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ANNUAL MEETING.

For the first time in the history of the New Haven Branch, its Annual Meeting was not held in its native city. The auxiliary of the First Church of Meriden having extended an invitation to meet in that place this year, the proffered hospitalities were accepted.

On the morning of May 13th the new edifice of the First Church was thrown open freely for the services of the day; and trains from the West, North and East, brought hundreds of guests at an early hour to partake of the good things prepared.

At 9½ o'clock a season of prayer was led by Miss Hinsdale, who directed our thoughts to the time when, with one accord the disciples were gathered together in one place, and "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake as the Spirit gave them utterance." Mrs. Hume pleaded for prayers in behalf of our missionaries in Austria, now under command of the government to discontinue every religious service, even audible prayer which might be overheard; she urged Dr. Alden's request that prayer be made according to Acts 4:29, and quoted Dr. Clark's words of encouragement, "I never felt more hopeful of success than to-day," in Austria. The warm-hearted prayers which followed brought a blessing for the day, and were echoed from many hearts not with us visibly, who knew of our meeting and longed to be there.
As Mrs. Hart, our President, was necessarily absent, Mrs. O. P. Hubbard took the chair at 10 o'clock. After a few words of welcome to all, and an expression of the pleasure that all felt in accepting the invitation of the Meriden ladies, she read from the words of Christ, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," and of His request for our prayers that "the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His harvest," and, in connection, John's vision, "Lo, a great multitude, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb," as our encouragement.

Mrs. Hooker, of Springfield, led in the opening prayer. The reading of the report of the last Annual Meeting was omitted, it having been printed.

Mrs. Brown read the annual report of mingled encouragements and discouragements at home and abroad. The Treasurer's report of a falling off of over one thousand dollars during the year indicated the cause of any discouragements in the falling off of zeal at home.

Extracts were then read from a letter written by our beloved President, Mrs. Hart, in which she referred to this meeting, and said, that although eighteen hundred miles distant, she should be so really with us that she should plan nothing else for the day. Referring to the low state of the treasury she says, "It cannot be that Christian women have grown less Christian, or less intelligent, by their devotion to this work in the past. It seems inevitable, that a person receiving the gospel must accept the responsibility of sending it abroad. At a plantation, last Sabbath, I attended a meeting of the blacks. When one of the preachers had stated simply the gospel plan he said, 'and brethren and sisters, this gospel has got to go all over this world, to the
very ends of it.' With great earnestness came the response, 'Yes, yes, you are preachin' the truth.' It must be, that intelligent, reading Christians shall see how wonderfully God prepares the way in these days for His Gospel, and I cannot think that the gift of twenty-five thousand to the Woman's Board of Missions for a special purpose, and the large gift to the A. B. C. F. M. through the Otis legacy, which have sent a wave of joy around the world, can have quenched the zeal of habitual givers. Far rather should it bear us on its tide to a new, grateful consecration. It would be a poor way of showing our gratitude to God for answering our prayers, if we relax our own efforts, and very poor encouragement for other large-hearted givers to make similar bequests. The poorer classes, too, would be vastly poorer when they should relinquish to the rich all the blessings of generous giving. If the Ohio should now and then send a gushing flood to the great Mississippi, the latter could not well dispense with all its lesser, steady tributaries, and preserve the even tenor of its way."

Miss Child, who needs no introduction where the W. B. M. is known and loved, brought greetings from Boston. Glancing over the world, she said, "We are living in great times. Events are crowding fast in all countries. In India and China, education found a foothold, and the people could laugh at their superstitions and idols, but were wedded to their time-honored customs. Then came the frightful famine to both countries, which gave the needed shock to arouse them to search for the true religion, and in India alone, in the year 1878, sixty thousand converts to Christianity are reported; and opportunities open to sow the seed broadcast. In Turkey, the Berlin Treaty has brought more
freedom; and in the midst of anarchy, the Word finds free course. Missionaries hail these events as indications of ‘the good time coming.’ In Japan the work leaps forward, without need of shock to arouse. In Africa the progress made must prove eventually in the interest of Christ’s kingdom. Hitherto, prayer has been for wider opportunities; now, opportunities are a burden, for money and workers fail. When Dr. Clark almost succumbed, crushed between the demands and the failure to meet them, the Lord claimed the nine hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars legacy, and the pressure was lightened for a little. ‘But more than ever are needed our dollars and cents, our prayers. We must strain every nerve; and fast as we seem to go, we must go faster, and not drag the chariot wheels of the advancing kingdom.’ When we lack money ourselves, let us be careful that the Lord’s treasury does not bear the deficiency, and let us bravely meet the depressed looks, and the plea of hard times, and solicit. Let us find courage for our work at the same throne where the converted Armenian woman waited daily for Christ’s presence, before beginning upon hers. The burden of our prayers must now be for the work at home.”

The Hartford Branch sent greetings by their President, Mrs. Mather, who expressed sympathy in our discouragements, and joy in our joy. She spoke tenderly of their great loss during the year, in the death of their President, upon whom they had leaned; and of their new sense of individual responsibility. Her last words to them, when hoping to be with them at a quarterly meeting, were, “I shall be with you,” and these words had been an inspiration in their gatherings. Their encouragements, too, have seemed in direct “answer to Mrs. Thompson’s prayers” that Christ should be with them.
Miss Hinsdale's report from Litchfield county spoke somewhat of discouragements, but of the "faithful few."

Mrs. Hubbard extended greetings from the Presbyterian Society, with which she is now connected in New York, and referred also to the interesting annual meeting lately held by the "Union Missionary Society."

Mrs. Bartlett, from Cesarea, next strove to encourage to renewed efforts in our work, by describing some of the fruits of woman's mission work. Confining herself to Talas, one town of from fifteen to twenty thousand inhabitants, where, twelve years ago, were but two Christian men and no missionary, and which was then chosen as a summer residence for the missionary families, she told of the ready reception of the Truth by the people. Opening their houses, the missionaries encouraged visits from the people, who were drawn in from curiosity, and in return gained admission to native houses. Their children sang Christian hymns, and they told of Jesus. At the wells and at the ovens, the great gathering places, they stopped to talk and drop the seed. As results, in two years a school was formed for Greeks and Armenians, with a teacher from Marsovan, and men sat with children in eagerness to learn. In four years there were two hundred and ten scholars. A boarding school was established under difficulties, but its success brought demands for admission beyond their means, after forty three were received. During the two years' course, the girls usually become Christians, filled with a missionary spirit, and love reigns among them in the home. Her thrilling stories of some of these girls, who have become most faithful and efficient laborers for Christ, gave proof of the power of the gospel upon darkened minds, even to make them fit instruments to carry on the work among their
own people. A band of converted women have established systematic visiting in the villages about, and hire a room where they meet daily for prayer and conference. Now, from among women full of profanity, with no self-respect, holding themselves as not above animals, there have been drawn from thirty-five to forty Christian women, representing as many Christian families. In the midst of such encouragements have come to these dear missionaries, the sad command from Christian churches at home, "Retrench," even twenty-five per cent. below your lowest estimate of the amount necessary to carry on this work.

After a nominating committee was appointed by the chair, Mrs. DeReimer, from Ceylon, one of the oldest missions of the A. B. C. F. M., made an address. She recalled the cold reception with which the first missionary was met by the English governor, with permission to remain, only out of consideration of his long and expensive voyage thither, but with a command to permit no one to join him. However he lived long enough to see the Lord's work prosper there. At Oodooville, Miss Agnew is teaching the third generation since she began, those who are children from now Christian families. Miss Townshend's school at Udupitty has thirty children from heathen families. Mrs. DeReimer described a year in which she had the charge of this school, and saw a marvellous work of the Holy Spirit in its midst, after a season of Asiatic cholera had sobered the girls' minds with its horrors, some of which she depicted most painfully. "But the arms of the Almighty were round about the school;" though almost daily there were fresh wails of grief over friends who were victims. Now girls who had resisted the truth yielded and cried, "God be merciful! I am a sinner."
After the scourge was passed, the school was wholly changed; hearts overflowing with love to their Savior and to each other daily testified by their lives and conquests over sin, to the change wrought within them. In referring to the encouragement which sympathy at home gave to the missionaries, she told of the inspiration to even extra work which came to her through the repeated annual gift of one dollar to the cause, from a poor music teacher of her early days. Appreciating the cry of "hard times," she pictured such scenes of want and starvation which she had witnessed as shamed us in this land of plenty. In contrast she described a scene at Tiffany's, when, as she saw a lady bargaining for a bracelet for fifteen hundred dollars, and those beautiful gems glistened about her upheld arm, she thought with pain of the stars which might have been transferred to her crown in heaven, by the consecrating of that fifteen hundred dollars.

At 12½ o'clock the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock. Six hundred ladies gathered in the church parlors and on the stairs to partake of the bountiful refreshment which had been provided.

The afternoon exercises opened with the singing of "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills," by three young ladies. Miss Child followed with prayer. The report of the nominating committee was read and acted upon.

Mrs. Willcox and Mrs. Adam read respectively the reports from Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

Mrs. Tomson, from the Constantinople Home, recalled the time six years ago, when she stood upon the same platform with Mrs. Hubbard as an accepted candidate for the work then all unknown to her, but in which she rejoiced then and now. Recounting some of the discouragements and difficulties which had been overcome,
she described the Home now in its great success. The persevering courage of the W. B. M. through all, was blessed of God. There are nine nationalities represented in the school, and English is the common language taught. The standard of scholarship is high, and the girls are ambitious and capable in their studies often beyond their physical strength. Many noble girls have graduated, among whom Elizabeth, Marianne and Armitza are working for the Master. Elizabeth ably conducts a preparatory school of sixty little boys and girls—in a building upon the premises—which a "pasha" has visited with evident admiration and surprise. Armitza returned from school to her humble village home, where, bending over her embroidery, on which she depends again for support, she gathers about her daily groups of women to whom she tells the story of Jesus, and all her spare time is devoted to doing good. In closing, she said, "I cannot tell you all the good the money which you have sent, has done and is doing."

