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NOTICE.

The next annual meeting of the Branch will be held on the second Tuesday of May, 1893.

Monthly meetings of the Branch are held in New Haven, at 3 P. M., on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of May, July, August and September.

Letters from missionaries, manuscript papers, leaflets and maps can be obtained from Miss Ellen M. Prichard, 250 Church street, New Haven.

Reports of the annual meetings of societies, all questions or communications relating to the general work of the Branch and requests for pledged work should be sent to the Home Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Miller, 69 Lake Place, New Haven.

Address letters with money, to Miss Julia Twining, 314 Prospect street, New Haven. All checks should be made payable to the order of the Treasurer.

Twenty-five dollars given by one person at one time constitutes an individual a Life Member of the W. B. M.; and may also be used for specific work. One hundred dollars given by a society during the year may constitute a Life Member and be used for specific work.

The Missionary Library has about two hundred volumes, which subscribers may draw before, or after each monthly meeting or at other times by applying to Miss Landfear, 125 St. John street. The yearly subscription is twenty-five cents, or the gift of any suitable book not already in the library.

We call attention to the following publications:

“Life and Light.” Sixty cents a year, in advance.

“Mission Dayspring,” a monthly periodical for children. Address Secretary of Life and Light, Cong. House, Boston, Mass. $3.00 for twenty-five copies to one address per annum, postpaid. Ten copies, $1.50. Less than ten, twenty cents each.

“Mission Studies.” Price, thirty-five cents per annum. Address Secretary of the Woman’s Board of the Interior, (Room 603), 59 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

The observance of the hour from 5 to 6 P. M. each Sabbath in prayer for missions is earnestly commended.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ______ dollars in trust, to pay over the same after my decease, to the person then acting as Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions, to be used for the objects of said society.
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Miss Emma M. Barnum, Harpoot, E. Turkey, " 330.00
Mrs. Fannie G. Bond, Monastir, Bulgaria, " 400.00
Mrs. Elizabeth DeForest, Sendai, Japan, " 675.00
Mrs. Gertrude C. Eaton, Chihuahua, Mexico, " 600.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Lindley, South Africa, " 450.00
Miss Flora A. Fensham, Constantinople, W. Turk., " 440.00
*Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume, Bombay, W. India, " 675.00
Miss Cornelia Judson, Matsuyama, Japan, " 450.00
Miss Dency T. M. Root, Madura, India, " 374.00
Miss Elizabeth M. Trowbridge, Aintab, Turkey, " 480.00

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The Devotional Service which followed was conducted by Miss Gilman, President of the Eastern Connecticut Branch. After reading the 18th verse of the sixth of Ephesians, Miss Gilman said that every Saturday afternoon the "Inland Mission" hold a Prayer Meeting at their rooms in London, and mention by name each missionary in their mission. She added,—"Shall not we now have prayers for each of our twelve missionaries, beginning with Mrs. Edwards, of South Africa?" Mrs. DeForest and Miss Judson were next mentioned. Miss Gilman spoke of the joy Miss Andrews felt in returning to China, and requested prayers for her. Then followed petitions for Mrs. Eaton who returned to Mexico only two months ago. Said Miss Gilman, "We are rich in missionaries in Turkey; let us have prayers for Miss Barnum of Harpoot, Miss Fensham of the Girls' College, Constantinople, and Miss Trowbridge of Aintab." Miss Gilman then took up—in this rosary of bright jewels—Mrs. Bond of Bulgaria, Mrs. Sibley of Wai, India, and Miss Dency Root of Madura, India, and prayer for them closed this brief, but very tender and devout little service.

Miss Child in speaking on Junior Work, congratulated the Branch on the wonderful success of the missionary movement in the Endeavor Societies. It was an inspiration on the part of somebody to combine the services of the College Volunteer Students and the latent energies of the Endeavor Societies. It is worthy of recognition that in no church has the regular missionary society diminished in numbers, zeal or contributions. On the contrary there has been a tendency toward increase in all directions. There must be more children's circles. Mothers say, "My children are in so many things, they cannot go to the missionary meeting."
We must impress upon the mothers that the best things are the most important. She earnestly appealed to young ladies to find real happiness in becoming leaders of children's bands.

Mrs. Tracy spoke of her work in Marsovan, Turkey, where she has been for the last twenty-five years. In the early days of the school at Marsovan, native girls had to be urged to attend and their expenses had to be paid by the mission. Now all are eager to learn, and as far as possible pay their own expenses. Twenty-five dollars supports a girl in this school one year! There are ten bands of "King's Daughters" in the school and all are loyal to the king's commands, doing "whatsoever their hands find to do." In one instance this was done by carrying breakfast every morning to a poor old woman. A wonderful religious influence has pervaded the school of late. One girl said, "It is like a little heaven here." The "Mothers' Meeting" is considered a very necessary part of the work in Marsovan, and it is connected with the "Maternal Association" in Boston. The mothers are earnest in their efforts to bring up their children to be Christians. Often children convert their mothers. Among the four thousand women who called upon Mrs. Tracy one year, she found many of the mothers had become Christians through the influence of their children; sometimes from the continued repeating of texts, as:—"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son," etc. Mrs. Tracy spoke of the help the children of missionaries give to their parents. Her own little child of four years knew the story of the gospel and told it to others. This was an example to the native Christians of the way their children should be brought up. Mrs. Tracy closed by appealing to mothers not to hinder their children from
becoming missionaries. "If God calls your children, don't hinder them." Before the prayer with which Mrs. McLaughlin of Litchfield closed the morning session, she made an earnest appeal for a higher type of consecrated womanhood. Luncheon was then served in the pleasant chapel of the United Church. A new feature was introduced in the Sectional Conferences from 1.30 to 2 p. m. One for Auxiliaries and Vice-Presidents, another for Mission Circles, and one for Christian Endeavor Societies. Large numbers attended these brief gatherings. As regards the last named, the leaders say that in spite of limited time and accommodations, the value of such opportunities for leaders and officers to come together was fully demonstrated. In the Mission Circle Conference the need of devotional meetings, and practical suggestions from successful leaders as to how to occupy the fingers, and to conduct meetings for children and young people occupied the time most helpfully. The leader of the Christian Endeavor Conference speaks of it as helpful and practical, and says that those attending showed themselves alive to the grand possibilities of the movement. The audience assembled at 2.15 for the afternoon session, which opened with a hymn. The success which attended the "new departure" in relying on the audience for the necessary motions, etc., was so gratifying that hereafter the same policy will be pursued.

Immediately after the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mrs. Cady, in behalf of the Executive Committee, welcomed Miss Daggett to the Presidential chair, in words of cordial appreciation, regard and support.

After prayer by Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Hinsdale of West Winsted read the following tribute to Mrs. Hart, which struck a responsive chord in the heart of every woman present.
"It seems fitting that as the name of Mrs. Burdett Hart will, in connection with this Branch, in future be enrolled as honorary, we who have been associated with her so many years, should have the privilege of lingering a little, and looking over that which has been wrought through this Branch, in its home relations since the May meeting in 1874, when she became its president. 'He shall make in the desert a highway for our God' seems almost literally fulfilled in the progress of missionary knowledge and interest during these eighteen years. Previous to this, there were of course missionary concerts, but they were poorly sustained and were not general in the churches. We in Litchfield county knew of the Cornwall School and all about Obookiah; and Samuel J. Mills was a household word; but the aroma of saintly missionary lives was fast disappearing. There was a general impression over all our churches that we should do something for the heathen, so we all took the 'Missionary Herald' and gave a little money. But missionary work in which women and children were an important factor was unknown, and a woman permeated with a love for foreign missions was exceptional. Now, in the four counties constituting the New Haven Branch, there are very few churches without missionary enterprise among either young or old. If in the monthly gatherings of each of these 122 auxiliaries, two earnest prayers are offered, what a wealth of petition is presented before God. The enlarged outlook of our women, the hours made brighter by the missionary literature which comes with them, the new Christian friendships which are formed, and above all the necessity of personal union with God in preparation for service—bring untold blessings. In this spirit of Christian fellowship, neighborhood infelicities wither,
and the social gathering which often follows the religious service cements friendliness and sends all home with a truly spiritual uplift. For the indefatigable corps of workers in New Haven, who, by letter, by hospitality unfailing, by word and by deed have stimulated and helped us; we who annually come up here would render thanksgiving for all which under God has been wrought through them.

And we would tarry in sacred thought and profound thankfulness for the life of Mrs. Prudden here, and the heavenly fruition upon which she, as one of the founders of this Branch, has entered. No service was too wearying, or too humble, which she could render in behalf of this cause. Her soul beheld with joy the progress of the work. With our county-meetings, with all our plans for aggressive work, she is indelibly associated, and a review of any department would be incomplete without recalling her intense interest in its plans.

In the early days of the Branch, Mrs. Hart, as president, went touring through some portions of her domain, forming auxiliary societies. Great success attended this work. Said one of blessed memory, 'as soon as I saw Mrs. Hart, I knew we had to have a missionary society, so I sent the children to tell the sexton to ring the bell, and tell the neighbors to come to missionary meeting.'

The fact is, we have rested ourselves and sunned ourselves under our beloved leader all these years, and we older ones shall find it difficult to enter on a new leadership. In this camp of live and interested workers, some of us know exactly how things ought to be done, and we have rather intended to have them done in our way. But the same tact which made the formation of a missionary society an assured thing, adjusted conflicting opinions, and brought forth harmony. As the question
ran along the lines, 'Knowest thou that the Lord will
take away thy Master from thy head to-day,' there has
been the same overflow of feeling in all our societies,
and virtually the same answer as of old, 'Yea, I know
it, hold ye your peace.'

We all love Mrs. Hart, every one of us. We New
England people don't know how to say tender things
easily. There is a certain bedewing of the eye, and a
certain huskiness of voice which betrays and embar­
rasses us. We are not to part with her. Her name
will stand first on our record; her love, her sympathy,
and her help will be ours, as long as life lasts.

'So others shall
Take patience, labor, to their heart and hand,
From thy hand, and thy heart and thy brave cheer,
And God's grace, fructify through thee to all.'"

We cannot speak too warmly of the spirit of Miss
Hinsdale's paper. It carried weighty and significant
facts and a throng of beautiful meanings between the
lines.

Miss Hart then read this message, pencilled from her
mother's sick bed that morning.

"Beloved, I cannot do less, I cannot do more, than to
send you my dear LOVE, spelled in capitals; at the
same time thanking you again for your kindness, for­
bearance, and sympathy through all these years. I
would not add to your glad songs to-day one refrain on
the minor key, but would rejoice rather in the privileges
we have enjoyed together so long, and in the assurance
that you will sometimes give me a place in your loving
prayers. I want to bespeak for my successor, my dear
friend, Miss Daggett, your cordial support. Let her
have from this day a sure place in your confidence and
affection. Let all these officers whom you have elected build upon your strength and helpfulness. Be loyal to them, be loyal to our dear Woman's Board, above all, loyal to the Divine Master who permits us to be co-workers with Him in saving the world. I give you joy, you who may with health and vigor do woman's part in these closing years of the century. We hear much of the wonderful opportunities at the front. There is a real corresponding challenge for those 'who hold the ropes' at home. Every earnest use of your voice finds an echo in the air; every trace of the pen finds a ready response. I feel it in the atmosphere, this waiting responsiveness. Christian women cannot come down to trivialities in such times as these; the very stones would cry out. Work for your treasuries; work for enlarged membership; work for a higher consecration of time, of purse, of heart to Christ and His cause. 'So stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.'"

In response to this, the following rising vote was unanimously passed—that "We send to Mrs. Hart our loving endorsement of all that Miss Hinsdale has said of her labors and successes in the New Haven Branch (directing at the same time that Miss Hinsdale's words be sent to her), and return to her an even more loving response to her own message to us."

Mrs. Karmarkar spoke briefly of her preparation for medical work and the great need of medical missionaries. Among the 140,000,000 women of India, there are only fifty-five lady physicians. Owing to early marriages and the lack of any knowledge of preventives and cure of all ailments, there is much disease and imperative need of female physicians.

Mrs. Hume spoke next and alluded to Mrs. Karmarkar in the tenderest manner. She spoke of her as the
daughter of one of their Christian families in Bombay; as one of her own school-girls; and rejoiced in the benefits Mrs. Karmarkar would be able to confer on the women of her people in the exercise of her profession. Mrs. Hume added that Mrs. Karmarkar had graduated with honor from the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia, and after the required hospital practice would return to India.

Turning to the map of the island and city of Bombay, which she had previously drawn on the black-board, Mrs. Hume pointed out, not only the natural situation, but the points at which the mission house and the schools were located, and the various quarters where the mission ought to begin aggressive work; lack of funds and workers being the only draw-backs to immediate possession of advantageous and strategic outposts.

The workers are so pressed there is little time to write home the graphic accounts of the work, so much desired by the rear-guard.

Some hints were given of the multifarious duties of a missionary wife and mother, who is at the same time hostess, visitor, teacher, editor and translator. Holding up for the audience to view a copy of a magazine, called, "Sweet Counsels for the Young," which is conducted and edited by her, she said, "This is my eighth child. It has taken as much time as any one of my children, though most of the work in editing it has been done after nine o'clock at night."

Copies of several little books were shown, such as "Christie's Old Organ," and others, which had been translated into Marathi. Try to imagine what these few books and the magazine must be to the native Christians, many of whom have only small portions of
the Bible, and almost no Christian literature. The hearts of the people are full of gratitude for all that is done for them. Their joy is great whenever the cornerstone of a Christian school is laid. They are sympathetic, too. Once she had been ill a long time, when one day a young girl came and told Mr. Hume he must allow her to see his wife. As soon as the girl entered the sick-room she said, "Mrs. Hume, you are going to get well." "What makes you think so?" "Because," answered the girl, "my father has prayed every day for your recovery. Each day he has come home very sad, but to-night he came home very joyful and told us that Mrs. Hume was going to get well; and when we asked him how he knew, he said, 'I prayed till the Lord made me sure.'"

After Mrs. Choate had offered prayer for Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Montgomery read a paper which stirred the audience in her own inimitable manner. She dwelt on the dignity of our opportunity—that to us is given power to become "Sons of God." It is on this account he asks our help. "And how have we apprehended our high privilege? How much have we learned of the secret of the Lord, which would make it possible for Him to communicate Himself to us yet more fully? If we neglect to work with God in His redemption of man, we rob our souls of the very best He has to give us—His ineffable joy! Dr. Behrends wrote, 'The question is not whether the heathen will perish without the gospel—but whether you and I can be saved unless we do as we have been commanded.'"

In speaking of the treasury, she considered that the reason some auxiliaries had not raised as much as others might lie in the fact that the treasuries of such auxiliaries might have been overworked and overstrained
heretofore. Her remedy and suggestion most forcibly put was—that we turn "to our magnificent forest-acres of uninterested church members—cut down the trees—haul out the stumps and roots—burn the land over. Back-breaking work? Of course it is! It requires pluck and push and resolution—yes, and a large faith. But somebody did it once for these other fields. Or, if the fields are already rid of trees and stumps and brush—if thistles and burdocks have long run riot there, then we must get down on our knees if necessary and root them out—make those fields, also, fair and ready for God's service in blessing mankind."

In closing, she spoke of "the need which never seems to get filled according to God's ideal for us, and His gracious provision for it—the Spirit of the living God! True, it is to be had for the asking, but I do not believe God will ever pour it out, unless he sees under the asking, capacity and will worthily to use it. Spiritual capacity is developed through obedience. It is not His way to waste such gifts. There is such a thing as 'dwelling in the secret place of the most High.' And to dwell there means infinitely more than to make occasional transient calls. Unless we solemnly and lovingly will to take up our abode there, how can we help Him carry out His magnificent plans for redeeming this world."

This "last word" of Mrs. Montgomery's, we commend to the reverent consideration "of all the churches."

Miss Child said in beginning her remarks that the mother-board in Boston was bearing a great burden, and the children should share it. It seemed as if word could not be sent to the missionaries, of a falling off after the gain of last year. There was a project on foot for a self-denial week. The Salvation Army had gained
over $200,000 in this way. We know that the Lord is preparing the way for the conversion of the world. It seems wonderful that we should have a part in this, His work, but we have only to do our little part faithfully. In closing she referred to the resignation of Mrs. Hart, speaking in behalf of the Woman's Board, in words most fitting and true, of the comfort, hope and stay Mrs. Hart had ever been to the Board, and the great reliance always placed on her responsiveness and helpfulness. It could never be forgotten that Mrs. Hart was the originator of the whole scheme of Branches of the W. B. M., which had so augmented both interest and treasuries. The Board had never felt it could decide on new projects, or policies or adjust difficulties, without her counsel. As in the past, so would it be in the future; for Mrs. Hart is elected to the list of active Vice-Presidents of the W. B. M. After prayer and the singing of the doxology, the meeting adjourned.

Idalina Darrow.
REPORT OF THE
RECORDING SECRETARY.

To-day we celebrate the twenty-first birthday of the New Haven Branch. In the life of an individual, that is often an occasion for great rejoicing, mingled with the burden of new responsibilities. To us as a Branch it comes with a divided significance; with much to report over which we cannot rejoice, but with a sense of responsibility deepened and strengthened by the very losses that make us sad. As a Branch we can fitly adapt and adopt the familiar individual words:

"When other helpers fail, and change . . . I see, O Thou, who changest not, abide with me."

The treasurer reports that about one-half of the older societies have advanced on last year's gifts, but the others have fallen off so much that the total from auxiliaries is about $1,500 less than in 1891.

The mission circles have exceeded the point reached by them, and the Y. P. S. C. E. have given to our treasury about $1,200 more than in 1891.

An upward leap in activity and contributions, like the twenty-five per cent. advance of 1891, could hardly be of yearly recurrence; but to fall back from the level then reached means melancholy failure and harm. We can do every year at least as much as we have done, and our progress should be always on an upward incline.

We would remember, however, that the treasury is not the only pulse by which we can test our Branch heart-beats; and in order that we may not fail of an
"all-round" judgment, I have asked Mrs. Montgomery for some of her personal impressions, as she has come in close contact with societies and with individuals. She says: "One thing that has deeply impressed me is the devout and earnest character of our force of workers. Another, the real spirit of willing helpfulness which often lies dormant, but, when aroused, leaps forth in loving activities. Then the practical question is, How awaken it? I believe our young women, with God's help, can do much. When they undertake, they magnificently accomplish. Let individuals of them resolve that, beginning to-day, Christ's far-off work shall be brought close to all they know, and it will be done. They are not responsible for results; just do the thing. A leaflet a week, carried or sent with a message of urgent and loving desire, would beget so much that one is saddened at the loss when it is not done. Our Bureau of Information offers increasingly valuable help in this direction. Get the seed in, and trust God for a full growth of interest to begin with in the autumn. 'Scattered people' are just the thing for this sort of work. But where are the young women? Some of them are here to-day. Will they consent to undertake this for the Branch for one year, and see what will come of it?

Another conviction grows upon me: we must work with gladness and learn to rejoice in tribulation, as best evidence that God is exercising the muscles of our faith. Sure it is we never can learn to walk by faith, if it is always daylight with us.

The profoundest conviction of all is that God is faithful to all His promises, and we are to continue 'Instant in prayer.'"

The presence in this country during the last year of two of our own missionaries, Mrs. Edward Hume of
Bombay and Mrs. Eaton of Mexico, has given special reality and vividness to our already warm affection for them. At our monthly Branch meetings we have listened with the greatest pleasure to both Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hume, Mrs. Eaton, and Mrs. Atkinson of Japan. But, in this connection, an additional responsibility rests upon us. We overwork our missionaries when they come home for rest, for the sake of stimulating our own zeal and efficiency. The fairness of that proceeding may justly be questioned; but at the very least, we are bound to see that just so much increase of our love, prayer and gifts for their work should be their compensation for our demands upon their, so-called, vacation.

The usual officers’ gathering was held in November, and our practical efficiency is always increased thereby.

At the Children’s meeting on Good Friday, held as usual in Center Church, Rev. Mr. Luckey presiding, Rev. Mr. Hume gave a most interesting talk to the children; and a wonderful missionary clock rang out the hours with such Biblical accuracy as left us no shadow of doubt that it kept good time.

We gladly chronicle the organization of three new auxiliaries, at Prospect, Branford and Durham. These are the results of much earnest effort and prayer.

The record of the mission circle department shows the usual fluctuations among the circles already enrolled, but there is a decided lack of the new organizations which are so essential to the future of the department. If only more women would consecrate their God-given talent for winning and entertaining children, we could look forward more confidently to the future. One new circle, at Watertown, is reported. Much interest was manifested in a box of prizes sent to Miss Dency Root in the autumn, and the letters written, expressing the
interest in her that had been created by the effort, were to her not the least element in the help and cheer which the box carried.

