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ANNUAL REPORT.

We meet again in the beautiful spring-time for our second annual gathering, that we may review the way by which we have been led, and together humbly and gratefully rejoice in His goodness, who has brought us hitherto, who has given us more than the measure of our faith in the results of the past year, and who, as we believe, has set His seal upon our work as His own.

At the commencement of the year, now completed, our Treasurer's report showed of receipts something over $800, with a pledge from us for the support of one Missionary, four Bible Readers, and six girls in two different Mission Schools, with a membership of three hundred, and three Life Members.

We have now, from the twelve Congregational Churches in New Haven, a membership of nearly 600, and 22 Life Members. Our meetings have been held monthly, with two exceptions, and have shown constantly an increase in numbers and in interest.

Early in the year the importance of interesting neighboring churches in this work was discussed, and a committee was appointed to visit those in the more immediate vicinity, for the purpose of interesting ladies in forming Missionary Societies among themselves. At a subsequent meeting, Mrs. White, Mrs. Prudden, and Mrs. Murdock were appointed a committee to send circular letters to neighboring churches, having this object in view. Their report shows that over 160 letters have been sent, and that owing in large measure to these, together with other influences going out from this society, there are auxiliaries in the two churches of Fair Haven, in West Haven, East Haven, West Meriden, Southbury, Litchfield, Cornwall, North Branford, Old Branford, Madison, Northfield, Northford, Birmingham, Easton, and New Milford.

Early in the autumn, a band of seven little girls, calling themselves "Silver Stars," met twice a week for work, that they might contribute their mite for little heathen girls, and at a parlor sale realized the sum of $70. This little band under the guidance of
Anna Law, who directed their energies, is now consecrated by her death; but she has left as her legacy to them, and to us, the memory of her beautiful example of loving self-consecration to the Master's work. Howard Avenue Church gives us the "Missionary Workers," and S. S. classes pledged to the support of two girls in Mrs. Chandler's school, and one Bible Reader in Madura.

In the Church of the Redeemer we have Mrs. Fairchild's class, who are pledged to the support of one girl in the Mission School. In the Center Church, the "Madura Band," devoted to the Madura Mission, yet all contributing to the same general result, has netted in various sales of fancy articles, over $200, which has been promptly remitted and gratefully acknowledged. These, together with the Grove Hall and Oak Hill Societies, constitute valuable adjuncts to our work.

Let us now cast our eyes abroad over the land which we have occupied. We find Mrs. Edwards at the head of her Seminary of Zulu girls, busy and happy in her work—enlarging her boundaries and strengthening her stakes. Aside from her salary of $420, we have this year sent her nearly $300 additional for the purpose of enlarging her school building, that she may receive a yet greater number who are eager to avail themselves of the privileges of her instruction.

From Marsovan, Turkey, Mrs. Leonard gives a good report of the seventeen girls in Mrs. Fritcher's Seminary, and of the success of Zahonhi, Horepsima, and Excapet, our faithful Bible readers. From the Madura Mission, also, we hear good reports of the two Bible readers, and the sixteen girls under instruction there.

But there is still much land to be possessed. Never before in the history of the world has there been such wide scope offered for the labors and influence of Christian women—never has there been such an urgent demand for the holy activities and earnest efforts of the highly favored women of our own beloved country as now. The grandest possibilities for achieving glory for the great Captain of our salvation are rapidly unfolding themselves. The shackles that for ages have bound millions of our sisters in heathen lands are being loosened, and the power of pagan prejudice is giving way to the illuminating influence of gospel light. There is a glorious harvest to reap for the Master in regions that have heretofore been inaccessible to all educating and Christianizing efforts. Nations sitting in the shadow of death are crying out for light, and starving multitudes stretch forth eager hands for the
bread of life. Let me call your attention, in passing, to some of the more prominent of these: to Japan, where the government is realizing the necessity of the education of women; to Italy, France and Spain, where the Papal power is constrained to relax its hold before the more benign influence of Christ's blessed gospel. In the light of this onward progress of events, we can but realize how much valuable talent is lying unemployed in all our churches, which if consecrated and vitalized by glowing love for Jesus, would cause hosannas to resound to His name in places where as yet the wonderful story of the cross has never been told. The advent of organized effort on the part of woman is an important era in the history of missions; and by combining energies, stimulating activities, and concentrating labors to special ends, will accomplish results, the blessedness of which can only be estimated in the light of eternity.

