named “The Athenia Band of Workers.”

_Clarksville Ref. Ch., N. Y._—An Auxiliary was organized in the Reformed Church of Clarksville in Nov. 1885. There is a membership of twenty-six, who pay five cents a month dues. The meetings are held monthly. The Auxiliary was formed through the efforts of Mrs. Bartlett, Classical Committee for the Classis of Albany.

_Fishkill-on-Hudson Reformed Church._—This auxiliary has only very recently been organized, but there are now about sixty-five members, and monthly meetings are regularly held. Twenty-five dollars has been raised for the purpose of educating a young girl in some heathen land, and this amount wil
be annually devoted to this special object. There is much interest already felt in the society for the general missionary work in foreign fields carried on by our Church, and this auxiliary hopes as the years go on, to be able to do its share in sending money to the Board to aid in the great work of having the Gospel carried to every people.

_Canastota Reformed Church._—The subject of Foreign Missions was taken up by this Society for the first time this year. It was decided that the money obtained from Mission boxes be devoted to foreign missions. There are sixteen members, with an average attendance of eight. It is earnestly hoped by the members that the coming year may bring an increase of interest and greater gain for the cause.

_Guilderland Centre Reformed Church._—At a general meeting of the ladies of this church (Reformed Church of Helderberg) an auxiliary was organized with fifty members. The plan is to require a membership fee of twenty-five cents, and a contribution of at least one cent per week. The meetings are held quarterly. The “Scudder Circle” was organized in this church in February, 1855, and is on the same plan as that of the Ladies’ Society, except that they have a membership fee of ten cents. The writer says “we all feel anxious to do something for the Master and shall try to accomplish it. There is practical evidence of interest in the prompt payment of dues, and an earnest feeling on the part of many to help forward this work.

_Grahamsville Reformed Church, N. Y._—This Auxiliary report a membership of twenty-three, and the meetings held monthly. Missionary boxes furnished by the Synod’s Board of Foreign Missions have been distributed among the members. The “Manual of Missions” has been received and gratefully acknowledged—and the hope expressed that now as the work is fully started, there will be an increase of interest and effort on the part of all the ladies in this good cause.
Hope Church, Holland, Mich.—The Auxiliary in Holland, has, until now, been composed of the ladies of the First, Second, and Third Churches. The Second, known as Hope Church, is the one in which English is spoken. It was thought recently, that the cause of Missions would be increased if each church had its own auxiliary, although the union had been perfectly harmonious. It was found that the hour was too short to conduct the exercises in both languages and have time enough for interpretation. It was also thought that this new movement would open the way for auxiliaries in Hollandish Churches. The ladies of Hope Church, the English church, organized by themselves, and decided to consider all the ladies of the congregation as members. In future, the “Married Woman’s Mission Society” will consist of the ladies of the First and Third Reformed Churches, conducting their exercises in the Hollandish language. In the “Young Woman’s Society,” those of Hope Church will organize by themselves. The “Band” which had absorbed the “Circle,” have for more than a year been joined with the “Young Ladies’ Society.” The Rev. Mr. Wyckoff from India has addressed the Society in a very acceptable manner, and given great impetus to the work in these churches.

Jersey City Memorial Mission Band—Lafayette Church.—The cause, to which our beloved Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Wm. R. Duryee, was so truly consecrated has been taken up by the daughter. A Memorial Mission Band was formed last April, and at first consisted only of those girls who had been members of Mrs. Duryee’s Sunday-School class. With the exception of the summer months, regular fortnightly meetings were held. During a part of the time, at the meetings, the President (Miss Duryee) reads aloud to them some interesting story about Missions, and is trying to do all in her power to interest these girls in the great cause which lay so near her mother’s heart.

Mahwah Reformed Church.—The ladies of this church organized an auxiliary to the Woman’s Board, July 22d, 1885. The regular missionary meetings are held quarterly. The
last one reported was held at the Parsonage in March, opened with devotional exercises, after which the Treasurer gave a very encouraging report of the contributions for three months. Twenty-five dollars had been raised, and the Pastor's wife made a Life-member of the Board. The Society has adopted a plan of systematic giving, each member pledging an amount weekly. There is a membership of sixty-six, many of whom are children.

New Hurley Reformed Ch., N. Y.—The Pastor of this Church having urgently invited all ladies of the congregation interested in Missions, or willing to become so, to meet at the Parsonage and consider in what way they could work for the cause. A number responded, and on the afternoon of Sept. 30th, 1885, met and organized the New Hurley Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Officers were elected and the membership fee fixed at fifty cents. It was resolved that monthly meetings be held at the Parsonage—the first object of the Society to inform and interest the people on the subject of Missions in order that all may join in the great work, "both with the spirit and with the understanding—At subsequent meetings it was decided to place Missionary boxes in all households that would receive them, and to collect their contents twice a year. It was resolved to purchase books on Mission subjects as the Society might be able and loan them throughout the congregation, and as a beginning the Treas. was empowered to purchase "The Life of Adoniram Judson"—"Pagoda Shadows" "The Sunrise Kingdom," and "India and her Millions," and to subscribe for the "Mission Gleaner." The Secretary writes: "We have followed the example of others and have taken up the study of Mission lands in conjunction with the lives of Missionaries, special topics being assigned to different members. At our last meeting we had papers on Japan, and a resume of the life of Fidelia Fiske. In common with all Country Societies we suffer from disadvantages, consequent upon the distance apart of the homes, and the difficulty of getting to the place of meeting. But having made a beginning we hope that our work will progress surely, though it
must be slowly. At present we number thirteen members. Delegates from the Society attended the Classical Convention held at Woodbourne.

**Acquackanonck Reformed Church.**—Ninth Annual Report of The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the Reformed Church of Acquackanonck. "It is with devout gratitude to God that we review the work of the past year. Our Society has increased in membership; death has not once invaded the ranks, while peace and earnest united effort have characterized each gathering. Regular monthly meetings are held at the homes of the ladies. Average attendance, sixteen; Membership, sixty-two. The Society has reviewed letters from India, China and Japan, which have added greatly to the interest of the meetings. Two hundred dollars have been raised for the foreign field. Therefore as God hath blessed us in the work, let us continue in His service with increased earnestness, and "Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

**Brooklyn, South Reformed Church.**—This Society was organized in 1876 and since then has regularly supported a girl at the Seminary Vellore, India. The present beneficiary is a girl of excellent ability, with a talent for letter writing, one of her letters being thought worthy of publication in the Mission Gleaner, a paper which is highly appreciated by the members of the Society. The Society has much cause for thankfulness, not only in its increasing membership, and the interest taken in the quarterly meetings, but in the glad tidings that the prayers offered for the pupil in India have been answered at the Throne of Grace, and that she has given her heart to the Saviour. Besides supporting this girl the Society has sent thirty-seven dollars to the general fund of the Woman's Board. Two years ago the Band of Hope was organized by the Sunday School Children with an average attendance at their Weekly Meetings of one hundred children, and substantial proofs of their interest has been sent to the Board of Foreign Missions.
Brooklyn, E. D., First Reformed Church, Bedford Avenue.—This Auxiliary has gained in its interest in the Cause of Missions the past year. The meetings have been held in private houses, and well attended. Special efforts have been made to render them attractive. The "Young Ladies Society," which is a branch of the Auxiliary, has this year raised the sum of sixty dollars to support a pupil in the Ferris Seminary.

"The Little Helpers," composed of younger girls, still helps the Society generously by their contributions. The Secretary feels encouraged in the regard to the future, that there will be continued efforts for the prosperity of the great cause of Foreign Missions.

