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TUTTLE, MOREHOUSE & TAYLOR, PRINTERS.

NEW HAVEN.
ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The next annual meeting of the Branch will be held in Stamford on the second Tuesday of May, 1894.

Monthly meetings of the Branch will be held in New Haven, at 3 p.m., on the second Tuesday of October, December, February and April.

Letters from missionaries, manuscript papers, leaflets and maps; also lesson leaflets on the "Topics for Auxiliary Meetings," given in "Life and Light" can be obtained from Miss Ellen M. Prichard, 250 Church street, New Haven.

Reports of the annual meetings of societies, all questions or communications relating to the general work of the Branch, and requests for pledged work, should be sent to the Home Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Miller, 133 Wall street, New Haven.

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

When any one person contributes the whole sum ($25) necessary for a life membership, it can be used for that purpose and also for a special appropriation, such as the salary of a missionary, Bible reader, etc. When the amount is made up of smaller sums, contributed by different people, it can be used in only one of these ways. In order that an auxiliary whose donations are all pledged for certain work, may also have the privilege of making a life member, it has been decided that it can do so for every hundred dollars contributed, even though it be made up in small sums. Money paid into the general fund of a Branch Society is considered the same as if paid into the general fund of the Board; i.e., it can be used for the pledged work of the Branch, and also for life memberships.

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

We call attention to the following publications:

"Life and Light." Sixty cents a year in advance.

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

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

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of — dollars in trust, to pay over the same after my decease, to the person then acting as Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, to be used for the objects of said society.
OFFICERS FOR 1893-1894.

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Miss Mary E. Andrews, Tungcho, China,  Salary $500.00
Miss Emma M. Barnum, Harpoot, E. Turkey,   "   330.00
Mrs. Fannie G. Bond, Monastir, Bulgaria,   "     675.00
Mrs. Elizabeth DeForest, Sendai, Japan,   "     400.00
Mrs. Gertrude C. Eaton, Chihuahua, Mexico,   "     440.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Lindley, South Africa,   "     450.00
Miss Flora A. Fensham, Constantinople, W. Turk.,   "     440.00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume, Bombay, W. India,   "     374.00
Miss Cornelia Judson, Matsuyama, Japan,   "     675.00
Mrs. Catharine Parsons, Constantinople, W. Turk.,   "     440.00
Miss Dency T. M. Root, Madura, India,   "     450.00
Mrs. M. C. Sibley, Wai, India,   "     480.00
Miss Elizabeth M. Trowbridge, Aintab, Turkey,   "     374.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Constantinople, American College for Girls, 4        $500.00
Marsovan, Turkey, 10                                      250.00
Madura, S. India, 10                                     300.00
Ahmednagar, W. India, 16                                320.00
Udupitty, Ceylon, 6                                      120.00
Foochow, China, 4                                       80.00
Lindley, S. Africa, 11                                  380.00
San Sebastian, Spain, 2                                 200.00
Broosa, Turkey, 4                                       160.00
Talas, W. Turkey, 1                                     40.00
Kraabschitz, Austria, 4                                 380.00
Chihuahua, Mexico, 2                                    100.00

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Surpoohi, Miss Ely's School, Bitlis, Turkey,  Salary $ 44.00
Miss Anna B. Felician, Marsovan, Turkey,   "     176.00
Miss Annie Graham, India,   "     192.00
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Jesusita Montoya, Atotonilco, Mexico,   "     120.00

♦Allowances for married missionaries on furlough are paid by the A. B. C. F. M.
BIBLE WOMEN.

Nanapirakasi .... Madura, S. India, Salary $24.02
Paripuvanum .... Madura, S. India, " 24.02
Mariel ............ Madura, S. India, " 24.02
- Wai, W. India, "
Kashibai .......... Wai, W. India, " 48.60
Kasubai .......... Dedgaw, W. India, " 22.40
Kamalabai ....... Sirur, W. India, " 26.04
Baizabai .......... Sirur, W. India, " 26.04
Gaubai .......... Sirur, W. India, " 14.88
Salubai .......... Parner, W. India, " 37.50
Sagunabai ...... Ahmednagar, W. India, " 39.68
Ramabai ......... Ahmednagar, W. India, " 39.68
Rahimabai ...... Ahmednagar, W. India, " 39.68
Miraibai ...... Karzat, W. India, " 39.68
Bhagabai ...... Roha, W. India, " 45.89
Chandrikabai .... Roha, W. India, " 45.89
Changunobai ...... Bombay, W. India, " 45.89
Mrs. S. Muttu ...... Udupitty, Ceylon, " 20.22
Mrs. Ramsey ...... Anapottai, Ceylon, " 20.22
Mrs. Alfred ...... Santilapai, Ceylon, " 20.22
Chinapulli ...... Manepy, Ceylon, " 20.22
Mrs. Ming ...... Pao-ting-fu, China, " 35.00
Chao-nai-nai .... Tungcho, China, " 30.00
Sultan ......... Hadji Keny, Turkey, " 44.00
Varter .......... Bizmeshen, Turkey, " 5.72
Yeghsa .......... Sinamood, Turkey, " 31.68

SCHOOLS.

Bombay, W. India .................................................. $329.00
Parel, W. India .................................................. 153.00
Palani, S. India .................................................. 19.84
Tillipally, Ceylon ................................................ 15.65
Andiaman, C. Turkey .............................................. 13.44
Killis, C. Turkey ................................................ 15.72
Arabkir, E. Turkey .............................................. 46.20
Egin, E. Turkey .................................................. 21.12
Vizir Kupree, W. Turkey ....................................... 13.20
East Harpoot, E. Turkey .................................... 26.40
Pao-ting-fu, China ............................................. 100.00
MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee House, Gedik Pasha ........................................ $175.00
Coffee House, Hasquey ........................................... 160.00
Building Smyrna Kindergarten, Paid ............................. 300.00
Building at Adana, Paid .......................................... 400.00
School furniture at Ahmednagar ................................ 150.00
Mrs. Sibley, incidental expenses .................................. 250.40
Miss Barnum, incidental expenses .................................. 44.00
Miss Trowbridge, incidental expenses ............................. 52.00
Dispensary at Foochow, China .................................... 100.00
Dispensary at Madura, India ...................................... 200.00
Tungcho Hospital, medical expenses .............................. 290.00
Morning Star Mission ............................................... 300.00
Kindergarten at Smyrna, Turkey .................................. 190.00
Special gifts ....................................................... 174.50
General fund ....................................................... 803.34

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1894.

Mrs. N. A. Douglass ........................................... Middletown.
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Mrs. Homer Curtiss .............................................. Meriden.
Miss Ellen Spencer ............................................... Naugatuck.
Miss Emma L. Johnson ............................................ New Milford.

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1. Miss Mary E. Atkinson ............ Westport, del.
   Miss Edith B. Palmer .............. Bridgeport, sub.
2. Mrs. T. K. Noble ................... Norwalk, del.
   Mrs. Jabez Backus ................. Westport, sub.
3. Mrs. A. T. Pierce ................ Danbury, del.
   Miss Mary Olmstead ................ Wilton, sub.
   Mrs. Edgar Field .................. Redding, sub.
5. Mrs. John De Peu ................ Norfolk, del.
   Mrs. Henry H. Bridgman .......... Norfolk, sub.
   Mrs. G. H. Welch ................. Torrington, sub.
7. Miss M. P. Hinsdale ...............West Winsted, del.
Mrs. Mary Bronson ...............West Winsted, sub.
Mrs. Allen McLean ..................Litchfield, sub.
Mrs. Robert Baldwin ...............Cornwall, sub.
10. Mrs. J. A. Freeman ...............Woodbury, del.
Mrs. J. L. R. Wyckoff ...............Woodbury, sub.
11. Mrs. P. M. Snyder ...............Middletown, del.
Mrs. Franklin Payne ...............Portland, sub.
Mrs. Philo Bevin ..................East Hampton, sub.
Mrs. J. E. Northrop ...............Ivoryton, sub.
Mrs. J. A. Gallup ...............Madison, sub.
15. Mrs. J. M. Emerson ...............Ansonia, del.
Mrs. W. H. Sawyer ...............Derby, sub.
Mrs. A. S. Chase ...............Waterbury, sub.
17. Miss A. M. Brown ...............Westville, del.
Miss G. M. Burgess ...............Westville, sub.
18. Miss Mary E. Mersick ..........New Haven, del.
Mrs. W. S. G. Pritchard ............West Haven, sub.
19. Mrs. C. Macphie ...............New Haven, del.
Miss Edith Macphie ...............New Haven, sub.
20. Mrs. Frank Luckey ...............New Haven, del.
Mrs. H. M. Kochersperger ..........New Haven, sub.
Mrs. L. H. Fowler ...............New Haven, sub.
22. Mrs. O. A. Dorman ...............New Haven, del.
Mrs. F. W. Pardee ...............New Haven, sub.
ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the Congregational Church, Saybrook, May 9, 1893.

The early trains brought to the old historic town many representatives from the Auxiliaries of the Branch.

At nine o'clock an inspiring devotional meeting was held in the church chapel, conducted by Mrs. Lucius R. Hazen, of Middletown. After reading a portion of the twenty-first chapter of Luke, Mrs. Hazen turned our thoughts to the importance of giving of gold and silver; but urged still more strongly that our prayers be more frequent and fervent, for the missionary societies, the laborers and their work. She spoke of prayer as the lever by which the missionary world is to be moved. After the singing of a hymn, many earnest prayers were offered, for the exercises of the day, the officers of the Branch, and all who should speak.

The morning session opened at 9.45, Miss Daggett presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Daggett read from I Peter iv and v, and Mrs. Bernard Paine, of Saybrook, offered prayer. Mrs. Paine then in a very charming way welcomed the Branch. She was glad we had accepted the invitation, and expressed the hope that, though the meeting was held in a small country town, new strength and earnestness might result from it, in that section. While she hoped before the day was over to shake hands with each one, she would extend a most hearty Chinese greeting, which she did, by clasping and shaking her own hands.
Abbreviated reports of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Curtis, of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hume (read by Mrs. Cady), and of the Treasurer, Miss Twining, followed. As these are given in full in later pages of this report, no account of them is needed here. They should receive the careful perusal of all.

Before passing on to the usual reports of the County Vice-Presidents, part of the hymn, "Savior, Thy dying love," was sung. Miss Cordelia Sterling then spoke for Fairfield County. Examples of perseverance, cited by her, were models for many who are hindered in their work by far less trying circumstances. Four members of one auxiliary met in a country village, with deep snow-drifts and imperfectly broken paths, with the mercury at ten degrees below zero. In another place, three members held their meeting around the sick-bed of one of their number. Three auxiliaries have doubled their membership. In this county, also, each auxiliary commemorated Mrs. Hart's death in some appropriate way.

In behalf of Litchfield County, Miss Hinsdale told the dark and shady, as well as the bright and sunny side, of mission work.

Mrs. Phipps read the account of work in New Haven County, where some gratifying gains in membership have been made.

Mrs. Griggs, of Middlesex County, spoke of increased interest among the young people, and of the interesting county meeting held in Middletown. Miss Kyle spoke several times in that locality, and will ever be a welcome guest.

Mrs. Miller, Home Secretary, then gave some statistics concerning the increase of membership. The present total membership is 4,265; the number of new members the past year 877, an increase of over twenty-five per cent. She read the following:
Three new auxiliaries:
- Auxiliary of church in Adana, Turkey.
- Dixwell Avenue Church, New Haven.
- Church in Westville.

Two re-organized auxiliaries:
- Auxiliary at East Haddam.
- Middle Haddam.

Five auxiliaries have doubled membership:
- Auxiliary at College Street Church, New Haven.
- Humphrey Street Church, New Haven.
- West Street Church, Danbury.
- Newtown.
- Orange.

These auxiliaries have increased 25 per cent.:
- Auxiliary in Bridgeport, West End Church.
  - Cheshire.
  - Derby.
  - Durham.
  - Goshen.
  - Kent.
  - Morris.
  - New Haven, Davenport Church.
  - New Haven, Center Church.
  - New Haven, Church of the Redeemer.
  - New Haven, Dwight Place Church.
  - New Haven, Howard Avenue Church.
  - New Haven, Grand Avenue Church.
  - New Preston.
  - North Madison.
  - North Woodbury.
  - Prospect.
  - Ridgefield.
  - Stamford.
  - Whitneyville.
  - Wilton.

Miss Hinsdale followed with an earnest prayer for the auxiliaries.
Miss Stanwood introduced her message from the Woman's Board by saying that she had always heard of the "Saybrook Platform," and had found it a very pleasant one to stand upon. She spoke of different clubs for women, the object of which was self-culture. The Woman's Board is the oldest of these, and its object much broader, but through it self-culture has been gained. She urged the use of the "Topics for Auxiliary Meetings," given in "Life and Light," and of the monthly leaflets; and asked for more subscribers to "Life and Light." She commended highly the greatly increased use of these topics and leaflets in the New Haven Branch, and wished "every Branch had a Miss Prichard."

Mrs. M. L. Gordon, in a particularly fascinating manner, told of her experience as a missionary's wife in Kyoto, Japan. She was once asked, "What do you do? Nothing but convert people?" She assured us that it is loving, kindly deeds of self-denial in the home life that show to many the contrast between true religion and false worship. Her address was replete with interest.

Miss Daggett next introduced to us Miss Baldwin, of New Haven, who is soon to sail as a missionary to India. It is good to meet those who are going to this distant work, that our thoughts and prayers may follow them and their labors.

Mrs. Griggs offered prayer in behalf of Mrs. Gordon and Miss Baldwin, which was followed by a solo, "Rock of Ages," sung by Mrs. Clark, of Saybrook.

A "Statement of Expense of Administration" was read by Mrs. Miller, and is to be distributed throughout the Branch. She stated that the work of the officers is all volunteer service; but there are legitimate expenses, such as postage, literature, bureau exchanges and mis-
sionaries' expenses which should be met in a business-like way. It was suggested that each society provide some way to meet its share of this expense, and report the method adopted, at the County meetings.

The list of delegates nominated to attend the next public meeting of the Woman's Board to be held in Portland, Maine, was read by Mrs. Sheldon, and confirmed by vote of the meeting; after which we were invited to meet in the chapel for luncheon.

Again, as last year, conferences were held from 1 to 1.45 in the afternoon. Each was presided over by a leader fully acquainted with the department considered, and questions were freely asked and answered.

The grand hymn, "Oh! not my own these verdant hills," opened the afternoon session. The report of the nominating committee was read by Miss Alice Bird, and officers were elected for the ensuing year. Miss Gilman led in prayer for those chosen to serve, remembering also especially Mrs. Clark, of Milford, for whom in her great bereavement, our prayers were asked.

Mrs. Sheldon read a characteristic message to the Branch from Mrs. Montgomery. It was accompanied with photographs of her summer home and her horse and carriage, the gift of the Branch, with several other pictures which were circulated among the audience. A reply to this letter had been prepared and was read by Mrs. Miller. Before calling for an endorsement of this reply, Miss Daggett spoke of the three who had been with us but a little while ago, whom we miss to-day—Mrs. Hart, who in the perfect life which she has entered, is far beyond the need of our grateful remembrance, though perhaps not beyond its reach; Mrs. Montgomery, happy and enthusiastic in her chosen work on earth; and Mrs. Hume, the beloved mother of
the Branch, detained from us by illness, sending her report from a sick bed. Mrs. Hume had sent to each one present at the meeting, a leaflet containing the appeal from the Bombay decennial conference, with the urgent request that we should give it earnest consideration.

It was proposed that the following message be telegraphed to Mrs. Hume, while the meeting was in session.

"Beloved, we wish that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

The audience gave hearty endorsement to this message, and the letter to Mrs. Montgomery by a rising vote.

Miss Gilman, President of the Eastern Connecticut Branch, in happily chosen words, emphasized the fellowship and cooperation existing between our Branches, so closely allied. Miss Griggs, of Ivoryton, followed with a solo, "My Redeemer and my Lord."

Reports of Junior Work were given by Miss Prudden and Miss Hart. Miss Prudden told of the growth of Mission Circles; of several new Circles, and of some re-organized; five hundred mite-boxes have been given out, yet the receipts are not as large as they should be. The Cradle Roll is a new department, increasing in numbers and interest. Miss Hart spoke for Christian Endeavor Societies; she reported them as contributing generously, and pronounced work among them most delightful.

After the collection for current expenses was taken, Mrs. Gallup, of Madison, offered prayer for Junior Work, and to consecrate our gifts.

Miss Dency T. M. Root, of Madura, India, was then introduced. She cited many incidents relative to school life, the desire for new schools, and the difficulty of
supporting them. When a school is first opened, the Bible is often objected to, but this objection is soon overcome, when it is understood that the school will not be continued, unless the instruction is accompanied with Bible reading. Thirty dollars is sufficient to keep a school for a year, and Miss Root asked aid to that amount for the Mohammedan school which she started shortly before coming to America.

Dr. Karmarkar was present, and spoke of the knowledge she had gained during her stay in this country, and expressed her hope of returning to her native home, to minister physical and spiritual help to her people.

Prayer for both these speakers was offered by Mrs. Chapman, of Saybrook.

It was announced that the Branch would accept the cordial invitation of the ladies of Stamford, and hold its next annual meeting in that place.

Mrs. Cady, in behalf of the Executive Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to those who had entertained us so hospitably, and had contributed so much toward the enjoyment of the occasion; this was adopted by a rising vote, after which the doxology and the benediction by the pastor closed the exercises.

It was good to see the church so well filled. Possibly some auxiliary was not represented. Would that this imperfect report of a day full of good things might reach the home of every member of every auxiliary, and that each might fully realize the responsibility resting upon herself, in reference to the evangelization of the world.