"I know that my Redeemer liveth," was sung as a solo by request, after which Mrs. Adam read a paper upon "Mission Circles at home," appealing especially to mothers and Sabbath school teachers, as those who have the best opportunities to sow the seed. She urged that we reflect our own zeal and interest in missionary topics in conversations in the presence of children, that we treasure up interesting stories from the experiences of missionaries to tell eager little petitioners for "a story, please," with the favorite beginning "Once upon a time." Also, that we appeal to their sympathies for those who sit in darkness, impressing upon them that there is no other name whereby men must be saved but Jesus Christ, and that we must send teachers to show the heathen the way. The belief was expressed that
the most efficient workers in the cause of missions are those whose interests were aroused in their childhood or youth.

Mrs. Hume pictured a poor devotee in India, wasted with disease, though once strong and vigorous, who all his life had been seeking salvation at shrines, in self-tortures and in pilgrimages. Now, as a last resort, he sends for a missionary that he may hear of his way. The story of Jesus’ love is poured into eager, listening ears, and with brightening eye he exclaims, “It is just the truth I have been seeking all my life. It is just what I want. I am satisfied.”

“Surely God has heard and answered our prayers. He has lovingly and tenderly opened the way for our honored missionaries and Bible readers among the heathen, Jews, Moslems and nominal Christians. The only barriers now lie where the name without the spirit of Christ controls. Everywhere the multitudes are asking for the bread of life. The American Board’s share of the world’s population is about 100,000,000; and we, the Christians of our denomination, can give the Gospel to them all in this generation, if our time, money and talents are consecrated. We crossed the Red Sea when the church waked up to duty. Long ago the church passed Meribah and Sinai; and all the battles for open doors, Bible translations, and highway communications among the heathen have been fought; and, to-day, the churches have only to say ‘Onward,’ to the men and to the women at the front. We seem to have reached the little stream that lies between us and all the world for Jesus; and Christians are beginning to say, ‘there are giants in the way, and we are not able.’ This, dear friends, is a critical time in this grand work, and it must soon be decided whether we will gird on the
armor and take up the duty, or turn back to wander another forty years in self-indulgence, and be buried in the graves of our apathy, until our children or children's children shall be educated to a truer, higher consecration and zeal for the Master. I am not speaking at random when I claim that we are able to possess the world for Christ, for the progress of one year warrants the opinion." Then, proving this statement by marvelous facts from all lands, Mrs. Hume spoke at some length of Africa's special claim upon us "to repay our debt of injustice to the land of the slave." "The Bible now is ready for every important nation. Native converts are working with us, oftentimes more effectually than our best men and women. Now what wait we for? Men, women, money; God is waiting for these. Men we surely have; for one vacant church tells of forty applicants. Women there are; for we hear of hundreds wanting employment. Money never seems lacking for worldly pleasure. It seems only in counting for Christ, each dollar and cent must be solicited. There is money enough in this rich country, if the Lord could claim it. Dear sisters! the Lord is calling us to a truer, higher, nobler service."

A motion was then made by a delegate, that a vote of thanks be extended to the ladies of Meriden for their "kind hospitalities on this occasion," and all arose in favor. All heartily appreciated what those "hospitalities" signified of thought and generosity, of taste and of skillful labor, which had been expended in the preparations for the comfort of this great assembly. The meeting then closed with singing the hymn, "Lord, now we part in thy blest name."

Mrs. C. R. Palmer.
ANNUAL REPORT.

As the completion of another year brings us to a survey of its results, we are reminded of the cry out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night?" And the strange response comes to-day as then, but with a fuller meaning, "The morning cometh, and also the night."

Let us be glad to-day for, truly, "the morning cometh." We have seen the dark shadows of famine lifted, the lurid clouds of war fade away, and here and there on every hand, souls coming out from the heavy gloom that overhung them, to rejoice in Him who is the Light of the world.

We have seen threatened dangers averted from our missionaries and their work, needs unexpectedly supplied, obstacles removed, and now we look back upon our fears and anxieties as spectres of night which fled away at daybreak.

"And also the night." We cannot ignore the fact that, while we are subject to earthly conditions, the night is always chasing the day, the evil always seeking to shadow the good, and, on taking an impartial survey of the whole field, we must admit that clouds rest on some parts of it. Strangely enough, the dark outlook seems to be that in our own midst, as if the Lord had shown himself more ready to answer our prayers than we ourselves to assume the increased responsibility which such blessed answers involve. Truly, in Him is no darkness at all.

To make our general report more specific, we find in our home field one hundred and eleven auxiliaries and seventy-two mission circles. Of these, three auxiliaries, Harwinton, North Stamford and Woodbridge,
nine mission circles at New Britain, Gavlordsville, Haddam, Millington, Davenport Church (New Haven), Milford, and three at Darien, have been welcomed within the year. Here and there a dormant one is waking to renewed activity; some report a steadily increasing interest, while from others comes a sad story of discouragement.

One society reports a growing strength from an increased knowledge of the work, and by enlisting home talent in preparing for meetings.

One anxious one writes, "I always have dismal forebodings in regard to our treasury department, at the beginning of the year, but I have always found that some way was opened to us whereby we raised more money than we dared hope for, and found some traces of true missionary spirit, and, more than all, were made to realize the guiding hand of our dear Master."

Another writes, "I think while we learn to pray, 'Thy kingdom come in all the earth,' we feel the need, more and more, of having that kingdom set up in our own hearts."

From a resolute little band comes the word, "We have decided, as long as any will come, we will appoint the meetings regularly, and God I am sure will bless our efforts, however weak they seem."

We would not underestimate the difficulty of sustaining meetings in communities where Christians are widely separated, and arduous labor and confining cares are the lot of all, but for your own sakes, and that toil may be lightened and brightened, we ask you to make very sure that it is an actual impossibility before you give up your missionary meeting.

The following extract from a report of the Dakota mission may help to stimulate and provoke to good
works. "The people are so scattered that comparatively few families live within walking distance of the mission," yet "we have a woman's prayer meeting and sewing society once in two weeks, which is regularly attended by a few faithful ones, and sometimes there are fifteen or twenty present."

From our mission circles we receive some such reports as these: "The Little Helpers met yesterday, thirty-eight present. I am surprised myself at the regularity with which the children attend our societies which occur every other Saturday."

As another has said, these mission circles give the children training and practice, not only in blessed Christian work, and in the great lesson of self-sacrifice, but in geography, as they trace out mission fields, or draw maps—in composition, as they prepare their little essays—in elocution—in writing—and in keeping of accounts.

What could be a more charming picture than that of one circle of dear little girls, from four to nine years old, whose President and Treasurer with united and desperate effort, despatch the first letter they ever wrote, a letter more funny than legible, yet one which unmistakably informed the Treasurer that enclosed were thirteen dollars from "the Busy Bees" of Darien, for Mrs. DeRiemer's school.

While frequent testimonies are given to the helpfulness of all the meetings of our societies, an especial interest has been manifested in the larger gatherings. Of these the four County meetings were held during October and November in Litchfield, Saybrook, Danbury and Ansonia, and were the means of calling out large numbers, and bringing them face to face with some of our most honored missionaries, from whose lips
they heard the story of the wonderful things God had wrought. Bending before the mercy seat together, heart was drawn to heart, as each felt that their aims and hopes were one, and that the one Lord of all met with them. Plans for work were discussed, valuable suggestions made by experienced workers, able and interesting original papers offered, and, we must believe, a new impetus given to the Lord’s work.

Permit me to quote from a report given of one of these meetings by a participant in it, and let it stimulate many who have never attended, to enjoy the privilege next time. “A hundred and twenty-five from out of town were registered; twenty came in a wagon from Wolcottville, a wagon load came twenty miles from New Milford, seven came eleven miles from Watertown; Norfolk, the town farthest North, sent a load. It was good to be there; the Lord was there. Litchfield Hill looked as in the palmy days when the tribes went up to Jerusalem. It seemed heavenly to me. You can’t speak too earnestly about it, for where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. The social part of it is a growing delight. We take one another by the hand, break bread together, and listen, and think all day of one common subject for which we are all working.”

At the regular monthly meetings of the Branch there has been a full attendance of eager listeners. Dr. Jessup, Mr. McGowan, Mrs. Schaufler and our own Mrs. Hume are the only missionaries who have addressed us here, yet so vividly has the work been set before us, not only by them but by the earnest words and blessed tidings that missionary letters have brought over the seas, as well as by the stirring considerations presented in original papers and reports, that our hearts have burned within us. Life takes on a broader aspect as
our thoughts reach out to these far-off fields, and we find in this grand theme the strength and inspiration we needed for our own daily cross-bearing.

Not only in the monthly meetings but in all that concerns the interests of the Branch the services of our loved President, Mrs. Hart, have been sadly missed, and earnest prayers have ascended that she may soon be restored to health, for her own and for the world's work's sake.

Our hearts are heavy at the loss sustained in the removal of our Vice President, Mrs. Noble, who has presided at the meetings with such admirable grace and dignity, whose judgment was as unerring as her manner was gentle and winning, and whose life of faith and devotion made her very presence an incitement to follow her Master.

Mrs. Hough, one of our most useful County Vice Presidents, and Mrs. Hutchins, have been providentially called to resign their positions. Mrs. Mead, from whom much was hoped, has been kept by illness from the work for which she was chosen, and we feel that we must look to the Lord of the harvest to raise up and train laborers, both for home and foreign work, who shall stay up the hands of already burdened toilers.

Important service has been rendered by those ladies who, during the first part of the year, contributed thirteen valuable original papers on themes of vital interest.

Our missionary library, to which during the year a number of interesting and instructive books have been added, is a department which we especially commend to those who desire an extended knowledge of, and deeper interest in, the cause.

No part of the field shows so dreary an outlook as
the treasury. The times are hard, very hard, and many who love to give are sorely straitened; yet is this the only reason that, instead of advancing, the contributions have actually fallen short of meeting last year's total? Is there nothing more we can sacrifice at the call of the dear Lord who gave up all that he might redeem us?

In the foreign field we hear on all sides of new doors of usefulness opened, new calls to enter in and possess the land for Jesus. Much of the good seed sown seems ripening to an abundant harvest, if reapers can but be sent forth to gather it in ere it fall to the ground.