Belleville Reformed Church.—The meetings of this Auxiliary have been held regularly each month. The attendance and contributions being about the same as in former years. The Rev. Mr. Happer, a Missionary from China, made an address to the Chinese connected with the Sabbath School, in their own language, and it was received by them with the greatest interest, and his earnest words to their teachers has stimulated them to greater efforts in their behalf. At the annual meeting held in March, one was chosen for President, who has upheld the cause of Missions, with a strong and steady hand, never flinching from any work, no matter how arduous, that could increase the Missionary interest, but God in his providence has seen fit to take our Sister, Mrs. James Browe to her heavenly home. She was at one time connected with the Woman's Board, a faithful, earnest, zealous collaborator for the Master.

Bergen Point Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary has steadily grown, both in interest and in numbers, during the first year of its life. The membership is now twenty-seven, and additions are made from time to time. The First Annual Meeting was held April 1st, 1886, and the financial report was very gratifying: one hundred dollars having been raised to be equally divided between the two Boards. The result of the years effort has been encouraging, and the ladies hope to re-
port even greater success another year. Monthly meetings are held, except during the extreme hot weather, and it is intended to make them so interesting that all the ladies of the Church may be drawn to engage in this delightful work. The secret of making Missionary Meetings interesting, has been attained in this Church, so much so, that ladies have said to the pastors wife, that they were sorry to miss one. The Pastor is a son of Rev. Dr. Elias Riggs, for more than fifty years a Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Turkey. And the fact that the Pastor was born on Mission ground, and spent all his early life in Constantinople, makes the cause of Missions very clear to him, and this interest newly awakened in the church especially gratifying.

_Brooklyn, Church on the Heights._—The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, was held at the residence of the pastor, February fifteenth. The Friday evening previous Mrs. Bainbridge addressed the Society. On the morning of the regular meeting, Miss Julia Wilson, formerly of the Ferris Seminary, gave the Society a most delightful and interesting account of her work. Letters were read from Mrs. Booth, and the meeting was one of great interest to all. The Secretary writes, "We certainly have great cause for thankfulness, for although our Society is small, God has indeed blessed our work.

_Brooklyn, Bedford Reformed Church._—This auxiliary has closed the second year of its connection with the Womans' Board of Foreign Missions. The auxiliary which includes both Boards, has upon its roll of membership, twenty-nine names, besides those of four subscribers, who are not members. Through the suggestion of some of the ladies, the Sabbath School has decided to educate a native Chinese helper. The scholars seem so very much interested, that it is thought more than the required amount will be raised. Some progress has been made during the year and still greater results are hoped for in the future.
Cedar Grove Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary writes that the work progresses quietly but steadily, and there has been a considerable increase in contributions, in the last year. Twenty-two dollars over and above the amount raised the previous year has been sent to our Treasurer. The Secretary says “The growth of our Society must be in our love and gifts for the work, as we become more acquainted with it, but there will be no increase probably in membership, as nearly all the members of the church, are also members of the Missionary Society. Mr. Wyckoff visited us and delivered Missionary lectures in the different churches in the place, and gave us interesting and useful information on the habits, customs, and faith of the people of India, and also information of work of C. Jacob, the native preacher working in his field, whom we support. We were glad to see this Missionary, and if he goes back to India, (and we hope he will) we can now correspond with him as a friend and acquaintance, and not as a stranger. Our business meetings are held twice a year, in January and July. It is my earnest desire that we may become more devout Christian Workers. There is no work more worthy of our attention and the only one in which we find true comfort and happiness. May God send his Spirit and bless us with renewed love and zeal for this, the Master’s work.”

Caatsban Reformed Church.—In reviewing the work of the year, this Society finds much to be thankful for. The year opened under a dark cloud, but closes replete with blessing. A beloved pastor was removed by death, but his place has been filled by one whose heart is alive in work for the Master, and who has taken the Society under his special care. The interest has not lessened, but seems steadily increasing. Regular meetings have been held each month without a single omission, the average attendance about twenty-five. There is a membership of seventy. Several new names have been added this year, and one valued member has gone to her rest and reward. There is a sincere love for the work, and an earnest desire and purpose to accomplish something for Christ and his cause.
**East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.—**The Auxiliary existing in the Reformed Church of East Greenbush has now been in existence six years, and still continues with interest unabated, and the contributions sent to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, equal to that of previous years. The meetings which have been held, though somewhat irregular, have been both pleasant and profitable to all who have sustained them.

**Ellenville Reformed Church.—**The annual report from this Auxiliary is very gratifying and encouraging. The place for holding monthly Mission meetings from the Chapel to the Parsonage has been found to be a good one. All have enjoyed the pleasant Social Surroundings and the attendance has been better, the tone of the meeting more free and general. A number who could lead in the singing have gathered around the piano, and a few flowers have made the rooms attractive. A new feature in the devotional exercises has been the responsive readings of Bible commands and promises in regard to Mission work which has been found helpful. A printed copy of the verses used as part of the Scripture reading in the meetings was placed in the pews of the church in hopes that some in reading them might be led to engage in the work. The pastor has been present, and addressed the Society several times, helping by his suggestions, to forward the work. Two ladies from this Church met two ladies from different churches at the fall meeting of Classis, and as the results of this gathering, the representatives from three churches promised to form Auxiliaries on their return to their homes. The plan of selection of Scripture texts for responsive reading seems so excellent, that we give a copy of the verses prepared for the occasion.

**Freehold Second Reformed Church.—**"The opening year of the second decade of this organization has been marked by an advance movement—slight in itself perhaps—but gratifying as all beginnings are, that tend directly to the development of individual members in practical Christian duties. As one such beginning we record the inauguration of a monthly
prayer meeting in addition to the regular quarterly meetings. To meet oftener, and to pray more one with another was felt to be necessary, as one means of bringing the cause of Missions home to the hearts of our members in a more direct manner. The first of these meetings was held in October at the Parsonage, and since then at appointed places on the first Saturday afternoon of each month—excepting the quarterly business meetings, which for greater convenience are held in the Chapel and are usually well attended. Our little social gatherings, while not as large in numbers as we could wish, have proved to be both interesting and profitable. Another departure, from which good results are expected, lies in the adoption of a new method of collecting the annual dues. Desiring to test for ourselves that which many other societies have found so effectual a means of increasing their funds, we decided to make trial of the Missionary or Mite boxes furnished by Synod's Board. They were accordingly distributed among the families of the congregation early in January, and while the results will not be known till the close of the year, it is confidently believed that a faithful observance on the part of each member of systematic giving (and who that has tried it will not say that it is the best and truest way of giving?) will enable us to enlarge our gifts to the work, which is so restricted for the want of the tithes withheld by the Lord's own people. The Classical Committee report on new Societies for the year as the churches are thoroughly organized, and each Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions."

Farmer Village Reformed Church.—In reviewing the work of this Auxiliary for the past year, the Secretary reports the condition even more gratifying than that of the previous season. The average attendance has been larger at the monthly meetings, and consequently more interesting. The addition of four new members has encouraged, and gladdened the hearts of all. Missionary boxes have been distributed through the Society, and the Secretary writes that aside from this new departure for raising funds, the treasury had considerably more in it than last year.
Ghent First Reformed Church.—The past year, the work of this Society has been marked by a somewhat deepened interest in the cause of Missions shown by an increased membership, and a better attendance at the Meetings. The addresses of Rev. S. H. Lott, at the Anniversary held in March 1885, giving an account of his observations of Mission work during his trip around the world, was not only exceedingly interesting, but greatly promotive of the objects of the Society. The number of membership is fifty-four. The Society enters a new year hopeful of still better results, resolved to continue steadfast in the great and blessed cause of Missions.

Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.—This Society is in a vigorous condition and has passed its fifth anniversary with much to encourage and stimulate to renewed effort for the cause for which we labor and pray: the cause of Foreign Missions. Monthly meetings have been held, made interesting by reading aloud intelligence from India, China or Japan. Contributions are made by means of the envelope system, and the result for our work this year is two hundred dollars and sixty-five cents. The motto adopted is that of the Band called "Workers," and who "press forward toward the prize" which awaits those willing to help others, even the conversion of the souls of those who sit in heathen darkness, and as women show what may be done by the Grace of God in the heart.

Gravesend Reformed Church.—"The Gravesend Auxiliary held its fifth anniversary meeting Nov. 15, on Sabbath morning, and it was made the occasion of additional pleasure by the pleasure of Mr. William J. Chamberlain, son of Dr. Chamberlain, of Madanapalle, India, in whose school the Auxiliary are supporting two pupils. The Society has held twelve regular meetings, with an average attendance of eleven, the membership being twenty-three. The result of the years efforts is quite encouraging, as the amount raised is considerably larger than that of last year, being over forty dollars more than the Society was pledged to raise. The
meetings have been made interesting by addresses by co-laborers in the field, and the reading of letters from Missionaries, there being usually more Missionary material brought to the meeting than there is time to read.

*Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.—* The meetings of the Society in this church have been regularly held, except in the Winter when they are closed. The Secretary regrets the lethargy and want of enthusiasm that exists, except in a few cases, in regard to this subject of Missions. The church has been called to part with the Pastor and his wife, and it is hoped that his successor may stimulate them to greater effort in the Masters work, so that there may be no cause for regret at the last, but they may say truly, “She hath done what she could.”

*Greenpoint Reformed Church, N. Y.—* In reviewing the history of this Society, the Secretary writes: “It is difficult to state its methods of work, without inflicting the reader with a repetition of matters found in former reports. Still, though the “Modus-operandi” be similar to that of preceding years, we can truthfully say that the fruits of labor are not the same; but are larger and more apparent than ever before. The expression “Truth must prevail” is not a mere adage, but is in itself a truth both encouraging and stimulating to all Christian workers. A Missionary spirit is growing and will continue to grow, so long as the Gospel is preached to us. The contributions from the several classes of the Sabbath School have been larger than ever before. As an Easter offering, the school purposes to devote the entire collection on that Sabbath to the Foreign Mission cause. The pastor has given an instructive lecture upon our missions in India, and proposes to speak on China and Japan respectively.

*Holland, Michigan, 1st and 3rd Reformed Churches.—* The work in this Society has gone steadily forward, the monthly meetings have been regularly held, and well attended. Many of the members have put forth earnest efforts to make each
gathering interesting, by reading instructive selections, or relating items pertaining to the work in foreign lands.

"Papers" concerning work in Japan, China, Africa, etc. were written and read by the President, Mrs. N. M. Steffens. The interest of the Society continues unabated, and as it enters upon a new year of work, an earnest prayer ascends from every heart, that the Lord will grant a double portion of His Spirit, awaken a more thorough interest in things pertaining to His Kingdom, and enable each one to work with greater fervor and more consecration."

The Secretary of this Society, is also Secretary of the Auxiliary in Hope Church. They hold their meetings on different days, so they do not conflict with each other. A generous contribution has been sent to the Woman's Board, and also a gift to Dr. Hekhuis "formerly one of Holland's boys." The society is in a prosperous and vigorous condition, and our best wishes are for its success and continuance.

Harlingen Reformed Church, Bright Hope Mission Band.—This Band is indeed rightly named, and bright hopes entertained in the past about its future have been fully realized. It now numbers fifty-six members, twenty-one of whom have learned to love Jesus, and twelve have confessed Him. The earnest leader, so long identified with this previous company of children, comes twenty miles now to meet them and pray with them, and interest them in Missions. The young girl Chhun, whom the Band took to educate, is a Christian now, has united with the Church, and is engaged to be married to a native student in the Theological Seminary at Amoy. In the midst of a Christmas Entertainment, when parents and friends were present, a letter was received, and read aloud announcing the previous "tidings of great Joy." And it "seemed to the leader like a telegram from the blessed Jesus" that will make her "more earnest in the future than ever before." The boys as they grow older seem inclined to outgrow their work, but the evening of the entertainment spoken of they all came back but one, and this is regarded as an answer to fervent prayer. The writer says: "When you
make out your Spring report, mention us, that others may be encouraged to come to the front and engage in this precious work."

*High Bridge Reformed Church.*—The ladies of this Auxiliary have during the year held their usual monthly meetings with generally a good attendance. Notwithstanding the obstacles to prevent this, such as unpaved streets, and consequently bad walking in severe and stormy weather, still the attendance has been good. The meetings are held at the houses of different members of the Church. On the membership roll of this little Church there are the names of fifty-eight ladies, thirty of these belong to the Foreign Missionary Society. There has been an increase of thirteen members since the last yearly report. Through the kindness of a member of the Society, who subscribed for "The Sower" the ladies are kept informed on Missionary topics—The Society hopes with the help of the Master to increase their efforts for this cause.

*Hudson Reformed Church.*—The Secretary writes notwithstanding the years record of this Society shows no decided advance, there is no discouragement felt, and the eighth annual report is presented with a deepening feeling and realization of the importance of the work, and with a desire to do more efficient work in the future. Two of the members have been made life-members of the Woman's Board, and three have been lost to the Society by death during the year. Contributions have increased, and the usual allowance sent to India for the support of the pupil the Society is educating. Meetings are held monthly and made interesting by material brought by members on Missionary topics. Several letters have been received from India, and there is now a brightening outlook in that direction in a prospect of direct correspondence with the different Missions, which will greatly increase the interest in the cause.

*Jersey City, South Bergen Reformed Church.*—The Secretary of this Auxiliary, in reviewing the work of the past year, finds much to encourage, although the meetings have not
been as well attended as could be wished, and the regular meetings have been interrupted by different causes. Still it is felt that interest has been increased by calling the meetings monthly instead of quarterly, as formerly. At one of the meetings a Committee was appointed, consisting of all who were present, to wait upon the ladies of the congregation, soliciting a penny a week, the result proved very satisfactory, as nearly all consented to contribute, and five came in as new members. We are only a Band of twenty-four. God has thought best to take unto himself one who was with us when we organized, four years ago, one of the faithful workers for the Master. At each meeting a lady is appointed to furnish Missionary intelligence for the next, and in this way the Society is kept interested and instructed and prosperous.

Jersey City Second Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary Miss. Society report a continuation of the monthly meetings as heretofore. Eleven meetings have been held with a good attendance at most of them. There has been contributions of reading from different members of the Society and the President, Mrs. VanCleef has brought something interesting from different fields of labor at every meeting. An extra meeting is held for the purpose of opening the Missionary boxes and counting the contents. Encouragement is felt that the attendance is not decreased, as the meetings are held monthly, instead of quarterly, as heretofore.

Jersey City, Bergen Reformed Church.—For the year ending April 1886, the Secretary of the Ladies Foreign Missionary Society of this Church reports as the result of another years labor the sum of two hundred dollars and fifty-six cents, collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Board. Regular meetings have been held and several interesting letters read to the ladies. At the last Anniversary, Mr. Barrakas from Syria gave the Society an interesting account of his conversion and escape with his family from the massacre in that country. The Secretary writes: “Death has entered our little circle and claimed one of our most zealous workers. While we miss her and feel how little we can spare her, we
would not call her back, for we know that she has gone to her reward. Who among our Christian women stand ready to fill up the gap and give us help and encouragement in our work. We are hoping that with new zeal for the Master in the Church, our members will grow and we shall see many attend our meetings and join with us in prayer for our heathen sisters and for God's blessing on our work.