Heretofore the labors of Christian women for their benighted heathen sisters may have been retarded, owing to the lack of organized effort. But this impediment no longer exists; and there is now a broad and constantly widening field of labor in which all may unite in harmonious action. Here is a sphere for the exercise of woman's noblest powers, which no prejudice can question, and which cannot be circumscribed by fears of doubtful expediency. It is a work in which every woman may have a part, whatever may be her means, employment or position. She may prevail in prayer with God for her oppressed sisterhood, and bring down the Spirit of all truth to enlighten the darkened mind and purify the heart. If she can give but little from her purse, she may give of her personal influence; and whatever may be the obligations of her home duties, she can at least breathe a petition, and utter a word for the good cause. It is by losing our lives in loving self-sacrifice for others that we find our life in its truest sense, even in this world; what then must be the blessed fruition of such a life when the heaveuly rewards shall be accorded?

Mrs. WYLLYS PECK,
Rec. Secretary.
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In the past year we have especially directed our efforts to four fields of Mission work, the Zulu Mission of South Africa, Marsovan in Asiatic Turkey, Madura in southern India, and Foochow in China.

We have assumed the payment of Mrs. Edwards' salary, who has a school at Inanda, a station in the Zulu country (southern Africa), which is included in the English colony of Natal.

Mrs. Edwards gives encouraging accounts of an enlarged school and earnest attention of pupils, who are rapidly improving in moral and Christian education.

Thirty-four girls are in attendance this term. Forty-two have been connected with the school since its commencement. Of these nine became Christians before entering, or after leaving the school, and thirteen have become Christians while connected with the school. In all respects she is greatly encouraged by the progress made after two years of labor. Large numbers have been refused entrance for want of room, but funds have been sent on from Boston to greatly enlarge the school building, toward which the New Haven Branch have contributed nearly $300.

The result of the few years of missionary labor among the Zulus has been marked by a great revolution in the habits of the people under Christian instruction.

On becoming Christians they leave their wretched dirty huts, or kraals, build nice houses, and have the comforts of clean, tidy homes, with well dressed wife and children, living with the refinements of books and intelligent conversation in their families.

Many of the still heathen chiefs are seeking to have a missionary come and live among them, "so that their people may be raised to as high a position as their Christian neighbors."

As to the capacity of the children for learning, Mrs. Lloyd says: "I wish good people in America, who think Africans below white people in talent and quickness, would just take a Zulu school; of course there are stupid ones; but in the experience I have had, as a whole, they are quicker in learning than most white children."
Those who have been regularly in school can all read Zulu down to children of five years of age; and most of those over ten years old can read English too; all can write, some of them very well, and can do a sum in fractions as fast as their pens can fly."

At Marsovan, in the northern part of Turkey in Asia, a little south of the Black Sea, we are supporting three Bible readers under Mrs. Leonard's care, and seventeen girls in Miss Fritcher's school. The Bible women work mostly among the Armenians, who, though professing to be Christians, are ignorant and degraded, with no knowledge of the purity of true Christian precepts.

Zahouhi, one of the readers, in her simple daily journal gives most interesting accounts of the eagerness of the women and children to listen to her teachings. She says under date of June 11th: "Went with three of our Protestant sisters to the Armenian church; took my Bible, hoping to have an opportunity of reading to some who would assemble there. The priest read from the 1st chapter of John. I afterwards asked some of the women if they understood what he said, but they knew nothing. I then opened my testament and read and explained to them, and they said, 'Would that our priest could read so plainly; we can understand your book.' I told them to come every Sabbath to our chapel, and they would hear blessed truths from the same book."

Again under June 20th is this entry: "Went out to the vineyards, and had an opportunity of talking to forty-two souls; four or five Turkish women were among them; one kept close at my side and wanted me to read all day. Thus I spent the day, and had great joy in my heart that the Lord had given me such an opportunity for speaking to so many."