In India we see a great nation emerging from a terrible famine, which has tested their false gods more sharply than were the prophets of Baal at Carmel. A missionary writes, "It is not uncommon to hear them say, 'In famine the gods could not help us, in sickness they forsook us, but these white people have pitied and helped us, and they are our friends.'" Millions, we are told there are, both in China and Japan, who are ready to drop allegiance to idols. Should the church fail to grasp at once this golden opportunity, how great the danger that they will lapse into atheism.

In Turkey, we see with satisfaction the great advantages which have come to the schools at Marsovan and Constantinople from the possession of comfortable and suitable homes of their own. The attendance has increased, the class of scholars has improved, and the amount paid for tuition shows the greater value which this nation is coming to set on Christian education.

Of the Constantinople Home, Mrs. Williams, our own missionary says, "The Bible is our corner stone," and reports that "in the midst of wars and rumors of wars we have been kept in peace, and even from alarms."
From Marsovan, Mrs. Leonard writes, "Our work was never more prosperous. Our congregation numbers seven hundred souls." Her glowing words, as she tells of the marvellous changes wrought in one and another family circle, have the ring of victory. "Rejoice with us," she says, "for your prayers and ours have been answered. I wish you could see with your own eyes the great change wrought here by the transforming power of the Gospel; could know and talk with some of these whose very faces beam with the new love that fills their hearts; could go with me into these happy Christian homes and contrast them with those where the light of the Gospel has not entered."

From one who had been a proud, gain-loving persecutor, comes the glad song, "I have just begun to live. I cannot express the joy and peace which fills my heart. God seems everywhere present, my heart goes out in love to all. The Bible is a new book to me, and when I pray my heart is full of joy and light."

Of the last graduating class Mrs. Leonard says, "You will rejoice to know that we hope all of these dear ones are Christians."

Mrs. Bond sends from Phillipopolis the cheering intelligence that, of the Bulgarian converts not a few, "through the trials they have been called to endure, have been led to cling more closely to their Savior."

Mrs. Bond herself has taken up the missionary life amid great trials, their entire luggage being detained in the custom house many months, no house to be found, and hardest of all, protracted and dangerous illness among her own little ones. She writes, "I am made stronger for my work when I remember that my dear sisters at home are praying for us, and doing all in their power to help us in this great work of winning souls to Christ."
From Ahmednuggur, Mrs. Robert Hume writes of persistent and successful endeavors to teach native Christians the much needed lesson of self-help and self-reliance. "I have insisted on the payment of a monthly fee of one anna," she writes, "and find it easier and easier to collect, while at the same time the girls feel more attached to their school, and prize its privileges. Since last June nine girls have made public profession of their faith in Jesus, thus becoming lights in heathen darkness."

From Bombay, an American visitor writes with enthusiasm of the school. "I was perfectly astonished," he says, "both at the behavior and progress of the scholars." Of the Sunday School, which under Mr. Edward Hume's care has increased more than ten-fold, he says, "So like a home school that it made me feel almost as if I were in America." Mr. S. pronounced it "the finest he had seen in India." Of the boys' boarding school he goes on to say, "They are taught so many practical and useful things beside their schooling," and the key-note to all this loving service is struck by another visitor who exclaimed, "Why, they treat these boys as if they were their own children."

We can scarcely overestimate the value of the services of Bible women in India, Turkey or Spain.

Mrs. Leonard writes of one especially who was wonderfully successful in teaching the Gospel to the Mohammedan women. Mrs. Bissell, of one who came twenty-four miles, with one child in her arms and another by her side, that she might bring her report and receive further instructions. Another writes, "They are like the dew preparing the ground for the missionary," while from Spain Mr. Gulick writes of "Donna Baldomera, the most efficient Bible woman in Spain, a woman who
knows how to make known the Gospel better than most of the preachers, who has the courage and self-sacrifice which enables her to spend her time in going alone from place to place, telling the message of salvation. She is not afraid to put on her sandals and walk long distances, over lonely mountain roads, to reach the villages where she feels called to speak of Christ. Her Bible is literally her constant companion during her waking hours, and she knows, too, how to use it as the 'Sword of the Spirit.'” If the government restrictions were removed there would undoubtedly be much readiness to hear the Gospel in nearly all the towns and villages of Spain.

From Miss Townshend’s school at Udupitty, Ceylon, Mrs. Howland reports that “a healthy religious interest has been constantly manifested.” The girls, returning from a vacation, all tell of having tried to do something for Jesus. They went forth with earnest, united prayer, seeking the salvation of individual souls, and, like the apostles, returned with joy. “Day and night,” it was said of one, “she was reading and talking with different members of her family, urging them to believe in Christ.” Another, who found little response to her efforts, showed her faith and perseverance by the remark, “Perhaps next vacation they will be willing to hear.” An account is given of one of these girls who, when about to profess her faith, came begging for work to do in play-time that she might earn a little money. “How can I receive baptism and the Lord’s Supper,” she said, “and not give anything to show my love.” And when she came bringing nine cents which she had earned, her happy face, as she said, “I am so glad that I have something to give,” might be to some of us at once a rebuke and an inspiration.

From Inanda we do not as yet hear of any interrup-
tion to the work from the Zulu war, though Mrs. Edwards writes, "We are living upon a volcano which may burst forth any day." The number of scholars in this very important and useful school has been somewhat reduced by the requirement of a fee, but on the whole the plan works well. Of the scholars, we may believe they are doing what a native who addressed them bade them, "Gathering up the sweetness to carry away to places where there was none."

From China Miss Andrews writes, "The suffering is pitiful, whole families prostrated, sickness and death, sickness and death everywhere. The missionaries who have gone out with relief for the suffering have had opportunities for preaching the Gospel such as were never known before. Multitudes have heard of Jesus for the first time." The urgent calls for new work have led Miss Andrews to undertake duties which seem overwhelming, yet she says, "If the Lord leads we may venture to follow."

This mission has been repeatedly saddened by the inroads made in their circle by death, and especially by the removal of Mrs. Goodrich, around whom so many hopes clustered. The story of the year to them is one of sharp contrasts of light and shade. Famine, pestilence, death, on the one hand; triumphs of faith and blessed promise for the future on the other. Miss Andrews says, "In times of peril He gives me such a sense of the absolute and perfect safety of the Lord's own, hidden in the hollow of His hand, that I cannot have the slightest fear of anything."

The question is often asked, Why do we not hear more from so interesting a field as Japan? One reason certainly seems to be found in the fact that our missionaries there find their hands so overflowing with work that they
dare not take time to write. Mrs. DeForest writes from Osaka, with its population of half a million souls, "We are reduced to one single lady to do general missionary work within its limits and the surrounding country. We feel like praying for a thousand tongues to teach and preach." When we hear of seven hundred assembling to hear the Word where but three hundred could find room, of one hundred at a woman's meeting, we cannot wonder that our missionaries busy themselves with telling the tidings of salvation to the hungry multitudes, rather than in reporting the work to us.

Never before in human history has woman had so wide a sphere of influence open to her as now. This involves great and solemn responsibilities, and in this rapidly culminating crisis in the evangelization of the world may it not be said to her as to a queen of old, "Who knoweth but thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

Fairfield County—Northern Division.

Bethel.—The Secretary writes: "Our meetings have increased in interest and profit. Special missionary fields have been studied, topics chosen at previous meetings, and the various parts assigned and well prepared. Thus papers have been written and read by our ladies upon the Zenana work, its origin and progress; Japan, and the Zulu mission." We are glad to note quite an increase of members in this good working auxiliary.

Danbury enjoyed a rich feast in the meeting of the Branch there last October. The ladies have done earnest work and have pursued their studies in mission history with as much zeal as before—the mission to Palestine, the one to Syria, the Greek mission, and the one to the Jews, having been found full of interest. They rejoice in having secured more help from the young ladies than ever before, but sorrow at the removal of their President, almost trembling for the future of their auxiliary.

Georgetown, though so small, is a very wide awake auxiliary, full of energy and enthusiasm. With a pastor in full sympathy with them, and determined to do all he can, not only for the missionary work, but also to promote woman's share in that work, they feel sure of success. The "Buds of Promise" add fruit yearly to our goodly Branch. They sent to Boston last summer for costumes, and gave a public entertainment—a missionary colloquy—which was a perfect success, and brought quite a sum into their treasury.

Monroe reports the only legacy in this district—"a gift of twenty-five dollars from a sister in the church.
who loved the work, but was not able to be active in the auxiliary on account of feeble health.” May many more friends of missions remember us in their wills.

**Newtown.**—The Secretary writes to the retiring Vice-President: “Your words and advice have encouraged us to keep on with our small society when we have been ready to give up because we could do so little. Mrs. Fairchild has kindly supplied us with letters which have done more to keep up our interest in the missionary cause than anything else could do.”

**Redding** still mourns the loss of their efficient President, the founder of their auxiliary and its most energetic worker, but says: “Perhaps our scanty subscriptions would hardly be missed from the treasury, but we will still try to carry on the work here, for we can ill afford to close the channels through which our tiny rill flows to the great stream that shall carry to distant nations the blessings of a better civilization and a better religion.”

**Ridgefield** has thought best to discontinue meetings for this year, but mentions one member, a confirmed invalid, who cannot even read, but who yet takes “Life and Light,” and gets some little boys to read it to her, thus sowing seed for future harvests. The “Gleaners” have so many of them gone to other fields the mission circle has ceased to exist, but hopes are entertained that another may be formed of younger children.

**Sherman** reports little change. It has thirty-five members, a gain of one.

**Trumbull** welcomed the county meeting most enthusiastically last June, and seemed thoroughly alive and imbued with the true missionary spirit, and we feel inclined to believe “She hath done what she could.”

**Mrs. Sarah J. Hough.**
Fairfield County—Southern Division.

Once more we come to review the past, and ask what signs of life and vigor are found in that part of our Branch whose fragrant blossoms overhang the boundaries of Fairfield County? Two or three seasons of great promise come to mind in the review of the year. We recall the County meeting at Trumbull, in June, when we were favored with the presence of our missionary, Mrs. Bond, who won all hearts by her sweet smile and her touching story.

Again in Danbury, in October, we gathered in larger numbers than ever before, to attend our second County meeting. Mrs. Noble's presence was like a benediction. Her stimulating words, as she led the noon prayer-meeting, will not soon be forgotten. Mrs. DeRiemer enlisted our sympathies in behalf of Miss Agnew's school in Ceylon.