Kiskatom Reformed Church.—The Fourth Annual Report of the “Ladies' Missionary and Tract Society” of this Church tells of the composite organization as having but one end in view: each department is designed to give the Gospel to our fellow men in all the world, beginning at Jerusalem, and witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth.” The regular meetings, held at private houses every two months, have been partly interrupted by inclement weather. While the exercises are profitable to those who take pains to attend them, it is desirable that a larger number should be gathered in the Missionary circle. A very small increase in the collections, is reported, but this the writer says, results more from a special gift than from a forward movement along the whole line of our work. A falling off was feared, because of the cry of “hard times” on account of short crops and low prices. “Yet, it is not hazardous for a devoted follower of Christ to get bewildered by such an evil influence. At such times God’s calls for help do not cease, but often grow louder and louder. His positive law of tithing for His ancient chosen people, was not altered to suit the seasons of drought or the lessoning of incomes. His claims were primary and irrevocable. He would test the love and covenant faithfulness of His people by such adversities. He knew their ability and He knows ours. He sits “over against the treasury of every house of worship, and of every family, and of every individual. His Record-book will show the exact receipts and gifts of all. Instead of allowing our own selfishness and covetousness to lesson our beneficence, He calls upon us “to abound in the grace.” Self-denial is the first law of the Christian life. “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” Is it
not our duty then, in these times of sore temptation in this regard, to reconsider our covenant relations to our redeemer, who "loved us and gave Himself for us" to save us and make us His loving servants, and then, to revive His example of unaltering obedience, in poverty, in self-sacrifice, suffering and death. So Paul shows this example for us, expressly to incite to liberality, when he writes, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." And in the same breath of the Holy Spirit, he commands to the Church at Corinth the example of the Macedonians: "How that, in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their Joy, and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

Among the converts in heathen countries to-day, and through the labors of our devoted Missionaries in China, India and Japan, noble examples of this same spirit of consecration in giving out of poverty, are reported every year. Our churches of the Arcot Mission gave last year to benevolence $597; those of the Amoy Mission, $1,631,77, and those in Japan $2,049,59. Can we doubt the approval by our Lord of such sacrifices in that cause for which He gave His precious blood? Surely not, when we hear Him saying of the poor widow, that she hath cast in more than all they which are casting in to the treasury, "for they all did give of their superfluity; but she of her want did give all that she had, even all her living." The question will press itself, by the Providence, the Spirit and the word of God, more and more urgently, must we not increase our gifts for the Missionary work of our church? and with it, the corresponding one, by what methods? The answer seems plain. Simply by taking hold of God's plan of the regular and systematic "laying aside by every one, as the Lord has prospered." Let more prayerful and God-trusting efforts be made by all of our people, and especially by our Godly women, faithful "Helpers in Christ." Our possibilities by such united and untiring service are very great. Christ's Gospel chariot cannot stop.

_Middletown Reformed Church, N. J._—The Society in this
Church became Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions last year. The desire and interest of the members entering upon the education of a young girl in the Ferris Seminary Yokohama, sixty dollars has been raised by means of the monthly dues, and the amount found in the Missionary boxes when they were opened. This plan has proved very successful, and an increased number of boxes distributed for the coming year. The meetings are held monthly; the first half hour being devoted to religious exercises, and the remaining half in basting blocks to be sent to Ferris Seminary, thus aiding the teachers who instruct in needlework. The "Manual of Missions is being read aloud, and proves very interesting.

Mott Haven Reformed Church.—Quarterly meetings have been held by this Auxiliary during the past year, and the contributions and pledges made by the Society have been fulfilled. There has been no material change in the past twelve months, but greater interest is looked for another year with increased results.

New Brunswick Reformed Church.—The condition of this Auxiliary has not materially changed during the past year. The Annual Meeting has been held in the Fall. The Society purpose to change so that the report will be issued in the Spring. A revised list of contributions show about one hundred and seventy on the roll. When these contributions cease, the names are dropped. Of active members, there are less than half this number, but the sympathy and prayers of all are accepted in the work.

Meetings have been held once in every fortnight, except during July and August. The quarterly meetings are very interesting and instructive, owing to the Missionary intelligence received and imparted. The funds are raised by voluntary contributions, and yearly subscriptions. The Auxiliary are specially interested in Ferris Seminary, Yokohama. The pupil supported formally by the Auxiliary has now finished her course of study, and the support of another beneficiary has been assumed by the Society. The meetings are still well
attended, and the interest has not grown cold, although the
writer feels that more might be accomplished. There are
evidences of the Master's blessing on the work, and hopes
are entertained of renewed consecration and earnest work in
the future with greater progress.

New York Collegiate Church Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth St.
—The work of this society is carried on as formerly by col­
lecting annual subscriptions. Regular quarterly meetings of
the managers and collectors are held when the subscriptions
are paid in. The sum collected this year exceeds somewhat
that of last year. Four hundred and fifty-four dollars and
fifty-seven cents is reported independent of special donations.
Three new life members have been added to the list. At a
general meeting of the ladies of the church held early in the
year, the ladies had the happiness of welcoming among them
Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Howland of Ceylon, who gave to the
society the rich experiences of their earnest, faithful work in
that field. Many warm hearts welcomed Mrs. Howland to
her home church where she labored zealously for the Master
in the Mission work of the 29th St. Church previous to her
marriage and departure for Ceylon. The young people in
the Church have an organized Society of earnest workers,
and the Sunday-School also do a good work, dividing
their funds between the two Boards. Their earnest hope and
prayer is, that a revival of the Mission work may be every­
where experienced, and our blinded sisters in heathen lands
become sisters in Christ. The Mission Gleaner is generally
subscribed for and read with much interest in the families of
the Church.

New York City, Fifth Avenue and 48th St—The Auxiliary in
the Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 48th Street, has held
monthly meetings during the Winter. They have had more
of a social character than formerly, owing to the fact that they
were held at private residences, and the ladies who attended
them exerted themselves to obtain and impart some infor­
mation about the different fields in which our Missionaries
are engaged. Thus far off countries have been brought near.
The Society has become acquainted with our faithful laborers, and in some instances with their faithful assistants making the interest personal and permanent. The contributions have amounted to four hundred and thirty-eight dollars, eighty dollars of which is given by one individual to support a native teacher.

New York City, 34th Street Reformed Church.—Monthly social meetings are held by this Auxiliary at which time contributions are made for the Foreign work. Honorary members are constituted such by an annual payment of one dollar. The collections for Foreign Missions for the year amounted to seventy five dollars.

New York City, Bloomingdale Reformed Church.—Monthly meetings are held by this Society which is in a good working condition. Three entertainments have been given, the proceeds donated to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The membership will be slightly increased the coming year. The contributions are larger than last year. This Church though young is in a vigorous condition. By removals from the city some of the members have been lost to the Society, and one death has occurred.