Mary Wyly's Eliot.
REPORT OF THE
RECORDING SECRETARY.

At the beginning of this year, a call, loud and clear, was heard from every land, for missionaries, for money, for prayers.

The necessity for more home workers pressed upon us; for the work at home decides what we can do abroad. Our beloved Mrs. Montgomery pointed out the "forest-acres of uninterested church members," who were themselves losing a blessing in withholding one from others.

Deeply impressed with this fact, we set our aim on a doubled membership, feeling that the seventeen thousand women in our territory, indifferent to foreign missions, must be made to feel their privilege and obligation, through personal influence and personal work. The faithful must be encouraged, and the work built up. Meetings were therefore held in the summer, at Saybrook, Harwinton and Waterbury.

The consideration of this topic was also the principal feature of the County meetings in the autumn, and a spirit of expectant anticipation, like an electric current, seemed to have passed from the hearts of the officers to the auxiliaries. About this time, a circular letter, with an appeal for a week of special prayer and self-denial, was sent out, urging each member to gain one new one during the year.

With this same end in view, some auxiliaries and churches in New Haven, where little interest existed were visited during the winter. Our movement found confirmation at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board, in Boston, in the startling statement that five-
sixths of our church women are doing little or nothing for foreign missions.

An opportunity for extending our work was afforded in April, when Miss Kyle, Field Secretary of the Woman's Board, visited a number of places, making earnest, pointed appeals. Hoping to continue this work, it has been decided to try the experiment, for a year, of bi-monthly branch meetings in New Haven, thus leaving the executive committee more time to lend their presence and aid wherever needed.

For the children, also, has been prepared a part in this work. For the infants and little ones, there is the Cradle Roll, while the older children may help to send the "Morning Star" on its missionary voyage. Fourteen Sunday Schools have already contributed to this object, and we hope many more will join them.

Much time and careful, prayerful consideration were given to the planning of this work, and the results, which have been waited for with eager anxiety, show that we have not planned and labored in vain.

Five of our auxiliaries report doubled membership. Three new auxiliaries have been formed, and two re-organized. The number of new members in our auxiliaries is eight hundred and seventy-seven—a gain of twenty-five per cent. on last year. We also have eleven new and five re-organized mission circles, and fifteen cradle rolls. New Haven County furnishes the largest number of new mission circles, and Fairfield County the largest number of cradle rolls.

Among our new auxiliaries, "The twig of the branch," as Mrs. Montgomery calls it, in Adana, Turkey, deserves special mention, because every woman in the church is a member of it. "They would count it an astonishment and a shame, were it otherwise." Our only Amer-
ican society which can make such a showing is the one at Madison, Conn.

We have not, however, attained our goal. We only report progress. The work must go on with unceasing and ever-increasing effort.

"Let those work now, who never worked before;
Let those who always worked, now work the more."

Our regular Branch meetings have been held as usual. At the monthly meetings we have listened with interest to Dr. Pauline Root, of Madura, India; Dr. Kate Woodhull, of Foochow, China, and our own missionary, Mrs. E. S. Hume. How shall we show our gratitude and appreciation to these dear friends? Can we do less than give them our prayers, our love, our sympathy?

The officers' annual meeting was held in November, with an unusually full attendance. Of our allotted number of delegates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board, only two were absent.

The children's annual service was held on Good Friday, in Center Church, New Haven. Rev. Mr. Miles presided, and an instructive and interesting lecture on Burmah was given by Rev. Mr. Nichols, a Baptist missionary to that country.

The treasurer reports for the year, a falling off in receipts of about $1000, the largest deficiency being in the mission circle department, and the next in that of the auxiliaries. To offset this deficit, we have a legacy of $2000, from Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell of Winsted, and a gift for the Permanent Fund, of $500, from Mrs. Burdett Hart.

The Bureau of Information reports a busy year, with increasing demands for literature. Over eight societies follow the lessons given in "Life and Light."
But sorrow as well as joy has been our portion this year. In June we bade Mrs. Montgomery farewell, realizing that the absence of one whose words and presence were such an inspiration and benediction means perpetual loss.

In November, our honored President, our wise counselor, our much loved friend, Mrs. Hart, entered into rest. Her memory, so fragrant from the foundation of our Branch, with zeal, love, self-sacrifice and wisdom for our cause, is enshrined in all our hearts. There is nothing so inspiring, so ennobling, as a noble life like hers. May the radiance of her example be reflected in our lives for many years.

Our December meeting was made a memorial service for Mrs. Hart, a mimeographed report of which, prepared as a labor of love by Miss Darrow and Mrs. Sheldon, was sent to all our auxiliaries and missionaries.

With deepest regret we also announce to-day the resignation of Miss May Hart, who for a long time has been one of our most efficient and faithful workers; one peculiarly adapted to the work by natural inheritance and aptitude, as well as by the atmosphere of her home from earliest childhood.

It has been said that the surest sign of life in a church is the effort to send the Gospel beyond its own bounds, and especially to send the knowledge of Jesus among the heathen.

Dr. Paton tells us that the moment a South Sea Islander becomes converted, he hastens to tell others the story. Oh! that every woman in our land might be possessed with this same desire, and thus might know the blessedness which surely comes to each individual heart, in working for foreign missions.

Mrs. Edward L. Curtis,
Recording Secretary.
REPORT OF THE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The year now closing has been one of unusual experiences in the Foreign Department of the New Haven Branch. But we have learned anew, and most emphatically, that our limitations are all human; none come from above, in this work.

Special blessings of health and life have rested upon all our beloved missionary families; with the exception of Mrs. Sibley's long and serious illness, from which she has quite recovered.

Our native Christian co-workers have all been spared except Mamatabai, our faithful Bible woman in the Roha district, near Bombay, in whose sickness and death, beautiful testimony was borne to the sustaining grace of God.

Two of our missionaries are in this country; it is our joy to meet these co-workers, and we receive new inspiration in our home work, through their reports of fruits garnered, and their earnest appeals for their needy fields.

We have assumed the support of Mrs. Parsons, of Constantinople, thus making the present number of our missionaries thirteen. We have an interest in many schools either through scholarships, or the support of teachers in them; and we employ twenty-four Bible women in different districts.
Africa.

Though still the "Dark Continent," Africa is no longer "The forsaken of God," and "devoured of Arabs," as it was fifty years ago.

A chain of missions is completed across the center of the continent, from ocean to ocean. One American and five leading European missionary societies have permanently located their institutions so as to cover the field, without interfering with each other.

Nearly four thousand miles of railroad are completed, and one thousand more are being laid out. A telegraph line from Cape Town to Uganda at a cost of $175,000 is under consideration, and European nations are vying with one another, for accessions to their African territory; and making gigantic plans for commercial advantages. These internal improvements will provide facilities for carrying the gospel to the remotest tribes, before, in all probability, the Christian church will be prepared to provide the gospel for them.

But Satan will be there; he is always ready to enter new territory with his rum and other evil influences. As we consider the highways so marvelously opened up, we dare to claim that in our day, even, Kings have truly become nursing fathers, and Queens nursing mothers, to the descendants of IIam.

Some small coast missions have been established on the Western and Southern borders of Africa for nearly eighty years, and some of the Moravian and early French missions in Southern Central Africa met with manifest success, although it was gained under discouragements.

The real impetus to modern missions for the two hundred and forty millions of Africa first reached Christendom through the influence and example of David
Livingstone, which, like an electric shock, touched every Christian nation. The new modern missions in the interior have been carried on at great cost of money and valuable lives, but every point fairly gained has been kept, except where Romanism, or wicked foreigners and Arabs, have united forces with the natives.

Among the tribes near Lake Nyassa, some who were reported "untameable," are now gathered into well ordered Christian communities, and share in Christian and school work; both men and women, to all appearance being truly converted and showing no remnants of the savagery of heathenism.

The natives soon learn to recognize the missionaries as their friends, and avoid them, not from any hostility, but only through fear, lest they "catch Jesus."

Among the miracles of Missions over which we rejoice to-day is the Industrial and Boarding school for Zulu girls at Inanda. The numbers are larger this year than ever before, having reached one hundred and thirteen, with an average of seventy-three. Fifty-nine came from heathen kraals, clothed only in blankets, some of them having waited years for an opportunity to escape from home. Angry parents and friends sometimes have followed them, but have seldom succeeded in persuading them to return, so happy and contented do they become, under Mrs. Edwards' roof. Few stories have made our hearts more glad, than that our beloved Mrs. Edwards tells of the school and the home we have provided for her Zulu girls.

One dear little girl, eleven years old, who was promised in marriage to an old polygamist, for ten cows, was obliged to go home, because her father threatened to appeal to the magistrate. This is but one of the poor Zulu girls who are waiting for our help.
The teachers report these kraal girls so obedient, faithful, and eager to learn, that it is only a pleasure to help them. Seventeen are professing Christians, and a large number profess to love Christ, and give entire satisfaction to their teachers. They promise to be witnesses for Christ in the vacations, and the reports of their efforts as little missionaries, holding meetings and telling about Jesus to their friends, are very touching.

The varied Industrial Departments of work in which many of the scholars earn their support are kept up with faithfulness.

An extensive Laundry which is operated entirely by the girls has added £70 to the funds of the Boarding Department this year.

The Government Inspector calls this school the most popular Institute available to natives in the colony of Natal.

Austria.

It is very difficult to report heathenism found in nominally Christian countries. But there are men and women in Austria as truly without the knowledge of God and His Christ, the Bible, and the way to heaven, as any Kaffir or South Sea Islander. They may not be as debased or inhuman, but they are as truly servants of Satan and haters of all that is good. What Austria needs in all her borders is to see the true light of God reflected in the daily lives of Christ's followers; for "the dear Lord's best interpreters are humble, human souls;" and we rejoice to know that many of the converts from Romanism give such proofs of true conversion in their consistent lives, that they exert a powerful influence for good in the community.

This mission has five churches, with over five hundred members, one hundred having been added during the
year; two ordained missionaries and one lady, with such helpers as they find among their converts, conduct all the work.

They have sent some evangelists to this country who have proved valiant workers among their countrymen in the Western States.

Six Bible women are employed, who have done much in house to house visitation, by removing prejudice, and in Bible distribution. The eagerness of the people to secure the Word of God has been very encouraging.

The Kraabschitz seminary continues to provide evangelical teachers for the schools, and is the only one in Austria that gives such training to women. It reports sixty pupils, and pleads for funds to double the number.

CEYLON.

This mission has been sorely bereaved in the death of their two senior missionaries within a short time. This leaves but two ordained and four lady missionaries to oversee eighteen native churches and twenty-three outstations, all having village schools. Besides these, there are the higher educational institutions, which require much labor and supervision.

One of the missionaries is at the head of Jaffna College, with seventy-five students. This college has recently been affiliated with the Calcutta University, and by a creditable record, from the first university examination, stands at the head of all the Ceylon institutions.

The other missionary conducts a training and industrial school, which received the highest encomiums among similar missionary institutions reported at the recent Decennial Conference. Special spiritual blessings have
rested upon all the educational institutions, even the college securing the enviable reputation among the natives of being a "regular proselyting institution." Oodooville Seminary had fifty candidates for admission this year, twice the number that could be received, and although the high Christian standard is strictly adhered to, yet the heathen continue to send their daughters and pay full tuition fees. The last graduating class numbered eleven, all Christians. The Oodoopitty school has completed its history of twenty-five years with a record of abundant Christian fruits. More than half the girls have united with the church, and all the remainder belong to the class of catechumens. Many of them are from Christian families, and their mothers were pupils of the same school. More than a fifth of the members of this school are supported by New Haven Branch scholarships, and claim a large place in our prayers and interest. Twenty-four Bible women are employed in this mission, adding a strong, reliable force of co-workers to the reduced number of missionaries. We have been anxiously waiting for the annual reports of our four, Mrs. Muttu, Mrs. Alfred, Mrs. Ramsey, and Chinnapulli. Perhaps their Tamil records are waiting for a few stolen moments of a missionary's time, to put them into English for us. One missionary, in reply to an appeal for a Bible woman's report, answered, "Come and see and hear once for yourself, and you will never forget the story." "Each year is so like the last, that you will only need to add a little more and a little better to complete a second narrative." Without these faithful women the missionaries would be much like workmen without hands. Every new one adopted, or old one dropped, gives the gospel to many a home, or withholds it from it.
China.

Among the "Watchwords for Missions," none apply with more significance to China than "Open Doors." We marvel as we look toward this country, so long hermetically sealed to foreigners and Christianity, and see its doors opening toward every point of the compass.

Every step in this battle has been fought in faith, and each gain has been through individual work. No measures or excitements, no public attractions reach those proud, self-reliant people. The knowledge of their sins, and our Saviour proves to be the God-given and successful instrumentality.

Occasional outbreaks stir up the smouldering feelings of opposition to foreigners, and malicious placards provoke their natural instinct to mobbing. But official proclamations soon silence the opposers, and the people have learned that "The Government has decided that Christianity must be tolerated, and foreigners respected in all China," as in other countries.

The A. B. C. F. M. has four missions in China, having twenty-seven churches, with nearly two thousand members, but the area over which these labors extend, and the population reached, would equal a small continent elsewhere. Their stations appear like little oases in a vast desert, making their calls for men and money almost pathetic. A few men and women may tell of Jesus and His love to every inhabitant on a populous island, in a few years, and expect a real turning unto the Lord; but it requires immense faith to expect China to become wholly the Lord's. What man cannot do, the Lord can by the Word of His power, and China is steadily, though unconsciously, falling into line in the march of progress among the nations.
“What China knows of America she has learned mainly through missionaries. What America knows of China she has learned through missionaries.”

The Medical Department has proved the most effective in reaching all classes, and securing their confidence. Help for suffering bodies often proves the surest avenue to the soul. In Paoting-fu, the dispensary is open at noon for women, and while waiting for advice, an audience of fifteen to thirty listen attentively to Christian instruction, and commit to memory hymns, scripture texts, and the commandments, which they often carry to their homes and teach to others. One woman, whose sight had been restored, returned to tell her village friends that she had found both her sight and the true God, and invited everyone she met to go and find Him. One hundred medical missionaries are working in China, and fifty-six are women. One hospital in Foochow, with its dispensary, has treated one hundred and fifty-five thousand patients in twenty years. Dr. Woodhull reports nearly five thousand patients last year; among them seven reformed opium smokers, who have since become Christians and united with the church.

A weekly prayer meeting is sustained by the mission in Foochow for those who are anxious to give up their opium habits, and as many as seventy attend. A young Chinese woman, one of Dr. Woodhull’s pupils, dispenses medicines gratuitously to those who attend these prayer meetings.

The North China mission conducts six hospitals and dispensaries, and reports over forty-two thousand cases, and many persons converted through these means. Every person who receives treatment hears something of the gospel.
Our one missionary in China, Miss Mary Andrews, wrote her farewell letter from Vancouver last August, and closed it with saying, “I go in the confident expectation that you will follow me all the way with your prayers.” After a most propitious journey, “with no storm at all,” she wrote from Tungcho, North China, where she will be located for the present: “I began some Bible teaching in the boys’ school at once; have been getting my rooms in order for the winter; visiting in the homes, and getting acquainted with the new church members. The cordial welcomes that awaited me make my heart glad every day. The work has developed wonderfully in the six years since I left; still there is far more work waiting for us every day than we can possibly do. The question is, not what shall we do, but what can best be left undone? To-day I had a tea meeting for our Christian women in Tungcho, and eighty were present. Their bright, happy faces, and glad voices singing our sweet hymns, ‘How firm a foundation,’ ‘He leadeth me,’ and ‘Jesus loves me,’ made my heart glad.” One woman said, “If we had not heard the gospel we never should have known any such good times as this.” There is no line long enough to measure the blessedness of the gospel to such needy souls. She further writes “Ask for me strength, wisdom, and the fullness of the Holy Spirit for this work.”

The Foochow Girls’ Boarding school has had fifty-two pupils this year, filling every seat. An unusual religious interest has been manifested. Seventeen of the number decided to serve the Lord, and six were admitted to church membership, while others were expecting to be received soon. They are taking up missionary work in the Christian Endeavor Society with new interest, and growing in the Christian graces. The beautiful seats
and desks, sent from a Sabbath school in Boston, have added much to the comfort and attractiveness of this school. Such kind and generous provisions are priceless helps in carrying on mission work. The New Haven Branch supports four pupils in this school. The South China mission receives considerable assistance and sympathy from Chinese converts in America, who call it their mission.

India.

India has completed her first century of missions, and in January a grand conference of six hundred missionaries was held in Bombay. These men and women were not convened by any ecclesiastical authority; they had been working in different columns against a common enemy, and came together by mutual consent, to consult about methods of cooperation, and to promote fraternal relations; but above all, with the desire for a new baptism of the Holy Spirit, upon entering the second century of missions in India.

Great changes have been wrought in these hundred years. A sleeping nation has been awakened to activity, the rule of law and order has been established, and an advance has been made, quite as significant as that in the more progressive nations.

India is a polyglot country, a nation of nationalities, with a population two and a half times as large as that of the United States, speaking one hundred and six different languages, and with many religions, whose antiquity and literature have defied the “mushroom” claims of modern times.

One of England’s noblest statesmen claims that “Christ, and not British armies or English statesmanship, has conquered India,” and in addition to more
tangible results, it may be said that the thought of the better classes is being drawn towards Christianity.

The King of Kings has two and a half millions of loyal subjects under the rule of the world's most honored Christian empress. A friendly government assures protection and assistance; every language has the Bible, or portions of it, and no more inviting field opens up before the Christian world than in the "land of the Vedas."