One new auxiliary we are permitted to report, that of North Stamford, which is giving promise of great fruitfulness. But our joy in reviewing this happy year is not unmixed with sadness. We have rejoiced greatly in the cooperation of the strong auxiliary at Darien, so gladly welcomed at our last annual meeting, and just as greatly have we sorrowed with them in their loss of the presence and aid of Mrs. Mead in their meetings.

Another great trial we are called to bear, is the loss to our work caused by the removal of our dear Mrs. Hough. She has been identified with our County meetings from their very beginning; the first one planned by Mrs. Mead and herself, having been held in the church in Danbury, in March, 1875. She was one of the first County Vice-Presidents elected, and to her ready thought and variety of suggestion, no less than to her loving presence, we owe a large share of the power of the semi-
annual County gatherings. Those of us who have been accustomed to lean upon her cannot but feel that our strong staff is removed out of its place.

*Bridgeport* is strong in numbers and full of interest in their missionary, Miss Andrews, of North China. They report an unusual spirit of prayer in their meetings, and this best of gifts has been a blessing to other auxiliaries in their neighborhood. The annual meeting was a whole day of united prayer, delightful missionary addresses and social enjoyment. This auxiliary lent a helping hand to Mrs. Bond in her need. The "Earnest Workers" report that at their second annual meeting they passed the following votes:

1. To subscribe as a society for "Life and Light."
2. To hold monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month.
3. To pay dues monthly, having set aside our money the first day of the week, "as the Lord hath prospered us."
4. To hold a meeting for children once in three months.
5. To extend invitations to others to join us.

They have made the children's quarterly a great success, a committee of three having been appointed who prepared the children with songs, recitations, &c. The report mentions the mite-boxes which the children make their constant companions as a source of much interest and gain to them.

The Darien auxiliary sends an interesting report. The sickness of their dear Secretary, and the sudden death of their "ever-beloved missionary, Mrs. Goodrich, have led them to new consecration, feeling that those who remain must work with greater diligence, for the time is short."
This desire to be of service has led to the preparation of several papers for the monthly concert, an example we would strongly commend to others.

The "Sunbeams" meet once a month to sew and read about missions. They support a girl in India, besides contributing to the general fund, and perhaps the best part of their work has been the care they have given to the "Busy Bees" during Mrs. Mead's sickness. A missionary sociable, held occasionally, has been a great help in increasing the general interest in missions, one-half of the evening having been spent in readings or recitations, the rest in "having a good time."

The "Wide Awakes," the only boys' club in Fairfield County, are five in number, and have contributed five dollars to our Branch. The report in the clear, bold, boy's hand-writing, not yet spoiled by the hurry of life, would go to every mother's heart.

The "Busy Bees" are the Infant Sabbath School class, who love to lead a meeting, read the Bible, and sing together. Just now they are full of enthusiasm about some gladiolus bulbs sent to them to be sold, by Mrs. Holt, of Winchester, Mass., whose little Eddie brings to the aid of his mission circle his pet chickens, his prettiest flowers, and all his most precious worldly possessions.

Easton reports a good attendance at the meetings and much interest, but the number of contributors is smaller than last year.

Norwalk.—The Secretary writes that she believes the interest is slowly increasing, but to one who looks on from without, the progress seems very rapid. Every call for aid meets a quick response from these warm-hearted sisters in Christ. The Young Folks' Circle take great interest in their meetings and look forward eagerly
to them. Of the "Sunbeams," Miss Raymond writes: "It would take too long to write out now some incidents in connection with one little member, who died three years ago, but whose interest in missions planted precious seed in China of which we have heard during the past year. I refer to little Miller Bissell and the verses in his mission-box."

**Stamford.**—The Secretary reports that in the monthly meetings a true desire is shown to obey the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our treasure goes mostly to the Misses Ely's school in Bitlis, and there our hearts go also, sympathizing in their trials and longing to do far more than we can to help on their work. The Rippowam Mission Circle reports much encouragement in its work, its membership having increased, and its enthusiasm also. Besides paying the usual amount for a scholarship in Harpoot, they have contributed thirty dollars toward Miss Agnew's new school-building in Ceylon. The Stanwich Young Folks' Mission Circle reports much interest in looking up items to be read at the monthly meetings, and a good attendance. The necessities of a small church throw much responsibility for home-work upon the young people, but they are determined not to forget the foreign field. Recitations, given in costumes sent to them from Boston, have done much to awaken interest.

**North Stamford** auxiliary, organized in June last, with seven members, has increased to eighteen. One member, eighty-five years old, has not been able to take a step for many years, but her love for missions is as ardent as ever.

**Westport.**—The efficient Secretary being still laid aside by illness, another valued member having been removed by death, and the church being without an under-
shepherd, the Secretary pro tem. writes: "We are sad but not discouraged. Our meetings have been held regularly once a month with much prayer, and we are thankfully and hopefully looking forward to better days in future, knowing that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord."

Wilton.—The faithful young workers report that they entered upon the last month of their financial year much depressed on account of their small receipts; no entertainment having been given for the increase of their funds. They decided to send out written invitations for the annual meeting, April 4th, and to each invitation added these words: "As we have held no entertainment this year to raise money, and are in great need of assistance that we may continue the support of our missionary scholars, please bring in the enclosed envelope, or send, any sum you are disposed to give." These appeals were followed by much prayer, and the Secretary writes: "People disappointed us beautifully." The sum given, more than forty-eight dollars, "seemed so much to us because given without hope of receiving an equivalent, and more like true missionary giving." More prayer and interest will follow it on its work than ever before.

Mrs. G. B. Wilcox.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

There are no new laurels in the report I bring to-day—rather of societies discouraged in the feeble churches of the hill country. Real sorrow is expressed in the letters which tell of their difficulties. Long rides over the hills—severe storms in the cold weather—heavy farm work for the women—and churches enfeebled by the changes made by land passing into the hands of our foreign population.
In all our societies the novelty of the work has gone—and the sifting process has left the few, weak in numbers, but pressing on with such blessings as follow those who are striving to overcome.

_Barkhamsted_ can send us no cheering report this year, but we still hope that a society will yet exist there.

_Canaan_ sustains the interest in their monthly meetings.

_Colebrook._—The people are so scattered that they hold meetings but once in two months. They number ten members, and their contributions are larger than last year.

_Falls Village_ has a mission circle called the “Little Seekers,” who are interested in their work.

_Harwinton_, our new auxiliary, formed during the last year, has forty members, and feels great interest in the work. They commenced with much fear that in their scattered population they should not be able to sustain the meetings, but their zeal and love for the work increases, and their meetings are full of interest.

_Morris._—The members feel that they are profited and blessed.

_New Hartford_, in this her second year, has increased in her contributions, and has formed a mission circle, “The Valley Wide Awakes,” which is interesting the young people.

_Norfolk._—The meetings are small but interesting, and the contributions larger than last year. They sustain two mission circles, the “Home Jewels,” and the “Mountain Wide Awakes.”

_Northfield_ has sent its usual contributions, but has failed to send a report.

_Salisbury._—They have their interest in their meetings increased by the reading of original papers. They sus-
tain two mission circles—the "Lakeside Workers," and "The Resolutes."

Sharon and South Canaan continue their connection with us, but their circumstances are discouraging.

Torrington sends increased contributions; values very highly the missionary letters, and finds the meetings full of interest.

Thomaston has been sorely tried in the loss of Mrs. Backus, who formed and has nourished their societies, but they find the same interest and love for the work which they have always shown. They maintain their two mission circles—the "Free Givers" and "The News Bearers."

Watertown has most interesting meetings, and enjoys the manuscript letters. Two of their mission circles have united, forming the Young Ladies' Mission Circle. They have also a "Boys' Mission Circle."

Wolcottville has withdrawn her meetings from those of the Sewing Society, and finds increased interest in holding them once in two months.

Winsted has small meetings, but they are interesting. They have two mission circles—the "Mayflowers" and the "Mountain Daisies." The "Daisies" have just held a fair which has been a great pleasure to the children, and will realize something for the treasury.

Miss M. P. Hinsdale.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

Litchfield County is but a little one among the counties of our Branch. Though we number many churches, the majority of these are far from being strong ones. We have no city nor large town within our borders. We have to be content to gather up the littles; these, sometimes, the fruit of much self-denial.
The value of these many littles is seen in the fact that of the $9,378, reported by the Treasurer, as the total amount of receipts for the year ending May, 1878, $2,009 came from Litchfield County. We do not mention this boastingly, but rather in gratitude, that we were enabled to do so much, and also to encourage ourselves to go on in this good work, with the assurance that we are really fellow helpers with you.

Bridgewater says: "We can report good progress during the year. We feel especially blessed in our meeting together. We have an average attendance at our monthly meeting of one-half of our members. May our hearts be so full of love to the Master that we may do more in His service the coming year."

Bethlehem.—In some respects the report is more encouraging than ever before. While mourning over their lukewarmness, some are hoping and praying for the revival of a missionary spirit among them.

Cornwall.—Although three prominent members have died during the year the society is not disheartened, and expect to send their usual contribution.

Ellsworth.—The Secretary says: "Our community is so scattered, our winters are so cold, and our summers so busy, that we cannot have meetings very frequently. But letters sent us are passed around to be read at home. We do but little, yet we would be unwilling to give up our society."

Goshen reports a slight increase in the degree of interest felt meetings better attended.

Kent.—Meetings are held every month with a large average attendance. Over twenty copies of "Life and Light" are taken. This fact, alone, speaks for the intelligent zeal and enthusiasm of its members.

Litchfield.—Three new life members have been added
to their number. Miss Seymour, from Harpoot, Turkey, visited Litchfield, in August, and gave a very interesting account of her work there. The annual county meeting was also held here in October, at which more than one hundred and twenty ladies from other auxiliaries were present. The meeting was exceedingly interesting. It was addressed by Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Hume. The meeting gave a greatly needed stimulus to all who were present. The mission circle, "Daisy Chain," have contributed forty dollars, the proceeds of a Christmas festival.