The fifty-nine yards of rag carpet for the Mexico school building attest the energy of the department, since the rags were all prepared for weaving within two months by the nimble fingers of the Mission Circles.

The Christian Endeavor secretaries feel "great courage and consider this first year of work very fruitful. There has been hard work put into it (as must be in starting a new thing in a large constituency), but we have met cordial response in almost every case. In Middlesex county there are now twelve Christian Endeavor Societies pledged for a total of $204; in New Haven county nineteen societies for a sum of $902.95; making in these two counties a total annual pledge of $1,106.95, by thirty-one societies. In our annual report this year, $994.16 will be acknowledged from these two counties as paid in this current year. Nineteen Christian Endeavor Societies in Litchfield and Fairfield counties have this year sent in $823.48, of which $475 from Torrington and $111 from Winsted were special pledges for Madura, under the Misses Leitch. The total from all four counties amounts to $1,817.64.

We wish to acknowledge the valuable help in Middlesex county of the Wesleyan Volunteer Band, and in New Haven county of the Yale Volunteer Band, without which there could have been no such encouraging report as this. Our aim is to have every Christian Endeavor member giving at least one cent a week for foreign missions, and by giving and studying mission work, we hope to help forward an intelligent church in the coming years. All these Christian Endeavor pledges are made as 'over and above all other gifts to the cause.
of missions;’ we ask them as self-denial gifts, a giving up of a cigar, an ice-cream, a concert, etc., out of love for Christ’s work.”

The Bureau of Information reports very active service. It is reaping the benefit of the faithful work done by our Home Secretary. Want of information causes want of interest. Mrs. Montgomery’s inspiring words have aroused societies to more active work; and consequently there is a greater call for letters and leaflets from the Bureau. More than one thousand letters have been sent out, and many hundred leaflets.

We have to report to-day great and sad losses in the Executive Committee. It is eighteen years since the beloved president of the Branch, Mrs. Hart, began the work that has so identified her with its growth and success. She brought to its service a triple equipment not often found in one personality:—a life long interest in the Foreign Missionary cause, a thorough training in the missionary school of our land, and successful experience, not only as President, but as founder of the first Branch (Philadelphia) of the W. B. M. Her personal labors to build up the Branch, and to strengthen and widen missionary knowledge and activity in its territory were untiring and unceasing while health was spared; in later times of weakness and suffering, while consenting at our urgent request to retain the office from which she had asked to be relieved, her time, her presence and her pen have been given to the Branch far beyond the limits of her strength, and her love and thought for it have never weakened. Were time allowed in this report it would be most interesting to trace the results of her personal service, but we can only quote from our first “Ten Years’ Review” (written by Mrs. Prudden) this testimony to the spirit with which
her administration began. "The fourth is to other years of the Branch as Mt. Washington is to its surrounding peaks. Mrs. Hart, with abounding zeal and rare ability, entered on her duties, aided and sustained by the Executive Committee, and the entire confidence of all. By direct personal effort, by pen and printed page, and all made effective by the Living Presence, the missionary influence was broadened and deepened in every direction. At the next annual meeting, the treasurer announced the receipts as $10,936. [The preceding year they had been $5,761.] Other fruits of this glad year were thirty-five new auxiliaries, twenty-five mission circles, and ninety-six new life members."

Such a record it is good for us to recall, and we do it with grateful recognition of the moving spirit of that marked advance.

We shall not soon forget one sad afternoon last January when two notes were read in our Executive meeting that touched us with the sense of a great break in our Branch life.

One brought a request from Mrs. Hart that we should drop her name from our next list of officers, on account of her long continued ill-health. This the committee could not consent to do, and we give part of our reply in the words of the record: "Voted, that Mrs. Hart's name shall never be dropped from our list as long as she lives, but shall always stand at its head, either as active or Honorary President." We claim, therefore, that she is a member of the Executive Committee for life.

The second note referred to was from our dear Mrs. Montgomery, giving the intelligence, glad to her and sad to us, that she was to return to her Foreign Missionary field. We do not know how to spare her, but her life work has the first claim. She will never know till
the next life reveals it what a missionary she has been in this land, and to us who have been privileged to work by her side.

Closely linked with the retirement of our president from active service comes another loss—that of our valued vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Smith of New Britain, and the New Britain auxiliaries and mission circles. We have long known that they were held to us by very slight geographical ties, and that natural and easy access to the meetings of the Hartford Branch would draw them ultimately where they would have belonged from the first, had the Hartford Branch then been in existence.

The counsels and wise judgment of Mrs. Smith, and the splendid efficiency, promptness and liberality of the societies have been very important factors in our Branch life; but we recognize the reasonableness of the change, and thank them for staying with us till this time; and while we must be sorry on our own account, we congratulate our Hartford friends on their great gain. We all labor for one cause and under one Master.

Mrs. McCall also has been compelled by ill-health to resign her charge of Southern Middlesex county, where she has done long and efficient service. New Haven county has had to give up the valued services of Mrs. Perkins on account of her removal to another State, and Mrs. Vorce has felt obliged to resign her work in the mission circle department of Middlesex county.

We continue to receive testimony as to the value of the mite boxes. In many instances small sums can easily be given either regularly or occasionally, where the larger sums to which they finally amount, could not be secured. Some touching instances come to our notice through these boxes. In one was found a pretty ring,
the gift of a poor widow. No history was given, but doubtless it represented precious associations and memories, and we know how the Master valued heart offerings. In another box was a silver piece, worth originally fifty cents, "kept sacred (for twenty-two years) for the sake of the giver," and given away finally "to help those less fortunate than myself," after recovering from illness, and after reading the story of "Our Suffering Sisters."

In closing we would leave with you one sentence from our Prayer Calendar for 1892. "If you do not wish for His kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it."

Susan E. Daggett,
Recording Secretary.
REPORT OF THE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In presenting to the constituency of the New Haven Branch the record of a year's work, we are impressed anew with the solemnity of our commission in our Lord's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and our reply, as embodied in this report.

We commenced the year under the inspiration and pressure which the annual meeting of the Woman's Board in Hartford had left with us. Many opportunities have inspired high resolves, increased a sense of responsibility, and urged us on in this Christly service. If this last decade of our century is to be made the "grand era" of foreign missions, which it should be, there remains a vast amount of work to be done in eight years.

To-day is the spring time for gospel work in heathen lands, and an overwhelming responsibility rests upon the Lord's people, to whom the work has been committed.

In the year under review, our Heavenly Father has showered His best blessings upon us, and upon our beloved missionaries.

Our number eleven, with which the year began, has now reached twelve, although one, Miss Bridgman, has in the meantime returned from Natal, and decided to make a home in this country. We consider these twelve co-workers in foreign lands a very precious part of the partnership we have with Our Lord, for carrying on this missionary work. We find great cause for rejoic-
ing and giving thanks for their spared lives and successes, as well as for the privilege of welcoming two of the number to the home land.

Mrs. Eaton, from Mexico, after an absence of nine years, was in the States about seven months, and by her thrilling stories of the progress of the mission in Northern Mexico, made every heart glad that heard her.

Mrs. Hume, from Bombay, India, has a record that must make any one, whose highest ambition lies in doing a grand work for Christ, turn their eyes toward India, where every child of God sees in the very faces of the multitudes around him an answer to the inquiry, "Lord, what would'st Thou have me to do."

As we tell of what our missionaries and their native associates have been doing the past year in Africa, India, China, Japan, Mexico, Ceylon, Turkey, Bulgaria, Spain, Austria and Micronesia, we beg you to carry in mind the fact, that figures tell nothing of the work which wrought them out of chaos. Nor do the number of churches, schools and converts, suggest the pleadings, prayers, disappointments and patient work of the one or two lone workers in a station, who, year after year, have been searching in the dark mines of ignorance and heathenism for the jewels over which they and we rejoice to-day.

**AFRICA.**

From Africa, the darkest, neediest, the most forsaken and abused of continents, we hear God's voice calling to us through every form of invitation. From infancy we have heard, and all Christendom has heard, of the indescribable miseries of slavery in Africa, of the horrors in the holds of slaveships, the merciless ravages of entire villages by Arab slave traders, and even of the
inhuman fathers and mothers who sell their children for rum. Yet the christian church has never been roused to any united and determined effort to christianize this dark continent.

Among the later mysteries of Providence, we find our Divine Father has inaugurated a new system of tactics to draw men to Africa; through the attractions of wealth and honor. He is revealing to the world the fact that the Dark Continent is a land of gold, diamonds, and all kinds of precious stones; a country abounding in forests of great value, and a soil which promises vast wealth. We are told that the diamonds brought from Africa would send out and support two hundred missionaries every year in the very region from which they were mined.

The whole continent is open; glorious opportunities are beckoning us, and we have hundreds of men and women, all ready equipped and waiting for the Holy Spirit's touch, and the promise of support from the churches. In Africa there are no historic beliefs to destroy, no established institutions to pull down, and no national creeds into which the children are literally born. True, Satan's kingdom is there, and he holds supreme control. But Christ is there also, and He who is Lord over all has promised, "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world." This New Haven Branch has given one grand, good woman to Africa, Mrs. Edwards, whose life and labors for twenty years have been a continual joy and inspiration. Each year's report of her work has in the main to be gathered from others, for she has little to say about herself. But we thank God for her spared life, and earnestly plead with Him to provide others like her to help in the conquest of Africa.
There is reason confidently to expect, that a goodly number from among the scores of girls trained in the Inanda Seminary, will be found scattering gospel truths among their Zulu countrymen and women. And it is in this way that we expect the seed we are sowing will be multiplied. Of the one hundred names on the school list last year, the New Haven Branch supports eleven, and Mrs. Edwards wrote: "We have had a delightful school all through the year. Most of the girls have again and again expressed a determination to follow Christ. At the close more than forty presented themselves for admission to the church, of whom thirty were accepted. It was a beautiful sight, such a company of young people standing up before the congregation and entering into covenant to be loyal to their Redeemer."

Mrs. Edwards has always wisely planned to combine such daily work as the girls will be required to do in their future homes, with their mental training. And at the same time she impresses upon each individual pupil the fact, that Our Heavenly Father has planned our whole human life, to be a fitting school for heaven. It is this that has made Inanda Seminary a model institution, and a feeder to the Church of Christ.

Austria.

The mission to Austria, the land of Huss, has been cheered by a great revival the past year, which has added one hundred and twenty-three to their churches. All mission work in that country is still carried on under continual petty persecutions. A convert to Protestantism carries a daily cross, but it is a cause for unfailing thankfulness that so few ever turn back.

To supplement the labors of the small number of missionaries, seven Bible Women have been employed.
They have not always found a welcome in their visits among the Romanists, but they have had a measure of success, and in some degree the blessings of the year may be attributed to the labors of these devoted women. Their story of Jesus, and the promises He left for them, cheered and comforted many of the sick and weary ones, as it does everywhere when told in the spirit of Jesus. This mission has thirty regular preaching places and five churches, for the more than five million Bohemians. The Kraabschitz Seminary still continues small for lack of adequate support; but it has never done better work, nor been more ably conducted, than the last year. There have been less than forty pupils, four of them having been supported by the New Haven Branch. The number could soon be doubled if their support could be made sure. It is considered one of the most hopeful influences in the established church, furnishing as it does, evangelical teachers for Sunday-schools and well trained wives for pastors.

Notwithstanding the large distribution of Bibles and Christian books, multitudes may still be found in Austria who do not know what kind of a book the Bible is.

Ceylon.

In Ceylon, the oldest mission of the A. B. C. F. M., a regular system of education is established, reaching up to a well equipped college, all departments giving thorough Christian training, and receiving generous Grants-in-Aid from government. The mission is so compact, and the supervision, therefore, so thorough, that the workers seem to be only waiting with profound faith for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

One of the most significant and encouraging occurrences of the past year was the three days' convention
of more than 1,000 Christians, who gathered in Jaffna for communion, and for consultation over the best ways to honor and serve their Master. The natives are more and more assuming the support of their Christian institutions. Notwithstanding the high prices on account of threatened famine, they advanced their contributions for church work a tenth last year.

Twenty-five Bible Women are employed by this mission, four of whom belong to this Branch. They have more than 2,000 women and girls under regular instruction, mostly those who could not be gathered into schools. As all are taught the Bible, we may consider this one of the most promising lines of Christian work. The missionaries often hear of blessed results from reading the Bible, where they have exerted no personal influence. In a few instances whole families have accepted the truth as taught by the Bible Women. Thousands of women in India and Ceylon can be found to-day in their Zenanas, or secluded homes, with Bibles or Testaments of their own, which they have been taught to read by those who, as girls, received their education and Christian training in the mission schools.

In the Udupitty school we support six pupils, who will, we trust, help to distribute the gospel leaven in cities or remote villages. Educated Christian girls go out not only to teach reading or sewing, but they create a better moral atmosphere, help the mothers to train their children, and by their own example, inspire in others an ambition for pure and useful lives. The Udupitty Girls' School continues small, but two-thirds of the thirty-two pupils are Christians. Most of these have an ambition to uplift and educate their countrywomen, a motive which has been kept before them through their entire course.
Notwithstanding the unhappy attitude in China of the Chinese toward foreigners, our missionaries there have been kept in safety, and their work is steadily advancing. Never have the missionaries been so urgent for reinforcements as now. They have many urgent invitations to preach in villages where they have never been. It is not so much heathenism that is raising barriers to Christianity in China, as the unrighteous and selfish influences of resident foreigners, and foreign nations. There is a marked gain in the desire of the Chinese for educating their children, and the perseverance of the women in learning to read their difficult language is very gratifying. In the school in Pao-ting-fu, several happy girls may now be seen running about with unbound feet, and there is a growing opposition to the cruel custom of foot-binding in a few places.

The Foochow Girls' Boarding School has had forty-six pupils this year, the largest number ever entered. Four of these receive the New Haven Branch Scholarships. Twenty-two were received from heathen families, a new experiment tried with much hesitation. But it has proved highly satisfactory, having provided for the members of the Christian Endeavor Society a sphere for every day Christian work and prayer. The Endeavorers perhaps have received as much benefit as the strangers, through the necessity laid upon them to be exemplary and faithful. The new girls have already learned many Bible stories and truths, the miracles and teachings of Christ, as well as lessons of cleanliness and courtesy. The two higher classes are all Christians, and the missionaries hope to retain them through an advanced class until they are qualified for teachers.
Some of the ladies in the North China mission have traveled two thousand miles at least in prosecuting their work, and their enthusiasm grows each day, as they see the fruits of their sympathy and loving messages among the women and children. They find them living better lives, and taking into their plans something higher than the mere animal life they have lived. They seem to be reaching after a true and real God, and the Bible as they hear it read seems such a marvel, and its promises so beautifully adapted to their needs, that many are ready to ask, as one actually did, "Was that written in heaven?" and "Was it written for me?"

The fifth annual meeting of Christian women held last autumn was one of the most interesting and profitable gatherings of the year. Some came on foot several days' journey, bringing their babies. They prize this annual feast more and more, especially those who have been educated in the Foochow school.

Nothing could be more touching or comforting than the report of one of the native women's prayer meetings, where "every woman offered a prayer, not for China alone, but for those in England and America, who are bearing such heavy burdens!" and "doing so much for the whole world." We have much pleasure in announcing the re-adoption of our beloved Mary Andrews, who expects to return to Pao-ting-fu, North China, this coming summer, where she will double the number of the Woman's Board's missionaries. As Miss Andrews has retained her knowledge of the Chinese language, and has been gathering health and experience during her detention in America, we expect for her the warmest welcomes from both missionaries and native Christians. Hers is a privilege to be coveted, and it is a joy and honor to the New Haven Branch to have a share in the
opportunity of restoring Miss Andrews to her loved field and work. She leaves an only and dear sister, the last of her family, which has made this step a severe and peculiar test. But she writes: "I know we shall prove the Lord's grace sufficient for this hard place, as we have in the past. Please ask for us both such a sense of the dear Saviour's presence that our hearts shall be satisfied. Apart from this separation, it is only with joy that I look forward to taking up my dear work in China."

Medical missionary work is one of the most effective methods of reaching a heathen people; but it requires skill, courage, and great faith. Many loud calls come for both men and women for this department of work, and in few places are they needed more than in China. The foreign doctors there have acquired such a reputation and accomplished such wonderful cures, that the blind, lame, and almost dying come from great distances all expecting perfect recovery.

We give with pleasure some extracts from Miss Dr. Ingram's report of work in the Tungcho Hospital, in which a share has recently been assigned to us. She writes: "In the eight months of 1891 that the dispensary was open, we gave one thousand and twenty-two treatments. The daily attendance of patients was from thirty to seventy. Four native assistants took turns in talking to the sufferers, while they waited for attention. In March and April forty-six operations were performed on the eyes, and, so far as we know, all were successful. Some of these were blind when they came, and all would have been sooner or later." In closing she adds: "We know that your prayers will follow and supplement your gifts, causing them to bring light and blessing into many benighted hearts and homes." In Foochow the
women have an organization called "The Society of Christian Women for Helping Others to be Good." It teaches five things:

1. The way of salvation through Christ.
2. Abstinence from wine, opium and tobacco.
3. Cleanliness.
4. Teaching children to read.
5. Doing away with foot-binding.

All this they repeat at every meeting and add, "Depending upon the help of the Holy Spirit, I desire to do all that I can to help others to be good."

**Japan.**

The rapid growth and developments in this enterprising country the last twenty years have led us to expect each year to be a marvel in itself. The last, however, can hardly be thus counted. But that fearful earthquake that destroyed whole towns, buried three thousand people in a day, left four thousand wounded or maimed, and two hundred thousand homeless, was more than a marvel. It was a national calamity, that appealed to the government and every citizen, and it diverted time, funds and strength, from other lines of progress. The prompt and generous response of the missionaries and Christians, in those days of peril and suffering, recommended to prejudiced Japanese the spirit and superiority of Christianity.

There has been some fluctuation in the cordiality of those in authority toward foreigners and foreign nations, but it has not been national, or likely to be more than a breeze in their efforts for reorganizing. Their eminent statesmen and educational authorities, though not Christians, are compelled to admit that the Bible and the
principles of Christian civilization furnish the only stable foundations for governments.

The work of the missionaries is becoming more valued, and their co-operation more sought, in conducting the higher educational work. The life and labors of Joseph Neesima came to his people at a most opportune time, for illustrating and enforcing the beauty and value of Christian living and Christian institutions. To such a people, seeing is believing.

Japan has the Bible, and a large number of the people can read it, if they choose. Educated men understand English, which provides the best of books for them, and the publications of a solely Christian literature by the mission has amounted to millions of pages. In addition, twenty-six Christian newspapers and periodicals are published.

The ladies of this mission have rendered valuable work in all departments of service, even in the evangelistic duties. Regular districts for superintending schools and churches, as well as conducting meetings for women, are assigned to them. The Japanese Christians also have societies, whose sole object is to encourage house to house visitation and personal work for the advancement of Christianity. In Matsuyama and some other places Sabbath schools and Bible classes are opened wherever a room and the least encouragement are found, and they prove a most effective means of reaching the people and securing friendly relations. The Japanese have provided for their own schools, except for the buildings, and the instruction is given largely by the teachers taught and trained by missionaries. Steps have recently been taken to raise the standard of the Kobe Girls' School to the grade of a college, so as to retain the young women at home who are preparing to be teachers.
It is a great satisfaction to the members of the New Haven Branch to see this, and other similar institutions, in Turkey, Spain, Japan and elsewhere, whose foundations we have assisted in laying, now able to provide for women the education that will fit them to be leaders in educational and evangelistic work in their respective countries.

We are still interested in Niigata, where Miss Judson was located, and feel happy in the prospect that the work there has not been left to run down wholly. Miss Torrey spent a part of her recent vacation there and found, as she writes, "more work than three persons could do, week in and week out." Classes of Christians, as well as inquirers, from school and city, came for advice and instruction. Some "to learn the Christian way," others saying, "Will you teach Bible to us?" One boy came daily, saying, "I never learn Jesus' way, now I wish to study it." Many crowded upon her, and she left most reluctantly, with the feeling that a "glorious work could be done in Niigata, if only missionaries could be found to do it."