We echo the appeal of the late missionary conference. "At the opening of another century of missions in India, let us expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

The A. B. C. F. M. has two missions in India, both carried on with an utterly inadequate supply of laborers. Hundreds, some say thousands, of natives are waiting for further instruction, and courage to make a public profession of Christ.

The Marathi Mission is located in a district three hundred by two hundred miles in extent, containing thirty towns and thirty-five hundred villages, with a population of over two millions. There are thirty-five mission churches, three thousand five hundred children in mission day schools, and five thousand, largely heathen, in the Sunday schools.

For this extensive work, there are nine ordained missionaries and twenty ladies, many of the latter having families to care for. With such depleted ranks, even the most important work cannot be kept up; the care of converts and enquirers must be neglected, and promising openings lost on every side.

Thirty-six Bible women are employed in house to house visitation, in conducting village meetings, and in teaching ignorant mothers to read. They are proving
valuable assistants in Christian work, and a training school is being planned for them.

The Girls’ Boarding School at Ahmednagar has had a prosperous year, and requires larger accommodations for its best success. Five pupils have professed faith in Christ during the year. A higher grade has been added to the school, and the Government examination has secured the usual “grant in aid.” Four candidates for entrance to the High School were successful, and two of them obtained scholarships.

Wai, the new station, is a kind of way station, between the rail road and the Mission Hill station at Mahableshwar. The missionaries on their journeys to the Hill, find this a very restful spot by the way, and Mrs. Sibley asks if it would not be nice to call it “a New Haven of rest for Our Father's weary ones,” and adds, “God bless the dear sisters of the New Haven Branch for all their love and prayers and gifts.”

This station has already a small but interesting church, with an acceptable pastor, and a station school; recently a girls’ school has been opened, with twenty-five beginners. The Sabbath school, village preaching, and house visiting keep the two ladies fully occupied. The work is opening with much encouragement in many high caste families, and the ladies are waiting for two of the better educated Bible women to give their whole time to the women in their homes.

During Mrs. Sibley’s long illness, Kashabai was needed in her old work in Satara, and has been transferred to that station. Dayabai could not work alone, and with her three bright boys has been sent back to Ahmednagar. Mrs. Sibley was very much attached to these women, and feels deeply the loss to herself and her work.
Mrs. Fairbank of the Wadale District, in reporting her Bible women, tells of finding many choice workers among them, and many difficulties in their work. In touring, they found at Panchesgan a nice Christian community; the central figure in woman's work was the pastor's wife, a true helpmeet to her husband; she was educated by the elder Mrs. Ballantine, and is the mother of seven sons and two daughters. She is alive to all the interests of the church and community in which she lives, yet a real home keeper. At one time when she was visiting with her husband in Wadale, he was invited to remain and preach, but so great was their concern for their own church and Sabbath school, that she started early in the morning and walked back ten miles to take charge of the Sunday school in her husband's place.

Kasubai, our Bible woman at Dedgaw, has been welcomed in many houses, where she could tell the gospel story, but could not induce the women to learn to read, because the men had told them "they would all become Christians right away, if they should learn to read." But Mrs. Fairbank visited some of the houses with Kasubai, and encouraged the women to learn. At last with her face all aglow, she reported that "the women of one family had all begun to learn." Mrs. Fairbank wrote: "We went to that house together, and to several others, and everywhere they listened so attentively and were so friendly, that it did me good, and made the sweet gospel story seem sweeter than ever before. Three different times these women came to the tent to see me, and I secured a promise from six young Hindu women to study with Kasubai, and be ready the next time I came to Dedgaw to show me how much they had learned." The necessary absence of Mr. and Mrs.
E. S. Hume from their much loved work in Bombay has been a matter of grief to them and to their friends, and well nigh overwhelming to the two ladies left the last year to carry on a work, which, in previous years, had been counted as double duty when shared by two ordained missionaries and four ladies. Dr. Fairbank, the senior member of the mission, has been detailed a portion of the time to assist in such duties as he could perform, and proved most valuable in many ways.

Miss Abbott, one of the most heroic and efficient missionaries on heathen ground, has held on to almost every line and point of work, expecting early relief all the year. Recently she wrote a truly pathetic letter, telling of closing two Hindu schools, and relinquishing two Bible women that required special supervision, such as the ladies could not give; and what she felt most of all, the giving up of one of her most valuable High school teachers, which left to her four hours of teaching daily, in addition to the extra burdens she already carried. This is the result of reductions.

The Worli school has not been re-opened since the persecution, but two Christian women still reside there, and visit among the few friendly families, and cherish the hope of having a thriving school again some time.

The schools in "Seven Roads" and "Parel" have been very successful. The faithful teacher in Parel can always be relied upon with very little superintendence. The Government Inspector expressed satisfaction, and the prize giving occasion, as usual, was one that gave the children a new ambition for the year, and will secure their regular attendance.

The High School for Christians has numbered a little over one hundred. Miss Abbott urges the importance of additional dormitory accommodations; if these were
provided, fifty promising boys would be ready for the autumn opening, and an upper story for the school building would provide the greatly needed recitation rooms for the number, now nearly twice as large as it was at first. These improvements would secure larger government grants, as well as add to the health and comfort of both scholars and teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hume wish to acknowledge their gratitude to the generous friends, who, by their donations and gifts sent through them to Bombay, have made it possible to continue the work without financial difficulty. Mrs. Hume desires special mention to be made of the loving gratitude with which choice boxes and parcels have been received from Litchfield, Greenwich, Stamford, South Harwinton, Waterbury and other places; also the munificent furnishings for the boys' and girls' dormitory, the material for clothing and the valuable box of medical supplies from their beloved friends in New Haven. Words cannot express the cheer and courage which such supplies will give to them, as they return doubly equipped for their work. The enemy has one of his strongest positions in Bombay, a city full of heathen temples and houses of iniquity, with every attraction that vice and money can secure. But this oldest and first station of the American Mission in India still waits for an attractive and comfortable house of worship.

No one who has been favored as a steward of God's bounty could more wisely use a portion of his wealth than for the erection of an American mission church in Bombay. It is needed for the credit of the mission, for the best good of the native church, and as an attraction for foreigners and visitors.

Madura Mission.—The introduction to India, preceding the report of the Marathi Mission, applies with
equal, if not greater force, to the Madura Mission. The methods are very similar, though the language is entirely different, Tamil being the almost exclusive language of Hindus in the Madura district, which has been largely exempt from the disadvantages arising from the proximity of foreigners. At the same time, the natives have adhered to their ancient religions, and caste rules, with more tenacity than where surrounded by Europeans, and subjected to the social tests which compel them to conform to the common courtesies of life. More medical work has been done here than in the Marathi Mission, because fewer European professionals have been attracted here. The medical line of labor has proved here, as elsewhere, the most effectual.

Fourteen missionaries and nineteen missionary ladies are attempting to carry on work that calls for double the number of laborers. In this year of famine and reductions, the entire work is sustained at the lowest possible level, and many schools and workers will need to be dismissed.

Forty-three Bible women are employed in this field. Miss Swift has charge of those who reside in the city of Madura, and she is arranging a course of Bible instruction for the more promising members. Miss Swift writes, “At 8.30, these women are seated at their desks in the little alcove which forms a part of my sitting room; after opening exercises of song and prayer, we give ourselves to the study of the Word. I try to show them the very best that God has given me—the very kernel of the wheat.”

At the end of an hour of study, ten Bible women set out for their day's work among the eighty thousand Christless people of Madura. This day's work means long walks through the hot sun, and six or seven hours
of teaching their Bible students, many of whom are not the bright, pretty children that come to the schools; nor are they in the clean, orderly rooms that invite study. Can any one imagine what such work means, day after day, for timid women, exposed often to the ridicule of men, and the ignorance of stupid women? But among the sixteen hundred pupils, there are blessed, chosen ones, whose hearts have been touched, and whose eyes have been opened. In one house which they entered, they commenced singing, “Oh! sweeter than the sweetness of honey, is the name of Jesus.” Soon one woman left, saying, “Talk to my daughter if you wish, I do not care to listen.” But in a few days she came again for more light; those words had been singing themselves over into her very heart; now, “the visits in that house are like prayer meetings, in a Christian family.” Of not a few the missionaries say with assurance, “They are among the Lord’s hidden ones.” Eight hundred and twenty-five have been studying the Bible in that city the last year.

The “Otis Hall” Boarding School, with its one hundred and seventy-nine pupils, one hundred of them boarders, shows plainly where India missions expect to find their teachers, Bible women and mission workers. Class rooms for this large company of students are found in the dormitory, sick room, or under the trees, and the Normal School department provides teachers for the lower grades. The spiritual life of the school gives continual cheer to the teachers, as the advanced scholars begin to feel the responsibility of the Christian nurture of the younger ones. There are ten bands of “King’s Daughters,” who are very eager in their new plans and Christian work. The Christian Endeavor Society, and Benevolent Workers, each feel their own
responsibility, and never fail to find "Open Doors." They gather and conduct an outside Sabbath School of their own, and many little meetings prove where these dear girls expect to find their strength.

Miss D. T. M. Root is now in this country, and will tell better than I can the stories and results of her four schools for Hindu girls. Some one has written, "We know those children anywhere by their neat and winning ways. They do not carry the timid, shamefaced look of those who have never learned to read."

The Mohammedan school with forty-nine little girls, the first fruits among their people in Madura, is a most encouraging beginning, and, like the finding of the lost piece of silver, calls for our thanksgiving. The Dispensary work is languishing, not for patronage, but for the presence and attraction of its leader, Dr. Pauline Root; who is still detained in America.

Heretofore small attention has been given to providing good literature for India, while the country has been flooded with corrupt and trashy books, which are eagerly bought for a trifle, as helps to the study of English.

At the late Decennial Missionary Conference, Dr. Murdoch, the veteran Secretary of the Vernacular Education Society, urged the need of immediately setting apart two hundred missionaries, who are conversant with one or more of the languages of India, and intellectually as well as spiritually fitted to do this work. He called attention to the good work done by Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. E. S. Hume in this line, and lamented that they and others could not give their whole time to such work.
The one mission field, so long the admiration and joy of the Christian world, seems to have reached a crisis in its success. The missionaries have a machinery so vast, and foundations so grand, that the good people in America stand in awe of it. While waiting for sympathy and support, the work must inevitably lose ground. The failure of the home churches to provide men and money to occupy the opening fields has been most disappointing. There is no limit to the opportunities for Christian advance. Even the large numbers of educated Christian Japanese, ready each year for the openings, scarcely seem to lessen the demand.

Dr. DeForest claims that the thirty years of missions in Japan have wrought greater changes in the spirit, education, government and public opinion in that nation, than three centuries secured in the opening of the Christian era, in what then was called a Christian nation.

The cry from remote portions of the empire, not from two or ten, but from scores of places, is like the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." These places may be easily reached now, but the chances each year become less favorable. The people have lost faith in their old religions, and wait with restless anxiety for something better. Tremendous responsibility rests upon those who can give it to them, but delay doing so. In these anxious times the missionaries have been driven to their knees as never before. The Japanese, with most commendable zeal and perseverance, support their own schools, both male and female. But their cry is for competent and consecrated teachers; and their confidence in and respect for American teachers makes it almost an attraction to our young men and women to respond to their calls.
A beautiful spirit of Christian comity was exhibited last year when the meeting of the Japanese Woman's Society was held in Osaka. About three hundred were present, from the different missions — Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Episcopalians. The Japanese ladies presided, and the services were conducted with as much womanly grace and dignity as any similar occasion could be in this country. They made themselves well heard, and there was no hesitation in the devotional meeting. Reports from different churches were presented, and a telegram of greeting sent to a similar convention in session at the same time at Yokohama.

Very encouraging reports come from the Girls' College in Kobe, in which the New Haven Branch has a special interest. They have one hundred and fifty pupils, and a remarkable spirit of Christian activity is always manifested there. Their Christian Endeavor Society is a model, and their spirit of prayer and generosity shows the secret of their success. Several young women are studying in America preparatory to returning as instructors in the Kobe College. The teachers write, "Our girls are our great satisfaction, all of them earnest and enthusiastic, an inspiration to the classes below them." For such scholars it is a great pleasure to provide a college education.

Though the flourishing school in Sendai, in which Mr. and Mrs. DeForest were interested, and which first called them to that station, has been given up to allow the Government Institution to occupy the field, yet the church continues to flourish, thirty-one new members having been received during the year. The Sabbath School and women's meetings are continued and have large gatherings.
The recent census of this nominally Christian country reveals the astounding fact, that out of a population of seventeen million, five hundred thousand, twelve million can neither read nor write. This almost universal ignorance has forced upon the mission from the beginning the necessity of establishing schools, wherever they commence work, and providing teachers for them.

In mission work in the midst of such ignorance and superstition, the hope rests mainly upon efforts for the children. Under these circumstances, evangelistic and educational work have uniformly been co-existent and co-operative, and from the opening of the mission, daily Bible study has been made as obligatory as spelling, writing or geography.

The San Sebastian School, which received its first boarder twelve years ago, has had remarkable success, and the last year has had a total attendance of one hundred sixty-eight, with forty-one boarders. It is arranged as a graded school and will claim for its graduates, in June, from the State Institute, the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The first appearance of the girls of this school before the Government Institute was in competition with three hundred boys and men, and it was said “they swept the prizes.” The Institute gives four grades in the examination, “approved,” “good,” “notable,” and “extraordinary.” The last is counted a very high honor, aspired to only by the best scholars; and of the San Sebastian girls, twelve secured this highest grade, and the eight highest among them were allowed to enter the competitive examination for prizes.

One of the good and marked results of these educational successes has been the securing of due respect and consideration for Protestants and for the American
teachers. Once, none but Romanists were counted Christians in Spain; now the boys are corrected if they speak of Romanism as the only Christian religion, and sharply reminded that Protestants are also Christians. This beautiful Christian institution stands in Spain today as a choice model for missions everywhere, and it must be a suggestive stimulus to all in Spain who are open to conviction, as to where they can find true wisdom and how to obtain it. Mrs. Gulick has had ninety Spanish girls in her own family, and like a true foster mother, given them her personal influence and care. Of these, twenty-one have been employed in evangelical schools, and two are now employed as assistants in their own Alma Mater.

It is the religious influence of this school that has secured our admiration and thanksgiving. With honest hope we look out upon our American women in this glad year of national rejoicing to find the Christian hearts that are planning to make our Spanish missionaries the joyful recipients of the fund required to build in San Sebastian, an appropriate Home for this school.

**Mexico.**

Our sister republic on the West is our nearest foreign neighbor, and we are glad she is growing more friendly, for we cannot afford to be less than friendly, in such close relations.

The beautiful cornucopia, marked out by her borders, with its opening toward us, seems to indicate some peculiar significance which we have yet to learn, since the giving, rather than the receiving, has devolved upon us.

Our Divine Father, in bestowing His treasures, wisely concealed from the Mexicans a portion of their vast wealth of ore, hidden in the pockets of their storehouse,
until, through the legitimate outgrowth of constitutional liberty, they should learn to use it wisely; and under the fostering care of evangelical Christianity, secure for their people universal education and tolerance. Missions were commenced in Mexico long before the advent of the Woman's Board. One hundred dollars were sent annually from the ladies of New Haven to Miss Rankin, and after her work was transferred to the Woman's Board of Missions, we supported Miss Strong as her successor.

Years of persecution and several cases of martyrdom kept back all apparent progress for a long time. But a new interest was awakened when about eleven years ago the Board introduced to us Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, who had just gone to Chihuahua. These years have wrought great changes in the entire country, and they are nowhere more evident than in Chihuahua.

In many places, through the influence of inquirers or humble Christians, the whole atmosphere is changed. The truth has often preceded the missionary and the once hated Bible and tracts, "God's silent messengers," are opening up the highways and byways so that the missionary finds his work ready wherever he goes. Converts in that country are expected to be co-workers as soon as the Lord puts His seal upon them, and they recognize His seal as reading, "Ye are my disciples, if ye do what I command you."

In the reports from that mission we find special mention made of the new and attractive church in Chihuahua, and "Prudden Hall," a two-story building for the girls' day and boarding school. These are not mentioned for their value or the real need alone, but also for their attraction to the people, and the surprise awakened that after the authorities had positively refused to
have a Protestant house of worship erected in that prominent place, the project was carried out. This beautiful edifice is the gift of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, and members of Dr. Bradford's church in Montclair, and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Adeline Barnes Pratt, Mrs. Eaton's mother. The dedication services were very solemn, and attracted an audience twice the size that could be accommodated. A daily service has been held ever since, and many for the first time have been present at a Protestant service.

The Girls' Boarding school, in its new and bright, comfortable rooms, has drawn several new and promising pupils, and Mrs. Eaton hopes to supply the schools as they open with her own well trained teachers. The Christian Endeavor Society is organizing new circles in every opening church, and its members strive to keep abreast with the endeavorers in other lands. Our earnest prayers are continually sought by Mrs. Eaton and so many other missionaries, that "pray for us" comes as an echo from every shore. Our teachers, Laura Zarate and Jesusita Montoya, are among the faithful graduates of the Chihuahua school.

**Micronesia.**

Nowhere have missions shown more tangible results than on the islands of the Pacific ocean.

If a casual visitor in Micronesia thirty years ago, still uninformed, were to return now, he would surely exclaim, "It is a new world; it cannot be the same." Islands which were then unsafe for unarmed ships to touch now welcome the children's beautiful little vessels, and men and women, clothed and civilized, come on board and are received as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. The pretty little Christian churches, school
houses, and neat cabins, tell their own story to every vessel that nears their shores; and groups of simple, friendly Christian people are ready to welcome all who go to them in the name of Christ. Strangers from any nation cast on their shores are kindly received, and life there is as safe as in Christian America.