Mrs. Leonard in a letter speaks of this woman Zahouhi having been removed to Amasia, a large and ancient city near Marsovan. The Armenian Bishop resides there, and it is considered an important out-station by the Mission, and they have requested that Zahouhi be removed there.

Mrs. Leonard says of the second Bible reader, Horepsima (appointed recently), "she would have been glad to remain in the school another year, but we felt that she was sufficiently educated for her people, and ought to enter upon active duties at once; and your generous donation enabled us to employ her. The station to which she has gone is her own native home, a village among the mountains to the north east of Marsovan."

The support of a native teacher, Anna Bedorsica, in the Marsovan
school has lately been assumed by the ladies of Madison. She is said to be a valuable assistant, of whom Mrs. Leonard speaks with great affection.

Our appropriations to Madura, our third Mission station, are made through Mrs. Chandler, a missionary of many years residence in India, and a much valued friend of many ladies in New Haven.

She gives encouraging accounts of success in gaining access to the women in their houses, where they find many attentive listeners, and are often urged to return. The names of the women are Gnaperahasen and Samathanum. They have each about twenty houses where they visit and are warmly welcomed, and are reproached if they stay away.

We have sixteen girls in the station boarding school. Mrs. Chandler, in speaking of the necessity of these schools says, "It is impossible to train a girl for systematic usefulness in a day-school, where so many interruptions in regular attendance occur from frivolous causes, that the Christian influence is greatly weakened, and much instruction is lost. The girls in the boarding school are improving daily and preparing for future usefulness among their own people as teachers, or as Christian wives and mothers on whom the future of India depends in raising her from heathenism. There is an increasing desire among these people for the education of their women, so that we cannot neglect the call to send forth laborers where the fields are so ready for the harvest."

Our fourth field, Foochow, is in the most populous part of China, on the Min river, about half way between Canton and Shanghai. The climate is very warm during a great part of the year, but some three or four months of autumn and winter are delightful. Here we have only lately undertaken the support of one girl in Miss Payson's school, and as yet have had no direct communication from her. From the Missionary Herald we learn that Miss Payson's school gives promise of great usefulness, and the people are waking up to the necessity of the education of girls in China.

Mrs. S. WELLS WILLIAMS,
Cor. Secretary.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Woman's Missionary Society in account with Mrs. R. P. Cowles, Treasurer.

EXPENDITURES.
By cash paid printing to date, ................................ $16.55
By remittance to Mrs. Homer Bartlett, Treas. Woman's Board, Boston, ............................................. 2,156.32
By cash on hand to balance account, ........................................ 1,673.37

$3,846.24

RECEIPTS.
To cash from former Treas., April 15, 1871, ........................................ $157.24
To cash from various sources, ........................................ 2,189.00
To legacy from estate of Mrs. Zebul Bradley of the North Church, ........................................................... 1,500.00

$3,846.24

To cash received at annual meeting after above report was made, ........................................ 149.20

BENEFICIARIES.
17 pupils at Marsovan, at $35, ........................................ $595.00
10 pupils at Madura, at $28.75, ........................................ 460.00
1 pupil at Inanda, ........................................ 10.00
1 pupil at Foochow, ........................................ 40.00
1 pupil at Ahmednuggur, ........................................ 20.00
3 Bible readers at Marsovan, at $50.00, ........................................ 150.00
2 Bible readers at Madura, at $50.00, ........................................ 100.00
Salary of Mrs. Edwards, ........................................ 420.00
Enlargement of Mrs. Edwards' school building, ........................................ 290.69
1 Native Teacher, ........................................ 110.00

ASSOCIATE SOCIETIES.

Center Church.
Mrs. C. E. Collins, President; Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, Vice-President; Miss Julia Twining, Sec.; Miss Susan Bradley, Treas.
North Church.
Mrs. Henry N. Day, Pres.; Mrs. S. L. Cady, Sec.; Mrs. A. McAllister, Treas.

Third Church.
Mrs. David Murdoch, Pres.; Mrs. H. Beebe, Sec. and Treas.