*Milton* has had but seven meetings on account of frequent storms. "Those we have had, have been well attended. Our membership is eighteen, and we have had an average attendance at our meetings of sixteen. May not this be called a model society?"

*New Preston.*—A good degree of interest is manifested by our ladies. We have held monthly meetings, missing only two months through the year.

*New Milford.*—Monthly meetings have been held with an average attendance of about twenty. Although owing to the pressure of the times our contributions are less than formerly, the interest is not decreasing. Those who loved the work five years ago, love it now more intelligently and fervently. The "Star Mission Circle" have raised the amount promised for a Dakota scholarship, by means of an entertainment given on New Year's evening, when they illustrated the poem called "The Field is the World." At their annual meeting in April, officers were chosen entirely from among themselves. The method adopted for raising money the coming year, was to form a Savings Bank Company, each stockholder to receive a bank in which to deposit her contributions. The Banks not to be opened until the
next annual meeting in the presence of all the stockholders. The "Golden Links," the very little ones of the flock, still bring their pennies weekly to help support a girl in Madura.

*Roxbury* holds its meetings every two months. Those who attend are much interested. They have devised a new plan to make the interest more general the coming year. The "Centennial Mission Circle" are still alive and keep up their enthusiasm for this work of missions.

*Woodbury.*—The Secretary's report is very similar to that of last year. A few feel that they are engaged in a blessed work.

*Warren.*—The Secretary says: "We reorganized last summer, and a renewed interest has been manifested. Our meetings were well attended till we were obliged to discontinue them on account of the cold weather."

*Washington* has not held meetings through the year, but has contributed liberally. "The Willing Workers" are rightly named, as they have manifested by the amount of their contributions.

*Mrs. J. B. Bonar.*

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**Middlesex County—Northern Division.**

As Spring brings to the senses the glad note of songbirds, and the varied tints and shades of grass and flowers, so we, the mission workers of Middlesex County, come with greetings to make glad the hearts of all gathered here to-day. As occasional clouds cannot long shut out the bright sunlight, so the discouragements that have met us in our way have not prevented our ardor for work in this part of our Master's vineyard.

*East Hampton, First Church,* regrets that she cannot report an increase of members, still the faithful ones re-
spond heartily to the call which comes to them from their sisters in far-off heathen lands. There has been a marked improvement in one direction as great effort has been made to prepare articles of interest on certain fields, to be presented at each meeting, thus becoming, in a great measure, independent of help from other sources.

_East Hampton Union Church_ feels the need of some power which can galvanize them into new life. They have an organization, but sickness among the members and stormy days for meetings have well-nigh quenched the zeal of the strongest hearted.

_Middle Haddam_ Secretary writes: “Although the interest does not wane, yet there are few signs of a missionary revival.” One encouraging feature is, that there has been but one meeting omitted during the year, and the average attendance is larger than before.

_Middletown First Church_ stands high in the ranks among the auxiliaries in Northern Middlesex regarding membership, number of subscribers to “Life and Light,” and the amount of aid which it sends to its six beneficiaries. New enthusiasm has been given by the attendance of a greater number of individuals at the different meetings and their willingness to participate in the various exercises. They have found it profitable to consider one mission for several consecutive months, and by home efforts have enhanced the interest of their organization.

_Middletown South Church_ reports much the same as last year—a desire to do more, but no special progress. A trustful spirit is shown by their willingness to contribute to the general fund.

_Portland_ comes fresh and vigorous after a second year’s existence. Rainy Wednesdays and sickness among the faithful ones have not destroyed its thrift or lessened the zeal of those engaged in this work. The Secretary
writes: "The interest is constantly increasing." Special fields are always chosen and information gladly sought and freely given. A social spirit is also cultivated and with favorable results.

Westchester still contributes, not alone of gold and silver, but a steady interest and a warm, loving sympathy for those engaged in the sowing of Gospel seed "beside all waters." The exercises of the monthly gatherings have been varied, and experience proves that where the efforts have been most hearty the results have been most pleasing and beneficial. In September, Miss Strong, of Mexico, addressed a union meeting of the auxiliary and circle. Her earnest words thrilled the heart of every listener, and, we trust, made a deep and lasting impression. The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle come with their offering made fragrant by youthful prayers and faithful endeavors. Their programme for work has been much the same as during the previous year. Meetings have been held, semi-monthly, and evening entertainments have been given, which have added zest and enjoyment to the work.

Mrs. L. A. Hutchins.

Middlesex County—Southern Division.

Centerbrook reports an increase of membership, though the average attendance at meetings during the year has been small. They hope to be united in a more intelligent and loving interest the coming year than ever before.

Chester regrets the irregularity of its meetings and their want of interest, but we hope the missionary soil there is being enriched, and that the roots of this auxiliary will strike deeper and bring forth fruit abundantly in the future.
Clinton Secretary speaks of stormy weather causing diminished attendance at the monthly meetings. They hope for better things.

Deep River returns are cheering; a large membership, a good average attendance at meetings, and twenty copies of "Life and Light" taken. The Treasurer also reports a larger amount than ever before.

East Haddam auxiliary has been well sustained by interested members. Different countries with which the mission fields are connected have been studied. Maps have sometimes been made and used in connection, thus adding interest and information to the subject considered. A goodly number of young ladies have been added to its members, and among them are some of our most efficient workers.

Haddam Secretary writes: "Since our last report our meetings have been continued with regularity and unabated interest. The experience of this year, however, suggests the need of untiring zeal in our work. When our personal interest in it is suffered to grow cold, the cause languishes; while faithful efforts never fail of bringing a blessing, though the pecuniary results may not always be as great as we desire. We have two mission circles, "The Young Ladies' Mission Band," who are working with their usual interest, and the "Willing Workers," organized about six months since. These young girls, all under thirteen years of age, have entered upon their work with great earnestness and enthusiasm."

Higganum reports "An increase of interest, and also of attendance. We find the gain is greatest to those who attend regularly and aid in the preparation for the meetings. It is good to leave awhile the cares of life to realize by contrast that we live in 'green pastures,' and to feel the stimulus derived from the letters of devoted
missionaries and the power of their active Christian faith."

*Killingworth* Secretary writes: "We cannot report progress in our missionary work, but the interest continues the same as in years past."

*Millington* auxiliary enters auspiciously upon its second year. Unmistakable signs show that the missionary cause is growing in interest. The President writes: "We are grateful that we have learned the privilege of giving to the Lord in this way, and that our faith in prayer and in the precious promise that even the mite will not be rejected is strengthened." Within the year past a mission circle of twenty-three boys and girls has been formed, and if the enthusiasm of all their number is equal to that of "one bright little girl who has walked three miles and home again to several of the meetings, in spite of snow and mud," we may well hope from them great results.

*Saybrook* auxiliary reports nothing new in their work, though they hold on their way as in the past. The President writes: "I am sure while we are at present giving special attention to home work, we shall not be forgetful of our work for the heathen. The 'Seaside Mission Band' have supported a pupil in the school at Ahmednuggur and are not weary in well doing."

*Westbrook* Secretary tells of a decline in the attendance at the meetings of the auxiliary, but adds: "We have a flourishing band of little workers, "The Seaside Gleaners." They number forty-one boys and girls, and meet every two weeks, bringing their offerings monthly in envelopes. They are enthusiastic and we hope for good results from them."

Last October the annual County meeting was warmly welcomed and entertained with liberal hospitality by the
Saybrook auxiliary. The other societies of the County were well represented. All seemed interested, and a restful spirit pervaded the entire meeting. Miss Townsend, of Ceylon, was present and added interest by the account of her work. A pleasant feature of the occasion was the participation of an unusually large number of young ladies in the exercises. This fact, with the addition of two new promising mission circles, and the vigorous growth of others, gave promise of a growing interest in the work, and of the vitality of our organizations in the future.

Glancing over the record for the past year we are encouraged. We are convinced that the missionary work has taken deep root in the hearts of our women. The monthly meetings have become a necessity of our Christian life, and are gladly anticipated. We firmly believe that it will be long before we have occasion to speak of a retrograde movement of this work in Middlesex County.

Mrs. E. E. McCall.

New Haven County.

Ansonia progresses well. The contributions are considerably beyond those of last year. Monthly meetings have been sustained. The annual meeting for New Haven County was held here in November, when the ladies of Ansonia gave ample proof of their hospitality to the cause and to those who represented it.

Birmingham keeps up its quarterly meetings. The membership has somewhat increased, yet the contributions are the same as last year.
Cheshire continues to support a Bible reader in India. Monthly meetings have been held through the winter, and the amount sent to the treasury is a little in advance of last year.

Derby sends a very good report. The interest in the work here is steadily increasing, and the attendance at the meetings in proportion. The same excellent plan has been adopted as in Norwalk for retaining a hold on the young people, viz: that of graduating the young ladies into the auxiliary, and filling up the junior society from a still younger circle. The “Mission Workers” and “Forget-me-nots” are two active circles.

East Haven has not held meetings regularly, but the interest is still alive. They have thirty-four members.

Madison reports a good attendance at their quarterly meetings, and much interest manifested. One hundred and ten dollars have been given for the seventh year for the support of a teacher in Mrs. Leonard’s school. In addition, this year they have furnished a box of clothing and useful articles for Mrs. Bond in Bulgaria. The “Boys of Promise,” though not disbanded, is somewhat disorganized, as some of the boys have gone into business and have no time to attend the meetings. The “Willing Hearts” raised forty-eight dollars, by a paper festival, for the support of a scholar in Madura, and they have been made happy lately by a letter from Miss Rendall in answer to one sent from them.

Meriden, First Church, has shown an increased interest of late, as evidenced in the invitation to the Branch to hold the Annual Meeting there, and the work which the ladies have done in preparing for it. The “Cheerful Givers” hold regular meetings and do good work.

Milford has been unable to maintain its regular meetings on account of the illness of their President, but has
made its collections and started a mission circle called
the "Ivy Vine."

*Mount Carmel* is able to sustain good meetings by
the method of appointing ladies to bring reports from
the various foreign fields each time. They support two
scholarships, one at Ahmednuggur, the other at Ceylon.

*Middlebury* is doing well and expresses an earnest
desire to do more.