Miss Judson's health is so much better in Matsuyama, that she is able to take up the varied kinds of work that open up to her, with much enthusiasm. But she has not found the people as friendly as they were in Northern Japan. Miss Gunnison, her associate, has had longer experience in Matsuyama, and she is quite hopeful that the opposition that has arisen will subside, because, as she says, "We have the Lord on our side." Their opposers have opened a school just across the way from the Christian school, which has diminished their numbers, leaving only thirty of the crowd in attendance at the first.
Miss Judson's night school for the very poor children, commenced a year ago, continues to be a continual joy to her. She has seventy on this list, but they are very irregular in attendance, because their parents are obliged to detain them when there is a chance to earn a penny. The missionaries are hoping to open an industrial department, where these penniless children can be trained in some useful occupation, and become self-supporting, and, with God's blessing, respectable Christians. Like most missionaries, Miss Judson is finding so many opportunities for new Christian work, that she can hardly restrain herself from pleading for money and encouragement to take them up. Each missionary feels that her usefulness could be doubled or trebled if she had the money to employ competent natives for many of the common duties, that would leave time and strength for purely Christian work and counsel.

Mrs. DeForest has written more fully than can be given here the reasons which have led to closing the high school in Sendai. This school has been Mr. DeForest's special work the last five and a half years, and Mrs. DeForest has given much time also to the teachers and pupils of this institution. Aside from the salaries of the missionaries, the Japanese have supported the school themselves, and it has been very prosperous. Six hundred have enjoyed its privileges, and twenty-four have been graduated. Some very earnest Christian workers have gone from it to different parts of Japan. Through the influence of some leading persons of the place, the government school has been enlarged and equipped to crowd out this school where decided Christian influence was felt, and this has made it seem advisable for the missionaries to decline the work where restrictions might be laid upon biblical instruction.
In closing the school, many expressions of satisfaction were given to Mr. DeForest, with profuse thanks for what he had done for the institution. The family will remain in Sendai for the present, for there, as in all parts of Japan, there is work for missionaries, and Mrs. DeForest still has a large sphere among the women and children.

MEXICO.

Mrs. Eaton’s seven months’ absence from Mexico in the States, a small portion of which was spent among her friends in the New Haven Branch, were not the “perfect rest” she needed. But she refers to the visits and meetings as among the pleasant memories that give strengthening courage, as she resumes her work. The welcomes received on their return to Mexico must have been a great satisfaction to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, made emphatically so by contrast with their reception in Chihuahua something less than ten years ago, when not a person was friendly. The people then refused to rent them a house, or sell them necessary supplies. In one of her early letters Mrs. Eaton wrote: “I can truly say that ‘my tears were my meat,’” but amid it all, she added: “We never doubted that we had done well to come.” On their return a month ago, the greetings from native brethren and sisters were most delightful. In the early morning they were met at the station by the faithful Felipe, their first convert, who boarded the train almost before it stopped; by the deacons of the church, and by quite a company of women and girls. A friend had hired the best carriage in town to take them home; while two other conveyances were provided for the remainder of the company, making an exhibition which approached an infringement of the law.
against religious processions! The school girls had been up from three o'clock in the morning, arranging the house and preparing a welcome. Miss Dunning, who has her home in the new Prudden building, entertained them at her table until they could get settled, and Mrs. Eaton wrote how much she enjoyed the fine, large, new dining-room that had been finished in her absence. The whole new building is found to be very convenient and suitable. The letter says: "We feel more than ever grateful to the New Haven Branch for these airy dormitories, large, well-ventilated school-rooms, the dining room, ladies' parlor and school-girls' sitting-room."

In reference to the promising outlook for the work, Mrs. Eaton says: "Two years ago I had the pleasure of translating a constitution for a Y. P. S. C. E., which has become the banner society of a movement which is spreading with much promise. It is my pleasure to edit the C. E. column in our local Spanish paper." She tells also of the chapel, with seats for 500, which is in process of erection, and which they expect very soon to be filled.

As Mrs. Eaton has given the school entirely over to Miss Dunning, she will hereafter be free for work among the women, and general evangelistic labors with her husband. She is working towards a school for Bible Women, and hopes to have a number under regular Bible study and training for Christian work.

The boarding and day school, with its better accommodations, is gaining in numbers and in favor with the people. It has sixty-one pupils, of whom eleven are boarders. Four have already been graduated and are teaching, one at Atotonilco and one at Parral. Two are not only teachers, but evangelists, and have secured the
respect of the people, and have given entire satisfaction to the missionaries.

Spain.

Nothing has occurred in the steady growth of the mission in Spain, nor in the San Sebastian Seminary in which the New Haven Branch interest centers, to make the last a memorable year, and yet the results have been most gratifying. The seminary has reached a point where we can hardly expect things new and thrilling, without a remodeling and enlarging of its scope. The absence of Mrs. Gulick was the only hindrance to its work the past year. The growth and success of this school have been extraordinary. With suitable appointments and patronage, its prospects for usefulness are probably unequalled in any non-Protestant country. The change in the course of study, made last year, enables the scholars from this school to apply for examination for a government diploma, which affords better assurance of employment. This plan has proved a healthful stimulus, and has aroused great enthusiasm in the school. Forty-one girls took the public examination last year, all of whom were accepted. Twenty-three of the number received the highest mark ever given, a fact which brought high encomiums upon the Protestant school, with its women and foreigners for teachers. As the result of this examination, applications have come from parents in various parts of Spain, for the admission of their daughters to the American school. But there is neither room nor funds for more. Each one turned away from such evangelical Bible study and training as Mr. and Mrs. Gulick give, must be counted a lost opportunity, by those who are praying, "'Thy Kingdom come' in Catholic Spain."
The circular which presents the needs of the school says: "In this year 1892, in which we commemorate the gift Spain made to America 400 years ago, would it not be a fitting thing to give back to Spain's daughters the 'Home Beautiful' for which she dumbly pleads!"

**Micronesia.**

Our hearts have carried many anxious thoughts for our dear missionaries in Micronesia. In addition to all their unavoidable privations, the desolations of war have come upon them, accompanied by shameful persecution of both missionaries and their converts, by the Spanish. Still more recently the damage from storms and whirlwinds caused their staff and stay, the little "Morning Star," to be laid up for repairs. This seemed such a consummation of troubles that our warmest and most tender sympathies were called forth. But a chance vessel has just brought letters of recent date, November, 1891. We thus learn that on one of their darkest days, at the end of fourteen months, in which not one had received fresh addition to their provisions; when one family had been without flour for weeks, another had just enough to make a small loaf, and the third was eating the last half loaf, the vessel which had been chartered to bring relief, came in sight. It is not necessary to describe the gladness of heart with which they sang songs of praise.

One of the missionaries in writing about the needed repairs upon the "Morning Star," said: "If their parents and friends will let them, I am sure that the children will see that their ship is repaired and quickly sent on its way, because I have great faith in the children."
India.

The vastness of the work to be done in this land of antiquities, wealth, many nationalities, languages and religions, would have staggered the leaders of the mission enterprise in India, if they had been sent by men. But their command was from the Lord, and His blessing has rested upon it.

To-day there are more than a thousand foreign missionaries enlisted under the banner of Our One Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They are divided into many companies, with different names and methods, but all aiming to bring the people into the way of truth, and the service of the One God and Father of us all. The progress year by year seems small, but each decade shows great changes, more and mightier than we at a distance can understand.

The Marathi Mission, in which we have our largest investments, has been almost at a "standstill" the last two or three years. With three exceptions, the last year has had the smallest number of converts of any in twenty years. The missionaries attribute the falling off of interest and numbers entirely to the lack of men and money needed to carry on the work efficiently.

In some departments, especially in the women's work, decided progress has been made, and with the addition of the three new missionaries ready to go, and the return of Mr. and Mrs. Harding, and Mr. and Mrs. Hume this coming season, it is expected that a new impulse may be given to the whole work.

The mission feels much encouraged by the prospect of the permanent occupation of Wai, a city of eleven thousand inhabitants, on the holy Krishna river, twenty miles from the Satara station. It is the center of a populous region, a purely native city and one of the most bigoted
in Western India. The mission for years has been hoping to occupy it, but neither men nor money could be spared for new work. This year the New Haven Branch has assumed the support of Mrs. Sibley, who will be located there, and we have promised the sum needed to erect a bungalow for her residence, which is nearly completed. In June she expects to occupy this new home, with Miss Gordon, who for the present will be her only associate. They will be twenty miles from the nearest missionaries, but they have been going back and forth for a year, and by opening a school they have been winning their way among the people, and hope soon to get settled among those who are not altogether strangers and unfriendly. The little church and native pastor will be greatly strengthened by the permanent residence of these missionary ladies in Wai. This enterprise at present belongs mainly to this Branch, and claims our prayers and generous support. It would be a pleasure to introduce Mrs. Sibley to you in person, but we have the best of reasons for believing that she is one upon whom the Master has set His seal, and this fact is the best of introductions.

The Ahmednagar Girls' Boarding School has held one hundred and fifty pupils, with eighty boarders, a number for which their class-room and dormitory accommodations are altogether inadequate. The standard of the school has been raised one grade, which will enable the missionaries to retain a few at least one year longer under their influence and instruction. The last has been a very satisfactory year for this school. Death has not robbed them of any of their pupils, and no epidemic has prevailed. One of their valuable teachers, Bhagubai, after sixteen years of teaching in this school, for very weariness laid down her work to rest when she could work no longer, and died soon after.
Thirty-six Bible Women are employed by this mission, and the New Haven Branch supports thirteen of them. Those who reside in or near Ahmednagar are gathered there twice a year for instruction and encouragement from Mrs. Bissell, who receives their report and gives them selected portions of Scripture to study, and then repeat and explain to her at the next meeting. These lessons help them to a better understanding of the Bible, and form the texts for the instruction they are expected to give to the women and children they visit.

These faithful women are welcomed almost everywhere, and their influence is not confined to the poor and the outcast, as it once was. They find entrance to families that by rank or caste would have no means of hearing the Bible.

The severe illness of Mrs. Hume, and the departure of the family for America, was a serious loss to the Christian school in Bombay, for they had not only been its founders, but the sole conductors and strength of the institution through its entire life. When they left, the care of the school devolved upon Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and Miss Millard, who, in addition, have several day schools, and the superintendence of the various departments of mission work in Bombay and the vicinity. This addition, with all the burdens it brought, led Miss Abbott to say, the burdens seem "too heavy for us to bear." But later in the year she wrote: "We are ready thankfully to admit that we have tested and proved two at least of the Lord's promises, 'As thy day, so shall thy strength be,' and 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.'" By the generosity of friends of the missionaries, and in most unexpected ways, the expenses of the school have been met. The number of pupils has
been smaller than in previous years, one hundred and eight in all, but considering the changes and disadvantages of the first three months of the year, the progress has been satisfactory. And the better health and comfort of the girls in their new home has brought a new life and cheer to both teachers and scholars. In July came the great blessing and the joyful occasion of the year, when they took possession of "Bowker Hall." Its completion and formal opening was not reached until December.

The special significance and interest of this occasion was in the presence of His Excellency Lord Harris, governor of the Bombay Presidency, and Her Excellency Lady Harris. The former presided and made a most complimentary address, in which the work of the American missionaries was highly commended, particularly the educational department. It would be pleasant to give this address in full, but there is only space for a few extracts:

"I do not think I can too prominently say that our gratitude towards this, the American Marathi Mission, has been piling up and piling up all the years of this century. As far back as 1814, this mission came forward and opened a vernacular school for boys. In 1825, only eleven years later, it had about thirty schools, and over 2,000 children in them. In fact, they may take this to their credit; that in female education in Bombay they were actually the first in the field, as they opened the first girls' school in 1824. In 1826, they had as many as nine girls' schools; in 1829, they had their first boarding-school. But our gratitude goes a great deal further than Bombay. It has to roll across the wide seas to the United States of America, and in the most public way I beg to thank those generous, public-spirited,
far-seeing and charitably-minded people, who have during so many years contributed to the maintenance of the American Mission in India, and who are especially the contributors towards the purchase of this building. I take this public opportunity of conveying, on behalf of the government of Bombay, our most grateful thanks, for the assistance the people of the United States are rendering this government in pushing forward the cause of education in India, and I think perhaps it has a wider significance than at first appears. I see in front of me the flags of two English-speaking nations, cousins in blood, the United States of America and Great Britain. They are united by the colors hung on that wall, which signify the sentiment of Liberty, Fraternity and Equality, and I hope that the assistance America is rendering England out here in the cause of education, and the conjunction of these two flags, may be the most happy augury, that in the near future England and America will be joined not only in the beneficent and charitable task of bringing the best education possible to the homes of the people of this country, but that the efforts of these two great countries may be directed conjointly, and hand in hand to a far greater and more desirable end, that is in universal peace.”

After Mr. Abbott (the resident missionary) had given a short account of the great need of the building and its value to the mission, also referring with appropriate acknowledgments to the generous grants received from the Bombay government, Lord Harris formally announced the building “OPENED.” A prayer was then offered by one of the missionaries, after which Lady Harris, having received a large card bearing in gold letters the words Bowker Hall, 1891, stepped to the front of the platform and said: “Ladies and gentlemen, as
a small token of love and gratitude for one who has done so much for this mission, I beg to name this new building ‘Bowker Hall, 1891.’” This was followed by the prize-giving to the scholars, Lady Harris kindly distributing the prizes. The exercises were closed by singing “God Save the Queen.”

Madura.—Abundant proofs come from every part of India showing that the superstitions of the past are losing their hold on the people. Caste is still the tyrant that holds the masses in bondage. But the “new sect,” founded on faith in Jesus Christ, is gaining in numbers and influence, and could the number of workers be increased, so as to take up each opportunity that offers, and carry on the work when sickness or death removes the leader, we might reasonably expect to see the results soon doubled.

The American Board’s report says: “The schools, especially those under the care of the missionary ladies, have been well sustained. Indeed, much of the hope of this mission centers in the work for native women and girls, through the Bible Women visiting from house to house, the Normal School for young women in preparation to become teachers, and the popular day schools for high caste girls.”

The leaven is spreading noiselessly but steadily wherever the missionary leads the way. The Madura mission has suffered seriously in the past two years from sickness, death and absences among their own number, and also from lack of funds. The scarcity of food and water has added to the burdens of the mission. Native Christians and boarding schools have had to pay famine prices for food, and in many places in India to-day the “people can scarcely find water to drink.”
The Girls' Boarding and Normal School in Madura is one of great promise. In the absence of Miss Swift, it has been in new hands, but the report is highly satisfactory. Since the addition of the normal department, larger grants have been received from government, and the hope of being supplied with well qualified teachers will be an immense advantage to the mission schools.

This institution reports one hundred and sixty-nine pupils, with nineteen boarders; ten of these belong to the New Haven Branch. One hundred and sixteen were sent up for the last government examinations, and ninety-three passed. In the last report sent up to government by the inspector, this school was ranked in efficiency among the "First of the normal schools of the Madras Presidency." Such commendations for the Christian schools in a heathen country are very helpful, and are never given until well earned. All through the year there has been a well sustained interest in spiritual things; nine were received into the church recently, and others were deferred only on account of their youth.

Our missionary, Miss D. T. M. Root, still finds much satisfaction in her schools for girls from the higher castes in Madura. It is a constant surprise to all who know the prejudices of the Hindus and their caste feelings, that they condescend to send their daughters to mission schools, where they know they will be taught the Bible every day. In addition to the four schools Miss Root has had, she has just opened a new one for Mohammedan girls, at the request of their fathers. Like all other sects in India, these, the most bigoted, are beginning to desire to have their daughters educated. Nowhere but among the Christians can competent teachers for girls' schools be found, and this fact makes the educating of Christian women one of our promising
lines of mission work. These Mohammedans know the missionaries take the Bible wherever they go, and teach it in every school.

The new school opened with thirty Mohammedan pupils. The Bible Women in this mission are each year reaching more families. Twelve of these faithful laborers are employed in Madura alone, four of whom we count among those that we call our India "Home Missionaries." In one place they have found access to Mohammedan families, and more than twenty of these hitherto wholly secluded women have commenced learning to read and twice as many have listened to the gospel. These are openings that call for our profound thanks.

**Turkey.**

*European Turkey.*—All the stations in this mission have enjoyed a refreshing from on high during the year, and many have been added to their churches.

As the fruit of twenty years' mission work in Bulgaria, they report twelve churches in as many separate towns, and all, though small, are flourishing. They sustain educational work of all grades, from the kindergarten to the college and theological seminary. The people are poor, and the schools have suffered from want of pecuniary support, but there is advance everywhere. The Bulgarians are a brave people; rarely if ever has a nation grown into greater promise in fifteen years, under such difficulties as this little kingdom, and they deserve the sympathy and assistance of Protestant nations.

The New Haven Branch work there is confined to the influence and services of Mrs. Bond, who by her acquaintance with the healing art has been welcomed to the homes and women of Monastir. This Christly serv-
ice, of finding the sick and suffering, opens the way to hearts just when they need the very invitations which Christ Himself left for suffering bodies, as well as sin-sick souls, "Come unto Me." The last year many women have heard this invitation, have accepted it, and rejoice in telling what the Lord has done for them. Their religion consisted in a strict performance of the useless ceremonies of the Greek church, in which they found no motives for pure lives, or means of learning what God has revealed to man.

Work for women has been much enlarged in this, as it has in many other missions. The Bible Women have become one of the important agencies, "second to none in the nation," wrote one of the missionaries. In two instances, several good, earnest Christian women, fruits of the Bible Women's labors, were found ready to unite in forming a new church, and in sharing its responsibilities. Heretofore women were not considered competent counsellors in ecclesiastical affairs.

Western Turkey.—In Turkey the penalty a Mohammedan must pay for becoming a Christian is death. Still, not less than five thousand copies of the New Testament in the vernacular annually find their way into the hands of the followers of Mahomet, and such seed cannot be lost. Three missionaries in Constantinople give their time to literary work, and a vast number of Bibles, tracts, and other Christian books and papers are circulated.

The last has been the most satisfactory year for a long time, for the work of the Western Turkey mission. Woman's work has been broadened by the employment and co-operation of the young women who have been educated in the mission schools and seminaries. The churches by the valuable additions of educated women
are able to multiply meetings for women and children, establish Sabbath-schools and make their homes so thrifty and well ordered, that the people around them are forced to admit that the Protestant faith is profitable for this life, as well as for the life to come. Notwithstanding their poverty, the people manifest a growing desire to assume the support of their schools and churches.

The mission work in Gedik Pasha, a section of Constantinople, was commenced twelve years ago by our missionary, Mrs. Schneider. This has grown into such importance that they gather in their Sabbath services a larger number than any Sabbath Protestant congregation in Constantinople. Armenians, Greeks and Mohammedans, men, women, boys and girls in Sabbath schools, evening classes, day schools and kindergarten, fill every available corner of the large house they have recently taken. So eager are the people to learn to read that they come from every rank and sect, and all this when they know that the Bible is one of the regular class books that they must use.

The American College at Scutari has enjoyed a year of marked prosperity, and its rapidly widening influence shows that those who planned and have supported this noble institution wrought more wisely than they knew. The Divine favor has rested upon it, and our highest hopes are being realized. It continues to be popular with the Armenian community, and the Greeks patronize it more and more, and they have four Mohammedan girls as day pupils. One who entered recently is the daughter of a high government official, and a staunch Mohammedan. We have a rare privilege of giving the gospel to such young women.
Raising this institution to a college standard has not only provided for a broader education, but it has stimulated the ambition of those who had no high desires for scholarly attainments. This one college for women in the Ottoman Empire has opened up before many their possibilities, and the missionaries are much gratified by finding so many ready to grasp them. They have had eighty boarding and fifty day students the past year, filling the buildings to their utmost capacity. Some anxiety has been felt lest the large number, and popularity of the institution, should lead to a dropping down of the decided and healthful Christian life. But the teachers assure us that it has not lowered the genuine Christian character of the school at all.

The "Day of Prayer for Colleges" was observed, and proved a day of solemn interest. In the year six pupils have united with the church, and the teachers write of steady growth in womanliness, and a beautiful spirit of harmony and love in the college. The students have a large missionary society which sends the support for one girl in Mrs. Gulick's school in Spain, beside gifts to local objects.

Three "King's Daughters'" Circles meet regularly on Sunday for prayer, and one evening a week for sewing.

Charter Day, the second anniversary of the life of the college, was observed this year with much enthusiasm, and a report of the exercises gives assurance that the college is fast nearing the high ideal to which it has long aspired. Services were held in the morning, beginning with singing the college hymn, followed by responsive readings from the Psalms, after which the president gave a sketch of the present condition of the institution, and then implored the blessing of Our Heavenly Father upon the work being done, and the
services closed with the singing of Luther's hymn. In the afternoon a dinner was served to the staff of instructors and the entire body of students, and the president added to her speech the following words:

"Let us make of our college a temple, formed of the best that our lives can give, a temple whose foundations shall be truth, and whose spire shall rise to the glory of Our Heavenly Father."