College St. Church.
Mrs. Luman Cowles, Pres.; Mrs. R. W. Guernsey, Sec. and Treas.

College Chapel.
Mrs. T. D. Woolsey, Pres.; Miss A. Thacher, Sec. and Treas.

Dwight Place Church.

Howard Ave. Church.
Mrs. O. H. White, Pres.; Mrs. E. S. Minor, Sec. and Treas.

Davenport Church.
Mrs. J. W. Partridge, Pres.; Mrs. F. W. Pardee, Sec. and Treas.

Church of the Redeemer.
Mrs. Lewis Fitch, Pres.; Mrs. G. P. Prudden, Sec.; Mrs. Fairchild, Treas.

Taylor Church.

Temple St. Church.
Mrs. Cassell.

Grove Hall School.
Miss S. G. Williams, Pres. (Peking, China); Miss M. E. Gear, Sec. and Treas. (Burlington, Iowa).

Fair Haven 1st Church.
Mrs. H. T. Staats, Pres.; Mrs. Willis Hemingway, Sec.; Mrs. Dr. Parker, Treas.

Fair Haven 2d Church.
Mrs. J. S. C. Abbott, Pres.

West Haven.
Mrs. James B. Reynolds, Pres.

Oak Hill Seminary.
Mrs. E. Atwater, Pres.; Miss S. E. Smith, Sec. and Treas.
East Haven.
Mrs. D. W. Havens, Pres.; Mrs. H. C. Hurd, Sec.; Mrs. Caroline Thompson, Treas.

West Meriden.
Mrs. N. B. Wilder, Pres.; Mrs. Wm. L. Gaylord, Cor. Sec.; Miss Rosa Hinman, Rec. Sec. and Treas.

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Mrs. Hartwell, Pres.; Mrs. M. A. Hooker, Sec. and Treas.

Madison.
Mrs. Wm. Wilcox, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. D. Tuttle, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Samuel Griswold, Treas.

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Mrs. Lydia Stone, Pres.; Mrs. H. C. Monson, Sec. and Treas.

Litchfield.
Mrs. Geo. C. Woodruff, Pres.; Mrs. H. B. Elliott, Sec. and Treas.

North Branford.
Mrs. Alpheus Stillson, Pres.; Miss Mary E. Wheadon, Sec.; Miss N. W. Bunnell, Treas.

Branford.
Mrs. E. C. Baldwin, Pres.; Mrs. Lynde Frisbie, Sec.; Mrs. Anna Babcock, Treas.

Easton.
Mrs. Caroline Jenning, Pres.;* Mrs. Martin Dudley, Sec.; Mrs. Lewey Griswold, Treas.

New Milford.
Mrs. J. B. Bonar, Pres.; Mrs. Isaac Bristol, Vice-Pres.; Miss Charlotte B. Bennett, Sec.; Miss Carrie C. Mygatt, Treas.

Birmingham.
Mrs. Wm. T. Bacon, Pres.; Mrs. Shelton, Treas.

Northfield.
Miss Elizabeth Camp, Pres.; Miss Laura Catlin, Sec.; Miss Mary Peck, Treas.

Northford.
Mrs. G. DeF. Folsom, Pres.; Miss Mary M. Maltby, Sec. and Treas.

* Since deceased.
The Associate Societies have contributed the following sums:

Center Church, New Haven, .............................................. $520.50*
(Of this, from 3 ladies for 3 girls at Marsovan, $115.00—
from 6 ladies, for Bible Reader, $50.00, and for 2d Bible
Reader, $25.00.)

College Street Church, ......................................................... $167.30
(2 Sabbath School classes, $20.00, from ladies, $30.00, for
Bible Reader at Marsovan; for pupil at Marsovan,
$35.00.)

Howard Avenue Church, .............................................. $221.56†
(Missionary Workers, $40.35; 5 classes little girls Sab­
bath School, $25.00; Infant class, Sabbath School,
$25.00; Sabbath School, for Bible Reader, $46.63.)

Third Church, ............................................................... $175.00
(For pupil at Marsovan, by lady, $27.00; for pupil in
Marsovan, by Sabbath School class, $20.00; for pupil
in India, by Infant class, Sabbath School, $20.00.)