*Naugatuck* has been dormant, but not dead, for some
time. Owing to the illness of some of the members and
final departure of others, the work has been interrupted,
but with the aid of the new pastor's family they hope to
start again, for there are not a few who have a strong
interest in foreign missionary work and our branch of it.

*North Branford* continues the support of a girl in a
village school near Ahmednuggur. They hold meetings
every two months, and the interest in the work is deep­
ening.

*Northford* reports a little falling off in members,
though the attendance at their meetings is about the
same.

*North Haven* has been greatly weakened from various
causes, but they still send to our treasury.

*Orange* has thirty-five members and has sent fifty
dollars, forty of which is for a scholarship at Marsovan.
The envelope system has succeeded well in this society.

*Oxford* is not a large society, but has life in it and
bears fruit.

*Southbury* reports a falling off in both members and
contributions. The two little girls interested in this
work still give their own small earnings, and will prob­
ably form a mission circle ere long.

*South Britain* has increased its contributions, but
has held no regular meetings.
Wallingford has done nobly. In two years the membership has increased from twenty to a hundred and twenty, and the contributions proportionately. By the end of their year, in June, they will have sent to the treasury one hundred and fifty dollars. Their meetings, also, are full of interest and well supported.

Waterbury, First Church, has contributed to the support of Mrs. Bond, in Bulgaria. Regular monthly meetings are held and a good degree of interest shown.

Waterbury, Second Church, has lost some of its members, and yet the average attendance at their monthly meetings is larger than ever before. The Secretary writes, “These meetings are intensely interesting.” The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle has contributed largely, having sent two hundred and twenty dollars, the result of a fair and a supper in the winter. They support a pupil in the Constantinople Home, and have been encouraged by hearing from her directly, in reply to a letter from them. The Waterbury churches sent an invitation to the Branch to hold its Annual Meeting in that place, which could not be accepted as that from Meriden was of an earlier date.

West Haven reports monthly meetings, but a small attendance, and rather a lack of interest. The “Missionary Seed Planters” and Childrens’ Mission Circle seem to have, however, what the older society lack.

Westville Auxiliary depends on the monthly meetings in New Haven, and only reports their members and names of officers. They support a pupil at Marsovan.

Whitneyville also avails itself of its proximity to the city, and the ladies prefer to attend the meetings there to holding meetings of their own. The contributions have increased this year. “This is the more gratifying,” writes the Secretary, “as other benevolent objects have recently been brought home to our hearts and purses.”
Woodbridge had contributed to our treasury a year ago, but had not fully organized and reported its officers till last autumn, so that we may count them a new society. The members continue their interest, but the population being scattered, have been unable to hold regular meetings.

The city churches, thirteen in number, including two in Fair Haven, all unite in the monthly meetings held in the Chapel of the Center Church. As these meetings have been mentioned in the Annual Report they need not be spoken of here again. Six of these churches, viz: Center Church, Yale College Church, First and Second churches, Fair Haven, College Street Church and North Church have increased their contributions, the remaining seven have diminished, from one cause or another.

Of the churches not in any of our four counties, but belonging to our Branch,

Colchester sends a very cheering report of earnest and profitable meetings, regularly sustained. A genuine missionary spirit is manifested in this Auxiliary, fostered, no doubt, by direct communication with some of our best missionaries.

New Britain, Center Church Auxiliary, has suffered much during the past year in the loss of three of its most valued helpers and the absence of its Recording Secretary. The meetings have diminished in numbers and in interest, but a new start has been taken and better things are hoped for. In the six years that this society has been organized, they have sent sixteen hundred and eight dollars and sixty-nine cents to the Branch.

The report from New Britain, South Church, is so full and so good that it is a pity time does not permit us to give it in full. The review of the five years of
their existence would be stimulating and profitable to all. It tells of small beginnings but a determination to be thoroughly informed about this work, and of zeal growing with knowledge, and ability to give growing with zeal. The little "Helpers" realize their name, and the "Banyan Seeds" give promise of becoming strong plants, and firm supports to the cause. In five years this Auxiliary, with its mission circles, has contributed two thousand one hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

Mrs. J. N. Adam.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Haven, May 13, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, May 14th, 1878________________ $1,144.06
Subscriptions from auxiliary societies,................................... 6,523.25
Subscriptions from mission circles and Sunday schools,  1,422.32
Contributions for expenses at Branch monthly meetings,-- 95.68
Contributions at County meetings, __________________   27.04
Sale of Mrs. Hart's leaflet,............................. 10.50
Miscellaneous,_________________________________ 57.40

$8,280.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent Treasurer of W. B. M.,__________________________ $8,290.27
Printing,................................................. 162.50
Postage, stationery and incidental expenses,______________   93.02
Expenses of missionaries to address meetings,................... 42.45
Outfit for Mrs. Bond,.................................... 38.00
Sending out annual reports,.............................. 13.87
Children's meeting,.................................... 6.00
Balance on hand, ........................................... 634.14

$9,280.25

New Haven, May 22, 1879.

I have examined the above account and compared the items with
the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct.

Roger S. White, Auditor.

*Actual receipts for 1878−79, $8,136.19.
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Ansonia,...........................................................$80.00
Towards scholarships at Foochow and Santander.
Bethel,.............................................................40.00
For Sagunabai in India.
Bethlehem,..........................................................35.50
Birmingham,..........................................................60.00
For scholarships at Madura and Inanda.
Bridgeport,......................................................403.80
Towards salary of Miss Andrews; $12.50 from Mrs. John
W. Hincks, to complete her life membership, and $25
from Mrs. Lucius H. Boomer, to constitute life member
Mrs. David H. Nash.
Bridgewater,........................................................60.00
To constitute life member Mrs. John B. Doolittle, and
towards support of Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Canaan,.............................................................19.00
Centerbrook,......................................................25.00
Cheshire,............................................................53.00
For Samathanum at Madura and to constitute life mem-
bers Mrs. Sarah E. Stoddard and Miss Jenny K. Chipman.
Chester,.............................................................20.00
Towards a life member.
Clinton,.............................................................41.41
Colchester,.........................................................77.00
Colebrook,..........................................................12.03
Towards support of Zartar.
Cornwall,...........................................................33.00
Towards scholarship at Marsovan.
Danbury,...........................................................184.00
$10 from Mrs. George B. Ryder, and $15 from Miss Mary
E. Stone, to complete life memberships.
Darien,............................................................60.00
Deep River,.........................................................25.00
To constitute life member Mrs. Wm. Knouse.
Derby,...............................................................58.75
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To support two schools near Aintab; for a scholarship at Marsovan, Inanda and Ahmednuggur, and for Gangabai; $25 from Miss Marianne Clark to constitute life member Mrs. Orill Clark, of Milford, Mass.; $25 from Mrs. E. H. Goodrich to constitute life member Mrs. Emeline Benham, "in memory of Emma;" $25 from "a Sister," to constitute life member Mrs. Esther C. Wilcox, of Middlefield; $25 from a friend to constitute life member Mrs. Sarah Sill Hubbard.

Middletown, South Church, .............................................. 30.00

Milford, .............................. 48.50

Towards salary of Senora Gracia Martinez; $25 from Mrs. Dr. Beardsley to constitute life member Mrs. John W. Merwin.

Millington, ....................................... 12.00

Milton, ............................................. 22.00

Monroe, .......................................................... 40.50

$25 from the late Betsey Smith.

Morristown, ........................................... 25.00

To complete life membership of Mrs. James Blakeman and towards another.

Mount Carmel, ................................................. 52.00

For scholarships at Ceylon and Ahmednuggur.

New Britain, First Church, .................................................. 117.20

Towards scholarship at Constantinople Home.

New Britain, South Church, ............................................... 206.00

Towards Mrs. Leonard's salary.

New Hartford, ............................................... 55.89

New Haven, Center Church, .............................................. 482.50

$40 from Mrs. Dickerman for scholarship at Marsovan; $30 from Mrs. W. H. to constitute life member Mrs. Leonard Bacon, and for scholarship at Ahmednuggur; $25 from Mrs. Tredwell Ketcham to constitute herself life member; $15 from Mrs. Leonard Bradley, and $10 from Mrs. W. I. Townsend, to support Markarid Hatchadoorian; $10 from Mrs. A. C. Wilcox and $10 from Miss Shipman to support Anna Menosian; $10 from Mrs. D. C. Collins and $10 from Mrs. H. C. Kingsley and Miss Thomas to support Yegsha Astaradoorian at Harpoot; $1 from Miss Bradley for Mrs. Edwards' school.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, $156.00
  $50 from Mrs. H. B. Bigelow to constitute life members
  Mrs. J. A. Latham and Mrs. E. F. Mersick.
College St. Church, 63.00
  To support Excipit at Marsovan; $25 from Miss J. A.
  Maltby to constitute life member Mrs. Douglass F. Maltby,
  of Waterbury.
Davenport Church, 50.00
  $25 from Mrs. Roxanna P. Bolles to constitute life member
  Miss Mary R. Bolles.
Dwight Place Church, 37.40
East Church, 13.00
Fair Haven, First Church, 169.85
  $25 from Miss Mary Riley in San Francisco, to constitute
  herself life member; $25 from Mrs. Wm. Morris to con­
  stitute life member Mrs. James P. Smith.
Howard Avenue Church, 28.30
North Church, 109.25
  $20 from Mrs. Richard Rice for Bible Reader for 1878
  and 1879.
Temple St. Church, 19.00
  For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.
Third Church, 139.00
  $20 from Mrs. Wm. Ives for teacher at Marsovan.
Yale College Church, 206.00
  For scholarship at Constantinople Home.
New Milford, 179.67
  Towards Mrs. Abbie L. Hume's salary; $25 from Mrs. A.
  S. Rogers and Miss Charlotte Thompson, to constitute the
  latter life member.
New Preston, 40.00
  For scholarship at Madura.
Newtown, 10.00
Norfolk, 50.00
  To constitute life members Mrs. Marilla L. Riggs, and Mrs.
  Celia E. Butler for scholarship at Dakotas.
North Branford, 30.00
  For Ahmednuggur scholarship.
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Towards support of Mrs. Williams; $30, a special gift in consideration of the needs of the Branch.

For Greek girl Sotera at Marsovan.