The Smyrna kindergarten, under Miss Bartlett's care, has entirely outgrown its accommodations, having had one hundred and seven pupils the last year. The land and old buildings for this model school were purchased with the legacy of Mrs. Huntington of Middletown. The site is very convenient, and as the old buildings are to be replaced with new and more convenient ones, it is expected that this institution will become a Kindergarten Training School, from which other stations in Western Turkey will be supplied with competent trained kindergarteners. This department of mission work is becoming very popular, and has already opened the way into families heretofore entirely closed to other Christian influences. And we know that very often friendships and confidences for life are established with the little ones, for whom no law is so potent or lasting as the law of love.

Marsovan is one of the best equipped and organized stations in Turkey, having a college, theological seminary, and a successful Girls' Boarding School. This girls' school is the oldest of the kind in the mission, and has supplied well trained teachers, Bible Women, and pastors' wives for the surrounding country. Perhaps no part of Turkey equal in extent, has been more largely leavened with gospel influences than the Marsovan field. The missionaries, both men and women, with the col-
porters, have given much time to touring, and the girls
gathered from distant towns and villages, that have
been educated in the boarding school in Marsovan, re-
turn as teachers in Sabbath and day schools and as
evangelists in their native towns. Thus the leaven that
Miss Fritcher, Miss Anna Felician, and other younger
missionaries have moulded into the characters and lives
of their pupils is now being reproduced, in scores of vil-
lages where the foundations of solid Christian commu-
nities are being laid. Wherever the Marsovan Girls'
Boarding School graduates are found, there some good
Christian work is being carried on. In some few places
the Protestant community is taking up the work of
evangelizing their own neighborhood, and carrying out
nobly the plans for home missionary work. But their
poverty, the exorbitant taxation, and the distractions
among the many non-evangelical sects and enemies of
all truth, raise barriers that we can hardly understand.

The Marsovan Girls’ School has had an exceptional
year of prosperity and good health. Miss Fritcher is
feeble, and has nominally given up the superintendence,
but she still has a shielding and guiding influence that
is felt everywhere. The school work improves every
year. The number of pupils the last year was ninety-
one, with an average attendance of eighty-five, half be-
ing boarders. The last class graduated six. Twenty
during the year presented themselves for church mem-
bership, and eleven were received. Nearly every scholar
is a member of one of the ten "King's Daughters’" Cites.
These circles are all engaged in some Christian
work, which is so divided that their influence reaches
out to the poor and sick in the city, and one of their
number is supported by the circles as a Bible Woman.
She attends school two hours, and teaches in a school for
poor children the remainder of her time. The interest
the scholars all take through their “King’s Daughters’”
Circles in doing good wherever opportunities offer, is
very beautiful.

The closing exercises of the year have become so
attractive that admission is given only by tickets. Over
five hundred guests were present at the last graduating
exercises, among them the Vali (Governor-General) who
was so much pleased that he requested the missionaries
to supply from among the pupils a teacher for his own
little girls, and promised that she should “be treated
well,” and “paid well.” The New Haven Branch sup­
ports one day school in Western Turkey, at Vizir Ku­
pree. We have received no report from it direct, but
the report from the station tells of the great activity
and self-denial of the Christians there, and the efforts
they have made toward securing a house of worship.
Disappointed of their hopes of aid from Boston, they all
put their hands to the work, and in the face of poverty
and fears of government prohibition, have secured the
frame of a building and finished enough to be able to
meet for worship.

Sultan is still working at Hadji Keny, twelve miles
from Marsovan, with great acceptance, teaching, and
doing in addition the work of a Bible Woman. Her
influence among the women and children is such, that
when it was proposed to give her another position, the
mothers entirely refused to let her go, and the opposi­
tion was so strong that the mission decided not to push
the matter.

Central Turkey.—Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, who
went out to her childhood’s home last autumn, is con­
nected with the hospital in Aintab, Central Turkey,
where she found herself prepared to enter at once upon
both medical and missionary work. She is learning anew the language of her youth, which must seem easier, because it is the language of the many old friends who have welcomed her back, as the natives most invariably do the children of missionaries, whom they have loved and honored, and to whom they owe, under God, their knowledge of the way of life, and in many instances their education also.

The Aintab Hospital is not yet fully equipped and furnished, but it has dispensed streams of blessing to many suffering and needy minds and bodies, and is one of Our Lord's noble benefactions in Central Turkey.

In addition to the remedies and treatment, there are opportunities for much seed sowing in the hospitals and dispensaries, in Bible and tract distribution, in the kind words of Christian sympathy, and in giving to the suffering, Christ's promises and words of consolation. From this, our dear young missionary, comes the same importunate and earnest plea we hear so often, "Pray for me, and for my work."

In Central Turkey the New Haven Branch supports two day schools, one in Andiaman, another in Killis. The teacher in Andiaman has been very successful, having had seventy scholars. The Armenians, seeing her success, made her an offer of larger salary, as an inducement to leave the mission and teach for them, but she declined it.

The school in Killis as well as in Andiaman is taught by a young woman trained in the mission, who has succeeded in her methods and government. This school has forty girls. Considering the immature age of these teachers, and the difficulties they have to meet, the missionaries express great satisfaction with their work.
Eastern Turkey.—In Bitlis may be found one of the busiest and most crowded families in Eastern Turkey. The Misses Ely have transported to that remote station a real embodiment of the spirit and plan of the Mount Holyoke Seminary, after which it is modeled. The family of forty-nine boarders, with a preparatory class of forty more, and a primary class of one hundred little boys and girls, are crowded into the smallest possible quarters. Yet they count all personal discomfort as nothing, while they can have the privilege of their highest ambition, in that favored school. During the summer, seven of the present or graduate pupils were added to the church, and the number would have been doubled if the applicants had not been advised to wait and unite with the churches in their own villages. Surpoohi, one of the teachers, is supported by the New Haven Branch and has proved a valuable helper.

Euphrates College, in Harpoot, with which our Miss Barnum is associated, has graduated only five this year; four of the number were women. The total number of students has been five hundred and forty-seven, and three hundred and twenty-four of them girls. Many of the young men when they reach the upper classes come to America to complete their education, thus lessening their number of graduates. The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Wishard on their round-the-world deputation from the Y. M. C. A. of America, was the most remarkable event in the year's record. During their eight days' stay, three daily services were held, and they had large audiences all through. At least a thousand young men, women and children attended the service of welcome. The effect of the whole was very good upon the community as well as the college. They rarely have an opportunity to welcome foreigners in Harpoot, and the
earnest appeals of these good people will be long remembered. A most solemn revival came along very quietly at the close of the year, and over sixty girls professed to have found their Saviour.

In addition to classes and general work, Miss Barnum has the kindergarten, which embraces thirty little girls. Beside the simple kindergarten occupations, she teaches them daily Bible lessons, beautiful stories for children, and what they enjoy most of all the kindergarten songs.

The New Haven Branch Day School at Arabkir has been unusually successful this year. The teacher is a graduate of the Harpoot College, and she has won the love of the children and the respect of the parents, and is very happy in her work. Miss Seymour spent several weeks there recently, and many became Christians, among them the three sons of one family, and their mother's joy was unbounded.

The New Haven Branch has a day school in Eastern Harpoot, with one hundred scholars. It is proving a very valuable agency in that part of the city. The Armenians and Gregorians have schools in which their own religious tenets and observances are rigidly taught, while the Protestants without a little assistance could not provide a school for their children. The teachers were educated in the college, and are earnest Christians who feel the responsibility of Christian training. One of their scholars died recently, and her beautiful, triumphant death has proved a blessing to the community. She used to talk with her friends about heaven, and begged them not to mourn, because she was going to live with Jesus. The night before her death, she asked her father if he had any message for his friends in heaven, or any message for Jesus. He replied: "No, my child, but kiss my Saviour's feet for me."
From the whole circle of workers which we have grouped together in this story about the missionary family of the New Haven Branch, come loving salutations to their co-workers in the home land, and two requests:

Dearly beloved, we sorely need more missionaries here at the front. Our burdens are more than we can carry. Will you come over and help us?

Our work could be doubled if we could put promising converts into the Master’s work. Will you give the small sums needed to support them, and ask Our Heavenly Father to give to them the needed Christian graces?

Mrs. H. D. Hume,
Corresponding Secretary.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

The strain upon our minds and hearts has been intense while watching for the expected advance and spiritual growth of auxiliaries and mission circles, and as yet we find relief and satisfaction in only a small portion of our constituency. It is a fact that we grow in good gifts just in proportion as we pray and work for them, and certainly there can be little vigorous effort in this direction, if we estimate by results.

Several of our organizations lie dormant, merely existing; three only have really achieved the twenty-five per cent. advance; some have not increased one per cent., and many more have altogether fallen behind in the past two years. In one little town a nucleus is forming, out of which we hope there will soon grow a new auxiliary.

Unless we rouse ourselves from this apathy, and meet, bravely and prayerfully, our new responsibilities, we cannot hope to keep our place in the advancing host.

Bethel.—Meetings are regularly held with an average of nine, from a membership of fifty-two. Efforts are being made to bring new faces and voices into these gatherings. The "Mission Studies" and timely missionary letters have hitherto been the sources of interest, but the new topic cards have superseded them and are much liked. The special meeting of March 26 brought out a much larger attendance than usual. The newly elected president attended the Brooklyn meeting. The "Mission Circle" has not been as successful the past year as was anticipated, owing to the severe illness of
the superintendent; it has been reorganized, however, and consists of all the Junior Endeavor society. These children are very earnest and seem to work with "In His Name" spirit. They use the topics for children's meetings published by the "Woman's Board of Missions."

*Brookfield Center.*—Looking back over the years of its existence, there is noted in the aggregate a steady growth. One year several new members were added, the next more missionary magazines were taken, again the contributions were increased. The secretary attended, as delegate, the annual meeting of the Board in Brooklyn, and extended its influence to other towns by her excellent report. The concert of prayer of March 26 was observed, and brought encouragement to many hearts.

*Danbury, First Church.*—It is pleasant when writing reports to be able to turn over a half year's file of letters and find one from either president or secretary for each month, giving all details of interest. The county vice-president unexpectedly attended the regular meeting in January, and was greatly pleased to find a goodly number and an interesting programme on a very stormy afternoon. Since the beginning of the year sixteen new names have been added, thereby securing the twenty-five per cent. increase. A special service was held on March 26, in which "Mission Circle" and "Children's Band" joined. On the first Sunday in April, a missionary rally was called in which the other churches united. Miss Crosby, from Micronesia, presented woman's work and roused much enthusiasm.

The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" has lost its leader by removal, and the past year has not seen as good results as formerly in the way of interest in the
Circle itself—but the members have worked to enlist the Christian Endeavor Society in foreign work, and have succeeded in obtaining pledges from forty-two members amounting to $71 a year for five years! Mr. Pitkin, of the Yale Volunteer Band, addressed the Christian Endeavor Society and aroused great interest and desire to do something for foreign missions. The Junior Christian Endeavor includes fifty children under fifteen years of age. Only home work has been attempted by them, but at the April meeting when the rain would have prevented older people from venturing out, thirty-four children were present, and were told of the medical work in Madura. Their enthusiasm ran so high that they voted to take a ten-dollar share in the work and raised ninety cents on the spot.

Danbury, West Street Church.—A few ladies keep up the monthly meetings, the topic card suggestions being used. The president was a delegate to the Brooklyn meeting, and gave other societies beside her own an account of the sessions. In February an extra effort was made to bring the ladies of the congregation together for a missionary tea—twenty-seven accepted the invitation and seven new members were enrolled. Two more would have insured the twenty-five per cent. advance for the year.

Easton.—The church has been closed for six months, and as a consequence there have been no gatherings to keep up an interest in any work outside of home life. The treasurer made her annual circuit in April and gathered the usual amount. An effort is being put forth to enlist the school girls; it may result in an entertainment or festival during the summer.

Monroe.—A few years ago this auxiliary was quite flourishing, but it is almost broken up at present—the
large givers and active members having moved from town. The church has been without a pastor over a year, and that generally means cessation in benevolence. Missionary letters are circulated each month through the community, and hopes of renewed activity arise from the prospect of soon having again a settled minister.

Newtown.—On account of the prevailing illness, no meetings have been held during the winter, and there has been no report sent in.

Redding.—The society has lost heavily in membership; the faithful president and three other members have been removed by death, and the secretary after twelve years’ service has gone to another town. These facts tell upon so small a community. Last year the society did not appear at all in the treasurer’s report, but this year it has honorable mention.

The “Ready Folks” have not held either regular meetings or the usual concert. They had an entertainment last autumn, but have not been able to redeem their pledge for a scholarship in Ceylon. A portion of Mrs. Eaton’s rag carpet was supplied by the Circle.

Ridgebury.—It is considered impossible to hold meetings. One single faithful member holds the fort amidst discouragements.

Ridgefield.—This year, as last, missionary meetings have been held in the church the first Sunday of each month, also a ladies’ prayer meeting on the second Friday of the month. Systematic benevolence has been advocated and acted upon, bringing in the twenty-five per cent. additional—penny-a-week bags having been the receptacle instead of mite boxes. Last year at the annual meeting it was voted that copies of “Mission Dayspring” should be subscribed for and distributed to
the Sunday-school children. Notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of travel, members of the "Mission Circle," "Ladies Auxiliary," and congregation, to the number of twenty-five, came together to the special service of March 26. It was a profitable occasion, and substantial aid was given to help the struggling "Snowflakes" to meet their pledges.

Stratford.—The annual meeting held in January proved a dismal affair in some ways, the only cheering thing about it being the presence of Mrs. Montgomery. The day was stormy, the room cold and filled with gas, and only fifteen persons present, and the treasurer had to report that the promised advance had not been met. It looked very doubtful whether the sum could be gotten together, but personal effort was brought to bear upon the difficulty, and by the first of February the twenty-five per cent. was obtained. Now the list of new names assures it for next year. The meetings are regularly held, weather not taken into account, the topic cards are found excellent, and the programmes for meetings are carefully prepared and timed and parts assigned beforehand, and the result has been new voices and larger gatherings which bespeak more interest. The meetings are held at the houses of different members.

The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" grew less and less active and accomplished nothing last year, except simply to send their annual five dollars fee. In January they roused themselves and have been regular in holding meetings. Three of the members have spent their Saturday afternoons in supplying and selling certain articles to obtain money. As yet not enough has been gotten to make them satisfied to send it as their year's contribution. The "Alpha Band" has had an evening's sale, and is made very happy by the result.
The Christian Endeavor Society has taken a five years' pledge for $25 a year. The mite boxes brought in seven dollars for medical work.

Trumbull.—On account of sickness in the families of the officers, the quarterly meetings in the autumn and winter were omitted, and the annual meeting took place in April. The county vice-president was glad to attend this meeting; she wishes all the societies would invite her once a year! The matter of holding meetings oftener was strongly urged, as now the auxiliary only keeps in touch with the work through a few circulated letters. Monthly meetings would give a knowledge of the foreign work, and what is needed both at home and abroad to carry it forward. The number of members remain about the same from year to year, also the contributions, which are obtained through collectors in the various districts.

Wilton.—In October the annual meeting was held, to which the county vice-president was invited and went. The success of that year had been marked and was a source of congratulation. Tea was served and the gathering proved very social. During the past six months only two meetings have been held. This irregularity is due in part to stormy Fridays, but more especially to serious illness in the households of members. The topics suggested in "Life and Light" will be adopted during the coming months and regular meetings are hoped for. An "Evening in Switzerland" netted a little to their treasury. Two scholarships are maintained and a share in the medical work. The membership is not as large as a year ago, but courage comes with the thought—when the Master bids go forward, He gives power to obey.

Cordelia Sterling.
Mrs. Wm. B. Cogswell.
Mary A. Hopson.
FAIRFIELD COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

In reviewing the work of the past year in the auxiliaries composing the southern portion of Fairfield County, we can only "thank God and take courage."

We have not already attained but are pressing onward and upward, with the increasing realization of our personal responsibility and accountability to God. Much which we had hoped for remains undone; the effort in some places is feeble and languid; some have failed of the twenty-five per cent. advance, but we present our report with gratitude for the past and abundant hope for the future.

The Bridgeport Union.—"Those who attended the annual meeting of the Union must have felt that many earnest workers were there gathered together.

The auxiliaries composing the Union seem on the whole to be in good condition. It is hoped that the increasing enthusiasm in some of the churches may spread until all are alive to the good work.

The Union, at its annual meeting, regretfully accepted the resignation of its president, Mrs. Hovey, caused by removal from the city, and Mrs. Holden was elected to fill her place."

Bridgeport, North Church.—"The regular meetings of this auxiliary have been maintained, some of them taking the form of missionary teas. The topics assigned by the 'Woman's Board' have been used, also articles on the same subjects taken from other sources. Our annual contribution this year was $216, a gain of $61 over last year. Our meetings have been pleasant and well attended.

The 'Memorial Circle' reports a successful year. Twelve new members have joined since Jan. 1st, making now a membership of forty-three. The meetings
are held once each month and are strictly devotional. The money is raised almost entirely by membership fees, only one entertainment having been given the past year. The president feels that the year now before them is full of promise."

Bridgeport, Olivet Church.—"The auxiliary of Olivet Church held its annual meeting March 9th, and was addressed by Mrs. Montgomery, both at the social meeting in the afternoon, and also in the church in the evening. The past year has been one of marked growth in our auxiliary. We have added ten new members to our list, thereby increasing by one-third; but several of these have joined within the past few weeks, so we have only been able to reach the 25 per cent. advance, though we had hoped to do more. The most encouraging feature of our work, is the deepening of the spiritual interest in the members. The attendance is better, and where in the past the devotional part of the meeting has been left wholly to the leader, many now take part, and are in turn leading in the devotional exercises.

The 'Mission Band' has twelve members. They hold their meetings every three weeks, and the children arrange the program themselves. The money is saved in little banks, each child putting in his own earnings systematically."

Bridgeport, Ladies' Union of Park Church.—"The Executive Committee of Park Church gladly acceded to the suggestion of the Union that each church should have its separate missionary society. In April, 1891, we organized our Ladies' Union, embracing foreign, home and local work. The contributions are handed in each month in envelopes, and the total amount is divided between the three departments. It has been a grand
success. Our Foreign Missionary collection was more than three times as large as the year before, and a greater number of ladies are interested in the work. Our Foreign and Home missionary meetings alternate each month. At one of our meetings our pastor's mother (Mrs. Fullerton) gave an interesting account of her work in India. At our last meeting for foreign work, thirty-four were present. We feel greatly encouraged."

*Bridgeport, South Church.* — "Our meetings have been well attended and are held regularly. Lately from sixteen to eighteen have been present. We have contributed this year $189, besides the money which is pledged to support Mr. Elwood. We have felt especially encouraged since our annual meeting."

*Bridgeport, West End Church.* — "Our meetings are held monthly excepting in January and June, when we unite with the Union. Our number is not large, and last year we had all we could do for our own church. This year we hope to do more, although we are only creeping now."

*Darien.* — "The ladies of our auxiliary have this year, as usual, enjoyed some very pleasant meetings together. At one time we listened to an account of the great need of medical mission work in India. Our ladies became so impressed with the necessity of doing something for their suffering sisters in that country, that they resolved to appropriate the contents of the thank offering box toward making illness there more bearable. The first contribution for this purpose will be that of a memorial cot for 'Bowker Hall.' Although our membership is small, yet we were able to make our 25 per cent. advance, having received some help from the ladies of our church, who, although not members of the auxiliary,
were willing to take pledge cards and thus give us some very welcome assistance in raising the required amount."

*Fairfield.*—"The Christian Endeavor Society has adopted the two cents a week plan. An appropriation has been made for Mrs. Sibley, and the society hopes to do more next year. They have a missionary committee which arrange the programs for the monthly missionary meeting."

*Green's Farms.*—"We have met once a month through the year with the exception of July. Although no new members have been added there has been no falling off and our meetings have been full of interest. We have selected our subjects from month to month from 'Mission Studies,' and 'Life and Light,' and have used poems, mottoes and articles from the 'Missionary Herald.' Questions were prepared each month and given out to the ladies, the answers being given the following month. In April one of the county vice-presidents met with us. We still hope in time others may be interested enough to give of their time, as well as their means, to help along this great work of missions."