Church of the Redeemer, ......................................................... 149.00
(Pupil at Madura, by lady, $25.00; pupil at Marsovan,
Sabbath School class, $35.00.)

North Church, ............................................................... $247.85
(2 pupils at Marsovan, from "Silver Star circle," $70.00;
"Home Workers," $32.00; 5 little girls, $6.06; lady,
for Bible Reader, $10.00.)

Grove Hall School, ............................................................... $65.50
(For 3 pupils at Madura.)

Yale College Church, ......................................................... $157.00
(Bible Reader at Marsovan, 4 ladies, $30.00.)

Howe Street Church, ............................................................... $12.00
(Bible Reader at Madura, by lady, $10.00.)

Davenport Church, ............................................................... $36.75
(Sunday School class, "Cheerful Givers," $8.25; Sunday
School class, $3.50.)

Temple Street Church, ............................................................... $17.80

Taylor Church, ............................................................... $5.02

First Church in Fair Haven, ............................................................... $63.00

Second Church in Fair Haven, ............................................................... $43.50

East Haven, ............................................................... $45.20

West Haven, ............................................................... $30.00
(Oak Hill Seminary, for 1 pupil at Madura, $25.00.)

* $90.00 private donation.  † $96.63 private donation.
West Meriden,  .........................................................................$134.00
(From Mrs. Sarah H. Booth, 1 pupil at Marsovan, $35.00;
and L. M., $25.00.)
North Branford,  .................................................................$$9.00
Northfield,  ...........................................................................$32.00
Easton,  ...............................................................................$16.05
Madison,  ............................................................................$110.00
(For native Teacher at Marsovan.)
Cornwall—1 pupil at Marsovan,  ...........................................$33.00
Southbury—1 pupil at Foochow, China,  ...........................$40.00
Whitneyville—Mrs. Gibbs Gilbert, for pupil at Marsovan, $35.00
Milford—Mr. John Benjamin,  ..............................................$3.00
Miss Wadsworth, New Haven,  ..........................................$1.00

MISSION CIRCLES.

Youths' Mission Circle.—Third Church.
Madura Band.—Center Church.
Silver Stars, Home Workers.—North Church.
Missionary Workers.—Howard Ave. Church.
Little Helpers.—Cornwall.

LIFE MEMBERS W. B. MISSIONS.

Center Church.—Mrs. Augustus R. Street, Mrs. O. P. Hubbard
Mrs. Julia Dickerman, Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, Miss H. T. Hubbard.
North Church.—Mrs. Edward L. Clark, Mrs. Sarah L. Cady.
Third Church.—Mrs. Wm. A. Ives, Miss Rose Stevens.
Church of the Redeemer.—Mrs. Lewis Fitch, Mrs. B. Hague.
Miss Lily Prudden.
College St. Church.—Mrs. R. P. Cowles, Mrs. E. S. Fabrique.
Yale College Church.—Mrs. Samuel Harris, Mrs. Edgar L.
Hermance.
Howard Avenue Church.—Mrs. O. H. White, Miss Lota White.
West Haven.—Mrs. George Wells.
Meriden.—Mrs. S. H. Booth.
Milford.—Miss A. A. Benjamin.
Marsovan.—Mrs. A. A. Leonard.
REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Bright skies and sunshine ushered in the 14th of May, and with it came the 2d annual meeting of the Womans' Missionary Society of New Haven, hereafter to be known as the New Haven Branch of the Womans' Board of Missions. At 10 o'clock, the ladies began to assemble at the North Church. It was pleasant to greet familiar faces, but it was an additional pleasure to see groups of those whose faces were not familiar—delegates from our newly formed associate societies—of which we have seventeen, in addition to the twelve in New Haven; with a membership of about fifteen hundred. We hailed them as co-workers in what, as one well said, is "of all good works in these working days the best;" even as work for eternity and the immortal soul infinitely outweighs that which ends with time and the perishing body.