Towards support of Fulig at Marsovan.

For Madura scholarship and towards Bible Reader in India.

$29.35 towards paying the debt, and to constitute life member Mrs. Milton H. Robbins.

$60 to support Salveen at Bitlis; $5 towards life membership.

Towards Constantinople Home scholarship.

To constitute life member Mrs. Mary F. Nichols, and to complete life membership of Mrs. Samuel B. Beach.

For one-half of the scholarship in Spain, and towards Mrs. DeForest's salary.

To constitute life member Mrs. Phebe Hine, and towards another.
Washington, ................................................................. $40.25
Waterbury, First Church, .................................................. 6.00
Towards outfit for Mrs. Bond.
Waterbury, Second Church, .............................................. 100.75
Towards salary of Mrs. Abbie L. Hume.
Watertown, ..................................................................... 75.00
$50 to support Zahouhi at Marsovan; $25 extra to constitute life member Mrs. Delia Eaton.
Westbrook,...................................................................... 45.00
$20 from Mrs. Reuben Stannard for scholarship at Ahmednuggur; $25 towards support of Kamalabai.
Westchester, ................................................................. 25.00
To constitute life member Mrs. Wm. T. Hutchins.
West Haven, .................................................................... 44.83
Westville, ......................................................................... 40.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.
Whitneyville, ................................................................... 50.50
For scholarship at Marsovan.
Wilton, .............................................................................. 75.00
$50 for Dakota scholarship; $25 towards scholarship at Foochow.
Winsted, ........................................................................... 174.00
Wolciottville, ..................................................................... 20.00
Woodbridge, ..................................................................... 20.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.
Woodbury, North Church, .................................................. 25.00
Towards scholarship at Ceylon.

MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
Bridgeport, "Earnest Workers," ......................................... 11.00
Bridgeport, North Church Sunday School, ......................... 30.00
Cheeshire, Sunday School classes, ..................................... 4.50
Cornwall, "Hillside Workers," ............................................. 30.00
For scholarship at Madura.
Darien, "Sunbeams," .......................................................... 40.00
$20 for scholarship at Ahmednuggur; $20 towards one at Foochow.
Darien, "Busy Bees," .......................................................... 13.00
For Miss Agnew's school at Ceylon.
Darien, Boys' "Wide Awake Club," ..................................... 5.00
$1 for Miss Agnew's school, and $4 for North China.
Derby, "Mission Workers," $12.00
Gaylordsville Mission Circle, 10.00
   For school at Benabeel, Turkey.
Georgetown, "Buds of Promise," 18.00
Haddam, "Young Ladies' Mission Band," 8.00
Haddam, "Willing Workers," 5.00
   Towards Bible Reader in India.
Litchfield, "Daisy Chain," 40.00
Madison, "Willing Hearts," 48.00
   $30 to support Antony Ammal at Madura, and to complete
   life membership of Miss Susie J. Hart.
Millington, "Little Belle Alone's Mission Friends," 5.00
Milford, "Ivy Vine," 10.00
   Towards Ahmednuggur scholarship.
New Britain, First Church, "Little Givers," 13.00
New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers," 82.54
   For scholarships at Inanda, Mandapasalie and Udupitty.
New Britain, South Church, "Banyan Seeds," 5.00
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Aurora," 60.00
   $40 for scholarship at Harpoot; $20 towards one at Udupitty.
Church of the Redeemer, "Morning Star," 5.00
College St. Church Sunday School, 20.00
   For Excipit.
Davenport Church, Mission Circle, 35.00
   For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.
Davenport Church, Sunday School Classes, 22.00
Dwight Place Church, "Willing Hearts," 6.25
East Church, Children's Missionary Aid Society, 10.00
Third Church, "Faithful Workers," 15.00
   For Mrs. Edward Hume's School.
Third Church Sunday School, 25.00
Third Church Infant Class, 20.00
New Milford, "Golden Links," 14.53
New Milford, "Star Circle," 50.00
   For scholarship at Dakota.
Norfolk, "Home Jewels," 30.00
   For scholarship at Madura.
Norfolk, "Mountain Wide Awakes," 30.00
   For scholarship at Udupitty.
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Norwalk, "Young Ladies' Mission Band," ....................... $20.00
  Towards Mrs. Williams' salary.
Norwalk, "Young Workers for Jesus," ................................ 10.00
Norwalk, "Sunbeams," ..................................................... 10.00
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band,"............................................... 20.00
  For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.
Sharon, "Busy Bees," .......................................................... 44.00
Southport, Sunday School of Congregational Church,...................... 30.00
  To support Badashen Peribosian.
Stamford, "Rippowam Circle," .................................................. 70.00
  $40 for scholarship at Harpoot; $30 for Miss Agnew's school building.
Stamford, Mrs. Willcox's Sunday School Class,.............................. 5.00
Stanwich, "Young Folks," ....................................................... 10.00
  Towards support of Kamalabai in India.
Thomaston, "Free Givers," ..................................................... 65.00
  $40 for scholarship at Marsovan; $25 from Mrs. Isaac Tuttle to constitute life member Miss Nellie J. Bidwell.
Thomaston, "News Bearers," ...................................................... 14.00
  Towards scholarship at Marsovan.
Washington, "Willing Workers," .................................................. 35.00
  Towards scholarship at Foochow.
Waterbury, Second Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Band,"............... 220.00
  For Constantinople scholarship, and to constitute life member Miss Martha C. Holmes.
Watertown, "Earnest Workers," ............................................... 12.00
Watertown, "Juvenile Mission Circle," ........................................ 25.00
  To constitute life member Miss Alice J. Percy.
Watertown, "Gleaners," ............................................................ 25.00
  $15 from the circle; $10, a gift from two members, Alma and Fannie Curtis, to constitute life member Mrs. W. S. Munger.
West Chester, "Young Ladies Mission Circle," .............................. 17.00
West Haven, "Missionary Seed Planters,"...................................... 15.00
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," .................................. 40.00
  Two Ahmednuggur scholarships.
Wolcottville, Miss Calhoun's Sunday School Class,......................... 2.50
MISCELLANEOUS.

Contributions at Branch monthly meetings, $95.68
Contribution at Fairfield County meeting, 9.65
Contribution at Middlesex County meeting, 10.75
Contribution at New Haven County meeting, 6.64
Left from collation fund May 14th, 1878, 29.42
Sale of Mrs. Hart's leaflet, 10.50
A friend, through Mrs. Willcox, $5 for China, $5 for Mexico, 10.00
Mrs. O. P. Hubbard, 5.00
A friend, 5.00
A friend at annual meeting, 2.00
For Mrs. Bond, 2.58
Mrs. Churchill, Woodbury, 2.00
Miss Stiles, of Richmond, Va., 1.40
BENEFICIARIES.

Miss Mary E. Andrews, Tungcho, China, Salary, $475.00
Mrs. Elizabeth DeForest, Osaka, Japan, " 600.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Inanda, South Africa, " 443.00
Mrs. Abbie Lyon Hume, Ahmednuggur, West India, " 525.00
Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard, Marsovan, West Turkey, " 276.00
Mrs. Kate P. Williams, Constantinople, Turkey, " 660.00
Mrs. Fannie G. Bond, European Turkey, " 400.00
Señora Gracia Martinez, Zaragossa, Spain, " 350.00

BIBLE READERS.

Samathanum, Madura, South India, Salary, $32.00
Gnanaperhasen, Madura, South India, " 32.00
Zahouhi, Marsovan, West Turkey, " 54.00
Zartar, Marsovan, West Turkey, " 54.00
Excipit, Marsovan, West Turkey, " 27.00
Drupatabai, Rahuri, West India, " 45.00
Yesabai, Ahmednuggur, West India, " 45.00
Kamalabai, Khokar, West India, " 40.00
Gangabai, Barhanpoor, West India, " 45.00
Sagunabai, Rahuri, West India, " 40.00
Pritabai, Ahmednuggur, West India, " 40.00
Yeghsa Astardoorian, Harpoot, East Turkey, " 14.00
Marian Emfigian, Harpoot, East Turkey, " 14.00
Markarid Hatchadoorian, Harpoot, East Turkey, " 13.00
Anna Menosian, Arabkir, Turkey, " 13.00
Zarwig, Marsovan, West Turkey, " 40.00

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Anna Bedroscian, in Girls' Boarding School, Marsovan, Salary, $110.00
Eghsипет, Teacher among the women in Vizier Kupri, " 27.00
Salveen, Teacher in Miss Ely's School, Bitlis, " 60.00
SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

At Marsovan, Turkey, Principal, Miss Fritcher, 10, Expense, $400.00
At Constantinople Home, Principal, Mrs. Williams, 4, " 600.00
At Madura, South India, Principal, Miss Rendall, 10, " 300.00
At Inanda, South Africa, Principal, Mrs. Edwards, 11, " 330.00
At Ahmednuggur, W. India, Principal, Mrs. Hume, 15, " 300.00
At Dakotas, Knox Co., Nebraska, Princ., Miss Haines, 6, " 300.00
At Udupitty, Ceylon, Principal, Miss Townshend, 7, " 210.00
At Foochow, China, Principal, Miss Payson, 6, " 240.00
At Harpoot, Turkey, Principal, Miss Bush, 6, " 200.00
At Santander, Spain, Principal, Mrs. Gulick, 1, " 100.00
At Mandapasalie, S. India, Principal, Miss Taylor, 2, " 60.00

SCHOOLS.

At Aleppo, Central Turkey, Expense, $33.00
At Andiaman, Central Turkey, " 34.00
At Kerkuey, Central Turkey, " 13.00
At Ekizolook, Central Turkey, " 14.00
At Benabeel, Eastern Turkey, " 10.00
At Sert, Eastern Turkey, " 9.00
At Harpoot Seminary, Badaash-Peribosian, " 30.00
At Kioto, Japan, General Expenses of the Home, " 60.00

BUILDINGS.

At Oodooville, for School Building, $100.00
At Bombay, four shares in Dispensary and School Building, 100.00
LIFE MEMBERS

ADDED SINCE MAY 14, 1878.