*Greenwich.*—"The Ladies' Auxiliary has just closed a very successful year of work. It now numbers one hundred and twenty-nine members, having lost three by death during the past year. It has raised during the year $252, being an advance of 75 per cent. The meetings have been held each month with an average attendance of thirty ladies. We are sorry not to be able to report a larger number as attending these meetings, as they are very interesting and instructive. Our president sent a notice and an envelope to each member before the thank-offering meeting in September, giving all an opportunity to "think and thank." Sixty dollars
was the result of the offerings, forty of which was sent to the new work at Wai, and twenty to provide cots for the girls' dormitory in 'Bowker Hall.' Mrs. Hume was present at our December meeting, and gave us an interesting account of her work. The ladies responded enthusiastically to the suggestion of the president that the cots already provided should be furnished, and blankets, sheets, spreads and towels were quickly promised. Some of the gentlemen gave sufficient money to procure two cots for the 'Boys' Boarding School' at Bombay, and these the ladies gladly fitted out with the needed furnishings. Bandages, lint and other desirable articles made the box complete. We have also had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Eaton speak of their respective fields of labor. Although we cannot expect each year to make as great an advance in our gifts as we have in this year just closed, still we will endeavor to do all we can for this great work.

The 'Bearers of Light' have held eight devotional and three sewing meetings. The average attendance has been fifteen. The children take a more active part in the devotional meetings than they have done before. At the sewing meetings, rags were prepared for Mrs. Eaton's carpet. The money is raised by yearly dues and a birthday bank. The topics studied are those given in 'Mission Studies.' The number of members is forty-six."

New Canaan.—"Though we have not covered ourselves with glory by any brilliant sorties, yet we have not struck our colors; they are still flying in the breeze. While we regret that we are not of those whose progress is swift and ever onward, yet there is consolation in the realization of the fact that standing still is a great ways removed from going backward. We rejoice
in three new members, and received this most welcome addition with great joy. Opportunities for work are multitudinous and the demands are great, especially upon our circle members. But our hope is ever to do better and better."

North Stamford.—"We have had no meetings for a long time, on account of the illness of our president and some of the members. We hope to resume our gatherings this spring. The president was able to preside at the March meeting. Though our number was small we had a very interesting time, each one taking part. Death has visited us again this year. We have been able to raise a little more than our usual amount this year."

Norwalk.—"Our Auxiliary has had to be content with another year of quietly holding its own, without going very vigorously into 'Aggressive work.' We have had, however, the pleasure of adding something to our usual amount; perhaps a little more than 25 per cent. We have commenced the study of the topics arranged by the 'Woman's Board,' and value them very highly. We number about sixty, but hope to have more members this year. Our 'Mission Bands' have been arranged as 'King's Daughters' circles under the care of our pastor's wife. The 'Door Keepers' work for a girl in Ceylon, and the 'Thoughtful Circle,' which is a new one, will work for the home at Wai. We also have circles of young Misses and little children. A large number attended that most delightful and helpful county meeting at South Norwalk in October. We have held our meetings regularly during the year. The recent meeting on March 26th, was one of deep interest. All the missionary branches of our ladies' association were represented and
each took some part. Wai with its needs was specially presented. We hope for precious results during the year."

**Sound Beach.**—"We observed March 26th, the day set apart for the meeting of all the auxiliaries, and our annual meeting was held at the same time. We had the best meeting of the year, which gives us a little encouragement. We have been unable to do anything along the line of the twenty-five per cent. advance. Death has claimed some of our members, and some have moved from the place, but six new names have been added to our list and we now number thirty-six. We have adopted the topic cards, and hope by distributing them and giving each one something to do, to arouse more interest in the work."

**South Norwalk.**—"It is with great thankfulness that we record the special mercy of our heavenly Father in sparing the lives of all our members during the past year. In reviewing the twelve months now closed, we are reminded of the loss our society has sustained in consequence of the removal of both our President and Vice-President from the city. But we are not 'weary in well-doing,' and we believe some visible tokens of the real life of our society have been manifested in the good attendance at the meetings, and in the fact that the work has gone on. Our meetings have been held monthly, excepting during the summer. We have availed ourselves of the helps contained in the programs issued in 'Life and Light,' and find them most valuable. We use the envelope system for our collections and are much indebted to our collectors for their faithfulness. The 'Mission Circle' has continued its meetings and has assisted in preparing the rags for Mrs. Eaton's carpet. At the request of the W. B. M., we
held a special meeting March 26th, which was of unusual interest, and was largely attended. Our report would be incomplete did we not make special mention of the annual county meeting which was held in our church last October. The words to which we then listened, and the presence of our dear missionaries, and others like-minded, were indeed a benediction, and we hope we shall be inspired to better service the coming year."

Stamford.—“Our meetings have been held regularly every month, even during the summer, and there seems to be a growing interest among our ladies, owing partly to the fact that we are becoming better acquainted with the work and the workers, and also that we realize more fully what a blessed privilege it is to be co-workers with our dear Saviour. A goodly number of our ladies attended the Branch meeting in May, and also the county meeting in October. We have thirty-two members with an average attendance of twelve. Various plans have been tried to draw in a larger number, but there are so many calls in other directions that as yet we have not been very successful. We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. E. S. Hume in the autumn, and a letter from Mrs. Bond has given us much pleasure. This year we hope and confidently expect to raise the desired twenty-five per cent. advance.

The ‘Tiny Helpers’ number thirty-three children, all in the primary department of the Sunday School. Their meetings are held every other Monday, regularly, with an average attendance of twenty-two. The children take part in the meetings with great enthusiasm.

Forty-five dollars were given by these children last year. They save pennies in their missionary jugs, and at the opening of these every October, they have a
small sale of fancy articles and a supper. This circle is eight years old and shows a remarkable record for great work."

**Westport.**—"This society held seven very interesting meetings during the past year. Some of the ladies attended the annual county meeting at South Norwalk, and we also had a meeting with the 'Mission Band' on October 6th, at which time Mrs. Hume of Bombay, India, met with us. The amount raised is not as large as it was last year. The 'Mission Band' has been very prosperous and raised $50 for Miss Dency Root, as has been the custom for the last four or five years. The children have learned more of missions and missionaries than ever before."

Grace W. Choate.
Mrs. Wm. B. Cogswell.
Mary A. Hopson.

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**Litchfield County—Northern Division.**

The letters from the Secretaries of auxiliary societies in the northern part of Litchfield County, remind one of the familiar reply of the artist, who, when asked what was the best picture he had ever painted, answered, "The next one." They are nearly all hopeful, and looking forward to the coming year with expectation born of faith in prayer.

In the small hamlets, where the older ones get discouraged, by reason of storms and cold, and sickness, the bright young people of the Endeavor Society, through their missionary committees, are at work, loyal to their society and faithful to their vows. They help sustain the monthly concerts. As teachers, they carry to their scholars the germs of missionary knowledge. Mission-
ary teas are very helpful in the work. In the smaller churches, they sometimes have their meeting in the lecture room on the afternoon of the church prayer meeting, taking tea and remaining for evening service.

The special day of prayer in March was universally observed, and with special blessing.

The crowning hope is in the increasing volume of prayer which is offered in all our societies. One small town speaks of a meeting in which twelve were present, when every woman prayed; and adds, "we felt that we were in the very presence of God, and very near to Him."

Canaan.—The outlook for 1892 is very encouraging. In September a missionary rally was held, which was very successful and inspiring. The monthly topics and leaflets are used, and efforts are being made to kindle new interest in the work.

The young ladies are much interested in Chihuahua, especially since hearing Mr. Eaton at the "rally" in September. They have helped in sending the carpet for the boarding school.

Colebrook.—The missionary papers and letters are circulated and read with interest, but the number of women is so small, and they are so scattered that they do not have regular meetings.

Ellsworth.—The Secretary writes: "We are an auxiliary as long as we pay our $10, but we have had no meetings in a long time. A few have paid the two cents a week extra for Wai."

"An active missionary spirit is abroad in the Y. P. S. C. E. which is carefully fostered by the pastor. Several interesting missionary meetings have been held, our treasury has been remembered, and a number of persons are pledged to weekly contributions."
Falls Village.—The auxiliary does not hold meetings. The Y. P. S. C. E. has an active missionary committee which has secured a large number of weekly pledges. The society has investments in the Madura Hospital, and the Mahableshwari Sanitarium.

Harwinton.—The Secretary writes: “Our general report will not be as encouraging as usual. Owing to sickness during the winter, our meetings have not been fully attended. We are expecting as warm weather approaches we shall be able to hold our meetings regularly with a good attendance.”

More than twenty members of the Y. P. S. C. E. have pledged themselves to give two cents a week to foreign missions. The society holds occasional meetings in the interest of our work, and remembers the work in its prayers.

Norfolk.—The meetings are continued regularly, and with the usual interest. The county meeting was held here in October, and although the day was rainy, the attendance was good. Mrs. Hume interested everyone with her graphic account of life in Bombay, spent in missionary work. Mrs. Montgomery was with us for the last time as home secretary, at our county meeting, and very tender and solemn were her parting words.

“The ‘Young Ladies’ Circle’ is in a flourishing condition, with monthly meetings, and an average attendance of fourteen out of a membership of twenty. Two members are appointed to take charge of each meeting, and information is elicited along the line of ‘Mission Studies.’ Money is raised by membership fees, sociables, etc. A committee of four is appointed for each sociable.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have a stirring missionary committee which is taking charge of the church missionary
concert. This committee has obtained pledges for five years, amounting to about $70.00 a year."

_Plymouth._—Meetings have been held regularly each month. Pledge cards and circulars were sent out to nearly all the women of the church. The pledge cards brought in $35 extra.

_Salisbury._—The Secretary writes: "The interest in the work and contributions to it have increased the last few months. We are now using the printed programs for the monthly studies which we trust will prove successful and profitable.

The 'King's Daughters' have taken up mission work very heartily, making dresses for 'Bowker Hall' school girls, beside earning and giving for the treasury of the Board. They hold weekly devotional meetings, and the spirited growth of the members is a marked feature in the church life.

A mission band of little children are receiving careful instruction and training at the parsonage. The Endeavor Society at Lakeville has given practical proof of interest in our work."

_Sharon._—The meetings are very interesting, and greatly helped by the use of the topic cards. At one meeting when a dozen were present and all took part, they felt that they were in the very presence of God, and very near Him.

"We rejoice to report a new children's circle, the 'Endeavor Missionary Society.' It is in the care of an experienced leader, who will be assisted by the missionary committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. and some of the older members of the 'Busy Bees.' The new circle will alternate its meetings with those of the 'Busy Bees,' and study the topics proposed by the 'Woman's Board.' The children have secured eighty-seven sub-
scribers for the 'Dayspring.' The Y. P. S. C. E. has introduced missionary meetings, pledge cards and a definite work for the 'Woman's Board.'”

South Canaan.—The 26th of March was observed with profit. When the warm days come, the meetings will be more regular.

Thomaston.—In the last two years, the society has made a decided advance. Mrs. Montgomery has met with them this year with great interest and profit.

The Y. P. S. C. E. are holding missionary meetings and hope to fall into line in practical helpfulness.

Torrington.—The numbers are small and scattered, but they have held nine meetings during the year. Those who can attend value the privilege. The mission circle “Highland Workers” number twenty-nine. The first hour of the meeting is spent in study of the topic and devotional exercises. The next hour is spent in work, making articles to sell, to replenish their treasury.

West Torrington.—The constitution of this society enrolls upon its records the name of every woman uniting with the church. She is at once informed of her privilege and her duties. The special day of prayer in March was observed, and a most delightful and profitable meeting was held.

Torrington.—Meetings have been held regularly during the year, and many of them have been largely devoted to prayer for the work. There has been no lack of interest in the cause, and there is an increase in attendance and in contributions.

“The ‘Valley Gleaners’ continue their good work, though some of their members have gone to college. Their monthly meetings are held Sunday afternoons, but once a quarter they meet on Saturday, and have supper and amusements in the evenings. The ‘Gleaners’ united
with the auxiliary and the Endeavor Society in an interesting service on the last Saturday in March. The Y. P. S. C. E. has fulfilled the generous pledge of $500 for the Madura Hospital. Of this sum $25 was given by the West Torrington Church as a memorial."

Watertown.—The meetings have been interrupted by sickness during the winter, but the interest in them continues, and the future looks hopeful. A children's circle has been formed, which has contributed for the carpet in the new school building at Chihuahua. The Y. P. S. C. E. has sent its first payment towards Mrs. Sibley's salary.

Winsted.—The social relations between the two churches uniting in one meeting are very delightful. The numbers are on the increase; much time is spent in study in preparation for each meeting, and there is evidence of a deepening interest.

"The Y. P. S. C. E. holds a missionary meeting bi-monthly, with a carefully prepared programme. In addition to this, the committee secures missionary speakers when available, circulates literature, and presents letters from their own missionary (Miss Root) as they are received. The 'two cents a week' plan is largely adopted, and collections are taken once in two months."

Riverton.—"The Y. P. S. C. E. continues to be interested in Miss Dency Root, and to contribute for her support."

Winchester.—The Y. P. S. C. E. help in the missionary concerts, which are held once a month. They are also interested and helpful in Miss Dency Root's work.

Mary P. Hinsdale.
Mary A. Hopson.
Litchfield County—Southern Division.

Another year has quickly passed, and we are called to report our work for the Master. He who alone seeth the heart knoweth if we have been faithful. If we have done what we could, let us thank God for the privilege of having a share in His work.

The auxiliaries in this part of the county have suffered loss by the continued illness of their experienced and enthusiastic Vice-President. Many prayers have been offered in her behalf. If we have been led to a more complete reliance upon Him with whom is all power, then this affliction will not have been in vain.

Our County Meeting last October, in Norfolk, was an inspiration to all who braved the storm to attend. Mrs. Hume moved every heart, as she told us of her work in India. Our dear Home Secretary seemed more a necessity to us than ever, as we were forced to consider the probability of giving her up to the foreign field. This, too, must bring us nearer Him who can raise up those who shall lead us in all branches of the work for Him.

Bethlehem.—This auxiliary reports a gain in interest, also a gain in contributions. They have studied the topics as given in "Life and Light."

The presence of Mrs. Sibley with them last summer was an inspiration.

"The 'Willing Hands' have held sixteen meetings during the year, partly for sewing and partly for devotional exercise and the study of missions. A public sale of fancy articles has added to their treasury, and some of the members have worked for large returns from five cent investments. The Y. P. S. C. E. have circulated a letter asking for united daily prayer for our seven societies, beginning on Sunday with the
American Board. The presence last summer of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley of the China Inland Mission gave an impetus to missionary work.

Bridgewater.—Ten meetings have been held, with an average attendance of four; contributions have increased, and more copies of "Life and Light" are taken than ever before.

Cornwall.—Members of the auxiliary are widely scattered. There has been much sickness, and only a few meetings have been held during the year. Missionary letters have been passed around and read with interest. Twenty-two dollars has been raised.

"The 'Cheerful Givers' are planning for a fair in the early summer. Their meetings during the winter have been somewhat irregular, owing to difficulties incident to local conditions."

West Cornwall.—"The 'Mission Bank Society' have held interesting quarterly meetings, studying different mission fields. The attendance varies from twenty to sixty, comprising both sexes and all ages. The Y. P. S. C. E. have appointed a Missionary Committee."

Goshen.—This auxiliary has held but few meetings on account of much sickness; about the same amount of money has been raised as usual.

Kent.—"The auxiliary has met with a heavy loss in the death of four of its praying members. Mrs. John Spooner is especially missed. She was rarely absent from the monthly meeting, and her intense interest in missionary news, and her earnest supplications were an inspiration to us all. The officers have felt the need of redoubled effort. Notes of invitation have been sent out, and the carefully arranged programmes have been placed in the vestibule of the Church, in addition to the pulpit notice. The Thanksgiving meeting resolved
itself into an 'afternoon tea' at the close of the usual exercises. We are maintaining our average attendance and increasing our contributions over those given previous to the 'Hospital year.' The Church was favored in September in having the Sabbath ministrations of Rev. E. S. Hume."

"The 'Mission Circle' is faithful and has evinced a good degree of interest. Owing to sickness and other causes, they have been unable to hold an entertainment this year, and their treasury is correspondingly depressed. Sewing for Bombay and Madura has been done by both auxiliary and Mission Circle.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have a Missionary Committee.

The little district Sunday School at North Kent is much interested in the 'Morning Star Mission,' to which it contributes every year. Both this and the home school are supplied by the Church with the 'Mission Dayspring.'"

Litchfield.—This auxiliary has a membership of sixty-nine. Regular monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of ten. Subjects are assigned to each, and all are prompt to add to the interest of the meetings. The young ladies had a successful entertainment in August. The "Daisy Chain" held a Harvest Home Festival in September.

"The young people of the 'Mission Circles' have assisted in making forty jackets and skirts for the school girls of Bombay. Mrs. Hume's visit to Litchfield has awakened a lively interest in her work."

Milton.—Few meetings have been held during the year. The pastor's wife has been ill much of the time. Interest is not wanting, but many things prevent getting out to meetings.
Morris.—This auxiliary reports regular monthly meetings. "Life and Light" is taken, also other missionary papers. The letters sent from New Haven have been enjoyed. The members have responded cheerfully to the appeal for an increase in contributions.

New Milford.—"We have held meetings once in two months. The prevailing sickness has diminished the attendance during the winter. We have followed the plan of study as given in 'Life and Light.' A good degree of interest has been manifested. Topic cards have been given to those who do not take 'Life and Light.' Several of our ladies attended the meeting of the American Board in Pittsfield, and brought back enthusiastic reports. The call for more means to carry on and extend the work has been very forcibly brought before us in the eloquent appeals sent out by our Home Secretary, and we shall follow her with our prayers as she returns to her distant field of labor."

"The 'Young Ladies' Circle' reports interesting monthly meetings with an average attendance of nine or ten. The programmes have been varied by such topics as 'Christmas in Heathen Lands,' 'Mission Circles in Other Lands,' 'The Life of a young African Chief,' etc. Twice in the year they have had a social tea, when the mite boxes were opened and the time spent in amusements. At one meeting dolls were dressed to be sent to India. They have also had a picnic in the woods. The members have tried to earn money, individually, 'that they might send what cost them something.' They are now collecting receipts which they purpose publishing as the 'New Milford Cook Book.' The Circle met with the auxiliary for the 'simultaneous meeting' in March, to the profit of both organizations.
The ‘Golden Links’ number about fifty, being the primary class in the Sunday School. The children use their mite-boxes faithfully, putting in their pennies regularly, whether able to go to Sunday School or not. The ‘Mission Dayspring’ has been furnished by the Church to the extent of one copy in each family. Their leader writes: ‘I feel that the little people have been more interested this year than formerly in hearing about missionary work, and begin to feel a little responsibility themselves.’

The Y. P. S. C. E. has a Missionary Committee and has obtained weekly pledges for our treasury.”

New Preston.—“We have held regular meetings during the year. We have been encouraged and stimulated by Mrs. Montgomery’s papers. Fifty dollars have been raised by contributions and mite-box collections.”

Northfield.—This auxiliary reports a gain of three members. “A few ladies meet weekly and spend an hour in prayer and singing, with instructive talks on missions,” each bringing a penny or more to add to the annual membership fees. They observed their twentieth anniversary the 19th of April, at which meeting they were privileged to hear again the voice of their Vice-President, Mrs. McLaughlin; also that of Miss Hinsdale. “The meeting was a delightful one.”

Roxbury.—“We have held meetings regularly, although our numbers have been lessened by death and removals. Our contributions have not diminished, but rather increased. We have been stimulated from time to time by Mrs. Montgomery’s papers. Since January we have followed the plan of study as given in ‘Life and Light’ and found it profitable and ‘interesting.”’

Sherman.—Meetings were held until January. The subject of study was Africa. “Since January the loss
of their President and sickness of members have prevented meeting together."

Warren.—The auxiliary in this little hill town can report a good degree of interest. Although there have been but few present at some of the monthly meetings, owing to much sickness in the Society, yet there have always been enough to claim the promise. Some who cannot attend remember the hour at home and occasionally send a letter of encouragement. The topics as given in "Life and Light" have been followed with profit. Some new subscribers to that excellent magazine have been secured. Twenty-five copies of the Dayspring are taken in the Sunday School.

Washington.—"We have held a meeting each month; attendance good, devotional exercises well attended. In the absence of our President we are trying to do what we can. We have had interesting reports from missionary meetings in other places and have received much information concerning foreign fields."

"The 'Children's Circle' is suspended, owing to the temporary absence of Mrs. Turner.

The Missionary Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. have obtained material from Miss Prichard, and arranged two very interesting meetings upon Japan and India, respectively. Twenty-seven pledges for two cents a week for a year have been secured for foreign missions, and a similar plan is proposed for home missions."