If you ask what has wrought this marvelous change, we answer simply, the Gospel. Fifty-six Christian churches, with nearly five thousand members, instead of frightful looking idols and beastly orgies, explain the methods and means by which this marvelous change has been wrought.

Every child or adult in America who holds a Morning Star Certificate may well be proud of it, for it proves him a shareholder in the grand enterprise which has controlled the Christian commerce that brings in such marvelous dividends.

But like all other investments, as the work expands more money is needed, and we are still looking to the children for their generous contributions to the Morning Star Mission, and their precious vessels, "Morning Star," "Robert Logan," "Hiram Bingham."

These vessels are the only ocean railways for our Micronesian missions, and they are kept busy all the time in carrying provisions, clothes, mails and medicines for our missionaries; and teachers, Bibles, school books, and children from one island to another.

**Turkey.**

The work in Turkey is divided into four distinct missions, European or (Bulgarian), Western, Central, and Eastern. In these we support five missionaries, including Mrs. Parsons, recently adopted. In addition, we have a large borrowed share in the one we call "our Mrs. Montgomery."
The *European Turkey* mission reports special religious interest in the higher schools for girls. In raising the standard, great care is given to preparation for Christian work; and the young women of Normal Classes understand that they are being educated, not for intellectual attainments, but that their education, like all other talents, should be consecrated to Christ.

The Bible Women, under the training and instruction of Miss Stone, are a growingly valuable agency. "The personal influence which some of these women acquire is fully equal to that of the best trained preachers and pastors. Indeed, the work they do is little else than preaching, while their earnest, unobtrusive, Christian spirit enables them to reach many a circle, that could not otherwise be entered." Some of them have been very happy in dealing with children, forming Temperance Societies, and conducting children's meetings.

In the Christian Endeavor Societies, Woman's Benevolent Society, "Well Doers" for the boys, and the little "Helps" for girls, all classes find the true Christian methods of advancing the kingdom of Our Lord.

During the past year, this mission has been encouraged by the beginning of Christian work among the Albanians, hitherto almost wholly inaccessible. They are an interesting people, living in the mountain fastnesses, between Macedonia and the Adriatic. In Monastir, we find our Mrs. Bond, with no dispensary except her own home, to which all who need her medical advice are welcome, and where they receive all she has to give, including nursing, sympathy and medicine; and her advice is sought by many in their homes.

When touring with Mr. Bond, her gentle ministrations among the sick, with her prescriptions, and the
sweet messages from the Great Physician, have proved the means of bringing health to both soul and body. Where doors were closed to other instrumentalities, the baby organ, and the inviting hymns about Jesus, have sometimes thrown them wide open, and many hard hearts have been led to look to Christ as the Saviour.

Western Turkey.—We first find, on looking at the work of this mission, the beautiful Institution at Scutari. Its attraction to the New Haven Branch does not lie alone in its phenomenal growth, or its imposing location, nor in its attractive name—“The American College for Girls”—but most of all in the fact that we see in its sum total, the very best that the women of America can give to the women of Turkey.

From the record of the second college year, we find they have enrolled one hundred and forty names, with eighty-four boarders; the largest number ever received, being thirty-four above the previous year. Nine nationalities were represented among the pupils, making a miniature world of itself; so unique, that it were vain to look for a comparison. Five girls received their degrees, making the alumnae, eighty-six, all women of influence.

In regard to the religious life of the college, all who share in the teaching feel that the spiritual culture is the most important, and, as a vital element, should enter into all the instruction given. The personal religious work of the year has given very encouraging results, and among the older students there are many strong Christian characters.

The missionary societies have been well sustained, and their Treasurer reports $225.00 for Christian and philanthropic work. Their bands of “King’s Daughters” keep all ages and grades of students interested, and the spirit of harmony and love among themselves, and
loyalty to their college, is a never-ending source of joy to the teachers.

A work has recently been opened at Hasskeuy, a suburb of Constantinople, by Miss Gleason, and Mrs. Parsons, similar to the work done by Mrs. Schneider, when she was our missionary, and we have been invited to share in it.

The Marsovan Girls' Boarding School has been shedding light nearly fifty years into the surrounding region. Almost every Protestant pastor's wife and female teacher has received the instructions, influence and blessing of Miss Fritcher; and almost as many the sisterly guidance and instruction of Miss Anna Felician. Wherever the graduates are, in homes of their own, or employed in teaching, they form the strength of churches, and are examples of true Christian virtues and womanhood; and it may be safe to claim that no missionary institution has been more popular, or found more friends, in the entire community.

There have been in the school in the year now closing one hundred and five scholars, with fifty-three boarders; and nearly all are numbered in the circles of King's Daughters, and engaged in some benevolent or Christian work. They sustain a Sunday School for Gregorian children in the town, assist in conducting a kindergarten, and indeed the entire school is a bee-hive of household and Christian work.

They have sustained, and patiently endured, great inconvenience for lack of accommodations, while waiting for years for a promised building. This was well nigh completed, when, under some frenzy of Turkish suspicion, an incendiary torch destroyed the beautiful, unfinished building, which has lain some three months in ruins. Through official efforts and instructions from
the U. S. A. Government, investigations have removed all blame from the missionaries.

In the first reports the money loss was greatly exaggerated, but the latest information states, "The building at the time of its destruction was simply enclosed, the interior finishings had not been made, though the material was in the workshop." "It is fully expected that the Turkish Government will indemnify the mission, for all loss occasioned by the fire."

Central Turkey.—Miss Trowbridge is occupied as matron of the Aintab hospital, and finds her work very absorbing. Patients come from long distances, and with every kind of disease; men, women and children, and though remarkably patient, they make great calls upon her patience and sympathy. Many welcome the christian instruction quite as much as the medical care. Miss Trowbridge is studying her childhood's language anew, and longs to be able to read the Bible in both Armenian and Turkish, so as to give the divine messages to the suffering patients, just as they have been given to her; and she earnestly begs for our prayers, and hopes to be comforted with the assurance that we do speak to Jesus for her.

The Smyrna kindergarten is patiently waiting for a home of its own, the gift of the dear children of America. It has been very successful the year past.

Mrs. Montgomery has come to feel quite at home in the comfortable quarters fitted up for her in the old mission house in Adana; and it is not difficult to follow her in imagination, with her "Blessed Book," into the homes of the Turks, Armenians and Protestants, with the Gospel message of love, for which she can always find some new and rich introduction. The special work which first fell into her hands was the woman's prayer
meeting, and one of her first ambitions for those poor women was to unite them all, every church member, into a foreign missionary society. With her advanced contributions and request, this society became the Adana Auxiliary of the New Haven Branch, and our first foreign sister. She writes, "Amid the general darkness and degradation, I find Christ does dwell in many hearts here."

Eastern Turkey.—The missionaries having claimed support from parents for the higher classes in Harpoot College, we have no scholarships there. But as Miss Barnum gives so much of her time to the college, it is pleasant to hear a little from there. The religious character stands high, and the last class presented more than usually creditable essays. One or more of the educated Turks were present at the last graduation, and made no comments upon the decorations, uniting Turkish and American flags, or the Christian songs and sentiments.

Miss Barnum's tours during the winter with Miss Seymour occupied several weeks, and were full of thrilling and encouraging experiences. Everywhere fruits of their own and Miss Bush's previous labors were found. Large companies of men and women joyfully gathered night after night for worship and instruction, and would never leave until the weary friends could, from their exhaustion, tell no more. The little Protestant churches in those mountain villages are like sheep among wolves, and need all the help and sympathy that can be given them. We are glad the Good Shepherd always knows His sheep, and cares for them all. Miss Barnum found some of our New Haven Branch Bible women and teachers, and wrote that our choice Marionos, of Bizmeshen, had been obliged to give up her arduous work of going from house to house, and Varter, a
younger woman, whose husband was imprisoned many years ago for robbery and murder, had been appointed in her place. She is a bright, wide-awake woman; and Miss Barnum found her faithfully going her rounds, and the women were more interested in learning, and preferred Varter to her more quiet predecessor. Our Arabkir school is quite prosperous, with forty-five scholars. The teacher, Pampeish Turfanda, is a graduate of Harpoot College, and a great favorite with the people. She is much respected as a bride in her new home, and allowed to take her turn in reading and praying at family devotions, a great honor in Turkey.

Our new Bible Woman, Yeghsa (Lizzie), at Sina-mood, writes, "We are very thankful to you, for giving us this school." "The place is small, but nearly fifty women and large girls are learning to read, and more are coming."

The school at Talas has ninety-four pupils, and the record of all the machinery still left to Miss Closson to keep in motion is a marvel. The last class graduated four, among them a New Haven Branch scholar. This school has sent out many valuable teachers, and the demand always exceeds the supply.

The record of work accomplished by our missionaries and their assistants during the year now closed is so full of encouragement in itself that it demands grateful acknowledgment to them, and still more to Our Heavenly Father, "from whom all blessings flow."

But the "work left undone," the "open doors," the "invitations unanswered," which come from every continent and every island are appalling, and suggest that what we do ought to be done soon.

Hurry and haste is written upon all temporal plans, and men everywhere allow themselves to be drawn into
the rushing current. But this momentous soul work, the motor and inspiration of missions, is left in the background.

Is anything more imperative, or any command more explicit, than the last one our Lord gave to us eighteen hundred years ago?

Can any sweeter invitation be found than His touching request to prove our love to Him,

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

MRS. H. D. HUME,
Corresponding Secretary.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

The motto given by our Home Secretary at the county meeting, "A doubled membership," has been emphasized in each society since September, by the county officers. They have allowed no opportunity to escape them of impressing that appeal; and the societies are now waking to the importance of action. Three in the northern division have doubled their membership; seven are working in that direction; in three, only, there has been no advance. The stir along the lines fills our hearts with hope.

A pleasant thing to note is the frequent and newsy correspondence which the officers, especially the secretaries, carry on with their vice-president. A reply is no longer an unusual formality, but an expected pleasure.

It has been very touching to learn how precious to our auxiliaries was their connection with Mrs. Burdett Hart. In all the societies, special mention of her life and work has been made. Her influence extended to the feeblest and most remote; her thoughts and plans affected their existence more than they realized while she was with us. Her memory is both an impulse and a benediction.

Bethel.—Several cheering items are noted in the secretary's report—"A gain in the attendance at monthly meetings; a readiness among those present to take part; eight or nine in the habit of praying voluntarily." The envelope system for benevolences is used in the church.
A few contribute to the cause who are unwilling to enroll themselves as members. A Bible Woman in the Sirur district has long been linked with this society. The Cradle Roll is in favor with the mothers. The Junior Endeavor is also a mission circle, and contributes regularly.

_Brookfield Center._—The unusually stormy winter prevented the ladies from holding meetings from October to April, except in February, when, at the bedside of an aged member, three met to talk of and pray for the world-wide Kingdom. Letters and "Life and Light" are eagerly read and circulated. The facts as regards missionary literature may well serve as a stimulus to larger communities—thirteen members; seven copies of "Life and Light;" five "Mission Studies;" fourteen "Day Springs."

_Danbury, First Church._—The president, while enjoying a visit in Michigan during the summer, met with a serious accident, which has prevented her return. Her duties fell upon the secretary, who, at the annual meeting in October, was made a vice-president. Topic cards are used in the monthly meetings, and each month brings a paper from the absent president, bearing upon the subject. Efforts to increase the membership have resulted in a better average attendance; more "Life and Light" subscribers; more readiness in prayer. As the envelope system is used, it is difficult to state the exact number of contributors. The gifts, however, have increased nearly a third.

_Danbury, West Street Church._—It was a discouraging day when only the president and secretary came to the regularly appointed meeting, but faith was given to ask for help to sustain the society. At the next meeting, some nine ladies studied over the church manual,
and those who had conveyances offered to place on their list the far-off ladies, and invite them to join the society. One doubled her own subscription; another, who could give her time, brought in four more; while another, detained from the meeting, passed the time in prayer. An especially attractive programme and entertainment was provided for welcoming the newly interested. And can one be surprised at the results? In January, an enthusiasm seized the ladies, and they pledged for their double membership an extra forty dollars, to aid in keeping a Bible Woman in Bombay. "Ask in prayer, believing, and ye shall receive." At New Year's, fifty topic cards, and one hundred leaflets were sent to individuals.

The "Whatsoever Ten" has disbanded, because the young ladies went away to school. The "Junior Endeavor" has been made into a mission circle, which meets every week, and works for Dr. Root. The Sunday School bought a missionary map of the world, and on a dreadfully stormy day the Juniors had a public meeting to exhibit it, with a very simple but pleasing programme. From the sale of cake and coffee, the little folks made ten dollars for the Board.

_Easton._—It was delightful to hear that the treasurer had a new book with every female church member's name in it, in order that on the collecting tour none should be omitted. Thus far six new names are added to the society, and the gifts sum up a third more than last year.

_Monroe._—As the church has now a new pastor and wife, and is entering upon a new state of things, it is hoped that the missionary interest will become greater. It was proposed that they should be visited by the county vice-president, but weather and other circum-
stances have as yet postponed the meeting. All the offices center in the one person of secretary and treasurer.

Newtown.—Only one meeting has been omitted on account of severe weather. Though the attendance has been small, the gatherings have been profitable. The county vice-president attended the September meeting. The auxiliary has more than doubled its membership, and has now a Bible Woman, Yeghsa, near Harpoot, Turkey. The Sunday School voted to give the collections on the first Sabbath of each month to missions. The children have been treated to twenty-five copies of the "Day Spring," and are becoming interested in the "Morning Star Mission." The large pictures used in the primary department of the school were sent to a hospital in China.

Redding.—Two years ago the home and foreign work united. After the death of Mrs. Jennings, the interest centered mostly in the home department. Last autumn, a new era commenced; a young minister came to the church, for a year at least, and among other things the missionary meetings were resumed. It is not easy to sustain regular gatherings in so scattered a community, especially six months in the year. But seven meetings have been held, and in January so great was the zeal of the secretary that she was driven several miles through drifts, with the mercury ten below zero, to meet the appointment, taking in another member on the way. Four met that afternoon around the stove, and read the budget of letters received, and felt it was good thus to come together. The next month the attendance was doubled. The secretary says there is evinced a marked improvement; more questions are asked concerning the work; more prayers offered; more study of the topics
assigned, and a determination to increase in knowledge and membership. Two new names have been added in a month. There is now no regularly organized working circle, but money was raised by the young people and sent to the treasurer.

**Ridgebury.**—This auxiliary has always been unique. Its three offices of president, secretary and treasurer are combined in its one member. In September, the secretary sent, for a report, “Thou hast a name to live, but art dead.” Two ladies attended the county annual meeting; and in November, the word came that six had pledged themselves to give twenty-five cents a month, to be divided between the home and foreign missions, the first six months being pledged to the foreign work. The little Sunday School of five families has the “Day-spring.” “Thou hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake, hast labored and hast not fainted.”

**Ridgefield.**—The county was invited to Ridgefield to hold its annual meeting on September twenty-eighth. Nearly one hundred and fifty ladies partook of their basket lunch at the parsonage, where tea and coffee were served. It was an ideal day throughout. A new feature in the programme was the open parliament, where were discussed for three quarters of an hour the questions—“If Christian women have any responsibility in missions, how can it be developed?” “Is missionary literature essential to promote an interest in the work?” “In what relation does the vice-president stand to the auxiliary?” It was gratifying to have many take part. The young people had a Rally in the afternoon, when mission work in Christian Endeavor was talked over. Miss Florence White interested both young and old, with her spirited account of Christian effort in Japan. The thank offering was very gratifying, amounting to
$208.07. One lady, out of her love and prosperity, sent a check for fifty dollars. The whole sum was appropriated to the enlargement of the home at Adana, Turkey, for Mrs. Montgomery's accommodation and comfort.

The Ridgefield auxiliary has been merged into a Woman's Union, with separate secretaries for the home and foreign departments; the membership fees to be divided equally between the two causes. Five meetings have been held under the new organization with an average attendance of fifteen at the devotional service. In the evening, gentlemen and more young people come in for a social hour, and tea is served to about forty.

The number who have joined the Union has increased from eighteen to fifty-four. The society has pledged itself for the support of Paripuvanum, in Madura, India. The self-denial week in June was observed. The society voted to give "Daysprings" to the little ones of the Sunday School.

The "Snowflakes" have been very busy earning money for missions. Each member was given five cents at the beginning of the year, and some have made as much as three dollars.

Stratford.—The report of the year ending in January was, ten meetings held, with an average attendance of fifteen; the gatherings have been at seven different houses. At an afternoon tea in June at the Parsonage, Mrs. Montgomery was present, and many outside the usual missionary influence attended. The self-denial gifts which came in the week following proved that she had touched many hearts. At the August meeting only five were present on account of the great heat, but all took part. In September, the ladies met at Oronoque, five miles from the center; twenty-seven ladies and
three babies filled the parlor. "Daysprings" reach about every family where there are little ones.

The vice-president, who was an invalid, but loved to have the meetings held at her house, died in the autumn. Her love and liberality for missions are worthy of note.

A memorial paper was read at the annual meeting. Five new members have been added to the roll, and the contributions keep up to the twenty-five per cent. advance of last year. A new circle has been formed, of young girls, called "Whatsoever Mission Band." They meet once a month, and have a programme prepared by the president. The devotional part of the meeting is made prominent. The "Alpha Band" takes in the Infant class, and is interested in the Smyrna Kindergarten. The Christian Endeavor contributes regularly to Miss Judson's salary. A Cradle Roll has been formed with twelve members.