The exercises were opened by singing the hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed!"

followed by reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Walker; after which our President, Mrs. O. P. Hubbard, took the chair, and called upon the delegates to record their names. From Jersey City, Mrs. G. B. Wilcox represented the Philadelphia Branch; from Fair Haven, Mrs. H. T. Staats and Mrs. Dr. Parker; West Haven, Mrs. J. B. Reynolds; East Haven, Mrs. H. C. Hurd, Miss Sara C. Upson, Mrs. A. R. Street, and Mrs. E. A. Street; West Meriden, Mrs. N. B. Wilder, Mrs. F. E. Hinman, Mrs. Edward Allen, Mrs. Julius Pratt, Mrs. A. Merriam, Mrs. Camp, and Miss Rice; Meriden, Mrs. Edward Hungerford; Madison, Mrs. D. Tuttle, Mrs. F. M. Lee, Mrs. S. H. Scranton, and Mrs. Wilcox; Birmingham, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Wm. T. Bacon, Mrs. Shelton, Miss Bassett, and Miss A. W. A. Bowdoin. The Reports of the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, were read and accepted; after which Mrs. Prudden read a report stating that the committee appointed in October to correspond with the churches respecting the formation of societies, where there were none, had ascertained that in the three counties of Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven, there were over one hundred and twenty such churches, to the ladies of each of which a letter has been addressed, accompanied by circulars, reports, copies of Life and Light, etc. In reply we have had very gratifying expressions
of thanks for the effort thus made to call their attention to this "noble work for women." One says, "We have thought much on this subject, but have been waiting the special call of the Master, which we think has now come." Another writes, "We feel already rewarded for the efforts we have made by the increased attendance on our prayer meetings." In some instances, pastors have warmly recommended the cause from their pulpits, resulting in the immediate organization of efficient societies. The Society thus formed at Madison, has over 250 members, and supports one of the best of our native teachers. At East Haven, through the efforts of one lady, every sister in the church was visited, and nearly every one is pledged to their work. Over 100 letters have been written by this committee, and though, in answer, some churches have pleaded as an excuse church debts, or church enlargement, or their previous regular contributions; in others we have been encouraged to see with what peculiar blessing the Lord has visited those who, under the same difficulties, have set themselves to do what they could; thus showing, as one of them said, that the surest way for the kingdom of God to be built up in our midst is to aid in building it throughout the world.

Mrs. Cora W. Tomson was then introduced, who, having given herself to the work of foreign missions, is expecting soon to leave us, and to be connected with the "Home" in Constantinople; her hearty consecration to the work, and the hope she expressed "that nothing would prevent her from entering upon it," touched the hearts of those who heard her. Our earnest prayers will follow her.

After which the committee reported the following officers, who were re-elected:

President, Mrs. O. P. Hubbard; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. Wells Williams; Recording Sec., Mrs. Wylyss Peck; Treasurer, Mrs. R. P. Cowles.

Earnest remarks upon the importance of the work, and of the encouragement to carry it forward, were made by Mrs. Hubbard, and of the help which was to be obtained alone from prayer, recommending that the members of the Society observe the Sabbath concert of prayer, each one choosing some hour of the holy day to intercede with God for his blessing on missionary labors. A letter was read from the Parent Society at Boston, welcoming us as a Branch, and wishing us success; after which Mrs. Hubbard stated that a great increase of labor is consequent upon this enlargement of our boundaries; and that at a meeting in April notice was given, that an amendment to our constitution, which should provide for
a larger number of officers, would be brought forward at this time, and also that the Pres. was empowered to draft such an amendment, and also certain resolutions respecting our work in the future.

The amendment and resolutions were then presented and adopted, and, in accordance with the former, it was resolved that two or more Vice-Presidents, and two Cor. Secretaries be appointed. Mrs. Theodore D. Woolsey, Mrs. James D. Dana, and Mrs. David Murdoch were appointed Vice-Presidents; Mrs. O. H. White, and Mrs. G. P. Prudden, Cor. Secretaries. Reports were read from the Societies in the 1st and 2d Churches in Fair Haven, also from those in East and West Haven. Mrs. N. B. Wilder, wife of a retired Home Missionary, read a report from West Meriden, Mrs. D. Tuttle also one from the very vigorous Society in Madison. An invitation was given extending hospitality to delegates and friends from abroad, and the morning session was closed.