Nyack Reformed Church.—During the past year the Society has held its meetings monthly, and there has been a great increase in interest and work. The interest felt in Missions has been greatly enhanced since the ladies attended the Classical meetings held in Tarrytown last October when the work of other societies and their interest in the cause was freely discussed. Special interest has been shown in gaining information about the different foreign fields of labor. Although the result of the collections from Mite boxes has not been as great as that of last year, there is cause for much encouragement. The collections amounting to three hundred and fifty-nine dollars, including the "Margaret Blauvelt Memorial," was sent to the Woman's Board to be used at its discretion. The loss by removal of the Pastor, Rev. W. H. Clark, and his wife, is felt greatly by the Society.
New York, Madison Avenue Reformed Church.—The interest in Missions has increased in this Auxiliary, and consequently the contributions are increased, which must be the case always with a study of the subject. The Society was addressed by Mrs. Bainbridge of the Presbyterian Board during the Winter, and those who heard her gained a new enthusiasm for Missionary work. The children of the Church last May organized a Society called "The Cheerful Givers" which already numbers fifty. They have Missionary boxes which are opened twice a year, at Christmas and Easter, and the contents divided between the two Boards. The Secretary writes that in the review of what has been accomplished during the past few years, in progress made in the work of Foreign Missions, there is reason to thank God and take courage, hoping that each future year will show the same steady advancement.

New Paltz Reformed Church.—Four regular meetings of this Society have been held in the lecture room of the Church on Saturday afternoons preceding Communion Sundays. The number of members who participate in making the meetings interesting by reading selections from papers and magazines have steadily increased. Copies of the "Mission Gleaner," and "The Sower," have been received and read by the members, and also the Annual Report of the Woman's Board has been read with much interest. A reception, social in its character, was held in the lecture room of the Church, and an entertainment provided from which a sum was realized for the work in which we are engaged. The Classis of Kingston met in the Church and the attention of the people called to this work of Missions.

New York, Middle Collegiate Church.—The Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Middle Collegiate Church, Lafayette Place, reports that the usual meetings have been held during the year with an average attendance of about twenty. Mrs. Howland, now about to return with her husband to their Mission field in Ceylon, has addressed
the ladies at two of the meetings, giving interesting accounts of her work, and making many timely suggestions as to what there is to do at home. The sum of one hundred and two dollars and twenty-five cents has been raised and forwarded to the Treasurer.

_Nassau Reformed Church._—Report for the year ending Nov. 1885. "Since our last report, monthly meetings have been continued, and some of them have been very well attended. During the Winter Rev. S. S. Howland from Ceylon, entertained us with stereopticon views of life and scenes in India, which was very pleasant. The Sunbeam Mission Band observed their third anniversary, by giving a Musical and Literary Entertainment which was quite successful. Mrs. Howland met with the members one afternoon and talked to them about India, and showed them an idol and several other things very curious to them."

_North Branch Reformed Church._—Although not permitted to report as large an increase in members as is desired, the Quarterly Meetings have been sustained, and the dues of the members well kept up. The loss by death and removals each year is about made up by the addition of new members, so that the Society holds its way, hoping for a greater interest and workers in the future.

_North Branch Depot Mission Circle._—This Society of young girls has eight members, and has sent to our Treasurer the past year, forty dollars to be used wherever it is most needed. They express the kindly hope that the Woman's Board will receive many such donations to enable it to carry on its work.

_New York, Sixth Avenue Reformed Church._—The Secretary reports as follows: "To-night, making as it does, our Tenth Anniversary, it seems fitting that we should take a brief retrospect of what we have been doing and try and discover if we may not, in time to come, be able to work more effectively in view of the encouragement we may receive by the evidence of the Master's presence with us in the days and years that
are past. The Society was organized January 1876 as the "Ferris Auxiliary" with twenty-seven members, increased at one time to eighty, but averaging about sixty. Meetings have been held monthly, with but little interruption, and sustained mainly by intelligence brought by members, with occasionally, as at the Anniversaries, an invited speaker. Letters from our Missionaries in China, India and Japan, have added greatly to the interest of the meetings, and bound us in close bonds of love to them, and to the Master’s work in which they, and we, are engaged. About two years ago, it was decided to take up the work of Domestic Missions but in order that nothing should be taken from the Foreign work each member was asked to double her contributions. Last year at our Anniversary, we were addressed by Mrs. Morrison, who had spent some time in China. We were greatly encouraged by her words, urging us not to be weary in our prayers and efforts. Our Mission Band being with us added to the interest of the occasion by their recitations and singing. Letters from our Missionaries have been more numerous this year than usual. Miss Carrie Ballagh’s marriage during the year and the consequent change of field of labor, deprived us of her earnest, cheering letters, of which we have had many. A pleasant feature of our work is the making of honorary members, during the past year we have added to our list. Our former President who has served us lovingly and faithfully seven years, feeling called by the Master to decline to fill the position she had held so long, we reluctantly consented to fill her place. It was a time of much prayer and consideration, but God who graciously hears and answers prayer verified to us the promise. Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear.” We are glad to report an increased attendance, and deepened interest in the work. A sewing box filled with basted work and everything necessary for a sewing school was sent to Madanapalle, India. As our Treasurers report will show we believe we have tried to do what we could in giving, and yet the question must arise to each of us. Have we done all we could? And in view of all that has been done for us, can we say we have? This is an individual question which must be
answered to the Master. And then, after giving “According as the Lord hath prospered us.” Should we forget that to accomplish anything we must have the blessing of the Lord on the gift, be it smaller or greater. Again, after giving of our substance, and asking a blessing on the gift, let us help sustain our meetings, at least by our presence. So let us give, and pray, and labor, as we have opportunity, that at the last the Master shall say, of each one of us, “She hath done what she could.”

*Faith Mission Band, Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.*—Success has attended the Band during the past year, there are at present eighty-four names on the roll, showing an increase of twenty. Very encouraging news has been received from Emma Lawrence, the beneficiary supported by the Band. Some of the children have written to her, the smallest ones printing their letters. Benefit boxes were distributed among the members last Spring, the proceeds $99. The Eighth Anniversary was held in the Church in December; a large audience was present, the children making it a success. The First Anniversary of the prayer meeting of the Officers of the Band which has been *held monthly*, was held in February. These meetings have proved a great success to all those who have attended.

The Sewing Circle connected with the Band has held regular meetings and considerable work has been done since the first of the year. A paper has been started called “The Mission Band Portfolio,” edited by the members of the Band, with an editress in Chief, selected from the Officers. This paper is read once a month at the evening meetings.

*New Utrecht Reformed Church.*—The work in this Auxiliary has been quietly and steadily going forward during the past year. The monthly meetings are not as largely attended as it is desired, but energy and zeal are not wanting by those who sustain these Missionary meetings as the financial report of the Treasurer shows. Two hundred and four dollars were raised the past year by the Auxiliary for this work, which is certainly very encouraging. This contribution is more than
double the amount of the first offering, five years ago, made to the work of the Womans Board of this Society. The Secretary says, "Surely we have much cause for thankfulness, in that we are given both time and opportunity to do this work for Christ."

**Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church.**—The Secretary of this Auxiliary reports as follows: "In presenting our Fourth Annual report we cannot say much that is new. During the year the meetings have been well attended and characterized by a more fervent spirit of prayer. At the Annual Meeting held in January, we were favored by a visit from Mrs. Chamberlain. Hearing and seeing such earnest Missionary workers makes us realize how very small is the work we do here. May we be incited to greater interest and more thorough practical Christian work. This Auxiliary continues the support of two pupils in the Mission School at Madanapalle and a native helper has also sent one hundred dollars to the Foreign Board during the past year, the Society has lost several of its most liberal contributors, they have been called to their heavenly home. May the good Lord increase our faith by filling our hearts with the Spirit of the Master's love and self denial for the benighted.