*Trumbull.*—The quarterly meeting in January was omitted, and the annual meeting took place in April. Sickness and the almost impassable cross roads prevented a large attendance; six only were present. The number of members has decreased by four during the year. The society contributes towards Mrs. Sibley's support. The self-denial week showed an endeavor to aid in reducing the deficit in the Board's treasury.

*Wilton.*—The self-denial week in June was truly such with many individuals. Also in November several denial gifts reached the treasurer. On the list of members appear eleven new names. Although storm, heat and summer distractions prevented meetings in June, July and August, all the other meetings have been well attended, and nearly every one takes part. In November, the county vice-president was present, and under cover of a question box some difficult problems were
presented, the solution of which would greatly simplify all our obligations! In March, on a disagreeable afternoon, nine were present. The Home department being the subject, the blackboard showed a family tree, representing the Board and Branches, and it was wonderful how much there was to learn about it. A scholarship has been kept for fourteen years in Foochow, and one is also held in Inanda Seminary. A movement is taking shape to enlist the younger girls—but they are still waiting for the woman with ten talents to lead them. Why not begin with the woman with the one talent—love for the Master?

The Sunday Schools of Brookfield Center, Easton and Redding have each a share in the Morning Star Mission; Fairfield and Stratford are more largely represented.

Cordelia Sterling, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Wm. B. Cogswell, Sec. for Miss. Circles.
Mrs. G. F. Prentiss, Sec. for C. E. Societies.

Fairfield County—Southern Division.

The annual report of Southern Fairfield County presents the usual characteristics of light and shadow. The severe weather may in some measure account for our seeming missionary torpor. But if we are to accomplish anything for our suffering sisters, ought we not, without delay, to “do with our might what our hands find to do,” hastening on that time when the “day dawns and the shadows flee away.”

Bridgeport Union.—The condition of the Union is thought by all to be encouraging. The annual meeting was one of the largest ever held, and the reports from
the churches showed in nearly every case an increase over preceding years. The total increase in offerings for the year was a little over one hundred dollars. This was partially due to new life members.

*Bridgeport, North Church.*—We are glad to be able to report an advance of more than seven per cent. in our contributions, and an increased interest in our meetings. We think a better day is dawning for us, and hope that the presence of the Divine Spirit in our hearts in greater measure, may render our advance a permanent one.

*Bridgeport, Olivet Church.*—We feel that the spiritual interest in the work is deeper than ever before, though we cannot report a real increase in attendance. The “Busy Bees” are holding together, and hope to do more next year. A Cradle Roll has been formed and the members have contributed $4.

*Bridgeport, Park St.*—We have held our Foreign Missionary meetings once in two months. They have been well attended, and have been interesting. Last year we gave over $100 to the work. We are expecting to send a box to Miss Barnum in July, and have thought of other plans for awakening a greater interest.

*Bridgeport, South Church.*—Our meetings have been more interesting the past four months, and better attended. As yet we have no President. Last year we raised $86.06 for the Foreign work. A Cradle Roll has been organized, and $14.70 has been given by its members.

*Bridgeport, West End Church.*—We have nothing new to report of our auxiliary. We hold our meetings monthly, and divide our money between Home and Foreign work.

*Darien.*—There has never been a year in our history when there was so little we could report as hopeful and
cheering. Our numbers during the winter months have been very small. We try to feel that this is due to circumstances over which we have had no control. There has been unusual sickness, and the weather has been unusually severe.

A little effort has been made to induce some to join us who have hitherto stood aloof; but as yet, all has proved unavailing.

Green's Farms.—Our membership, we regret to say, is not doubled. The interest among our faithful members is not waning, but there are many whom it seems hard to interest. We have held our meetings regularly, even in February, in spite of the snow drifts. Our meetings grow more and more interesting, and we hope soon to do better.

Greenwich.—The Greenwich Auxiliary commenced the year just closed with grateful hearts and renewed zeal. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed an increase in the number of members and the amount of money contributed. Our monthly meetings have an average attendance of 25. We have enjoyed very much hearing some of the interesting letters written from Boston by Miss Atkinson, telling of the Friday meetings, and the out-going missionaries, and their fields of labor. At the annual meeting it was decided to make great effort to increase our membership. It was also voted that each member give ten cents additional each year to enable us to assist in the N. H. Branch expenses. We have very nearly kept up the 75 per cent. advance made last year. Our membership is 132; not quite what we had hoped for, but we have lost 8 by death and removal. The "Bearers of Light" have been interested in learning about the different fields. They are making hymn-books from S. S. Quarterlies for use in mission schools.
They have held only seven meetings the past year, but are full of good resolutions for next year.

New Canaan.—Nothing less robust than a Polar bear could have waded through the snow drifts, or faced the biting blasts of this long and severe winter. Consequently, our meetings have been somewhat irregular. We have tried having the monthly gatherings in private houses instead of at the Church, as our members are so few, and our lecture room is so large, that several auxiliaries like ours might easily set up house keeping in such spacious quarters. We find the lesson leaflets and the interesting letters which are sent to us great helps. We regret our being obliged to report a falling off both in interest and numbers in our "Mission Circle." We have had the misfortune to lose one of our oldest members by death. We have raised the amount of money pledged, and shall try with God's help faithfully to increase this amount during the year to come.

North Stamford.—Our numbers are slowly decreasing. We have held but one meeting the past year. The severe weather has been a great hindrance to us, and our president is still in poor health. We continue our contributions, and two of our members pay in memory of relatives, who during their life time, were associated with us.

Norwalk.—Our auxiliary has suffered greatly because of illness among its officers, every one being laid aside from active duties at some time during the year. With these real trials and hindrances we could not enter on new lines of work, but are glad to report increased interest in all devotional and missionary meetings. Contributions somewhat in advance of last year are also encouraging.

The Constantinople Home and the Home at Wai have
been among the places which we have helped. The Sunday School children have given $25 to the Morning Star, and the auxiliary makes a special gift this year to constitute Mrs. Quintard a life member of the Board. The young ladies of Mrs. M. E. Mead's school contributed to the Home at Wai. Our motto, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," comes to us with a new inspiration in the work opening before us, and we long for a new consecration to service, leaving the result with Him who can make our feeblest efforts redound to His glory. The leaders of the circles have both been ill for several months, consequently not as much has been accomplished as they wished. Still the interest in missions does not and will not wane, when there are twelve circles of King's Sons and Daughters working in the royal service. The children work for the Smyrna Kindergarten.

Sound Beach.—Our meetings have been held regularly, though few have been able to attend them. Many of our older members have died since our auxiliary was organized, and their places have not been filled by the younger people whose energies all seem thrown in other lines of work. We have been able to keep our annual contribution up to the usual amount.

South Norwalk.—Our meetings have been held regularly the first Wednesday of each month. We are glad to report an increased average attendance and greater interest manifested in the work. The work of committees appointed to prepare a program for each meeting has added variety and interest, and we feel that we are gaining a broader knowledge of the work. During the past year one of our active members has been called to her Heavenly Home. While our material advance this year has not been so much as we could wish, we feel
that a blessing has come to our society in the deepened interest shown.

Stamford.—Last year was a prosperous year for our auxiliary. Our meetings were well attended, so that it seemed best to take no vacation during July and August. We raised one hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty cents, fifty dollars more than in 1891. Our membership is only twenty-three. This year we are going to do better.

The "Tiny Helpers" were successful in their little entertainment in November, adding to their treasury about $94. Twenty-five have taken boxes for the Smyrna Kindergarten, and we are endeavoring to do something with the Cradle Roll.

Westport.—Our monthly meetings, though small, are prized by those who have been able to meet to study and to pray. Great heat in July and August and a heavy snow storm in November prevented us from coming together in those months. Two of our number met with the Green's Farms' Auxiliary in March, and two attended the annual meeting in New Haven in May. In May, Mrs. Parsons, of Turkey, met with us, and in September the county vice-president was with us. Our usual amount of money has been sent. We are small in numbers, but quite alive and hope to grow.

On the 12th of April, Mrs. Woodworth, who has been treasurer of our auxiliary since 1875, was called to her reward. The removal of such a beautiful, steady light from among us, is to our Church, our Missionary and Benevolent Societies, our Sunday school and our loving hearts, an irreparable loss. We have not yet begun to understand what life and work will be without her. Our Mission circle pledged $50 for Miss Denney Root.

Grace W. Choate, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Wm. B. Cogswell, Sec. for Miss. Circles.
Mrs. G. F. Prentiss, Sec. for C. E. Societies.
Litchfield County—Northern Division.

Litchfield County, the region of snowstorms and cold and heavy winds, through long winters; of stony farms on bleak hillsides, of little settlements in the valleys, and long hills to toil up and down to reach them; not a city is within our borders. The region of missionary memories, immortalized by that worthy divine, one of the earliest officers of the Board, who thanked God for Litchfield County.

The cent societies flourished here for many years; when once a month the women went on horseback, to deposit a cent, and offer a prayer for foreign missions. They went home with a song in the heart, and refreshment, social and spiritual, for the toil and hard labor which then and now awaits the dwellers in these remote farm houses. May I tell you of one little settlement, so weak that Home Miss. Soc. aid is needed for the church; so earnest, that one afternoon each month is given to the missionary meeting. The song of the tea-kettle in the same room does not interrupt the talk on missions; and the preparations to break bread together are made while talking of the dear missionaries for whom we have prayed. Like some of our modern clubs, the subject in hand is uppermost as the simple meal proceeds. Do you wonder that as the lecture before the communion, or the usual mid-week service follows in the same room, that the fellowship of saints is a reality? But we are now far behind our traditional reputation, and we need and we ask your prayers and your help to quicken us. Many of you come to our hills for a summer home. Bring us freshness of missionary zeal from your more favored surroundings. Bring us your presence at every meeting within your reach, and tell us about the mis-
tionary who interests you, and let us ask you questions about the workers abroad, whom you know so well.

Canaan.—During the year meetings have been regularly held. Much interest is taken in the topics furnished. The outlook for the coming year is better than usual.

Colebrook.—The scattered members of this auxiliary give and pray, but think they cannot meet regularly.

Ellsworth.—The meetings are not always regular, but the society raise the required sum to sustain them as an auxiliary.

Falls Village.—The general missionary work and interest is increasing. The Endeavor Society study the field, and report the progress of missionary work with much interest.

Harrington.—The meetings have been unusually interesting the past year. Great stimulus was received from a meeting of the New Haven Branch, which was held during the summer. The loss by death of the wife of their minister will be deeply felt in missionary work.

Norfolk.—The meetings are held every other month at the parsonage, with increased attendance.

Mrs. James Dennis, formerly a missionary in Syria, gave a valuable talk at a meeting last autumn.

The mission circles are in the Endeavor Society, and once a month, study and report some country, with increasing interest.

The “Young Ladies’ Mission Band” meet Saturday afternoons at the homes of the members. They are constantly at work for some missionary object.

Plymouth.—This auxiliary has eighteen members. The meetings are full of interest, using the regular topics. The society was represented by twenty-seven
women, at the county meeting in Watertown, and by sixteen at the Branch meeting in Harwinton.

The "Rosebud Club," recently organized, send dolls and other articles to Turkey.

Salisbury.—The meetings are regularly held. More persons than ever before are giving small sums, which shows increasing interest. Three new members are reported. They are looking for new impulse from the county meeting, which is to be held with them this fall.

The "King's Daughters," now organized into the "Christian Endeavor of King's Daughters," have twenty active members. They meet weekly, and when the meeting has a missionary subject, their collection goes for foreign missions. They take the "Life and Light," which is circulated among the members, with a fine for keeping over time. They raise money, also, by fairs and entertainments, for various missionary and charitable purposes, and have prepared a box for Mrs. Edward Hume, and are now working upon articles for a box for Dr. Pauline Root.

Sharon.—The secretary writes:—"The few who attend love the meetings, and very earnest prayers ascend for the workers in the foreign field. Each month we pray for one missionary, supported by our Branch."

South Canaan.—The secretary writes:—"We have circulated missionary letters and papers during the winter, and that seemed the best we could do; we keep up our usual gifts. We hope to do some good, but we are a small company."
Thomaston.—The meetings continue to be held with interest, and the accession of two new members encourages the others; they think there are evidences of brighter and better days to come.

Torrington.—The secretary writes:—"The weather this winter has been very severe, cold and stormy; but eleven meetings have been held, with an average attendance of six. We have eighteen members."

The "Highland Workers" are still flourishing although a number of the members have left town, and the circle is much smaller than a few years ago.

Torrington.—The secretary writes:—"At the commencement of the year, our president urged that personal effort on the part of each member to put forth, to secure one additional member to our auxiliary. We gladly report an increase of members and of interest."

The "Valley Gleaners" have disbanded, and are merged into the Y. P. S. C. E., and are doing the same kind of work there, and in their S. S. classes.

Watertown.—Three new members have been added to the numbers of this auxiliary this year. Several contributors have died, but gifts are larger from those remaining. Seventeen copies of "Life and Light" are taken.

The meetings of the "Steadfast Workers" have been a good deal broken up by sickness in the summer and fall, so that only fourteen have been held during the year. There are twelve members, and they take a collection at every meeting. They held a sale of articles, and a ten cent lunch in April, which brought them $11.27. They sent $5.00 to the Dispensary in China, and $5.00 for the "Hiram Bingham," and the rest of their money went for Home Missionary work.

West Torrington.—One sign of living interest in the work is shown in readiness to give, by those unable to
attend the meetings. The meetings have been regular, and the attendance good.

_Winsted._—Regular meetings have been held, each one of deep interest, involving faithful study, but without increased attendance. The topics furnished are highly valued.

_Mary P. Hinsdale, Vice Pres._
_Mary A. Hopson, Sec. for Miss. Circles and C. E. Societies._

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**Litchfield County—Southern Division.**

Of the Southern Division of Litchfield County, we feel that we can report hopefully, notwithstanding the severe winter has, in many instances, made meetings impossible, and prevented much aggressive work. We know that there are good, faithful women here, who never cease to work for the Woman's Board of Missions.

_Bethlehem._—The meetings of this auxiliary have been very much interrupted by the severe weather and bad traveling; but one new member has been added, and it is hoped that others will join during the coming year.

_Bridgewater._—The secretary writes: "Our auxiliary lives, but we cannot report growth as we would be glad to do. There has been but one added to our number this year. The circulars sent to us have been circulated, and effort made, and we feel that in His own good time God must build us up, since it is only in Him that we live at all."

_Cornwall._—The weather and condition of the roads have prevented our holding meetings, but we hope to send the usual amount of money.

_West Cornwall._—"The Mission-Bank Society, is composed of old and young, male and female. The mem-
bers are supplied with mite-boxes. There were four meetings held during the year, and seventeen names were added to our roll. Our society seems to be in a prosperous condition, and the collections are larger each year."

_Goshen._—"The severity of the winter has prevented the holding of regular meetings. We have two new members, and are hoping for more."

_Kent._—The auxiliary has gained seven new members; the average attendance at the meetings has been good, and the contributions have increased.

Meetings of the "Mission Circles" have been held every month; average attendance seven. A good degree of interest has been kept up in both work and study. The topics in "Life and Light" have been studied. Two entertainments have been given with good results from both, and mite boxes have added a large "mite" to the treasury. Two valued members have been lost by death, and six new members have been added.

_Litchfield._—The secretary writes: "We have held regular monthly meetings in spite of this stormy, cold winter, although, from the inclemency of the season, there have frequently been only four members in attendance. Our average attendance has been ten. We are systematic in our work, having a regular subject assigned for consideration each month. The past month, Mrs. Symington, in view of the interest now centred in Hawaii, gave a very interesting discourse on that island, and the work of missionaries there."

The "Young Ladies' Mission Band" have held meetings as usual at irregular intervals, and a Lawn Party was given on the Parsonage grounds in August to raise the amount to which the society is pledged, $140.
The members are now at work on fancy articles for a sale next summer.

*Milton.*—"Meetings have been well attended, when we have been able to hold them. We do not follow "Life and Light" studies. We are interested in missionary letters furnished by Miss Prichard. We are a scattered people, but are praying for the work, and hope for new members. We can report one. We can do but little, but we will try to do that, and leave results with God, who knoweth all things."

*Morris.*—"We have held monthly meetings, occasionally hindered by severe storms. Our constitution reads, 'Any one shall be a member of our auxiliary, who pays a certain sum of money annually.' We have 44 contributors, and last year raised the largest amount for many years. Attendance at our meetings ranges from six to twenty, according to the weather."

*New Milford.*—The secretary writes: "We have nothing wonderful to report, yet I can but feel that in a quiet way it has been a year of progress. 'The Kingdom of Heaven cometh not by observation,' and I sometimes think that years of quiet seed-sowing may in the end be called years of growth. We have held six meetings, with an average attendance of 18. Twenty-two copies of 'Life and Light' are taken. Our membership has been about the same as last year. We have lost a number by death, and some new ones have been added. We use the topics given in 'Life and Light,' and enjoy the helps Miss Prichard sends. Our members study the field, and enjoy doing so. Our meetings are held once in two months, to alternate with those of the Home Missionary Union."

The "Golden Links" number fifty, and are keeping up their interest in the "Morning Star" work, and in
addition have taken shares in the "Smyrna Kindergarten" building, in which they are especially interested, as many of them attend the Kindergarten themselves, and like to help one "so far away." "The Mission Dayspring" is taken for them by the church, and they remember their pennies better than last year." The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" has met the second Sunday in each month at 6 p.m. The day of meeting was changed from Saturday, with an increase of interest. They have found it an advantage to invite some lady to meet with them each time and say a few words.

The girls have been much interested in receiving letters from girls in India to whom they sent dolls more than a year ago. A cook book, for which they arranged last year, has brought in good returns this year. Mite boxes were opened at the annual meeting, and a tea followed.