BRIDGEPORT,..............Mrs. John W. Hincks.
"  "..................Mrs. David H. Nash.
BRIDGEWATER,.............Mrs. John B. Doolittle.
CHESHIRE,................Miss Jenny E. Chipman.
"  "..................Mrs. Sarah E. Stoddard.
DANBURY,................Mrs. G. E. Ryder.
"  "..................Miss Mary E. Stone.
DEEP RIVER,..............Mrs. Wm. Knouse.
EAST HADDAM,.............Miss Agnes A. Acton.
"  "..................Miss Kate G. Tyler.
EAST HAMPTON,..........Mrs. Amlal Abell.
EAST HAVEN,...............Mrs. Albert Forbes.
FAIR HAVEN,..............Miss Mary Riley.
"  "..................Mrs. James P. Smith.
HADDAM,................Mrs. M. C. Hazen.
HIGGANUM,................Mrs. Sarah E. Gladwin.
LITCHFIELD,..............Mrs. Joseph Adams.
"  "..................Miss Clarissa Deming.
"  "..................Mrs. Sarah Gleason Gates.
MADISON,................Miss Susie J. Hart.
MERIDEN,................Mrs. F. E. Hinman.
"  "..................Mrs. Hattie Billard.
"  "..................Mrs. Benjamin H. Catlin.
MIDDLETOWN,..............Mrs. Emeline Benham.
"  "..................Mrs. Orill Clark.
"  "..................Mrs. Sarah Sill Hubbard.
"  "..................Mrs. Esther C. Wilcox.
MILFORD,.................Mrs. John W. Merwin.
MORRIS,................Mrs. James Blakeman.
New Haven,  Mrs. Leonard Bacon.
   Miss Mary R. Bolles.
   Mrs. Tredwell Ketcham.
   Mrs. J. A. Latham.
   Mrs. Douglass F. Maltby.
   Mrs. E. F. Mersick.
New Milford,  Miss Charlotte Thompson.
Norfolk,  Mrs. Celia E. Butler.
   Mrs. Marilla L. Riggs.
Salisbury,  Mrs. Milton H. Robbins.
 Thomaston,  Miss Nellie J. Bidwell.
 Trumbull,  Mrs. Samuel B. Beach.
   Miss Mary F. Nichols.
Warren,  Mrs. Phebe Hine.
Waterbury,  Miss Martha C. Holmes.
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**Georgetown:** *Buds of Promise*—Mrs. Aaron Osborne, Pres.; Miss Mary E. Bennett, Sec. and Treas.

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Third Church—*Faithful Workers*—Miss H. Woodruff, Sec.; Miss L. Landfear, Treas. 

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**Star Circle**—Miss Carrie Wildman, Pres.; Miss Mary Allen, Sec.; Miss Hattie Soule, Treas. 

**NORFOLK:** *Home Jewels*—Mrs. George Johnson, Pres.; Miss Nannie L. Gaylord, Sec.; Miss Jennie Briggs, Treas. 

**Mountain Wide Awakes**—Mrs. Ada Curtis, Pres.; Master Charlie E. DeMars, Sec.; Master Bertie Sackett, Treas. 

**NORTH WOODSTOCK:** *Coral Workers.*

**NORWALK:** *Young Folks' Mission Band*—Miss C. E. Raymond, Pres. 

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*Boys' Mission Circle*—Miss Alice J. Percy, Pres.; Erastus Barlow, Sec.; Frank M. Loveland, Treas. ..........................

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WINSTED: *May Flowers*—Miss Lucy C. Alvord, Pres.; Miss Sarah Strong, Sec.; Miss Clara Lawrence, Treas.

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WOLCOTTVILLE: Miss Calhoun's Class.
CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions in Boston.

ART. II. Its officers shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, two Home Secretaries and a Treasurer, elected annually. These shall constitute an Executive Committee. There shall also be an Auditor.

ART. III. Its object is the conversion of heathen women and children by means of its missionaries, native teachers and Bible readers. To accomplish this it seeks, by the systematic cooperation of many societies having a common center, to cultivate a missionary spirit and promote union and harmony.

ART. IV. 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. V. Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually, may form a society auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute a local Executive Committee, the terms of membership to be fixed by each society for itself.

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

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

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

ART. III. One of the Vice-Presidents shall take the place of the President when absent, and in case of a vacancy in that office, perform its duties until another election. Vice-Presidents shall hold themselves ready to do what is necessary to promote the well-being of the Branch. Those having special work in the counties are expected to encourage and stimulate Auxiliaries and promote new organizations in their respective fields, to make monthly reports to the Executive Committee in person, or through the Home Secretaries, prepare county reports for the annual meeting, and convene a meeting in their own counties once a year.

ART. IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Branch and Executive Committee, presenting them at each succeeding meeting, take charge of letters and papers, 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 Secretaries shall perform such duties as tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Branch. One of them shall furnish the societies with manuscript letters, the other shall correspond with the Vice-Presidents and auxiliaries from time to time as circumstances may require, report at the monthly meetings, and gather during the year material for the annual report.

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

Art. VIII. The duties of Assistant Secretaries are to be defined by the Executive Committee.

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 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 ______ annually.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE I. This Mission Circle shall be called the ________.

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

ART. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn more about the heathen, and to do more than we have done to send them the Gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.
Art. IV. We promise to come together at stated times to hear and read about missions, or to work in some way for the cause, and through our own Treasurer to send our contributions, amounting to not less than five dollars, to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Note.—An association of youth, remitting annually not less than five dollars to the Treasurer of the N. H. B. of W. B. M., constitutes a Mission Circle.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

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

We wish also that the circulation of the "Well-Spring," with its clear missionary echo, could be largely increased, reminding the children every week of their duty to others. This attractive Sabbath visitant, with its beautiful illustrations and excellent teachings, we believe would be a valuable aid to many mothers and older sisters, in their work of educating the little ones.

We are happy to see added to the old "Missionary Herald" a Children's Department, which so far has been very attractive.

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

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

The "Well-Spring" and "Missionary Echoes." Sent by mail, postage prepaid, weekly, sixty-five cents per annum. Sent by express, weekly, sixty cents. Single copies seventy-five cents per annum. George P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Beacon street, Boston.

"Woman's Work for Woman." Published once a month by the Presbyterian Woman's Board. Address Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Price, sixty cents per annum. "Children's Work for Children," fifty cents per annum, same address.

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

"Our Mission Field." Published bi-monthly by the Presbyterian Ladies' Board of Missions. Address Miss Mary L. Post, 291 Madison avenue, New York. Sixty cents per annum.
"Heathen Woman's Friend." Methodist Board, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, 36 Broomfield street, Boston, Mass. Fifty cents per annum.

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

"Good Times." Editor, Mrs. M. B. C. Slade, Fall River, Mass. One dollar per annum, fifteen cents a single copy.

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

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

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

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

Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
Singing.
Minutes of last meeting by Recording Secretary.
Report of Corresponding Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Discussion.
Business.
Addresses—Reading Missionary intelligence or letters.
Doxology.
ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Missionary Library Association has about one hundred and fifty volumes, mostly choice and valuable books, and subscribers can draw them at the close of each monthly meeting and every Saturday. The hour on Saturday will be between 12 m. and 1 p. m., the change being made for the convenience of persons out of town.

The importance of such information as will keep the friends of missions familiar with the progress of the missionary work cannot be over-estimated.

An occasional book or a monthly pamphlet will not do it. This Association proposes to provide such books as those who love, support and pray for missions want to read, and hope this library will eventually comprise all the popular and standard books on missions, missionaries, and the countries in which they are located, and they invite the patronage and coöperation of all friends of the cause.

We invite, from our auxiliaries, manuscript missionary letters, original essays, papers and poems.

The Woman's Board of Missions acts in connection with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Twenty Auxiliaries united may form a Branch.

Twenty-five dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member; if given by one person, it may also be applied for a Beneficiary. This may be paid by installments, mention being made with each installment that it is intended for that purpose.
Copies of fresh Missionary Letters, from all of our fields, may be had on application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 25 Trumbull street, New Haven.

Requests for Beneficiaries are to be addressed to Miss Julia Twining, 137 Elm street.

Information about other departments of the Branch can be obtained from Mrs. J. N. Adam, 139 Elm street, to whom it is earnestly requested that each society should send, yearly, an account of its annual meeting immediately after it is held.

A highly successful effort has been made in some of our societies during the past year, by the distribution of simple and inexpensive boxes among all who will receive them and promise to place something in them weekly. We not only recommend, but earnestly urge, our societies to test the merit of this, or the envelope system, to increase interest in this work and enlarge contributions.

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

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

A general meeting will be held in each of the four counties once a year.

The hospitalities for the annual meeting have always been generously provided in New Haven, but in the hope of increasing the interest in missions in other places, the Branch hold themselves ready to accept an invitation elsewhere.

It was early resolved by the New Haven Branch, that some hour of each Sabbath be devoted to special prayer
for a blessing on all missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and on all concerned in promoting the work of missions. We earnestly commend to all our societies the observance of the hour from five to six p.m., that being the time chosen also by our sisters of the Presbyterian Church.
MANUSCRIPT PAPERS

NOW READY FOR THE USE OF SOCIETIES.

[They may be obtained of Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 25 Trumbull st., New Haven.]

Africa—Two papers.
Am I needed?—E. Conn. Branch.
A Voice from the Treasury.
Cesarea—Mr. Farnsworth.
China—Four papers.
Christ in the person of his children.
Correlative Bible readings.
Extracts from a private journal of a lady missionary on her passage to the Sandwich Islands in 1819–20, never before made public.
Fresh water for thirsty souls—Hartford Branch.
History of the American Board.
Home and foreign work—Boston Bureau.
How to make missionary meetings interesting—Been published.
How to overcome difficulties in forming auxiliaries.

India Papers.
A Brahmin's Experiences.
Caste—Been published.
Description of the map of India.
Early missionary work among Hindoo women.
Hindu-stan—the Hindu country.
India's history.
India's wealth and calamities.
Madura.
Missionaries in India.
Reports from Zenana teachers.
The Brahmo Somaj.
The H. family.
What the Bible has done in India.
Japan.
Lord, is it I?
Love Service.
Mexico.
Missionary prayer-meeting forty years ago.
Missionary work in Litchfield County during the past century.
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On whom does the responsibility of missionary meetings depend?
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