**Pompton Reformed Church, N. J.**—This Auxiliary was organized over two years ago; and has since held its regular monthly meetings, at which the interest is sustained by reading selections relative to some field of Missionary labor. The Anniversary held March 21st, was rendered an occasion of much enjoyment by the Pastor's extremely interesting address; and the descriptive Missionary lectures which he has given at various times has greatly increased knowledge of Missions in their own Church and the foreign field at large. The Society has a membership of thirty and the interest in Foreign Missions has been increased by letters from the Catechist and Bible Reader supported by the Society.

**Port Richmond Reformed Church.**—The record of this Society during the past year has been bright and encouraging,
commencing in April 1885, one year ago, with thirty-two names on the roll of membership, in March 1886 the number had increased to seventy-three. Since then, our Heavenly Father has called to himself two of this number who will be sadly missed. The meetings of the Society have been well attended, the largest number present at any time was eighty, the smallest nine—Average twenty-eight. The Secretary writes that the cause of Missions is increasing in interest. In the month of May several delegates were appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions Reformed Church. In October the Society distributed family Missionary boxes through the congregation, and in December Mrs. Riggs of the Turkish Mission at Marsoran addressed the ladies. At this meeting delegates were appointed to attend the General Missionary Conference, held in the Collegiate Church, 29th St. and 5th Avenue. Copies of the report of the Conference held at Fonda in 1885 were distributed at the last meeting of the Society. The news from Mission fields read at each meeting has excited sympathy for those who have left their homes to preach the precious gospel of Christ to those who do not know Him. The Sec. says: "We are glad we have been able even in a small measure to help in this great work. What we have done we bring and lay at our Saviour's feet, trusting He will bless both them and us."

**Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.**—The Secretary of this Auxiliary writes that there has been no increase in membership the past year, which has been one of financial depression, but there has been a quiet steady working for the cause and an intention to do all that is possible in the future for Missions "trusting that He who is mighty will make the Society strong."

**Paterson Second Reformed Church of Totowa.**—This Auxiliary held its Second Annual Meeting on Monday April 5th. There are thirteen members and the officers were re-elected for the coming year. The amount collected from the Missionary boxes was an increase over that of last year.
Raritan Reformed Church, Illinois.—The report from this Auxiliary tells of meetings held regularly with but a small attendance of usually the same ladies—but the blessing of God is sought and has been granted. The numbers have been depleted by death, but the Society has never failed to raise the amount pledged. Two letters have been received from Miss Scudder of Madanapalle, reporting favorably the progress of the little girl, Rachel Barlochmya, the beneficiary supported by the Auxiliary, in whom much interest is felt.

Readington Reformed Church, N. J.—This Auxiliary reports having reached its Eleventh Anniversary, and raised the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars during the past year. The congregation is divided into separate districts and canvassed by special solicitors. The membership is increasing and the Society is now as it ever has been in a vigorous condition.

Raritan Third Reformed Church, N. J.—The ladies of the Third Church report a year of quiet, but diligent earnest work in the Auxiliary, which has passed its Ninth Anniversary in connection with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Monthly meetings are observed and oftener when required. The Sec. wishes the amount raised was two, instead of one hundred dollars, as there is so much need of money this year to carry our Mission work. It is hoped that Christians will give freely, that the Kingdom of our dear Saviour may be advanced until the whole world is brought under the influence of the Gospel.

Spring Valley Reformed Church.—Fifth Annual report of Cor. Secretary of the Woman's Christian Association of the Reformed Church of Spring Valley, N. Y. for the year ending March 27, 1886.

"While glancing over our last year's work, we recognize the good hand of our God upon us, although the hoped-for progress and enlargement have not been fully realized. We have received four new members in the Foreign Department, and have lost several from the two Dep'ts by removal and withdrawal. Our present number is twenty.
seven (27) in the Foreign Department. Our Society has held ten meetings during the year, and the District Visitors have made one hundred and fifty calls.

A year ago, we made a change in the usual order of exercises at our monthly meetings, which, we have been assured, has added much to the pleasure and profit of the ladies attending. This change consists in reading Missionary intelligence, or articles bearing on the work of Missions, before taking up the routine business of the Association. This course insures to us, at every meeting, an addition to our stock of information upon the subject which we have at heart. Moreover, with an earnest desire to enlarge the interest that is felt in our Society's work, we have requested our Visitors to extend a cordial invitation to the ladies upon whom they call, to attend the meetings of the Society; and thus become better acquainted with the methods of our home work, and also obtain an increasing knowledge of our Mission fields abroad.

The 'Manual of Missions' is still exerting its enlightening influence upon our community, and the 'Mission Gleaner' has more than doubled its list of subscribers since last year.

Our last year's Anniversary Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Daniel Rapalje of Amoy. The weather was very stormy, and consequently, the audience was very small; but those who were present felt richly repaid by listening to the Missionary's interesting outline of the beginning and progress of Christian Missions in that part of the Chinese Empire. He also set forth, in a simple and graphic manner, the mental characteristics, and the religious superstitions and beliefs of the Chinese people.

Our Pastor has given us several Missionary lectures during the year, embracing the fields of other denominations as well as our own. The magnitude of the Foreign Mission work, viewed in all its aspects, has become so vast, that the Christian laborer may well feel overwhelmed when he attempts to view the subject as a whole. But, blessed be God, no one follower of Jesus is expected or required single-handed, to evangelize the whole heathen world—although the prayers of one Christian believer can move the hand that moves the
world. But our Divine Master has made the duty of every person very plain. He has made each one of us individually responsible for her own stewardship, and the obligation resting upon one of us, cannot be thrown upon another.

This fact, though simple, is momentous, and yet cheering; momentous, because the work to be done is, as we have said, a vast work; and we know that mankind, both individually and collectively, is fond of shirking responsibility:—cheering, because this work, though inconceivably great in the aggregate, is reduced to tangible proportions, when each laborer performs the duties of her own sphere.

The method adopted by the Jews, in building and repairing the wall of Jerusalem, after returning from their captivity in Babylon, is the method, which, with God's blessing, insures success in every kind of business,—both in the Church and the world. "Every one over against his (own) house," was their method; and "the people had a mind to work," was their spirit.

We cannot refrain from alluding, before we close our Report, to the sore extremity to which the Board of Foreign Missions is reduced, by reason of the lack of money to support our Missionaries in the field, and to sustain the work they have begun—a work which is now prospering and growing upon their hands. In answer to our repeated prayers, and the prayers of our whole Reformed Church, God has wonderfully blessed the labors of our Missionaries among the heathen. Not only has He made the benighted ones willing to receive the living preacher who comes to tell them of their danger and the remedy, but He has given them a yearning desire after the word from God's mouth; and this, to such an extent, that whole villages and towns send urgent appeals for some of "God's men" to come and tell them what they must do to be saved.

With sorrow, we must add, that, to many of these appeals, no favorable response can be given; because the laborers are too few to occupy the fields opened to them. With such a state of things in heathendom, what are the facts that confront us in our branch of Christendom. The treasury of our Mission Board empty—yes, worse than that, in debt—yes, far
worse than even that, sinking deeper and deeper in debt. Is the Reformed Church so impoverished that she is unable to support the men and women whom she has sent forth to do her share of evangelizing the world? Let each one answer for himself before God; but one thing seems clear; in order to be consistent, she must either pray less for the coming of God's kingdom, or give more to help bring it about. While many reasons may suggest themselves to us for this deplorable lack of means to carry on the work that we have begun in heathen lands, there are two, which may be mentioned as noxious roots, from which many branches spring, viz: ignorance and half-heartedness. Parallel with the expression in Romans, which is applied to the heathen: "How shall they believe in Him, of whom they have not heard?"—we may place one, applicable to the members of our Reformed Church:—"How shall they feel a deep interest in, and give liberally for the evangelization of those, about whom they know little or nothing?" The necessary inference is, that, in order to bring the money of Christians into the Mission treasury, they must be enlightened as to the circumstances and necessities of our mission fields; and, as a matter of course, the more intimately we become acquainted with these circumstances and necessities, the more we will do for them.