New Preston.—Our meetings have not been held as regularly as usual during the year. The absence of our president, and illness of our vice-president, have been unfavorable for us. Last year we made an extra effort to increase our contributions, and succeeded in raising fifty dollars. We have collected the same amount this year.

A number of young girls assisted last summer in work for a box for Miss Deney Root, and sent a liberal contribution of cut and basted work.

Northfield.—The secretary writes: "I can truly say that our auxiliary is in a prosperous condition. We have gained four new members. We have a collection taken at our monthly meetings, and there is also a weekly prayer meeting held by the ladies, where a collection is taken up for the auxiliary."

Roxbury.—The "Mayflowers" have taken the mite-
boxes for the Smyrna Kindergarten, in which they are especially interested.

Sherman.—The secretary writes: "Since October our meetings have been held once a month, unless prevented by severe storms and bad traveling. We have followed the plan of study as given in 'Life and Light' with interest and profit. We have lost by removal some of our members, but have gained others, so that our membership remains the same. The mite-boxes are used by nearly every member, and are very helpful."

Warren.—The secretary writes: "We have held nine meetings during the year. The annual meeting in March was very interesting. The mite-boxes were opened then, and some contributions have since been added. At the smallest meeting, when only three were present, we had a feast of spiritual food. The ensuing year we propose to follow the topics suggested in 'Life and Light.' Five copies are taken and several copies of the 'Dayspring.' The 'Life of Dr. Paton' has been circulated thoroughly, and his name is familiar in all our households. We follow him with interest wherever he may be."

The "Willing Minds" held their first meeting in April, 1892, and have held twenty-three meetings the past year. They have fourteen members, some of whom have been exceedingly faithful in attendance, and have brought carefully prepared papers. When the mite boxes were opened at the annual meeting, the sum of thirteen dollars was in the treasury, ready to be sent to aid the spread of God’s word. Every penny of this had been saved or earned by the givers, not raised by fair or festival.
Washington.—"The annual meeting was held on Jan. 4th. We have held meetings each month during the year. They have been interesting, and the attendance good. We have gained five new members and have 46 members in all. We take for our study the topics suggested in 'Life and Light.' As our Pastor left us, we lost his wife as our president, and appointed in her place, Mrs. S. C. Kingman."

Woodbury, First Church.—"We have now thirty-two members. Three copies of 'Life and Light' are taken. We have lost several from our missionary society by death, while none have been added."

The "Valley Gleaners" have held twenty meetings with an average attendance of fourteen. They number thirty, a gain of six this year. The meetings have been alternately for work and missionary study. They have worked for boxes to go to Madura, and for a fair at home, and have had a ten dollar share in the Mexico work, which Mrs. Eaton is doing.

Woodbury, North Church.—"While we have made some advance, we are not doing what we ought, nor what some of us hoped we should do. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday in each month. Our annual meeting was in October, and an unusually large number were present. We commenced the year hopefully, but storms and extremely cold weather have caused a lessened attendance. We have assumed the support of a teacher in the Misses Ely's school in Bitlis, Turkey. Our collection last year was double what it had ever been, and while we are by no means certain we can accomplish it, we are trying to raise the same amount again, and I think we shall."

M. B. McLaughlin, Vice-Pres.
Mary A. Hopson, Sec. for Mission Circles and C. E. Societies.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

The county meeting held in the First Church, Middletown, Oct. 19, was well attended, there being eighty-six present from auxiliaries outside of the city. Aside from helpful words by our officers in New Haven, Miss Daggett, Miss Twining, and Mrs. Miller, we had a stirring address from Dr. Pauline Root, of Madura. The afternoon session was largely given to the work of the young people; Mrs. M. A. Bradley represented the Mission Circle and Cradle Roll work, and Mrs. F. H. Hurlburt the Mission Department of the Christian Endeavor Societies. At the close Miss Florence Brainard led a Consecration Meeting.

The delegates to the annual meeting of the "Woman's Board" in Boston, Mrs. M. A. Bradley and Mrs. H. W. Wheelock, prepared careful reports, which were heard and read with much interest in several places.

In April, we had the benefit of four addresses from Miss Alice M. Kyle, field secretary of the "Woman's Board."

We cannot report as favorably in regard to the increase of membership as we could desire, but feel that the effort in that direction will result in a gain the coming year.

Cromwell.—At the annual meeting it was voted to continue the support of the Bible Reader, Nanapirakasi, and to hold meetings, social or devotional, monthly. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" was invited to meet with the auxiliary at the parsonage, and each member to bring some fact about missions. It proved a very pleasant and profitable afternoon. One of the ladies gave a Missionary Tea July 7th, to which all the members of the church and congregation were invited. This was a very successful affair. Mrs. H. W.
Wheelock was a county delegate to the annual meeting in Boston. Several copies of the Missionary Review are taken.

The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" has held eleven interesting meetings in the last six months. Money has been raised by a Fair, a Musicale and the use of mite boxes.

_Durham._—This auxiliary is now a year and a half old, and the interest of the meetings is steadily increasing, the last being the largest of all. One object at each meeting is to learn something new about the "Woman's Board," so that the names of stations and of missionaries are becoming quite familiar. The support of a Bible Woman is proposed for the coming year. The time of the annual meeting will probably be changed to April, to bring their year in harmony with that of the New Haven Branch. Miss Kyle was cordially received by a good audience, April 26th. In May, 1892, Mrs. Montgomery talked to the ladies, and interested them in her work.

_East Hampton._—The meetings have not been held regularly, but have been well attended. The number of members and the amount of offerings are about the same as the year before. A goodly number gathered to hear Miss Kyle on the evening of April 25th. A Cradle Roll of seventeen members has been formed the past winter.

_Higganum._—Ten meetings have been held, "extreme heat and extreme cold being responsible for the failure of the other two. We have not adopted any new methods for these meetings, though the aim has been to use material outside of the usual sources of missionary information. At one gathering the articles were voluntary. In October we held a thank-offering service.
The fact that our Sunday School was contributing one quarter for a Bible Woman in Madura suggested articles on India for one month.” Several ladies heard Miss Kyle at Haddam, April 24th.

The “Coral Workers” have had fewer meetings than usual owing to the absence of the leader. The average attendance is nine out of a membership of twelve. A mission pledge is used, by which the members promise to attend the meetings, to remember the missionary cause in daily prayer, and to give what they can.

“Zion’s Cadets” have been furnished with caps and uniforms, and each Memorial Day they are invited to march in the procession. This interests the boys and helps carry out their military name. During the three years of its existence, the band has raised forty-one dollars.

A Cradle Roll has been formed by the leader of this circle.

Middlefield.—The removal of Mrs. Denison and others from the town retards the work. But interest was expressed by a number who heard Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Kyle in Durham.

Middle Haddam.—The auxiliary has increased in interest, numbers, and offerings. The meetings were held each month, and sometimes twice a month, in connection with the Home Missionary Circle. Each member has a “sacrifice box.” These boxes are to be opened in June, and an account is to be given of how the money came. It is to be divided between foreign and home work. As a result of a visit from Mrs. M. A. Bradley and Mrs. L. R. Hazen, of Middletown, a five cents’ pledge was adopted, which will amount to nearly $10 for foreign missions.

Miss Kyle paid the society a visit April 25, but a storm prevented many from hearing her.
A Cradle Roll was formed last October. The older members are using mite boxes to save their pennies for missions.

Middletown, First Church.—The 23d annual meeting marks strength and progress. The nine regular services have had a larger average attendance than heretofore. The membership has increased by seventeen, and six life members have been constituted. The offerings were the largest ever reported. Packages of small envelopes secure monthly offerings from over one hundred members. In connection with the Home Missionary Society a Missionary Banquet was held May 19th. About two hundred persons attended this, who were addressed by the Rev. Isaac Pierson, in behalf of foreign missions, the Rev. Chas. W. Shelton, in behalf of home missions, Dr. H. A. Starks, concerning the missions of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Austin Hazen, Jr., upon “Young People and Missions.”

Three of our number attended the special meeting in Saybrook, July 5th. The Middlesex county meeting was held with this society Oct. 19th, and was very inspiring. In January, Mrs. M. A. Bradley gave a graphic report of the annual meeting of the Woman’s Board in Boston, which was re-read at the mid-week service of the church. In March Miss H. Juliette Gilson, a student in the Hartford Seminary, and for several years a missionary in So. Africa, spoke to the society. Neighboring auxiliaries were invited to hear her, but the weather was so unfavorable few could come.

“The Gleaners” have met as usual every other Saturday for sewing, and in addition have held monthly Sunday afternoon meetings, with an average attendance of twenty-seven.

The topics for these meetings have been the different
missions to which the circle contributes. Each member has a Smyrna Kindergarten mite box for offerings during the summer vacation. Sixty dollars has been given to the branch during the year.

The "Mission Helpers" are faithfully keeping up their interest. They have raised twenty-five dollars the past year wholly by fees and contributions.

The "Ten Times One" boys have carried their zeal into the newly organized Junior Endeavor Society, which, with its monthly missionary meetings, is interesting many more than the mission circle could.

Mrs. Dyer's Bible class contributed fifteen dollars to the Smyrna Kindergarten.

The Cradle Roll has seventeen members and six on the Memorial Roll.

Middletown, South Church.—The secretary writes: "At several of our regular meetings we have had much more than our usual quota of attendance. At the May meeting Mrs. Karmarkar of India was with us, and at the March meeting we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Gilson." Much interest was expressed in the report of the Boston meeting, which Mrs. Bradley read in February. At a mid-week service of the church, April 26th, Miss Kyle addressed a good audience, and made a deep impression.

The "Good Will" mission circle, which was disbanded two or three years ago, has been reorganized with twenty members. Interesting programs are prepared for the monthly meetings and missionary enthusiasm is growing with increased knowledge of the work.

Portland.—The meetings were held quite regularly, and were led by one of a committee of six, appointed every six months, each in turn being responsible for a meeting. One new member was added. At a Mission-
ary Tea, five dollars were raised, as a special offering for the Middlesex School. In March, Mrs. Bradley read her report of the Boston meeting, and Mrs. L. R. Hazen gave some facts in regard to the school work in Bombay.

The "Work and Win" circle are doing nobly. All take part in the devotional meetings. Fancy and useful articles have been made for Mrs. Eaton's work in Mexico.

The circle has given thirty dollars for a scholarship in Ceylon and five dollars for the Middlesex School in Bombay.

Westchester.—Ten meetings were held, with a fair average attendance. Bible readings from the "Life and Light," articles from Mission Studies, and an occasional missionary letter, varied the exercises. "I cannot tell where the fault lies, but we do not gain in numbers as I wish we did." At the annual meeting the treasurer, a lady nearly seventy-six years old, was elected for the twentieth time. Surely "the righteous shall hold on his way!"

MRS. A. W. HAZEN, Vice-Pres.
MRS. M. A. BRADLEY, Sec. for Miss. Circles.
MRS. F. H. HURLBURT, Sec. for C. E. Societies.

Middlesex County—Southern Division.

The auxiliaries of Southern Middlesex show some encouraging indications, but our condition calls for more consecration to the service of the Lord in the field of the world.

A few of our auxiliaries have the monthly meeting well established. A few include in the membership of the auxiliary nearly all of the members of the church.
Hearty response is given, from time to time, to proposals for various forms of work, there being everywhere the faithful few, who carry the work on their hearts.

Our Endeavor Societies are growing in intelligent activity in this direction, and will, doubtless, in course of time, greatly build up our auxiliaries. Efforts have been made to organize auxiliaries in connection with churches in our territory, where none exists, with some promise of accomplishment in the near future.

The resuscitation of the auxiliary in East Haddam is most gratifying. The auxiliary in Essex is greatly disheartened by the removal of their president, Mrs. Vorce, lately an officer of the branch. Sharing their regret and deprivation, we follow Mrs. Vorce with our best wishes for happiness and usefulness in a new home.

Centerbrook.—This auxiliary being really composite, having two centers of association, in the two villages of Centerbrook and Ivoryton, a mile and a half apart, has found it impracticable to gather the members for meetings. The plan of holding the monthly meeting alternately in the two places is now adopted. Regretting that we have no increase of membership, we are glad to record that our organization includes nearly all of our church members.

Our Sunday School has taken shares in “The Morning Star Mission,” and our Junior Endeavor Society one share in the “Hiram Bingham.”

Chester.—“The past year has been a quiet one. We have held monthly meetings regularly. The attendance has been good, and the meetings, as a rule, interesting. Wishing that we could report doubled membership, we yet rejoice in the addition of six new members, and hope that each year will bring us steady growth.
The "Inasmuch Circle" is composed of ten young ladies, who have held devotional meetings once a month. They held festivals during the summer and in November a successful musical entertainment.

Clinton.—"Our meetings have been held, as usual, with a good attendance, and unabated interest." No increase of membership is reported, but the present number is a very creditable one. The decease of some of the best paying members affects amount of contributions, and should stimulate us, one and all, to effort in enlisting others, whom the Lord has prospered.

Essex.—"We still live as a society, and hold our own." Our meetings, held regularly, are well attended, and "we enjoy them." An effort is being made, by district secretaries, to enlarge the membership. With mite boxes, membership fees, the observance of self-denial week, a special appropriation for branch expenses, and for Middlesex School, "we have done what we could." Expression is given to the regret and disheartenment felt by the members of the society in view of the loss of their president by the departure of their Pastor and wife. "We can only hope that some one as interested and interesting may take the place made vacant in our auxiliary."

The "Mission Workers" circle has eighteen members, and holds meetings once in two weeks. Ten dollars has been raised by fees and from money earned by the members.

Haddam.—This auxiliary reports the work of its eighteenth year as "a gain on the past." "The twelve meetings of the year have been held "with increased average attendance. Two years' use of "The Topics" has given "familiarity with missions in most parts of the world." "Nearly every one present at the meet-
ings has borne some active part, thus making sure of the interest of all.” While the desired increase of membership has not been secured, the result of the attempt has been deeper thought as to the needs and possibilities of Missionary Work. This auxiliary sends a generous contribution to Middlesex School.

The “Alpha Society” reports a larger membership than for several years, and better attendance at the meetings. These have been held regularly every month the past year. Every one present—even the youngest—takes some part in each meeting.

_East Haddam._—It is cause for rejoicing that this name, which did not appear in our report last year, is placed on our list again. Regular meetings are reported, with systematic contributions, also the observance of self-denial week and an appropriation for Branch expenses. The recurrence of the names of former officers proves the continued interest of original members.

_Killingworth._—Quarterly meetings are reported, with sustained interest, and increased freedom of expression and participation. Topic cards and leaflets have been freely circulated, with care to supply those detained from the meetings. A package containing all of Mrs. Sibley’s letters has been circulated. With only a slight increase in membership, the hope is expressed that “the interest of the present membership may be doubled, and thus as much that will tell may be done for the cause.” “Who can report, if we consider the good that has come to ourselves, and the possibilities of even the mites, lovingly and prayerfully given?”

_Millington._—Eleven meetings are reported, and, in lieu of the twelfth the president and Pastor's wife “met and read the lesson.” A small membership, in a scattered community, makes work difficult, but consecrated
earnestness is manifest. "Though only three were present at the last meeting, we had such interesting letters and articles, that our meeting was delightful.”

Saybrook.—The report of this auxiliary indicates interest and progress. Special mention is made of the stimulating effect of the “graphic” report of the annual meeting in Boston by our delegate—also of the expectation on the part of the members of great good resulting from our annual branch meeting; also of a meeting held July 5th with the presence and aid of some of the executive committee.

Westbrook.—Special effort is made by members of this auxiliary in the distribution of Missionary Literature, with the hope of thus compensating somewhat for the lack of general attendance at the meetings. “We hope that our contributions for the year may prove that our interest is not slackened.”

MRS. L. S. GRIGGS, Vice-Pres.
MRS. M. A. BRADLEY, Sec. for Miss. Circles.
MRS. F. H. HURLBURT, Sec. for C. E. Societies.

New Haven County—Naugatuck Valley and Vicinity.

In the report of this division last year a special plea was made for Mission Circle helpers. This year it is gratifying to note that three new circles, beside a Cradle Roll, have already reported, and it is believed that other seed has taken root in good ground, and still more organizations will soon follow. We had the privilege of a two days’ visit from Miss Kyle, in April, but a pouring rain on one of the days prevented many from listening to her. The county meeting in Cheshire was a helpful factor in the year’s work.
Ansonia.—The increase of interest in this society is shown by a large advance in its annual contribution, although owing to losses in membership, the eight new members secured, only make a gain of one in the sum total. Meetings have been held the last Friday of each month with but three exceptions, the topics taken from “Life and Light,” being used. In September a Thank Offering meeting was held, with very gratifying results. At the annual gathering April 21st, addresses were made by Miss Kyle, and the County Vice-President. The secretary writes:—“The meeting was full of interest, and afforded great encouragement to the officers, and seemed a special inspiration to all who were present. We bring our annual report with a deep feeling of thankfulness for the past and bright hopes for the future.” The Y. P. S. C. E. gave $35.00 for Tungcho Hospital.

Birmingham.—Five meetings have been held during the year, which have been much better attended than usual, on account of the study of the lives of missionary heroes. Six new members are reported.

Derby.—This active auxiliary has made a special effort this year to increase the “love of giving” among its members. Collectors have called each month upon the ladies, asking for a small sum, thus securing a larger amount than by the former annual collection. The subscriptions to “Life and Light” have been doubled. A Mission Circle has been formed here, numbering twenty-one members, and by their zeal and earnestness are entitled to their chosen name, “The Earnest Workers.” The Sunday School also sent $5.00 to the “Morning Star Mission.”