Woodbury.—"Our meetings are held monthly. Owing to sickness we have not accomplished what we had hoped. We are thankful that none of our members have been removed by death. We hope for better health the coming season that we may do more for this dear cause of missions. Although the visible results of our efforts are not equal to our desires, our love for it is
warm, and we are praying that His kingdom may come. The auxiliary and 'Mission Circle' united in a social meeting the 26th of March."

"'The Valley Gleaners,' of the First Congregational Church, hold two meetings each month, one of which is missionary and the other sewing. We have twenty-six members, the average attendance is eleven, and we have no vacations. Our money is raised by fees and occasional entertainments which have been successful. We have tried afternoon teas, also one mission social."

North Woodbury.—This auxiliary reports the same membership as last year, except one called to the better land. The same interest has continued. The meetings during the winter were somewhat interrupted by the prevailing sickness. Mrs. Montgomery's interesting papers have been read, and sent to those who could not attend the meetings. "Envelopes have been given out asking for weekly contributions for three months. This is an experiment entered upon with much prayer."

Mrs. Austin Gardner.
Mary A. Hopson.

Middlesex County—Northern Division.

The great event to record in this part of the county is the organization of an auxiliary in Durham. Reports of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board in Brooklyn were prepared by Mrs. Edward Douglas and Mrs. Lucius R. Hazen, and read in many societies.

The special prayer meeting recommended by the board for March 26, was observed in several churches. Leaflets sent from the Bureau in New Haven found ready welcome and use. Good work has been done in the County by the Secretary of the Middlesex Union of
Christian Endeavor Societies. Eight of these, in the Northern Division, are contributing to Foreign Missions. Through this work the church in Westfield becomes connected with the New Haven Branch, and Bethany Chapel, under the care of the First Church, Middletown. The Endeavor Societies in the whole county have sent to New Haven $204.

The reports of the Mission Circles for the year are in the main encouraging. In all of them we may be sure that interest has been aroused and impressions made which will never be wholly lost. Work for the young always pays.

We shall all miss Mrs. Montgomery, and we desire to record our appreciation of her effective service, while we wish her God speed as she returns to her former home in Turkey.

Cromwell.—This auxiliary held its meetings regularly, once a month. It added five members, and continued to support the Bible Reader, Nanapirakasi. It united with the Mission Circle in a prayer meeting, March 26, and in connection with the latter, sent a token of love to Mrs. Montgomery.

This circle reports an increase of membership and of contributions. By the use of mite boxes a goodly sum was raised for the building at Wai for Mrs. Sibley’s work. They have also given towards Mrs. Eaton’s salary, and the Sanitarium in India. “We feel that our whole work for the year has been very encouraging.”

Durham.—The Secretary writes: “In October 1891, our minister’s wife invited all women who were interested in missions to meet in the parlor of the parsonage. Eight accepted the invitation. It was the first meeting of the kind ever held in Durham, and the ‘Woman’s Auxiliary Missionary Society’ was organized. Two
officers, a President, and a Secretary and Treasurer, were chosen. The meetings have been held on the last Friday of every month, with never any postponement, whatever the weather, or mud, or snow, although some of the members live quite a distance away. There is always a good attendance. There is no fixed fee for membership, but the mite box on the table at the parsonage grows heavier, month by month. The interest in missions is increasing. Our membership is now sixteen."

*East Hampton.*—The interest in the meetings continues. Leaflets from New Haven aid in varying the programme. Collections are made at the close of each year.

*Higganum.*—Word comes: "Our auxiliary has pursued the even tenor of its way the past year. The Bible Readings were helpful, the material presented such as should touch every Christian heart. The numbers in attendance have been much reduced by sickness in the community and departures from the place, but the contributions have not proportionately fallen off, evincing a sense of duty to, and, we trust, a prayerful interest in, this cause."

"The meetings of 'Coral Workers,' which are held on the first and third Sundays of the month, are conducted by two of the members previously appointed. 'Zion's Cadets' united with us on Easter in giving a missionary concert. The collection was divided between the two societies."

Ten dollars have been sent to 'Bowker Hall.'

Removals from town have reduced the membership of "Zion's Cadets" to one-half the original number.

A scrap-book has been started, in which the boys paste items of interest and pictures relating to the countries they study about.
Middlefield.—Mrs. Denison writes of the usual work in this church. Several families have left the town, which may impede its progress.

Middle Haddam.—Sickness and loss have marred, somewhat, the hopes of last year. The “Willing Workers” have not been able to send an offering across the sea, though a box has reached the far West. The leader is full of enthusiasm, and reports good signs of promise.

Middletown, First Church.—Immediately after the Annual Meeting in New Britain, Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick paid this auxiliary a visit, and addressed the regular mid-week service of the church. She kindled much interest in the Girls’ School in San Sebastian. She left cards containing flowers pressed by Spanish girls, which were sold by the “Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor,” for the benefit of the school. The average attendance each month has been larger. The Secretary writes: “To our President, ever faithful in season and out of season, we owe much of the life and interest in our meetings.”

Two Life Members have been added, and the offerings have increased, at least, the five per cent. called for. A special prayer meeting was held March 26, to which thank-offerings were brought. A leaflet read at one of the Mothers’ Meetings has led to the commencement of a “Cradle Roll.”

A slight gift was sent for Mrs. Montgomery, whose work and influence will long be gratefully remembered. “The Gleaners’” roll of membership is larger than ever before, numbering seventy-eight this year. At the beginning of the year the president resigned, and the office has been left vacant for this season. In April a ‘White and Gold Tea’ was served to the friends of the
society. We close the year with ample funds in the treasury to fulfill our annual pledges."

"The 'Ten Times One' boys' society holds its meetings once a month from September until July. The opening exercises are followed by the roll call, when each member responds by repeating a passage of scripture, as he deposits his offering in the 'Bank.'" Early in the year scrap-books were made for Miss Root.

For the past three months the leader has given talks on Africa, using maps and the blackboard for free-hand drawing. "The boys show great interest and we often exceed our hour before we know it."

"The band of 'Mission Helpers' has not increased in numbers, but the interest is as great as ever. Meetings have been held less regularly, but more work has been done." Twenty dollars were made at a parlor sale towards which every member, even the youngest, helped in some way.

_Middletown, South Church._—The Secretary reports:

"The work of our auxiliary for the past year has been encouraging. At the County Meeting in October, which was especially inspiring, a renewal of interest was manifest, both in word and contribution. One of our most efficient and capable workers was delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board in Brooklyn, and brought to us an interesting and graphic report of the same. The sum of $100 has been appropriated for the support of a pupil in Mrs. Gulick's school at San Sebastian. On the day appointed for prayer, by the board, Mrs. Cady, of New Haven, gave us some very interesting items in regard to the school, which she visited a short time since. Our President, Mrs. Mary Graham, was removed from us by death, in January. Her interest in the cause of Foreign Missions was deep and
strong. Her successor, Mrs. H. C. Hovey, by her efficiency and zeal, is doing much for the society."

*Portland.*—"Since last May seven meetings have been held. The ladies take turns in leading, taking up the subjects as given in 'Life and Light.' Some have taken charge, who never have done so before. Five dollars extra were raised for the Middlesex School in Bombay."

The "Work and Win" circle meets once in two weeks except during July and August. Some part of each meeting is devotional, led by the members. All take part in sentence prayers. A "Five o'clock Tea" was given in rooms decorated in Japanese and Turkish style, in one of which a little girl in Japanese costume poured tea, and in the other a Turk, sitting cross-legged on a rug, dispensed coffee. The secretary has written a letter to the girl whom the society is educating in Ceylon.

*Westchester.*—The report reads: "Sickness in the parish prevented the regular holding of our meetings, but we have kept the usual amount of interest in them, and have pledged the same advance as last year, which was asked for by the board.

We have more members, and have increased our giving, with the aid of mite boxes, taken by the young people, to the amount of eleven dollars." The "extra" for medical work was more than half as much as the regular offering. Also a token of remembrance was sent to Mrs. Montgomery.

*Mrs. A. W. Hazen.*
*Mrs. J. H. Vorce.*
*May A. Hart.*
MIDDLESEX COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The auxiliaries of the Southern Division of Middlesex County are quietly continuing in their regular work. Some have increased the usual contributions and have responded to extra calls. Much interest has been expressed in the written and oral reports of the delegates who attended the annual meeting of the "Woman's Board" in Brooklyn. The special day set apart by the "Woman's Board" was observed in some societies, and several have taken up the study of the topics recommended in "Life and Light."

The county meeting held in Middletown last October was an occasion of much enthusiasm. The hearts of all present were stirred by accounts of the meeting of the A. B. C. F. M. at Pittsfield, and by the earnest words of Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Edward Hume. A movement was started for establishing a day school in Bombay to be supported by the auxiliaries of our county, in addition to their present pledges to the treasury. It was suggested that this school should be called "The Middlesex School," and that it should be given as a thank offering for the inspiration received by us from our Bombay Missionary.

Centerbrook:—"Circumstances here make work on missionary lines slow and difficult, but there is some gain and we mean to do what we can. We have had four meetings during the year, but we are hoping to hold monthly meetings in future. There is quite a general interest in the cause, but not a general familiarity with the methods of the 'Woman's Board.' A lively interest is felt in Mrs. Sibley. We hope to make a special contribution for her home in Wai, and our Y. P. S. C. E. has voted to help on her salary. We have a missionary society for children, both in Center-
brook and Ivoryton—but their contributions have accumulated but little as yet. The missionary spirit is certainly growing among our young people.”

Chester.—“During a quiet uneventful year, we have been led by still waters, and our little band has suffered no loss through death or removal. Our meetings have been for the most part well attended, and the members are interested in the study of the mission topics brought to their notice. At present we are using the leaflets recommended for our twenty-fifth anniversary. We wish we might tell of great things accomplished, of ‘aggressive work’ done in bringing in new members, and filling our treasury to overflowing. Perhaps we have failed in faith or work or both, and another year may bear better fruit because of more earnest effort. To some of us, at least, the word may come, as it came of old; ‘speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward,’ and heeding that word, there shall be for us a steady growth and progress.”

The “Inasmuch Circle” has held devotional meetings led by the members, once in two weeks, with no vacation. Topics in “Life and Light” are used.

Clinton.—The auxiliary continues its quarterly meetings with usual interest. “On March 26th, in accordance with a suggestion from the ‘Woman’s Board,’ we held a meeting simultaneously with all the branches and their auxiliaries. We were inspired with the thought that thousands of our sisters were at the same time invoking the divine blessing on efforts put forth by women in Christian lands for women in heathen lands. An interesting report of the Brooklyn meeting prepared by one of the county delegates was read. Mite-boxes are used by our society with success. During the past year four of our members have been called, as we trust, into the presence chamber of the ‘King of Kings.’”
*Essex.*—"Meetings are regularly held, well attended and well sustained. Contributions have been larger than before. Our missionary rally was a success; a large number were present, and a full programe was well carried out. We received from one of the county delegates an interesting report of the meeting in Brooklyn."

The "Whatsoever Band" has held but few meetings, but by membership fees and an entertainment, an advance has been made on the contributions of last year.

The "Mission Workers" hold meetings every other Saturday afternoon, from October to June. "Our meetings commence with the work of the day, planned by the leader. The last half-hour is devoted to talks on the different mission stations, illustrated by maps drawn by the older girls, followed by scripture recitations on a topic chosen by them at the previous meeting."

The "We Will Do Something" boys have held but few meetings owing to removals from town and other causes, but the sum contributed was the same as in previous years.

*Haddam.*—"The record of the year with fewer meetings and smaller numbers is due almost entirely to unusual and continued sickness; the same general plan and arrangements for the meetings have been followed as formerly. Attention has been especially fixed upon the work in West Africa, while information has been also given concerning the growth of missions in most parts of the world."

"Alpha Band." On account of illness among the members, few meetings have been held, and we have been unable to raise the five dollars necessary for belonging to the New Haven Branch. We are very sorry not to be connected with the Branch. We are trying a new
method of interesting the members, and hope for better success another year."

**Killingworth.**—This auxiliary continues to hold quarterly meetings, but its members consider that it will be pleasant to follow, at least in thought, the topics for monthly meetings suggested in “Life and Light” and recommended by the Branch. They anticipate fresh zeal for the work through the attendance of one of their number upon the annual meeting in Brooklyn. The Secretary of the “Union Band” writes that the ladies have decided to disband, and unite with the other society as one auxiliary; “trusting thereby to grow stronger in faith and love for the Master’s cause. A gift of twenty-five dollars has been added to our mite-box collection for the home of Mrs. Sibley at Wai.”

**Millington.**—Although meetings have been interrupted by severe sickness, the ladies are still following the course of lessons found in “Mission Studies,” which they have been using for some time past, holding monthly meetings when practicable. In this widely scattered society, there are hearts warm with love to the Saviour, and sympathizing in His grand work of bringing all nations out of the darkness of sin.

**Saybrook.**—This auxiliary reports regular meetings with a good attendance. The thoughts of the year have clustered around these topics—“The breadth of Christ’s love,” “God’s providence in missions,” and “Christianity for woman.” “As we hear with gladness, of open doors, let us not forget the longing looks turned homeward, nor fail to hear the pleading calls for help. Should we not be more impressed with the thought that our missionaries cannot do without us? The work is ours as well as theirs. Let us give more patient effort, more loving prayer, more consecrated service.”
Westbrook.—While we cannot report any special interest in the meetings, which are held infrequently, still the fact that our contributions increase a little every year is an encouraging one, and we hope that we shall continue to show our interest in this practical way.

Contributions have been received from the Christian Endeavor Societies in Chester, Essex, Ivoryton and Saybrook. The society in Hadlyme, also promises a gift during the coming year.

Mrs. E. E. McCALL.
Mrs. J. H. Vorce.
May A. Hart.

New Haven County—Naugatuck Valley and Vicinity.

We wish we could report the natural beauties and great facilities of the Naugatuck Valley as rivalled by the missionary zeal and ardor of its Christian women; but can we truthfully, when the past years tell us that several of our Congregational churches have as yet no organized work for the W. B. M.? We are encouraged, however, when we hear of many faithful workers, and our enthusiasm kindles as we listen to some of the echoes from our societies as found in the following reports. Many voices have testified all through the year to the helpfulness of Mrs. Montgomery's words, as she has from time to time given herself to us. We rejoice in the formation of one new auxiliary, and hope next year's report will include the name of at least one new mission circle. Some one has said that love and knowledge are the two great needs in God's work. The increase of study as indicated by the use of the uniform topics among our societies will help to give the knowl-
edge; but what shall kindle a love that shall take up the work for the children, that needs to be done throughout our beautiful valley? Many are waiting to be guided who will make valuable helpers, if only a consecrated love will furnish leaders.

Ansonia.—The auxiliary here was reorganized May 6th, 1891. Meetings are held the last Friday of each month at the parsonage, and with two exceptions have been held regularly through the year. The membership is nearly fifty, and a growing interest has been manifested by those who have been present at the meetings. Missionary periodicals are taken, and the future seems hopeful for this society.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Ansonia have pledged an annual gift of $35.00 for Tungcho Hospital.

Birmingham.—The Secretary writes that on account of the illness of some of the officers but three meetings have been held during the year. The last gathering was March 26th, and ladies from Derby and other churches were present, and were interested in hearing Rev. Mr. Karmarkar's account of the work in India. The ladies propose to have a supper to raise money for pledged work.

Derby.—This auxiliary, with a membership of forty, and monthly meetings held regularly, reports no decrease of interest. An encouraging feature of their gatherings has been an increase in prayer by those present through the urgent request of their president. A visit from Mrs. Montgomery was looked forward to with much anticipation at the time the Secretary sent in her report.

Middlebury.—The Secretary regrets to say that as a society they have not been active, but hopes their annual contribution will testify that they still live.
Naugatuck.—"We are glad to report regular monthly meetings during most of the year. We caught an inspiration from the delightful meeting of the Branch held in New Britain, at which a delegation of seven from our society were present. Then the interest was further increased by the coming to us in July of Mrs. Montgomery, who talked to us of the home life in Turkey, and gave many incidents in connection with her own work there. We are to use the uniform topics for our meetings this year."

Prospect.—As an immediate result of the memorable Hartford meeting, mite-boxes and leaflets were distributed among the ladies. In December a meeting was appointed for the opening of the boxes, and the presence and helpful words of Mrs. Montgomery strengthened the desire that had long existed, and an auxiliary was formed. There was an increased demand for the mite-boxes, and it is hoped that a long, active life lies before us as a society. In April, Mr. Karmarkar, of Bombay, was present at our quarterly meeting, and aroused much interest by his words. The "Prospect Gleaners" were occupied during the summer months in preparing articles for the box for Miss Root, and were also able to make a small increase in their annual gift.

Southbury.—"No meetings were held during the year, but at the annual meeting, March 29th, though few were present, it was proposed that we should make the effort to sustain monthly meetings, each pledging herself to be present and thus encourage others to come.

Waterbury, First Church.—"We have continued to hold our meetings with the auxiliary of the Second Church, the services being held alternately at the two churches. We have decided to adopt the plan of study mapped out by the 'Woman's Board.' Our annual
'Missionary Tea' was given in February, and was largely attended. The mite-boxes which were opened at this time, together with the receipts from the 'Tea,' increased our donation to missions for the year. A renewed interest in Foreign Missions which was very gratifying was manifested by those who were present at the 'Tea.'"

Waterbury, Second Church.—The Secretary says that it is with regret that she writes that their missionary society is small and not increasing, but their president is alive to the importance of the work, and letters from her missionary brother in Foochow often add interest to the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell of China, were with them one evening in April, and gave an interesting account of their forty years of missionary work. A mission circle formerly connected with the W. B. M. contribute annually through this auxiliary.

The Y. P. S. C. E. organizations of the Waterbury First and Second churches have pledged contributions toward the salary of Miss Root.

Wolcott.—A "Mission Circle" has been organized here, and commenced work. Before the close of the year it hopes to connect itself with the N. H. Branch.

Mrs. W. H. Phipps.
Mrs. T. L. Day.
May A. Hart.

New Haven County—Eastern Division.

Cheshire.—The Secretary writes: "Our meetings have been held monthly, attended by the usual small number.

Letters from missionaries, kindly furnished from the Bureau of Information, have added much to our interest.
in particular missions. We propose in future to follow
the lessons suggested in "Life and Light."

*Guilford, First Church.*—Our auxiliary has fully
held its own the past year. Our meetings are full of
interest, well sustained and held regularly.

We have followed topics suggested in "Life and
Light," using the leaflets which we find very helpful.
Pledge cards and leaflets on "Aggressive Work" were
freely distributed early in the year, hoping to increase
our contributions the twenty-five per cent., and it is a
sore disappointment that we have failed to reach our
aim.

The day appointed for the special meeting in March
was observed with much pleasure and profit to all
present.

With regret we record the death of one of our num­
ber who has been called to "come up higher." As we
are "gathering homeward, one by one," may we be led
to more faithful, earnest effort in this work. "Speak
unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

*Guilford, Third Church.*—We hold our meetings
every month; our numbers are not large, but those who
are present seem interested and ready to answer ques­
tions which are sent out to every member several days
before the meeting. We use the topics suggested in
"Life and Light," and enjoy the reading of missionary
letters sent us.

Although we do not accomplish all we might we are
hoping and praying that the feeble efforts we put forth,
with God's blessing upon them, may increase and mul­
tiply a thousand fold to His honor and glory.

We held a union meeting March 26th in response to
the suggestion for meetings for all the auxiliaries.
Madison.—We are thankful to be permitted to say that though our number has been greatly reduced by death and removals, we have been able to continue for twenty years the amount for the support of our worthy beneficiary.

We have been much interested in listening to Mrs. Montgomery’s earnest words.

For the simultaneous meeting for March 26th, we held a missionary tea.

Meriden, First Church.—"Our year has been like an Arctic summer day—long hours of sunshine with a short night of shadow.

While sickness prevailed and death took from us lifelong friends of mission work, whose sympathy and prayers were with us, even after active work ceased, we were in shadow, though they were in the light of a new morning.

In the sunshine we have seen our regular meetings larger than ever before; individual interest increased, with a sense of personal responsibility in regard to enlarging our work and redeeming our pledges, that has lifted anxiety from the few, and given to those assuming it a larger life and deeper thought for others.

Wise and judicious influence has brought to us the younger adult element of our church, and their awakened interest gives us fresh hope for the stability of our Society, for we must grow in order to meet the opportunities that crowd upon us.

We spent one sunny hour with Mrs. Eaton, in Mexico, another learning from Mrs. Montgomery the needs of Turkey, and one afternoon Mrs. Hume brought Bombay, its schools and Bible women, so close to our hearts that we could only regret that lives and purses have limitations.
The young people whom we sighed to lose from our Mission Circles, we rejoice to see taking up special mission work in the Endeavor Society with charming zeal.