The other noxious root, half-heartedness, or half-consecration, lies still deeper than the first named, and, consequently, is more difficult to pull up. The only sure hope of remediing this difficulty, is the conversion of the whole man or woman to Christ:—including their pocket-book. Where this takes place, the extensive revivals in our Churches, which gladden the hearts of God's people, will be accompanied with a corresponding revival in all the treasuries of the Church. For the accomplishment of this essential result, we need the mighty, transforming power of the Holy Spirit. To Him therefore, let us lift up our hearts for help.

Schenectady First Reformed Church.—At each meeting of this Auxiliary during the fiscal year just closed, some one distant Mission field has been presented and studied. At one time India has been the subject for the day; at another, Japan or
China has received the attention of the ladies. The Society has been more interested, and Mission knowledge increased. The Young Ladies Society have sent seventy-five dollars as a memorial of Niss Nettie Barhyte, a lovely Christian member of the Society, who was last Winter, called to lay down a life consecrated to the highest end, even the service of the blessed Master.

**Somerville First Reformed Church, N. J.**—The Secretary of the So. Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the First Church of Somerville, reports no decrease in their contributions for the past year. As the congregation were endeavoring to lift a debt, that burdened them, it was feared that the amount raised for foreign missions would be small, but faith triumphs over all difficulties, and the sum of seventy-five dollars was contributed and sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

**Saugerties Reformed Church.**—The Secretary of this Auxiliary writes. “With the close of the year there is always a feeling of regret that more has not been done for the Master and His cause; but for the little accomplished let us be thankful and take fresh courage and new resolves for the year about to begin.” The Mission Band has kept together all Winter doing their own work and study in a quiet way, and by little have gathered about twelve dollars. In order to increase interest and members in the work for Foreign Missions it was decided to form a Domestic Branch, but in many cases the members are at the same time those who compose the Foreign Auxiliary. The Secretary writes, “We close our report feeling that we can look with satisfaction upon the work accomplished, and hope for even better results in the year before us.”

**Tarrytown First Reformed Church.**—Monthly meetings have been held regularly in this Auxiliary. Interesting articles pertaining to Missions and Mission work have been read at the meetings by different ladies. Through this means and by personal visitation a large attendance has been secured for the meetings.
Schoharie Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary writes as follows: "In learning the A. B. C. of anything has always been found the best foundation, and we find the attempt to grasp at once the whole subject of Missions, is a mistake. If we have some one object, and one with which we can communicate our efforts, prayers, gifts and studying will be concentrated, and in time will be extended to other Missions—Our first contribution in April will necessarily be small, owing to our having organized so late in the year, and the slowness with which we increase in numbers. We have one very hopeful indication, however, that is a full attendance of the members at each meeting. Missionary boxes have been distributed in the various households. We hope to grow in numbers, interest, and knowledge, and pray that the Master will bless our efforts.

Somerville Second Reformed Church.—In Nov. 3rd, 1885, ten ladies of the Second Reformed Church of Somerville met for the purpose of organizing a Society Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America. A constitution was adopted, a President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected, and a Visiting Committee appointed. The duty of this Visiting Committee being to call upon members of the congregation, tell of the formation and object of the Society, enroll members, distribute mite boxes and solicit contributions. Two meetings have since been held, one hundred and seventeen members have been enrolled with a membership fee of twenty-five cents each. The collections from three sources have been sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board. The Secretary writes: "Financially we think our work successful, but more valuable than this do we esteem the interest awakened among us in the Mission cause, and we pray for the continuance and deepening of the interest.

Tarrytown Second Reformed Church.—This Society reports an earnest devotion, and sustained effort on the part of the members in work of the past year. Meetings have been held both monthly and quarterly. The attendance at the monthly
meetings have been comparatively small, yet those who are regularly present are willing and faithful workers. The funds have been solicited through collectors as formally and have been as generous as in previous years. The apparent deficiencies of this year's contributions as compared with the two years previous is owing to the removal of several members whose gifts were liberal. The ladies have received most cheering letters from the two Catechists in India, who have been sustained by the Society for the past seven years, and who are believed to be efficient and devoted men. The Secretary writes: "It is with hopeful hearts, and an earnest purpose that we enter upon the work of another year, trusting in the guidance and blessing of Him for, and with whom we labor."

_Tappan Reformed Church._— "The Tappan Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has just completed the Second year of its existence and desired to put upon record its acknowledgement of the hand of God which has been good upon it. The second year is peculiarly a testing time for such a Society: it is a time of reaction from the enthusiasm of the beginning, and a trial of the will and ability of the members to make the organization a permanent one. The Tappan Society has borne the test bravely. It is probable under existing circumstances that it will never be much stronger numerically than it is now. But the real strength of such a Society does not lie so much in members as in the zeal and interest of the members, and here a decided advance has been made and it is expected will continue to be made. Great care has been taken to make the quarterly meetings interesting and attractive. A large attendance of young people has been a noticeable feature. The Pastor gave a most interesting account at the December meeting of the Conference at Fonda, and at the March meeting, Mrs. Morrison formerly a Missionary in China, addressed the Society. The information given and curiosities shown, proved very interesting. Mrs. Morrison, while kept providentially from realizing her heart's desire to return to the foreign field is doing a good work here in stimulating others to "break cocoa-
nuts over the wheels." At the public Anniversary held in May, the Rev. Mr. Rapalje of Amoy, and Mrs. John Newton of India spoke before the Society. Their accounts of the Countries, customs, habits, and needs of the people in those lands, were calculated to excite an earnest desire to help forward the great cause they represented. The Society has pledged itself with the aid of the Sunday School to undertake the support of a pupil in Madanapalle, which will begin as soon as the funds necessary are collected, and in the hands of the Treasurer of the Woman's Board. The Auxiliary closes the year with a membership of twenty-eight.

Utica Reformed Church.—Six regular meetings have been held by the Utica Auxiliary during the year. Monthly meetings have taken the place of the quarterly gatherings with the result hoped for, viz: a larger attendance and greater interest in Missionary intelligence. It has been the earnest endeavor of this Society to help the cause of Missions by its contributions, and by the united prayers of its members that suitable men and women may be sent into the field and enough money for their support may be given by the Churches. The Sunday School sent thirty dollars for the support of a girl in Vellore. In April of last year, a letter was received by Miss Gridley stating that a young girl who had been supported at Miss Scudder's School, Vellore, had died just after her education had been finished, and she was ready to enter upon a useful career. The sad event did not discourage those who had been interested in this young girl, and others are receiving the same generous provisions for their support while in Miss Scudder's School.—A request was made by the President of the Society—that each of the members should every Sunday during the year ask for a blessing on the work of the Mission Bands though no special result could be manifested. A delegation of ladies attended the Classical meetings at Alexandria Bay—and the Conference held at Fonda where hearts were warmed and cheered and fresh interest awakened, as one and another told of the progress of the work.
Warwick Reformed Church.—Fifth Annual Report. "During the past year the monthly meetings of the Society have been regularly held with an average attendance of seventeen. There has been an addition of two new members. We have lost four by withdrawal, and have at present a membership of thirty-nine. Although we have not accomplished all that we might desire, we trust that our "labor has not been in vain in the Lord." We believe that we, as women, have a work to do in hastening the coming of His Kingdom, and we would enter upon another year with a deepened love for the cause, animated with earnest desires and a more consecrated missionary spirit, uplifting the fervent prayer that God will bless our efforts to extend His Kingdom."