Middlebury.—The secretary writes:—“A writer says: ‘Tis darkest ere the dawn.’ We have passed
through our night of three years without a single meet-
ing, now the bright dawn has come, and we are re-
organized, well-officered, and full of zeal, interest and 
prayers, for our hill-top society, and dear workers in 
the dark fields. Our members number twenty-one. It 
is our ambition to see every woman in our church a 
member of our auxiliary. We wish our contributions 
could be increased ten-fold, but ‘She hath done what 
she could.’”

Naugatuck.—The meetings have been held regularly 
during the year. A committee has been appointed to 
secure new members, but the result of its work had not 
been secured when the secretary sent her report. Many 
have contributed through the church weekly pledge 
system, whose names are not in the list of auxiliary 
members. The society is anticipating help the coming 
year from the presence with them of Mrs. Perkins, a 
former valued vice-president of the branch. Two mis-
mission-circles under the leadership of Mrs. DeVoir have 
enrolled themselves with us, and will be a most welcome 
and efficient help.

Prospect.—There has been an increase of membership 
in this society that it is hoped will cause a correspond-
ing increase in receipts the coming year. Several of 
the members attended the County Meeting at Cheshire, 
and were helped by it. The “Prospect Gleaners” have 
held monthly meetings, and were interested in prepar-
ing articles for the box for Miss Root. The including 
of boys for the first time in its membership has added 
interest, and enlarged our numbers.

Southbury.—“We do feel that there is an increase of 
interest although death and removal has depleted our 
numbers greatly. We have aimed to hold monthly 
meetings, but have sometimes been prevented by the
storms. We have an earnest, faithful, efficient president who makes the meetings very interesting." Other valued officers were also mentioned by the secretary.

Waterbury, First Church.—Meetings have been held regularly during the year, but the attendance has not been as large as it ought to be, in a union meeting of two large churches. The president attended the annual meeting in Boston, and gained inspiration from it. She has made a large number of personal calls, and secured an increase of members, though many numbered among the contributors are not present at the monthly meetings. "The Daisy Chain" circle has held occasional meetings, and the Y. P. S. C. E. pledge $10.00 for the salary of Miss Root.

Waterbury, Second Church.—The secretary writes:—
“A few of us have met each month, alternately, with the First Church Auxiliary, to pray, and to get inspiration from various sources in regard to the work of the W. B. M. We remember with pleasure the visits of Mrs. Edward Hume, who has been our beneficiary. The presence with us of our County Vice-President at some of our meetings, has been both pleasant and helpful. Her report of the annual meeting in Boston was exceedingly interesting. The president of the First Church Auxiliary brought a suggestion to us, given at the Cheshire meeting, that each of those interested pay the membership fee of some one in the church, at the same time praying that she might become interested in the work; some have followed this suggestion.”

The Y. P. S. C. E. of this church pledge $40.00 for Miss Root's salary, $25.00 for Mrs. Eaton's salary, beside a special gift of $50.00 for a Bible reader in Bombay.

Mrs. W. H. Phipps, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. T. L. Day, Sec. for Miss. Circles.
Miss May A. Hart, Sec. for C. E. Societies.
New Haven County, Eastern Division.

Cheshire.—From a friendly letter we learn that "the society has made a small gain in membership and contributions.

The event of the year was the County Meeting held there in October; a day long to be remembered, as one of great encouragement to earnest workers in the cause of Foreign Missions."

Guilford, First Church.—Our Society has held ten meetings the past year. We have been greatly encouraged by the increase in attendance and interest. A leader is appointed monthly to take charge of our meetings, and all are willing to share in this part of the work.

The topics suggested in "Life and Light," are very helpful to us, and missionary letters each month from the "Bureau of Information," are gratefully received.

The record of the year is not what we had hoped, but we labor on, happy in knowing it is God's work, and that He will bless the weakest efforts made in His name.

Guilford, Third Church.—We learn through Mrs. Coan, president of this Auxiliary, that although the work has been somewhat checked by sickness among the members, the meetings are continued monthly, and the interest is unabated.

Madison.—"Our meetings have been held more frequently than usual, hoping to increase the interest in this blessed cause. We recently enjoyed a Missionary Tea, at which Miss Bliss, from Africa, interested the ladies with an account of her work there. We were gratified to see new faces among the guests.

Many letters have been received and distributed. We are hoping for good results the coming year. Five
of our members have 'gone before,' our present number being one hundred and sixty-one."

Meriden, First Church.—While a blessing is assured to the "two or three," there is something inspiring in numbers, and the presence of many at our monthly gatherings is one of our choicest blessings. Perhaps nothing expresses so well the tone of our meetings as the reply of a young lady, who, when welcomed after an enforced absence, said, "Yes, I come because I love to come; I enjoy the meetings so much."

It is the presence of those that "love to come" that gives value to the missionary hour and to our work. They carry out with cheerful alacrity the plans of our committees, and on their varied individual talent and personal effort, we rely to double our membership, replenish our treasury, and above all fill the very air with earnest prayer.

Next on our calendar of blessings is the yearly increase of those gracious spontaneous gifts called "Thank Offerings." The presence of missionaries has been of untold value to us, and has, we trust, awakened a living sympathy with them and their work. We rejoice to say that the "Cheerful Givers" and "Missionary Cadets," are still with us, as helpful and hopeful as ever.

The Cadets made a new venture this year. "The Missionary Messenger" appeared in January; its motto,

"All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield."

A modest editorial announced its object, "To do some good in training us in missionary work, and perhaps in interesting others in the same." The reports of their society receive special notice, as do also accounts of the various mission stations in which the Cadets are
specially interested. Selections and short quotations are well chosen. In fact we think the paper already a success, although only three numbers have appeared, and the issue is limited.

Meriden, Center Church.—While we cannot say that we have by any means reached the limit of our possibilities, we do feel that we are advancing. Our membership has increased, and the amount raised this year was larger than ever before, thus showing that we have “moved the fence a little farther out.”

The attendance at our monthly meetings remains about the same, and though we have suffered some loss by the change of residence of several of our members, we think we have no reason for discouragement, and are determined to press on, hoping for larger and better results in the future.

North Branford.—No meetings were called during the year, though our annual contributions were forwarded to the treasurer. Five new members are enrolled. Our oldest member has been removed by death. She had long been in the service of the Master, and has gone to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.”

North Madison.—We have lost two members, but have enrolled five new names. A doubled membership seemed impossible, though we made a great effort to accomplish it. Some contribute through the mite boxes who are not members. Monthly meetings are attended with increasing interest. Mission studies and missionary letters are very helpful.

Northford.—The secretary writes that the members contribute cheerfully and promptly, but there is no special interest. The circulars for new membership resulted in four new members. The missionary letters are sent around to those not attending the meeting.
Wallingford.—"Our ladies still contribute to the W. B. M., by means of the pledge system of envelopes collected every Sunday. We hold our missionary meetings at regular intervals in place of the usual Young People's prayer meeting Sunday evening, there being a missionary committee to arrange for them. They are carefully prepared, and are very interesting. The Y. P. S. C. E. also contribute regularly."

Mrs. F. E. Hinman, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. T. L. Day, Sec. for Miss. Circles.
Miss May A. Hart, Sec. for C. E. Societies.

New Haven County—New Haven and Adjoining Towns.

In the towns adjoining New Haven, one auxiliary, Orange, has doubled membership, while all others, save one, report gains.

Branford.—First annual meeting in February. Twenty-five members. Forty-seven dollars received at the Thank offering meeting in November. Interest increases. The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes to Tungcho Hospital.

East Haven.—Four new members. Monthly meetings. Advance of 25 per cent. in contributions of the last year. The "Young Ladies Mission Circle" has monthly meetings. The Y. P. S. C. E., as last year, more than meets its pledge for Tungcho Hospital, having an efficient mission treasurer.

Milford, First Church.—Four new members. Monthly meetings at private houses. Now studying Mexico.

Milford, Plymouth Church.—Nine new members.
Monthly meetings stirred by visits from Mrs. Hume and Miss Pierson.

Mount Carmel.—Six new members. Monthly meetings. Increase in interest and numbers.

North Haven.—One new member; twenty-four meetings held since May, 1892; interest manifest. Y. P. S. C. E. has a faithful mission treasurer, and contributes toward Tungcho Hospital.

Orange.—"Counting those who have taken thank-offering boxes as members, our number is doubled. Meetings good and contributions increased." Meetings of "Orange Workers" held twice a month.

West Haven.—No gain in membership. Two meetings visited by members of The Branch Executive Committee; one of these in April, when Miss Kyle aroused much interest. Two new mission circles have been organized, one of young ladies and one of young girls. The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes as last year toward Tungcho Hospital.

Westville.—The visit of five of the Executive Committee with Miss Kyle on April 19th resulted in the formation of an auxiliary, well officered and with cheering outlook. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," with its membership of 10, meets every two weeks. Raised $25 by the entertainment, "A Japanese Wedding." At the organization of the new auxiliary, this circle had charge of the meeting, providing also the tea and charming flowers.

Whitneyville.—Twelve new members; outlook encouraging; meetings good and held "more frequently;" mite boxes used to divert the current of stray pennies. The Y. P. S. C. E. giving toward Tungcho Hospital.

Woodbridge.—April 18th, five of the Executive Committee and Miss Kyle met with the auxiliary, seeming
to inspire the ladies with a desire and purpose to hold regular meetings, and increase their labors and contributions.

*New Britain.*—The New Haven Branch feels the loss of these New Britain auxiliaries and mission circles and Christian Endeavor Society—need their efficiency and inspiration, but rejoices for her sister Branch in their great accession.

*City of New Haven, Center Church.*—Twenty-nine new members—continued monthly meetings with slightly larger attendance. The increase in membership is due to effort of collectors who called upon all members of the congregation. The especial work of the year has been the purchase of forty-eight cots with their furnishings, and a box of medicines for Mrs. Hume's School in Bombay. In a severe storm, forty-five enthusiastic women gathered to do the needful sewing for the cots, many bringing luncheon and staying all day. One lady in her home made one hundred sheets. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" has met twice a month during the year. Quite a sum was realized from the "Assyrian Lectures" given by Prof. Lyon of Harvard under the circles' auspices. The "Junior Mission Circle" was organized this past winter with a membership of thirteen girls. Meetings for mission study and sewing are held once in three weeks. The "Young People's Society" give toward Miss Trowbridge's salary.

*Church of the Redeemer.*—Fourteen new members, and one-third gain in receipts. This auxiliary has begun to hold monthly meetings which are full of interest. Some of the new members are invaluable helpers, whose enthusiasm and courage have proved contagious. Miss Andrews has been adopted as missionary. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" contin-
ues its usual work; attendance larger, and new members added. The contributions are fully as large as the previous year, when 30 per cent. advance was made. On January 1st a thank offering meeting was held, when $34 was brought in by the members. The Y. P. S. C. E. continues an annual gift toward Miss Trowbridge's salary.

**College Street Church.**—With this auxiliary doubled membership is an accomplished fact, thirty-five new members being secured. A large delegation attended the county meeting in Cheshire last fall. It was pronounced a remarkable meeting, and was followed in this church by gratifying results. The Y. P. S. C. E. gives annually for Tungcho Hospital.

**Davenport Church.**—Thirty-three new members; twenty-one more subscribers for “Life and Light” than last year; sixteen names enrolled on The Cradle Roll. Eight very delightful meetings held during the year. The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes over $65 for Miss Trowbridge.

**Dixwell Avenue Church.**—Eight members of the Executive Committee attended a regular evening meeting of this church at Easter-time, when, encouraged by their pastor and the influences and interest of the hour, this auxiliary was re-organized, with earnest purpose for active work.

**Dwight Place Church.**—Twenty-eight new members. “Life and Light” list trebled. Regular monthly meetings continue with good attendance and interest. With the “Fairbanks Circle” the year has been prosperous. Meetings are held weekly. The Y. P. S. C. E. continue a small gift for Tungcho Hospital, but expect to do more for Foreign work the coming year.

**Fair Haven, Second Church.**—Printed invitations
were sent to every lady in the church inviting cooperation. New interest manifest, by some gain in membership, and larger attendance at meetings. The Y. P. S. C. E. send a small gift to the Branch.

Grand Avenue Church.—Twenty-three new members. This auxiliary has continued to hold monthly meetings at the various homes of its members, as voted and begun more than a year ago, under the earnest pressure of Mrs. Hart. The new president is animated by the longing to perpetuate the influence of Mrs. Hart's missionary spirit in this church, so dear to her from young womanhood. A memorial service was held in January, at which papers were read from several members of Mrs. Hart's mission circle of forty years ago.

The "Helpers" have held monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons. The "Self-Denial Society" was organized this past year, and meets every two weeks. The membership fee is 10 cents a month, which each of the seventeen little girls earns herself. Ten "Daysprings" are taken. The Y. P. S. C. E. under the care of its faithful mission treasurer, gives us $155.40 this year—$125 for Miss Trowbridge, and the remainder for Tungcho Hospital.

Howard Avenue Church.—Thirty-two new names this year. Three more would make membership doubled.

Humphrey Street Church.—Thirty-two new members; membership almost trebled, starting the year with eighteen members and closing with fifty, of which number one lady secured twelve. Meetings largely attended, and great interest manifested. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" continues to meet on Sunday afternoons, alternate meetings being held with the "Christian Endeavor
Society.” The Y. P. S. C. E. under care of a good mission treasurer, contributes over $64 for Tungcho Hospital.

United Church.—Ten new members; meetings held monthly, and hearty interest shown. Beside regular contributions, $150 was sent to Mrs. Montgomery, to aid her work. There are few women of this church not interested and giving for missions, in either the Auxiliary, “Young Ladies’ Circle” or “Christian Endeavor Society.” The “Young Ladies’ Mission Circle” makes its meetings interesting by original mission papers. The Y. P. S. C. E. contributes each year $125 for Miss Trowbridge’s salary.

Yale College Church.—Two new members; contributions not as large as last year.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of New Haven County have contributed during this year a trifle over $1,000 to our Branch treasury.

May A. Hart, Vice-Pres. and C. E. Secretary.

Mrs. T. L. Day, Mission Circle Secretary.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS,
IN ACCOUNT WITH JULIA TWINING, TREASURER,
NEW HAVEN, CT., MAY 9, 1893.

Dr.

FOR WORK OF THE W. B. M.

Donations from auxiliary societies ........... $8,596.07
Donations from mission circles .............. 1,967.30
Donations from Y. P. S. C. E. ............... 1,625.21
Donations from Sunday Schools ............... 307.84
Donations from Cradle Roll .................  82.97
Donations from miscellaneous sources ........ 486.31

$13,065.70

Legacy of Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell ........... 2,000.00
Gift of Mrs. Burdett Hart for Permanent Fund 500.00
Donation from Middletown for Permanent Fund

For Branch Expenses.

Advertisements in annual report ............. $103.00
Collections at Branch meetings ............. 244.41
Donations from societies .................. 152.08
Interest from investment and deposit ....... 146.16
Miscellaneous ................................  8.17

$653.82

Balance in Savings Bank, May 10, 1892 ..... 573.73
Balance to account, May 10, 1892 .......... 2,778.15

Total ...................................... $19,576.40

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Paid Treasurer of the W. B. M. .............. $13,312.49
Special gift to Mrs. Hume's work ...........  38.38
Paid printing reports, programs and cards .. $320.88
Paid expense of Branch meetings ............ 112.77
Paid postage and incidental expenses ...... 170.24

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**RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.**

- **Adana, Turkey** ............................................. $15.00
- **Ansonia** .................................................. $88.75
  - Constitute L. M. Mrs. W. F. Markwick $23, a thank offering, $1.75 for Branch expenses.
- **Bethel** ..................................................... $68.02
  - $5.50 self-denial money, $5 Christmas offering, for salary of Baizabai.
- **Bethlehem** .................................................. $35.00
  - $5, self-denial money.
- **Birmingham** ............................................... $10.00
- **Branford** .................................................. $39.41
  - For home for Mrs. Montgomery.
- **Bridgeport, First Church** ............................... $270.00
  - $25 from Rev. C. R. Palmer to constitute L. M. Miss Mary K. Cogswell, $50 from Mrs. M. E. W. Smith to constitute L. M.'s Miss Mary Esther Wright Smith and Ethelwyn Mills, $25 from Mrs. Samuel B. Hall to constitute herself L. M., $25 from Mr. Stephen Nichols to constitute L. M. Mrs. Samuel Wakerfian.
- **Bridgeport, Olivet Church** .............................. $23.85
  - Towards a scholarship at Ceylon.
- **Bridgeport, Park Street Church** ....................... $112.67
  - Constitute L. M. Mrs. George E. Somers.
- **Bridgeport, South Church** .............................. $96.00
- **Bridgeport, West End Church** ........................ $10.00
- **Bridgewater** ............................................... $32.50
  - $6.50 thank offerings, for school at Bombay.
- **Brookfield Center** ....................................... $26.65
  - $10 from Rev. Henry Gelston.
- **Canaan** .................................................. $10.00
Centerbrook and Ivoryton ................................................. $98.40
For salary of Mrs. Bond, $5 for H. S. C. from Mrs. Northrop, $3 for Branch expenses.

Cheshire ................................................................. 65.00
For salary of Sultan.

Chester ................................................................. 94.05
$5 from friends for Middlesex County school, $14.45 thank offerings, $5 from mite boxes.

Clinton ................................................................. 52.90
$5 for Middlesex County school, $2 for Branch expenses, constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Henry A. Elliot and Miss Mary C. Elliot.

Cobalt ........................................................................ 10.00
Cornwall ................................................................. 18.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.