The prayer meeting in March was one of the brightest hours of the year, for in it children's voices mingled with those of age, with an assurance of faith that brought very near to us the promise, 'while thou art speaking, I will answer.'

The 'Cheerful Givers' and 'Missionary Cadets' are always our beautiful aurora, with a gleam of the morning in their faces and the hope of high noon in their youthful ardor, their simple faith and patient work.

Their semi-monthly meetings are never missed willingly, and one little fellow found his greatest grief in going to a new home, in the thought of losing his Cadet meeting.

Meriden, Center Church.—We have held our full number of meetings with a good attendance and much interest. Our membership remains about the same. At our meeting in December Mrs. and Miss Pierson were with us, and their addresses were much enjoyed by all present. While our offering last year was about 50 per cent. larger than the year before, we are happy to state that this year it is still larger; thus the outlook for the coming year is most hopeful, though as a church we are in great heaviness in consequence of the death of our beloved pastor, who was always ready to bid us "God speed" in all our missionary efforts.

North Branford.—The Secretary writes: "No meetings have been held during the year, though our contributions remain the same, showing that we are still interested in the great and good cause of missions."

North Madison.—We are happy to report a slight gain in membership, also increasing interest in our meetings which are held regularly.
After considering the topic for study, we listen to a letter from some laborer in the foreign field; after reading these letters in our meetings we circulate them among those unable to attend. Near the close of the meeting, with bowed heads, sentence prayers are offered, calling down blessings upon the workers in different fields. In accordance with the plan suggested by the “Woman’s Board,” we held a meeting March 26th, taking for our subject “The power of prayer in foreign mission work.” Our President fully carried out the programme, and for the social element we had a “Missionary Tea.”

Northford.—The scattered population and illness of some of the members have interfered with the ladies meeting together, but they do not forget the work or their contributions to it.

Wallingford.—We can always depend on the young ladies as well as the older ones from Wallingford for help. We are pleased to learn that their Y. P. S. C. E. is pledged to forty dollars a year for the Tungcho hospital, in weekly pledges.

Mrs. F. E. Hinman.
Mrs. T. L. Day.
May A. Hart.

New Haven County—New Haven with Adjoining Towns and New Britain.

This division of New Haven County includes this year, twenty-five auxiliaries, twenty-three mission circles and sixteen contributing societies of Christian Endeavor, making a total of sixty-four organizations. There is scarcely one of these sixty-four societies of whose work interesting things might not be said. If
these facts are not here, the responsibility lies with the secretaries who have not reported them. Especially inspiring is it to note that of the twenty-five auxiliaries, sixteen now hold regular monthly meetings and two bi-monthly, leaving only six in the city and one out of town with no regular meetings. At the New Haven County meeting to be held in Cheshire in the autumn, it is earnestly hoped these seven may be reported as coming into line. The uniform topics are quite generally used and found most helpful. A few of the societies by valiant effort have made the twenty-five per cent. advance. There is much interest among the twenty-three mission circles—but we appeal for new leaders, those “who love Christ and the children” to form and carry on the new circles needed in almost every church in this division.

Our Christian Endeavor mission movement has, during this, its first full year, been especially successful in New Haven County. This fact is largely due, as we always gratefully acknowledge, to the most valuable aid given by the Yale Volunteer Band, especially by its gifted and consecrated President, Mr. H. T. Pitkin—Nineteen societies of Christian Endeavor in New Haven County are now pledged for $902 annually, while they have put into the branch treasury this year $850.

Branford.—This auxiliary is yet in its infancy, having been organized on February 12th, after the ladies had listened to a stirring address by Mrs. Montgomery. Starting with nineteen members, the number is now twenty-five. The Secretary reports a growing interest in missions, and a purpose in the heart to do more for those who know not Christ. The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes toward Tungcho Hospital and its mission treas-
urer aims constantly to secure new members for the weekly pledges.

*East Haven.*—The auxiliary, as best proof of its life and growing interest, has decided to hold monthly meetings, for which careful preparation is made, using uniform topics. The "Young Ladies’ Mission Circle," formed a year ago, moves on in its prosperous course, meeting on the second Wednesday evening of each month at the homes of its members, combining with the missionary hour a delightful social time. The experiment of a "Committee of Three" in place of a president has proved a success and is a good suggestion where there is difficulty in putting the whole care on one mind and heart. The Y. P. S. C. E., enrolled a year ago in weekly pledges for Tungcho Hospital has more than kept its promises. It has a mission treasurer who collects monthly the pledges in envelopes.

*Milford, First Church.*—The auxiliary holds monthly meetings with a good attendance. Each lady counts herself responsible for some item of missionary intelligence—the result giving a spicy and profitable hour. The use of the uniform topics is being tested.

*Milford, Plymouth.*—"Several new members have been added during the second year of our auxiliary’s life. Monthly meetings are well attended by the daughters as well as the mothers. The influence of Mrs. Montgomery’s presence remains with us. We have been studying missions in Micronesia, opening an entirely new world to most of our number. The ‘Mission Band’ meets every Saturday, the girls sewing and the boys making scrap-books. Once a month their meeting is devoted to study and prayer for missions."

*Mount Carmel.*—"The meetings are held the first Wednesday of each alternate month, the attendance
being larger than formerly. Uniform topics are used with the utmost freedom and informality in the discussion of the subjects. We have rejoiced that we have been enabled to make the twenty-five per cent. advance in our treasury. One of our members says, 'Our auxiliary is the live thing in our church.' Another says, 'I used to think the meetings stiff and poky, but now they are far from it.'"

North Haven.—"The work of a new year began last October under bright skies, the closing year being the best financially in our history, save one. It being difficult to secure a working force, the system of dirctresses was adopted, and all seemed propitious. Perplexities have arisen, but we are confident that, the rudder being made fast, the sails turned to catch the wind, the seventy-two dauntless women on our bark will reach the shores."

The Y. P. S. C. E. is giving to Tungcho Hospital, following our desired system of weekly pledges.

Orange.—In October the auxiliary was compelled to elect new officers. Since then monthly meetings have been held, despite bad weather and traveling. The President writes, "The numbers might seem small to you, but I doubt if the city meetings would be larger if your members had first to secure a horse (not always an easy matter), and then drive through deepest mud or coldest winds. We use uniform topics and have good meetings, the ladies taking part freely. In March, twenty-two were present, one-half the number from the 'Orange Workers.'" "Meetings of the 'Orange Workers' are held the last Friday afternoon of each month for the study of missions, and on the second Friday afternoon of each month we meet to sew. We raise our money by collections and by entertainments."
West Haven.—"We mean to have this coming year more system about our organization. We meet monthly, but our attendance is small unless some visitor addresses us. Mrs. Montgomery did us all good last summer. There is no mission circle in our church, but we trust this is the last time such a record of us shall be printed. Every woman in our church is invited to contribute to our treasury during April each year." The Y. P. S. C. E. is contributing systematically for Tungcho Hospital.

Westville.—"Our mission circle has ten members and meets twice monthly. At alternate meetings a mission program is prepared, and the meetings between are for sewing, the garments being sent to some missionary in whom we are interested. We have raised our money from weekly fees, mite-box collections, and increase of our investment fund of five cents."

Whitneyville.—"The outlook for our society is an encouraging one. There has been a ready response for the special fund raised by mite-boxes, the returns, both as to number of boxes and amount being larger than last year. Also our list of contributors is larger than usual. As to our meetings, indications point to increasing interest the coming year."

The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes by weekly pledges towards Tungcho Hospital.

Woodbridge.—This auxiliary holds no meetings, but continues its usual contributions.

New Britain, First Church.—"The monthly meetings of the auxiliary have been well attended and very interesting. We feel that we received an inspiration from the meeting of the W. B. M. in Hartford which resulted in an increase in our treasury and some new members. Two new mission circles have been added and all are
doing efficient work. We use the uniform topics; the 25 per cent. advance has been raised and we are constantly striving to secure new members.”

New Britain, South Church.—“We began our missionary studies in European Turkey, we closed them in Eastern Turkey. On two afternoons we considered the history and present condition of missions in Mexico. We have watched, month by month, with growing interest the progress of Dr. Pentecost and his helpers in India. We have talked of the new work in Albania, of the Jews in Russia; of the fire at Aintab; of the school at Wellington; of the awakening among the peoples on the Congo; of the new passports given our missionaries in Japan and the grounds for hopefulness over work in China. The annual meeting of the Branch, held under our own roof, gave to many a privilege hitherto unenjoyed of attending its sessions, and brought to us inspiration and help which we are glad to acknowledge. We have been unusually favored in the number of missionaries who have spoken to us.”

The meetings of the “Young Ladies’ Mission Circle” are held on Sunday afternoon, monthly. Money raised by voluntary pledges.

“The King’s Messengers” have twenty-five members with an average attendance of eighteen. We meet once in two weeks on Saturday morning, raise our money by collections and mite-box contributions. We continue to make scrap-books for the missionaries, and the boys bring items of mission news and freely offer prayer in our meetings. On March 26, we had a successful “Mission Rally” with about sixty children present.

The Y. P. S. C. E. continued the support of Miss Bridgman of Africa, until her return to this country.
The "Little Helpers' Mission Circle" is composed of about twenty girls. We meet on alternate Saturday mornings in the Parish chapel. We have made many scrap-books, and have sent packages of them, with pictures and cards to Mrs. Fuller of Aintab, and to Miss Newton of Foochow, China. We had the pleasure of having Miss Amy Bridgman with us soon after she returned from Africa. She gave us a most interesting and vivid description of the Zulu children, and showed us many views and curiosities. We have received interesting letters from Mrs. Fuller of Aintab, Miss Newton and Miss Garretson of Foochow, and from Miss Bridgman of Africa.

The City of New Haven, Center Church.—"The auxiliary has continued its monthly prayer-meetings on the Thursday preceding Branch meetings, but with a small attendance which bears no proportion to its contributing membership. Since January we have adopted the subjects in "Life and Light," and hope by this means and the use of valuable suggestions made at the W. B. M. meeting in Brooklyn, to increase both interest and attendance. In December we gave a reception to our missionary, Mrs. E. S. Hume of Bombay, and we expect gratifying results from the warm personal interest felt in her and her work. The 'Young Ladies' Mission Circle' holds meetings every fortnight; part of the time is devoted to sewing, part to missionary information, each member being responsible for a certain mission field. The money for our pledges is raised by a yearly entertainment. This year we have subscribed for 'The Missionary Review of the World,' and we have found it a great help in our meetings."

The Young People's Society is contributing by weekly pledges toward the salary of Miss Trowbridge,
who is at work in "Azariah Smith Hospital," Aintab, Turkey.

Church of the Redeemer.—The new president of the auxiliary writes: "The ladies feel that the Branch monthly meeting is all they have time for, but I feel that we ought to have monthly meetings. Our ladies give liberally and we hope to secure new members and new interest." "The 'Young Ladies' Missionary Society' has increased in numbers and efficiency, chiefly owing to the devotion of its president. The yearly thank-offering meeting added thirty dollars to the treasury and enabled the society to advance the 30 per cent, that the needs of the Board called for this year." "The 'Busy Bees' circle can only report that it has been kept alive and hopes to continue another year. There was at first difficulty in finding a leader, and later, the death of the young president made meetings impossible, but the three that have been held were well-attended and interesting."

"The Y. P. S. C. E. is contributing by weekly pledges toward the salary of Miss Trowbridge."

College Street Church.—The Secretary writes: "Our auxiliary keeps up a lively interest in foreign missions. Regular meetings are not held, but missionary literature is read at gatherings of the 'Ladies' Aid Society.' One member of our society, an aged lady, living out of town, sent us $25 this year. Not being able to attend the Branch monthly meeting, she expects her daughter regularly to be present, and report the work to her." The "Coral Workers" meet monthly on Sunday afternoon. Their money is raised by mite-box collections and by entertainments.

The Y. P. S. C. E. contributed this year $25 towards Tungcho Hospital.
Davenport Church.—The president writes: "I am sure the interest is increasing in our auxiliary. There has been more personal work, and that is what tells. We have seventy members now in place of the fifty last year. A vote has been passed to hold monthly meetings, which seems to me a good sign. I think we shall more than make the 25 per cent. advance. Hard and constant work with varied program, is the need. Mrs. Montgomery spoke to us recently,—we had a good meeting, larger than ever before, and I feel new courage." The "Busy Bees" voted to hold monthly meetings, but have not always succeeded in this respect. The Secretary says: "After the devotional exercises and missionary news, we baste patch-work. We have twenty members and distribute twenty-two copies of 'Dayspring.'"

The "Extra-cent-a-day Band" of the Y. P. S. C. E. have this year given $100 toward the salary of Miss Trowbridge.

Dixwell Avenue Church.—The ladies of this auxiliary intend to resume active work this coming year.

Dwight Place Church.—"Our first meeting under our new president was held in January, when a report of the Brooklyn meeting was given. The topics furnished by the Board have been adopted, and add to the attractiveness of our meetings. Our last meeting was the largest of the season; a 'missionary tea' was served." The secretary of "The Fairbanks Circle" writes: "The society meets on Tuesday afternoons with an average attendance of ten. The time is occupied in sewing." The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes by weekly pledges toward Tungcho Hospital.

Fair Haven, Second Church.—The Secretary reports: "Our meetings are held the first Tuesday in every second month. 'Missions in China' has been our sub-
ject during the entire year. Those who have been regularly present have gained much knowledge of that country. A committee arranges a program for each meeting."

Grand Avenue Church.—The auxiliary has voted to hold monthly a "missionary tea." The contributions have been larger than in some years. A delightful meeting with thirty-two present was held with the president on March 26. The Young Ladies' Mission Circle has had its most successful year, finding welcome on one Monday evening, monthly, in the various homes of the members, enjoying both the mission and the social hour. The membership is sixty-one. There is nothing more popular among our young ladies, one of whom says, "I anticipate our meeting all the month, and would not miss it for anything." The members have given more than ever before in monthly fees. "The Helpers," a circle of boys, has held meetings at 5 o'clock on one Sabbath afternoon of each month, with an average attendance of fifteen out of a membership of twenty-five. The money is raised by pledges and honorary membership fees. This winter India has been the theme. The various boys have led the meetings, even those as young as twelve years.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is the banner society of C. E. in the city in our new foreign mission enterprise, contributing this year by weekly pledges $142.33 toward the salary of Miss Trowbridge and Tungcho. The faithfulness and tact of our mission treasurer has gone far to secure the prompt monthly payment of pledges. With us, as in all cases, utmost effort is made to have it understood that this pledge is an extra, a self-denial gift, "over and above other usual gifts" to missions. We wish to bear witness that instead of our mission circles
suffering through this new C. E. movement, our two circles have had their most prosperous year.

Howard Avenue Church.—This auxiliary seems now to be holding monthly meetings, the addresses recently having been by Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Ireland. A large number (forty) greeted Mrs. Montgomery and a new interest is aroused. The contribution this year is larger than in many years—each lady in the church is invited to subscribe.

Humphrey Street Church.—In October this auxiliary began on a new lease of life, by determining to leave old methods behind, and hereafter meet monthly at the homes of the members, and have in connection with the missionary meeting a light social tea. The hope to thus attract and interest in different neighborhoods has already been realized. New courage and zeal fill our hearts. The meetings of "The Young Ladies' Mission Circle" are wholly devotional, and are held the last Sunday of each month. We hope to awaken new interest and add new members during the coming year; we now number twenty-five.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has joined our new system of weekly giving, and has pledged over $74 annually for Tungcho Hospital.

United Church.—"The women of this church held during the past year, in connection with the ladies' prayer-meeting, bi-monthly missionary meetings which have been fully attended. The president of our auxiliary has given a wonderful inspiration to these meetings, and as a result there is an increased intelligence concerning missionary work, and a heartier interest in it. At these meetings, reports have been given of the work done by the W. B. M. Its missionaries, the colleges, schools, the Bible women and medical work have been
so brought to us as to claim our hearty sympathy. These meetings have become an important element in our church life and work, and there has been a most hearty response in the way of assistance, to increase their general interest." "This year the 'Young Ladies' Mission Circle' has devoted itself to practical work. We have had meetings every fortnight, sewing and having a talk on some mission subject."

The Y. P. S. C. E. is contributing $125 yearly toward the salary of Miss Trowbridge.

*Yale College Church.*—The society continues to increase its contributions.

*May A. Hart.*

*Mrs. T. L. Day.*
# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Haven, Ct., May 10, 1892.

**Dr.**

**For Work of the W. B. M.**

Donations from auxiliary societies .......... $9,445.13
Donations from mission circles .............. 2,591.98
Donations from Y. P. S. C. E. .............. 1,817.64
Donations from Sunday Schools ............. 286.00
Donations from miscellaneous sources ...... 256.89

--------------- $14,397.64

**For Branch Expenses.**

Advertisements in annual report .......... $114.00
Collections at Branch meetings .......... 255.93
Donations from societies ................ 60.50
Interest from investment and deposit .... 175.26
Miscellaneous ................................ 5.92

611.61

Donations for Permanent Fund ........... 35.00
Balance in Savings Bank, May 12, 1891 ... 551.47
Balance to account, May 12, 1891 ........ 2,612.62
Investment paid in ...................... 1,200.00

Total ..................................... $19,408.34

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Paid Treasurer of the W. B. M. .......... $15,480.68
Paid printing reports, programs and cards $276.23
Paid expenses of Branch meetings ......... 100.60
Paid postage and incidental expenses .... 198.95

$575.78

Deposit in Savings Bank .................. 578.73
Balance to account ...................... 2,778.15

Total ..................................... $19,408.34
RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Ansonia ......................................................... $55.30
Bethel .................................................................. 78.14
  $18 for Wai Building, $5 for Bowker Hall, $32.40 for salary of Baizabai.
Bethlehem ......................................................... 26.30
Birmingham ......................................................... 10.00
Branford ........................................................... 10.00
Bridgeport, North Church .................................... 216.15
  $25 from Mrs. Mary E. Wright Smith to constitute
  L. M. Dorothy Eaton, $25 from Rev. C. R. Palmer
  to constitute L. M. Mrs. Edward G. Fullerton,
  towards salary of Miss Barnum and general fund.
Bridgeport, South Church .................................... 138.50
  Towards salary of Miss Barnum and general fund.
Bridgeport, Park St. Church ................................. 109.53
  Towards salary of Miss Barnum and general fund.
Bridgeport, Olivet Church .................................... 39.52
  $30 for scholarship at Ceylon, $9.52 for Wai Build­
  ing.
Bridgeport, West End Church ............................... 11.00
  Towards salary of Miss Barnum and general fund.
Bridgeport ........................................................ 25.62
  Collections at union meetings.
Bridgewater ....................................................... 40.90
  $5.50 for Wai Building.
Brookfield Center .............................................. 18.85
  25 cents for medical missions.
Canaan ............................................................ 10.00
Centerbrook and Ivoryton .................................... 101.65
  For salary of Miss Bond, $5 for “H. S. C.,” from
  Mrs. Northrop.
Cheshire ................................................................ 65.00
  For salary of Sultan.
Chester ............................................................ 91.15
  $7 for Wai Building, $5 from friends for Mid. Co.
  school.
Clinton ............................................................. 67.30
  $14 for Wai Building, $1.10 for Bowker Hall, $5
  Mid. Co. school.
Colebrook .......................................................  $15.00
Cornwall ......................................................  21.00

Towards a scholarship at Marsovan.
Cromwell .......................................................... 188.80

For salary of Nanapirakasi and general fund.
Danbury, First Church ..................................................  131.18

Constitute life member Mrs. Carrie Crosby Warner.
Danbury, Second Church ..............................................  28.00
Darien ...........................................................................  50.00
Deep River .....................................................................  30.00

A thank offering from Mrs. Anderson.
Derby ...........................................................................  60.00
Durham ...........................................................................  5.00
East Haddam ..............................................................  1.00
East Hampton ..................................................................  47.25

$5 from friends, $8 for Mid. Co. school from Mrs.
  Philo Bevin, Mrs. John Starr and others.
East Haven .................................................................  62.48

$10.60 for Wai Building.
Easton ...........................................................................  15.60
Ellsworth .......................................................................  12.58

$2.09 for Wai Building.
Essex .............................................................................  48.50
Falls Village .................................................................  10.00
Green's Farms ..................................................................  41.30

$13.75 for Wai Building, and salary of Mrs. Muttu
  and Mrs. Ramsey.
Greenwich ..................................................................... 231.99

$40 for Wai Building, $20 for cots at Bowker Hall,
  $125 for Constantinople College for Girls, constitute
  life members Mrs. Washington Choate and
  Mrs. L. P. Hubbard.
Guilford, First Church ...............................................  59.00

For salary of Ramabai and general fund.
Guilford, Third Church .................................................  16.00

Towards salary of Mariel.
Haddam .........................................................................  29.25

$1.50 for Wai Building, and scholarship at Madura.
Harwinton .....................................................................  38.00

For salary of Mrs. Alfred.
Higganum ................................................................. $105.00
Constitute life member Mrs. Selden Usher, $5 for Mid. Co. school.