The afternoon exercises, at 2 o'clock, opened with singing:

"Daughter of Zion from the dust."

After which Rev. Dr. Bush, of the A. B. C. F. M., led in prayer, and in a short and stirring address showed what the Bible had done for woman in Turkey, explaining by a chart the situation of different missionary stations and schools there. Rev. Mr. Marsh, of the Theological Seminary, who is expecting soon to join the mission to Eski-Zagra, followed in a short address. After the gentleman had retired, Mrs. Whiting, formerly of the Baptist mission to Assam, gave an account of what she had seen there. Recalling the promise she had made the Lord, that if she was obliged to return to her native country, she would endeavor to induce christian women to engage in this work for Jesus; though unaccustomed to address public audiences, she could not decline; but relying on divine aid, had come to redeem that promise. The accounts she gave of mission work, and especially of the life and death of two young women who had been in her family, touched all hearts, while they gave a fresh proof of the power of God's grace. Mrs. W. F. Williams, late of Mardin, Turkey, gave a clear and very interesting account of that mission field, speaking with great ease, and leaving impressions that will not soon be effaced. Mrs. G. B. Wilcox, of the Philadelphia Branch, and Pres. of the Auxiliary at Jersey City, extended their cordial greetings, and gave a short and pleasant account of the workings of their Society, alluding to the tie of sisterhood which bound them to the new Branch at New Haven. In behalf of which, in few words, Mrs.
O. H. White returned greetings and congratulations, hoping that both might so labor and bear fruit that the “angel of the church of Philadelphia,” and of the church of New Haven might “write them” faithful, and that at last they might be found Branches of the “true vine,” which the “husbandman” would own. A report of the Howard Ave. Church was read. Mrs. Prudden, delegate to the annual meeting of the Phil. Branch, gave an interesting account of the meeting at Newark, especially of the large number of Mission Circles; special effort having been made to interest the young, and induce them to earn and deny themselves something to contribute for the cause of missions. There were reports of interest from Societies connected with the North Church, the Center and 3d Churches, the Church of the Redeemer, College St., College Chapel, and Davenport Churches, and from several other Associates which, for want of time, were reserved for another occasion. But time had flown while we thus sat in the “courts of the Lord,” and our precious meeting drew to a close; but we hope from that parting hour there have gone forth those who will work for Christ. Not one had listened to the moving recitals, whose personal responsibility was not increased, or who stood in the same place as before, as related to the missionary work. The meeting closed with singing:

"Shall we whose souls are lighted."

MRS. O. H. WHITE, Cor. Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Society shall be called the “The Woman’s Missionary Society of New Haven,” Auxiliary to the “Woman’s Board of Missions” in Boston.

Art. II. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually.

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

Art. IV. All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Board of Missions, for the purposes of their organization.
Art. V. Any person may become a member of this Society, by the payment, annually, of not less than one dollar.*

Art. VI. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, notice of their intention having been given at a previous meeting.

Art. VII. By amendment, May 14, 1872, resolved that we add to the previous number of officers two or more Vice-Presidents, and two Corresponding Secretaries.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 14, 1872.

Resolved, 1st—That the Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the New Haven Branch of the W. B. M., shall hold regular monthly meetings, where one-third shall be a quorum for transaction of business; to them shall be submitted all documents designed for publication, all official letters, and the minutes of proceedings of the Society. They shall warn special meetings when necessary, recommend the appropriation of funds, and attend to all that concerns the well-being of the Society.

Resolved, 2d—While we acknowledge with humble gratitude that God has so far blessed our efforts to enlarge our usefulness, we will continue to commend this good work to our friends in other churches, and that we will do all in our power to bring it to the notice of every woman in the congregations with which we are connected. Any number of ladies contributing ten dollars annually may become associated with our Branch, and we pledge ourselves to provide them with copies of missionary letters, and interesting communications, for use at their meetings.

Resolved, 3d—That the appropriation of funds to special objects shall be made semi-annually, in November and April, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at those meetings.

* By subsequent vote, any sum contributed constitutes the donor a member for one year.
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