Waldon Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary now hold their regular meetings monthly instead of quarterly as heretofore. The Manual of Missions has been received and is gratefully acknowledged. Those who read it feel much more interested in the work than ever before. There are eight subscribers for the Mission Gleaner. Owing to the congregation being widely scattered the Missionary boxes cannot be collected and opened in March when roads are bad, but in June the amounts will be determined. This is but the second year of the Society's work, but those interested are hopeful and earnestly trying to interest others in this good cause.

Westerlo Reformed Church, N. Y.—During the Winter which was very severe, the meetings were held monthly, but they are now held once in two weeks at the houses of the members. The missionary money is raised by monthly subscription. The fee is fixed at ten cents for membership, it being thought best to make it small in order to get as many ladies members as possible. (The Church has been helped by the Board of Domestic Missions, and these efforts to sustain Mission work arise from the regular expenses is certainly a fact which should be highly commended. We follow these labors with our earnest prayers for success and continuation. Cor. Sec.)
Yonkers Reformed Church.—During the fiscal year just closed, which is the Eleventh of our connection with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, we have held monthly meetings with the exception of an interval in the Summer. Devotional exercises, and information in regard to missions, with social converse on the work has formed the character of the meetings—Letters from India, China and Japan, have been read at these meetings which we believe to have been helpful, and stimulating, as they have brought before us the daily life and self-denying lives of our Missionaries, bringing us into a closer and heartier sympathy with both their discouragements and successes—These letters furnish an incentive to greater effort, and give us cause for gratitude that we have been able in any degree to hold up their hands.

The Mission Band grows both in interest and in members. One hundred and thirty-eight names are on the roll, forty-one being boys. The Band has a President, Secretary, Treasurer and eleven teachers. The exercises consist of singing, reading of Bible verses, and remarks by the President. Information is given in regard to the work of Missions, and a story, or something interesting that is applicable to Mission work is read. The children are then given fancy work which they are making for a fair to be held in June, even the boys classes taking a prominent part. The meeting is then closed with the announcement of the number of children present—Singing, and recitation of the Lord's prayer by the Band. It is true, as has been remarked that "the hope of the people is in its children, and to purify and elevate character, the formation should be early laid"—The school supported by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in India, China, and Japan, are centers of religious instruction and influence. The combined energies of our Christian women are necessary to the success of the work. As we enter upon a new year of privilege and responsibility we would earnestly and affectionately urge upon all to come forward and sustain the Board in these efforts for our less favored sisters in heathen lands. Is not our faith and faithfulness to Christ and his cause, tested by our improvement of
these opportunities to serve Him. Shall we not esteem it a
privilege to labor for souls that are perishing for lack of
knowledge which we are able to give them. Shall we not
have our part in this blessed work. Sustaining it by our
efforts, prayers, and gifts.

Report of the Societies connected with the Ladies' Mission-
ary Association. Classis of Cayuga, Alexandria Bay.—The Sec-
retary writes: “Our meetings have been held monthly dur-
ing the year and we have had no cause for discouragement.
We sometimes think more hearts have been interested in the
great work and the purse strings have been a little loosened.”

Canastota.—Foreign Missions were taken up in this Society
for the first time this year. It was decided that the money
obtained from the Mission boxes be devoted to Foreign Mis-
sions. There are sixteen members with an average attend-
ance of eight. The members are hopeful that the coming
year may bring an increased interest with greater gains for
the cause.

Owaseo Outlet.—Eight meetings have been held during the
year at each of which an effort has been made to a love and
interest in the cause of Missions by the reading of articles
bearing directly upon this important work, and by papers
prepared and read by the members pertaining to the same.
The ladies of the Church are doing what they can under the
peculiar circumstances and with their small numbers.

Utica.—A change has been made during the year from
quarterly meetings to monthly, and it is hoped that the in-
terest in them may be thereby increased. The attendance is
not large, but a few faithful members are constant support-
ers. The contributions are for the support of two girls at
Mrs. Scudder's School, Vellore, India; the Sunday-School has
also contributed to the support of a pupil in Mrs. Scudder's
School.
Syracuse.—The attendance at the monthly meetings has improved. At every other meeting an interesting paper on some country has been read. The Treasurer reports liberal contributions sent from the Auxiliary to Dr. Chamberlain, Mrs. Scudder and the support of two girls in Japan—The Sunday School Missionary Society, has also sent donations to the foreign field.
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Albany Madison Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.
Albany First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Albany Third Reformed Church, N. Y.
Acquackanonk Reformed Church, N. J.
Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y.
Adams Station Reformed Church, N. Y.
Amity Reformed Church, N. Y.
Athenia Reformed Church, N. J.
Athenia Mission Band, N. J.
Brooklyn First Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn South Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn Church on the Heights, L. I.
Brooklyn Middle Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn South Bushwick Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn East District Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn Bedford Reformed Church, L. I.
Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Bushnell Reformed Church, Ill.
Boonton Reformed Church, N. J.
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Baskirk's Reformed Church, N. Y.
Bergen Point Reformed Church, N. J.
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Centreville Reformed Church, Mich.
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Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.
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Freehold Reformed Church, N. J.
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Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
Franklin Park Reformed Church, N. J.
Fordham Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.
Guilderland Centre Reformed Church, N. Y.
Grahamsville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Griggstown Reformed Church, N. J.
Gibbsville Reformed Church, Wisconsin.
Hackensack First Reformed Church, N. J.
Hopewell Junction Reformed Church, N. Y.
Holland, Mich., Four Churches.
Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.
Harlem Reformed Church, N. Y.
High Bridge Reformed Church, N. Y.
Herkimer Reformed Church, N. Y.
Hampton, North and South, Pa.
Holmdel Reformed Church, N. J.
Hope Church, Holland, Mich.
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Jersey City First Reformed Church, N. J.
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New Hurley Reformed Church, N. Y.
New York City, Fifth Avenue and 21st Street Reformed Church.
New York City, Prospect Hill Reformed Church.
New Brunswick, Suydam Street Reformed Church, N. J.
New Baltimore Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Philadelphia First, Second, and Third Reformed Church, Pa.
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Pompton Reformed Church, N. J.
Port Jackson Reformed Church, N. Y.
Port Richmond, Staten Island Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Readington Reformed Church, N. J.
Ridgewood Reformed Church, N. J.
Somerville 2d Reformed Church, N. J.
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Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Schenectady, Rotterdam Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Tarrytown Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Tappan Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Vreesland Reformed Church, Mich.
Vishcher's Ferry Reformed Church, N. Y.
Verplanck's Missionary Society, N. Y.
Warwick Reformed Church, N. J.
West Troy South Reformed Church, N. Y.
Wyckoff Reformed Church, N. J.
Waldron Reformed Church, N. Y.
Westerlo Reformed Church, N. Y.
Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.
Zeeland Reformed Church, Mich.

Total number of Auxiliaries, including Mission Bands, 190.
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Nagasaki balance May 1st, 1886: 3277.30

Medical Mission Balance: 307.00
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Total Balance ............................... $3,471 94

MRS. PETER DONALD, Treasurer,
39 West 46th Street, New York.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and compared the
vouchers, finds the same to be correct, and that the balance in the treasury is
three thousand four hundred and seventy-one 94-100 dollars, of which two thousand
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CONSTITUTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY-LAWS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

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

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

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted:

PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

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