Kent ............................................................ 144.00
Miss Mary A. Hopson, salary of Dayabai and constitute life member Miss Elma Swift Chapin, $1 for Wai Building, a scholarship at Foochow and towards salary of Mrs. Edwards.

Killingworth ..................................................... 45.25
$12 for Wai Building.

Killingworth, Union Band ................................. 61.00
$94 for Wai Building.

Litchfield ..................................................... 110.66
$43.32 for Wai Building, $97.80 for salary of Kashibai.

Madison ......................................................... 110.00
Towards salary of Miss Anna Felician.

Meriden, First Church ........................................ 200.00
For a scholarship each at Madura and Ahmednagar, salary of Mrs. Ming, China, $35 towards salary of Mrs. Bond, $65 for a teacher in Mexico, $10 for Branch expenses, constitute life members Mrs. Isaac Butler and Mrs. S. M. Merriam.

Meriden, Center Church ..................................... 170.00
Constitute life member Mrs. F. P. Griswold, $10 for Wai Building, for salary of Kasubai and for school at Bombay and general fund.

Middlebury ..................................................... 22.00

Middletown, First Church .................................. 475.75
$35 from Mrs. Samuel G. Southmayde to constitute life member Miss Alice G. Southmayde, $35 from Mrs. James H. Bunce to constitute life member Miss Frances M. Hazen, salary of Mamatbai, a scholarship each at Marsovan and Lindley, for schools at Egin and Arabkir, $60 towards salary of Mrs. Bond, $141.67 for Wai Building, $55 for Mid. Co. school, $10 for Bowker Hall, $5 for permanent fund, $5 for leaflets.

Middletown, South Church .................................. 145.00
$100 for scholarship at San Sebastian, $45 for Mid. Co. school, constitute life member Mrs. Wm. H. Burrows.

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*Milford .................................................. $28.88
Milford, Plymouth Church .................................. 35.50
Millington .................................................. 11.00
   $1 for Mid. Co. School.
Milton ....................................................... 15.00
Monroe ....................................................... 10.00
Morris ....................................................... 34.00
Mount Carmel ................................................ 63.00
   For scholarships at Ceylon and Ahmednagar.
Naugatuck ................................................... 45.00
   For Kamalabai.
New Britain, Center Church .................................. 362.24
   Constitute life members Mrs. M. B. Boardman,
   Mrs. Mattie A. Walter, and Miss Alice G. Stanley.
New Britain, South Church .................................. 336.23
   $25 from Miss J. E. Case to constitute life member
   Mrs. Frederick Wessell, $10 for Wai Building.
New Canaan .................................................. 40.00
New Haven, Center Church .................................. 521.99
   Constitute life members Mrs. T. H. Sheldon, Mrs.
   J. M. Peck, Mrs. T. G. Bennett, Jr., and Mrs.
   John G. Lewis.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer .......................... 127.16
   $25 from Mrs. H. P. Frost to constitute herself a life
   member, $11.16 for Wai Building.
New Haven, College Street Church .......................... 32.50
New Haven, Davenport Church ................................ 138.00
   For salary of Sagunabai, and for school at Parell.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church ............................ 118.05
   $10 for Wai Building from Mrs. Nelson Hall.
New Haven, Fair Haven Second Church ....................... 66.90
   $9.35 for Wai Building.
New Haven, Grand Avenue Church .............................. 200.00
   $25 from Mrs. Burdett Hart to constitute life mem-
   ber Mrs. Mary P. Goodsell, $25 from Mrs. Sarah
   Morris to constitute life member Miss Annie J.
   Morris, by auxiliary Miss Lena Thomas.
New Haven, Howard Avenue Church ........................... 44.00

* $27.25 credited to Milford in last report was from Plymouth Church.
New Haven, Humphrey Street Church .................. $26.00
New Haven, United Church ................................ 318.26
New Haven, Yale College Church ....................... 272.50

$125 for Constantinople College for Girls, $10 for dispensary at Madura, $40.50 for Branch expenses.

New Milford .................................................. 114.00
New Preston .................................................. 50.00

$30 for scholarship at Madura, $20 for Wai Building.

Newtown ...................................................... 19.00

$4 for Foochow Dispensary.

Norfolk ....................................................... 55.00
North Branford ............................................. 30.00

For school at Ahmednagar.

Northfield ................................................... 41.00
Northford ................................................... 91.30

$30 for Madura scholarship, $11.30 for Wai Building, $50 from Miss Jane A. Maltby to constitute life members Mrs. Seneca Stevens and Mrs. David S. Stevens.

North Haven ................................................ 67.12

$25 from Mrs. Whitney Eliot to constitute life member Miss Mary Wyllys Eliot, $8.65 for Wai Building.

North Madison ............................................. 35.91

$8.53 for Wai Building.

North Stamford .......................................... 12.29
Norwalk ..................................................... 100.00

Towards Constantinople College for Girls.

Orange ....................................................... 34.47
Plymouth ..................................................... 99.00

Constitute life member Mrs. Sarah Beardsley, $25 from Mrs. Jennie E. Buell to constitute herself life member.

Portland .................................................... 32.00

$5 for Mid. Co. school, $5 for Bowker Hall.

Prospect .................................................... 10.00
Reading ..................................................... 54.00
Ridgebury .................................................. 1.35

From Mrs. Reynolds.
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Watertown ......................................................... 46.25
   For salary of Shalumbai.
Westbrook .......................................................... 38.46
   $9.01 for Wai Building.
Westchester ....................................................... 24.80
   $4.50 for Wai Building, 50 cents from Mrs. S. Brown for Mid. Co. school, $3 a thank offering.
West Haven ....................................................... 52.56
Westport .......................................................... 40.00
   For Chan-nai-nai in Tungcho.
Whitneyville ..................................................... 60.00
   $40 for scholarship at Marsovan, $17.45 for Wai Building.
Wilton .............................................................. 70.00
   For scholarships at Inanda and Foochow.
Winsted ............................................................. 150.01
   $23 for Wai Building.
Woodbridge ....................................................... 18.50
Woodbury, First Church ..................................... 21.60
   For salary of Gaubai.
Woodbury, North Church ....................................... 60.25
   $15 for Wai, $44 for teacher at Bitlis.

Receipts from Mission Circles.
Bethel, Young Ladies' Mission Circle ...................... $30.00
   $15 for Foochow Dispensary, $15 for Miss Barbour.
Bethlehem, Willing Hands ..................................... 25.00
   $20 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $5 for a village school in India.
Bridgeport, North Church Memorial Circle .............. 120.00
   For teachers at Atotoniuco, Mexico.
Bridgeport, Olivet Church, Busy Bees ..................... 20.00
   For scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Canaan, Young Ladies' Mission Circle .................... 25.00
Chester, Inasmuch Circle ..................................... 30.00
   $10 for Mahableshwar, $30 for Madura Dispensary.
Cornwall, Cheerful Givers .................................... 5.00
   For school at Bombay.
Cromwell, Young Ladies' Mission Circle .................. $37.53
  $20 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 Mahableshwar,
  $7.53 for Wai Building.
Danbury, First Church, Young Ladies' Mission Circle. 40.00
  $20 for salary of Miss Judson, $10 for school at
  Bombay, $10 for Miss Pease, Micronesia.
Danbury, West Street Church, Whatsoever Ten ...... 5.38
  For school at Bombay.
East Haven, Young Ladies' Missionary Society ......... 11.00
Essex, Mission Workers .................................. 10.00
Essex, We Will Do Something ......................... 7.00
  $5 for salary of Miss Judson, $2 Mid. Co. school.
Essex, Whatsoever Band ................................ 17.00
  $10 for salary of Miss Judson, $7 for Mahableshwar.
Greenwich, Bearers of Light .......................... 61.13
  $25 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $25 for salary of Miss
  Judson, $10 for Foochow dispensary, $1.13 Ma-
  hableshwar.
Higganum, Coral Workers ................................ 10.00
  For school at Bombay.
Higganum, Zion's Cadets ............................... 10.00
  $5 for Smyrna Kindergarten, $5 for Morning Star.
Kent, Young Ladies' Mission Circle .................... 15.00
  For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Litchfield, Young Ladies' Band ........................ 195.00
  For a scholarship each at Marsovan, Inanda, Udu-
  pitty, $50 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $25 a
  special gift to Mrs. Hume, $30 for the Permanent
  Fund.
Litchfield, Daisy Chain ................................ 155.84
  $40 for Mahabelswahr, $40 for salary of Miss Dency
  Root, $10 Morning Star, $10 Robert Logan, $55.84
  for Wai Building.
Meriden, First Church, Cheerful Givers ............... 40.00
  For sanitarium at Mahableshwar.
Meriden, First Church, Missionary Cadets ............ 50.00
  $25 for Bombay School, $15 for Morning Star, $10
  for Mahabelswahr.
Middletown, First Church Gleaners .................... 60.00
  $40 for Marsovan, $20 for Huntington School at
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$20 for Bombay school, $5 for Morning Star.

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, Y. L. M. C... 28.50
$20 for salary of Miss Judson, $3.50 for Mahabaleshwar.

New Haven, United Church, Young Ladies' Mission Circle... 65.00
$30 for Bombay school, $35 for work with Mrs. Montgomery.

New Haven, United Church, M. C. at Mrs. Cady's school... 5.03
For Mrs. Robert Hume.

New Milford, Valley Wide Awakes... $30.00
$20 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $10 for Foochow Dispensary.

New Milford, Golden Links... 18.00
$10 Smyrna Kindergarten, $8 Morning Star.

Norfolk, Young Ladies' Mission Band... 40.00
$20 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $20 for Mahabaleshwar.

Norfolk... 185.00
From Miss Alice Eldridge to pay former pledges of the circles, $125 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $60 for scholarships at Inanda and Ceylon.

North Cornwall Mission Bank Society... 43.10
For Madura and salary of Mrs. Eaton.

Norwalk Door Keepers... 61.37
For scholarship at Ceylon.

Norwalk Junior Circle... 27.50
$25 for Wai Building, $2.50 for Morning Star.

Norwalk Sunbeam Circle... 27.50
$25 for Wai Building, $2.50 for Morning Star.

Orange Workers... 16.00
For salary of Miss Dency Root.

Portland Work and Win... 35.40
For scholarship at Ceylon, $5.40 for Morning Star.

Prospect Gleaners... 45.00

Redding Ready Folks... 16.41
Towards scholarship at Ceylon.

Ridgefield Snowflakes... 21.00

Roxbury May Flowers... 20.00
For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Salisbury King's Daughters ........................................ $50.00
$25 Madura, $20 Ahmednagar, $5 Mahableshwar.
Sharon Busy Bees ................................................. 75.00
$40 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $25 for Mahableshwar,
$10 for Morning Star.
Stamford Tiny Helpers ........................................... 30.00
For Bombay School.
Stratford Young Ladies' Band .................................... 20.00
For salary of Miss Judson.
Stratford Alpha Band .............................................. 13.00
For school at Vizier Kupree.
Torrington Valley Gleaners ...................................... 40.00
Watertown Steadfast Workers .................................. 10.00
Westport, Mission Band .......................................... 50.00
For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Westville Junior Mission Circle ................................. 60.00
$20 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $20 for Mahableshwar,
$20 for Foochow Dispensary.
Woodbury, First Church, Valley Gleaners .................... 15.00
$10 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $5 for Foochow Dis-
pensary.

RECEIPTS FROM Y. P. S. C. E.

Ansonia, Y. P. S. C. E ......................................... $5.50
For Tungcho hospital.
Branford, Y. P. S. C. E ......................................... 15.00
For Tungcho hospital.
Bridgeport, North Church, Y. P. S. C. E .................... 12.65
For church building at Chihuahua.
Bridgeport, North Church, Junior Y. P. S. C. E .......... 10.00
For church building at Chihuahua.
Bridgeport, Park Street Church, Junior Y. P. S. C. E ... 2.50
For Foochow dispensary.
Bridgeport, South Church, Y. P. S. C. E .................... 60.00
$50 for scholarship at Chihuahua, $10 for Wai
Building.
Chester, Y. P. S. C. E ........................................... 9.00
For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
Colebrook, Y. P. S. C. E ........................................... 7.25
Cromwell, Y. P. S. C. E. ................................. $5.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
Danbury, First Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ................. 10.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
Danbury, West Street Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ......... 1.00
East Haven, Y. P. S. C. E. ............................ 68.75
   For Tungcho hospital.
Ellsworth, Y. P. S. C. E. ............................... 4.75
   For Mahableshwar sanitarium.
Fairfield, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................. 20.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
Falls Village, Y. P. S. C. E. ......................... 15.45
   For Mahableshwar sanitarium.
Guilford, Third Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ............... 12.00
   For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Harwinton, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................. 20.00
   For scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Ivoryton, Y. P. S. C. E. ................................... 41.04
   For Tungcho hospital.
Lakeville, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................. 5.00
   For Mahableshwar sanitarium.
Middletown, First Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ............ 50.00
   $25 for Tungcho hospital, $25 for Mrs. Sibley's
   salary.
Middletown, Third Church, Staddle Hill, Y. P. S. C. E. 5.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
New Britain, South Church, Y. P. S. C. E. .......... 275.00
   For salary of Miss Amy Bridgman.
New Haven, Center Church, Y. P. S. ................... 20.35
   For salary of Miss Trowbridge.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, Y. P. S. C. E.. 6.00
   For salary of Miss Trowbridge.
New Haven, College Street Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ... 25.00
   For Tungcho hospital.
New Haven, Davenport Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ....... 100.00
   For salary of Miss Trowbridge.
New Haven, Dixwell Avenue Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ... 8.00
   For Tungcho hospital.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ... 12.24
   For Tungcho hospital.
New Haven, Ferry Street Church, Y. P. S. C. E. $1.00
   For Tungcho hospital.
New Haven, Grand Avenue Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ... 142.33
   $125 for salary of Miss Trowbridge, $17.33 for
   Tungcho hospital.
New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, Y. P. S. C. E. 20.00
   For Tungcho hospital.
New Haven, United Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ........... 50.00
   For salary of Miss Trowbridge.
North Haven, Y. P. S. C. E. ............................. 33.00
   For Tungcho hospital.
Riverton, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................... 16.00
   For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Saybrook, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................... 4.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
Stratford, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................. 7.55
   For Madura dispensary.
Torrington, Y. P. S. C. E. .................................. 475.00
   For Madura hospital.
Wallingford, Y. P. S. C. E. ............................... 25.20
   For Tungcho hospital.
Washington, Y. P. S. C. E. ............................... 15.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
Watertown, Y. P. S. C. E. ................................. 10.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
West Cornwall, Y. P. S. C. E. ........................... 12.50
   For Madura hospital.
Westfield, Y. P. S. C. E. ................................. 25.00
   For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
West Haven, Y. P. S. C. E. .............................. 21.75
   For Tungcho hospital.
Whitneyville, Y. P. S. C. E. ............................. 14.00
   For Tungcho hospital.
Winchester, Y. P. S. C. E. ................................ 7.70
   For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Winsted, Second Church, Y. P. S. C. E. ............ 111.13
   $60.53 for Madura hospital, $50.60 for salary of
   Miss Dency Root.
RECEIPTS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bridgeport, North Church S. S. ................................ $30.00
  For scholarship at Inanda.
Middlefield S. S. ............................................... 10.00
  For Bombay school.
Middletown, First Church, Mrs. Dyer's Bible Class ........ 8.00
  For Huntington school at Smyrna.
New Haven, Davenport Church S. S. ......................... 70.00
  For scholarships at Ahmednagar and Marsovan.
New Haven, United Church S. S. .............................. 30.00
  For a scholarship at Ceylon.
North Kent S. S. .................................................. 5.00
  For Morning Star.
Southport S. S. .................................................. 30.00
  For Bombay school.
Winsted, Mr. W. H. Williams' class ........................ 23.00
  For Madura hospital.
Winsted, Second Church S. S. .................................. 75.00
  $50 for Wai Building, $25 from Mr. C. B. Holmes' class for Madura hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Missionary Fund.

A friend, for Bible women ..................................... $100.00
A friend, for Wai building .................................... 25.00
Lakeville, a friend, for Foochow dispensary .............. 10.00
Fairfield County meeting, for Wai building .............. 38.36
Middlefield friends $7, for Mid. Co. School ............. 37.00
Middlesex County meeting, special collection for Bowker Hall ........................................ 18.03
South Canaan Apple Blossoms, for Bibles for the heathen ................................................ 1.00
Norwalk, Mrs. Mead's school, for Wai building .......... 1.50
Wilton, Timothy T. Merwin, for Morning Star .......... 1.00
Winsted, Second Church, Mission Band Fund .............. 30.00
For Branch Expenses.

Advertisements in annual reports .......................... $114.00
Collections at Branch monthly meetings .................. 80.78
Collection at Fairfield County meeting .................. 13.68
Collection at Litchfield County meeting .................. 27.19
Collection at Middlesex County meeting ................. 9.05
Collection at New Haven County meeting .................. 18.73
Collection at Annual meeting, May 10th, 1892 .......... 106.50
Collection left unexpended at Canaan .................. 3.99
Collation money left over .................................... 1.93
Interest from invested fund ................................. 153.00
Interest on deposit in savings bank ...................... 22.26

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

Attest: ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

New Haven, May 26, 1892.
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Act of Incorporation.

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

General Assembly,
January Session, A. D. 1882.

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION.

Of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

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

Art. 2. The Executive Committee shall have full power to do all that is necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this society, and may fill vacancies in office during the current year.
Art. 3. The object of this society is to spread the knowledge of the pure gospel among women and children in heathen and nominally Christian lands. It seeks the union of many societies having a common center, and to awaken interest and raise money throughout its limits by the diffusion of missionary intelligence.

Art. 4. All money raised by this society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, at Boston, for the purposes of its organization.

Art. 5. The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership.

Art. 6. A number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, subject to its constitution, by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

Art. 7. Any number of children or youth contributing annually not less than five dollars may form a mission circle, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, subject to its constitution.

Art. 8. The annual meeting of this society shall be held on the second Tuesday of May, and at such place as the Executive Committee shall appoint, at which the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected. Regular public meetings of the society for suitable religious exercises, the communication of intelligence and for business, shall be held at New Haven on the second Tuesday of each month of the year, with the exception of May, July, August and September. Also a meeting shall be held in each of the four counties annually.

Art. 9. This constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of the intended amendment having been given at a previous meeting.
BY-LAWS.

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

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

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

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

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall write to missionaries and to the parent society, preserve copies
of important letters, conduct other correspondence outside of the home work, warn meetings and provide information and speakers for the same.

**Art. VI.** The Home Secretary shall present reports of the home work at the Branch meetings, correspond with the county Vice-Presidents and with auxiliary societies, and keep a careful record of interesting facts, including change of officers and names of new societies, from which, material may be gathered for the annual report. The Secretaries for Mission Circles and Christian Endeavor Societies shall correspond with their respective societies, and preserve all items of interest for reports. The Secretary of the Bureau of Information shall furnish missionary letters, papers, leaflets and other available material to the various organizations of the Branch, as may be desired.

**Art. VII.** The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds according to the vote of the Finance Committee, report the state of the treasury at each meeting, and give a full report at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall also have authority and power in behalf of this society, to transfer deeds and other instruments in writing, to release and discharge any mortgages to this society upon the payment of the debt secured thereby. Also to sell, assign, transfer and convey any debt due this society, and the mortgage or other security held therefor.

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

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

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

Art. XI. Auxiliaries shall be requested to send their annual reports to the Vice-Presidents of their counties the first week in April. These reports shall include the names of officers and the number of members both in auxiliaries and mission circles, the names of mission circles and number of subscribers to "Life and Light."

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

Art. XIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually the standing committees, who shall act under their advice.
CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Art. I. This society shall be called the Woman’s Missionary Society of ____________, auxiliary to the New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions, Boston.

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

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

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

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

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CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

Art. I. This Mission Circle shall be called the _____________.

Art. II. The officers of this Circle shall be _____________.

Art. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn about the heathen, and to send them the gospel.

Art. IV. We promise to send our contributions, amounting to not less than five dollars, to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions.
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