Cromwell ............................................................... 180.48
For salary of Guanapiragasi and general fund.

Danbury, First Church ................................................ 175.00
Constitute L. M. Mrs. Ebenezer Whittelsey.

Danbury, Second Church ............................................ 55.00
$20 for Tsangunabai in India.

Darien ......................................................................... 67.00
Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

Derby ..................................................................... 91.00
$6 self-denial, $5 for Branch expenses.

Durham ................................................................. 25.00
Constitute L. M. Miss Lois H. Camp.

East Haddam ........................................................... 21.00
$12 self-denial, $1 for Branch expenses.

East Hampton ........................................................ 53.18
$7.50 for Middlesex County school, fifty cents for Branch expenses.

East Haven ............................................................ 57.75
$5.50 mite boxes.

Easton ................................................................. 19.00
Ellsworth ............................................................... 10.75
Essex ................................................................. 44.65
$4.15 self-denial, $1.50 for Branch expenses, $5 for Middlesex County school.

Falls Village .......................................................... 10.00
Goshen .................................... $54.00
For salary of Mrs. Bond, $31 for 1892.

Green’s Farms ........................................... 12.89
To complete payment for Mrs. Muttu and Mrs. Ramsey
for 1892.

Greenwich .................................................. 161.91
$125 for scholarship at Constantinople College for
Girls, $13 for Branch expenses.

Guilford, First Church ............................ 56.00
For salary of Ramabai, $1 for Lucia Leferian.

Guilford, Third Church ............................ 18.00
Towards salary of Mariel.

Haddam .................................................. 30.40
Towards scholarship at Madura, $1.50 for Wai Build­
ing, $2 for Middlesex County school, $2.40 for Branch
expenses.

Harwinton ............................................. 18.00
Towards support of Mrs. Alfred.

Higganum .............................................. 103.00
Constitute L. M. Mrs. Josephine Hubbard, $18 self­
denial money.

Kent .................................................... 168.00
$35 from Mrs. C. J. Barnum for Bible Woman in India,
and to constitute L. M. Miss Nellie S. Chamberlain,
$25 from Mrs. F. A. Edwards to constitute L. M. Mrs.
Benjamin M. Wright, for scholarship at Foochow,
towards salary of Mrs. Edwards and general fund,
$33 for Branch expenses.

Killingworth .......................................... 42.55
$11.25 mite boxes, $2 Branch expenses, thirty cents
self-denial.

Litchfield ............................................. 84.80
For salary of Kashibai, $19.15 for Wai Building.

Madison ................................................. 114.57
For salary of Miss Anna Felician.

Meriden, First Church ............................ 202.50
$60 for scholarships at Ahmednagar and Madura, $25
salary of Mrs. Bond, $40 for B. W. in China, $65 a
teacher in Mexico, $12.50 Branch expenses, consti­
tute L. M.’s Mrs. Homer A. Curtiss, and Miss Emma
C. Savage.
Meriden, Center Church ........................................ $175.00
Constitute L. M. Mrs. Harriet M. Murdock, $25 from a friend to constitute L. M. Mrs. A. E. Roberts, for salary of Kasubai and Bombay school.

Middlebury ............................................. 25.00

Middletown, North Church ........................................ 431.00
$25 from a friend to constitute L. M. Miss Annie F. Foster, $50 from Miss F. A. Russell to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Frank H. Hurlburt, and Mrs. L. F. Denio, $25 from a friend to constitute L. M. Miss Lucia W. Hazen, $25 from Mrs. James H. Bunce to constitute L. M. Miss Grace H. Bunce, $25 from Miss S. C. Clarke to constitute herself L. M. $100.50 for building for Mrs. Montgomery, $7 for Branch expenses, $5 for the Permanent Fund—salary of Chandrikobai, a scholarship each at Marsovan and Lindley, for schools at Egin and Arabkir, $60 towards salary of Mrs. Bond.

Middletown, South Church ........................................ 135.00
$35 for Middlesex County school, $100 for scholarship at San Sebastian.

Milford, First Church ........................................ 29.00
For Mrs. Sibley.

Milford, Plymouth Church ........................................ 25.00
For Mrs. Sibley.

Millington ................................................. 8.00
$1 for Middlesex County school.

Milton .................................................. 16.00

Monroe ................................................ 18.20

Morris .................................................. 35.00

Mount Carmel ........................................... 63.40

Naugatuck .................................................. 55.00

For Kamalabai, $10 from a mite box.

New Canaan ............................................. 38.00
$3 self-denial.

New Haven, Center Church ...................................... 564.58
For Mrs. E. S. Hume, $10 for Mrs. Bridgman.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer .............................. 145.29
$1 for Mrs. Gulick, San Sebastian for an organ.
New Haven, College Street church ........................................  $94.00
$1.50 from mite box, $25 from Mrs. M. J. Andrews to constitute L. M. Miss Mary Campbell Andrews.

New Haven, Davenport Church ........................................  145.70
$38 for Sagnabai and for Parell school.

New Haven, Dwight Place Church ........................................  125.02

New Haven, Fair Haven Second Church ........................................  59.20
$5.20 self-denial money.

New Haven, Grand Avenue Church ........................................  180.00
$25 from Mrs. Burdett Hart to constitute L. M. Mrs. Margaret A. Bushnell, by the society, Mrs. J. Lee Mitchell.

New Haven, Howard Avenue Church ........................................  56.50

New Haven, Humphreys Street Church ........................................  50.00
For salary of Mrs. DeForest.

New Haven, United Church ........................................  289.75
$1.75 self-denial money.

New Haven, Yale College Church ........................................  212.65
$125 for Constantinople Girls' College, $35.65 for Branch expenses.

New Milford ........................................................  100.00
Constitute L. M. Mrs. Frank A. Johnson—for salary of Mrs. Edwards.

New Preston ........................................................  51.00
$30 for Madura scholarship $1 self-denial money.

Newtown ........................................................  31.68
For salary of Yeghsa.

Norfolk ........................................................  135.52
For salary of Mrs. DeForest.

North Branford ........................................................  30.00
For school at Ahmednagar.

Northfield ........................................................  51.78
$2 self-denial money.

Northford ........................................................  38.22
$30 for Madura scholarship.

North Haven ........................................................  32.00

North Madison ........................................................  29.66
For salary of Mrs. DeForest.

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Torrington, First Church ........................................ 11.00
Torrington, Third Church ........................................ 106.50
Trumbull .......................................................... 44.25
    Constitute L. M. Mrs. Charles B. Nichols, for Mrs.
    Sibley.
Wallingford ....................................................... 72.50
Warren ............................................................. 22.85
Washington ......................................................... 58.81
    For salary of Mrs. Edwards, $6.81 mite boxes.
Waterbury, Second Church ......................................... 88.54
Watertown .......................................................... 50.00
    For salary of Salubai.
Westbrook ......................................................... 27.30
    $4.30 collection for Branch expenses.
Westchester ....................................................... 29.73
    $3.10 from mite boxes, $6 an offering for the W. B. M.
    silver anniversary.
West Haven ....................................................... 52.00
Westport .......................................................... 45.00
    For Bible Women at Tungcho.
Westville .......................................................... 20.00
Whitneyville ...................................................... 60.26
    $40 for scholarship at Marsovan.
Wilton .............................................................. 78.10
    $30 for scholarship at Inanda, $20 for one at Foo-
    chow, $20 for Madura Dispensary.
Winsted ....................................................... 2,174.67
    $2000, legacy of Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell.
Woodbridge .......................................................... 15.00
    Towards a scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Woodbury, First Church ............................................ 21.60
    For salary of Gaubai.
Woodbury, North Church .......................................... 44.75
    For Surpoohi at Bitlis.

Receipts from Mission Circles.

Bethlehem, Willing Hands ......................................... 20.00
    For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Bridgeport, North Church, Memorial Mission Circle ........... 120.00
    For support of teacher at Chihuahua.
Canaan, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle $15.00
    For salary of Miss Judson.
Chester, Inasmuch Circle 10.00
Cornwall, Cheerful Givers 75.49
    $37.50 for Mrs. Eaton; $87.49 for Morning Star Mission.
Cornwall, Second Church, Mission Bank Society 46.50
    For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Cromwell, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle 30.00
    For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
Danbury, First Church, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle 30.00
    $20 for salary of Miss Judson, $10 for Madura Dispensary.
Essex, Mission Workers 10.00
Essex, We will do Something 2.00
    For Middlesex County School.
Greenwich, Second Church, Bearers of Light 44.60
    For Mrs. Eaton and Miss Judson.
Haddam, Alpha Society 5.00
    For Smyrna Kindergarten.
Haddam, Willing Workers 4.00
    For Smyrna Kindergarten.
Higganum, Coral Workers 5.00
Higganum, Zion’s Cadets 5.00
Kent, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle 32.00
    $20 for Mrs. Eaton, $12 for Mrs. Edwards.
Litchfield, Young Ladies’ Band 140.00
    $50 for Miss Dency Root, $30 each for scholarships at Marsovan, Inanda, and Ceylon.
Litchfield, Daisy Chain 140.00
    $50 for a scholar in Mrs. E. S. Hume’s school, $40 for Miss Dency Root, $20 for Smyrna Kindergarten, $10 for Morning Star, $10 for Robert Logan, $10 for Madura Dispensary.
Meriden, First Church, Missionary Cadets 50.00
    $25 for Bombay School, $10 for Mrs. Eaton, $15 for Morning Star Mission.
Middletown, First Church, Gleaners 60.00
    $25 for scholarship at Marsovan, $20 for Smyrna Kindergarten, $15 for work in South Africa.
Middletown, First Church, Mission Helpers.................. $25.00
$15 for dispensary at Foochow, $5 for San Sebastian work, $5 for Middlesex County School.

Middletown, South Church, Good Will Circle.................... 15.00

Naugatuck Circles................................................... 20.00
For Miss Stillson’s school.

New Haven, Center Church, Young Ladies' Mission Circle 130.00
$40 for scholarship at Broosa, $30 for one at Inanda,
$30 for Mrs. Eaton’s Salary, $22 for Chinnapulli, $5 for Smyrna Kindergarten, $3 for Branch expenses.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle.......................... 134.43
$40 for salary of Mrs. Eaton, $40 for salary of Miss Judson, $54.43 Thank offering for home for Mrs. Montgomery.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, Busy Bees................. 30.00
For Smyrna Kindergarten.

New Haven, College Street Church, Coral Workers.......... 14.30
For School at Bombay.

New Haven, Davenport Church, Busy Bees...................... 5.00
For Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Dwight Place Church, Fairbank Circle........... 25.00
For School at Ahmednagar.

New Haven, Fair Haven, Second Church, Mizpah Circle..... 5.00
New Haven, Grand Avenue Church, Young Ladies’ Missionary Society.................. 20.00
For Salary of Mrs. Eaton.

New Haven, Grand Avenue Church, The Helpers............... 20.25
$5 for Hiram Bingham Ship, $5 for Morning Star, $10 for Smyrna Kindergarten.

New Haven, Grand Avenue Church, Self Denial Society..... 5.00
For the Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle.................. 40.00
$20 for salary of Miss Judson, $10 for Morning Star Mission, $10 for Smyrna Kindergarten.

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

New Milford, Valley Wide Awakes............................ 40.00
$20 for salary of Miss Dency Root, $20 for Foochow Dispensary.
New Milford, Golden Links ........................................ $20.00
  $10 for Morning Star Mission, $10 for Smyrna Kindergarten.
Norfolk, Young Ladies' Mission Band............................ 50.00
  $20 for Mrs. Eaton, $20 for Mrs. Tracy in India.
Northfield, Steadfast Workers .................................. 1.41
Norwalk, Thoughtful Circle ....................................... 20.00
  For Mrs. Sibley, at Wai.
Norwalk, Junior Circle ........................................... 12.50
  For scholarship at Constantinople College.
Norwalk, Sunbeam Circle ......................................... 12.50
  For scholarship at Constantinople College.
Orange Workers ................................................................ 20.00
  For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Portland, Work and Win Circle ..................................... 35.00
  $30 for scholarship at Ceylon, $5 for Middlesex County school.
Prospect Gleaners ..................................................... 45.00
  $1.14 from the mite-box of a deceased member of the circle.
Ridgefield, Snow Flakes ............................................. 28.21
Salisbury, King's Daughters Missionary Society ............. 30.00.
  $5 for Smyrna Kindergarten building, $25 for the school.
Salisbury Children's Mission Band ................................ 3.14
  Towards a scholarship at Foochow.
Sharon, Missionary Endeavor Society ........................... 10.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Sharon, Busy Bees .................................................... 50.00
  For salary of Mrs. Eaton.
South Norwalk Cheerful Givers ................................. 5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Stamford, Young Ladies' Mission Circle ....................... 30.00
Stratford, Alpha Band ............................................. 5.00
  For school at Vizir Kupree.
Torrington, Highland Workers ................................... 15.00
  $10 for Dispensary at Madura, $5 for running expenses of kindergarten work in Turkey.
Warren, Willing Minds ............................................. 18.00
  $7 for the Smyrna Kindergarten.
Watertown, Steadfast Workers .............................. 5.00  
   For Dispensary at Foochow.
Washington, Mission Circle ................................. 2.42
West Haven, Young Ladies' Mission Circle ................... 5.00  
   For Smyrna Kindergarten.
West Haven, Helping Hand ................................... 3.55  
   For Smyrna Kindergarten.
Westport, Mission Band ...................................... 50.00  
   For salary of Miss Dency Root.
Westville, Young Ladies' Mission Circle .................... 35.00  
   $20 for Mrs. Eaton, $15 for Foochow Dispensary.
Whitneyville, Young Ladies' Mission Circle ................. 15.00  
   For Smyrna Kindergarten.
Woodbury, First Church, Valley Gleaners .................... 10.00  
   For salary of Mrs. Eaton.

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

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  For Tungcho Dispensary.

Winchester, Y. P. S. C. E.  7.75
  For salary of Miss Dency Root.

Winsted, First Church, Y. P. S. C. E.  37.91
  For Sanitarium at Mahableshwar.

Winsted, Second Church, Y. P. S. C. E.  57.16
  For salary of Miss Dency Root.

Receipts from Sunday Schools.

Branford, Infant Department of S. S.  7.59
  Towards a home for Mrs. Montgomery.

Bridgeport, Second Church S. S.  5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Brookfield S. S.  15.05
  For Morning Star Mission.

Chester S. S.  5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Derby S. S.  5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Easton S. S.  5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Ivyton S. S.  25.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Kent, North District S. S.  5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Meriden, Center Church S. S.  6.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

Middletown, First Church, Mrs. Dyer's Bible class  15.00
  For Smyrna Kindergarten.

New Haven, Center Church S. S.  20.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Davenport Church S. S.  70.00
  $30 for Marsovan school, $40 for Ahmednagar school.

New Haven, English Hall S. S.  5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Fair Haven Second Church. Infant Department of S. S.  .50

New Haven, United Church S. S.  25.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Orange, S. S. ...........................................  $17.00
For Morning Star Mission, $5 from Mrs. B. M. Alling's class.

Redding S. S. ...........................................  5.00
For Morning Star Mission.

Saybrook S. S. ...........................................  11.70
For Morning Star Mission, $5 from the Primary Department.

Southport S. S. ...........................................  30.00
For scholarship at Bombay.

Stratford S. S. ...........................................  25.00
For Morning Star Mission.

Westchester S. S. ...........................................  5.00
For Morning Star Mission.

Receipts from Cradle Roll.

Bethel, C. R. ...........................................  $10.00
Bridgeport, North Church, C. R. .........................  10.00
Bridgeport, South Church, C. R. ..........................  14.70
Bridgeport, Olivet Church, C. R. ..........................  4.00
Cobalt, C. R. ...........................................  1.50
East Hampton, C. R. .....................................  2.00
Higganum, C. R. ...........................................  5.00
For Middlesex County School.

Middletown, First Church, C. R. ..........................  2.60
New Haven, Center Church, C. R. .........................  11.62
New Haven, Davenport Church, C. R. .....................  3.80
New Haven, Grand Avenue Church, C. R. ..................  6.85
New Haven, United Church, C. R. .........................  5.30
Stratford, C. R. ...........................................  4.00
Woodbury, North Church, C. R. ...........................  1.60

Miscellaneous.

Missionary Fund.

C. M. G. ...........................................  4.00
For an organ for school at San Sebastian.

A friend ...........................................  5.00
For Middlesex County school.

Middlefield friends ....................................  4.00
For Middlesex County school.
Middletown, a friend ............................................... $1.00
For Middlesex County school.
A friend .......................................................... 1.00
For Middlesex County school.
Guilford, a friend .............................................. 100.00
A friend ................................................................ 50.00
A friend in Pennsylvania .................................... 25.00
A friend for a girl in Turkey .............................. 10.00
A friend from Fairfield ....................................... 5.20
A friend from Lakeville ...................................... 2.60
A friend from Millington ................................. 1.00
A friend from Westville .................................. 5.00
Mite box from Westville .................................. 5.00
New Hartford, Mrs. Woodruff ............................ 5.00
For salary of Mrs. Sibley.
New Britain, Mrs. Nash's M. C. ............................... 10.75
For Madura Dispensary.
Winsted, Second Church, Mission Band .................... 30.00
For a scholarship at Talas.
Testimonial to the memory of Mrs. Hart .................. 5.00
Timothy T. Merwin ........................................... 1.00
For Morning Star Mission.
Springdale, Miss Scofield's school ...................... 1.00
For Morning Star Mission.
Mite box at Mrs. Cady's school ........................... 7.68
For school at Ahmednagar.
Fairfield County thank offering ........................... 207.08
For home for Mrs. Montgomery, and constitute L. M.'s
Miss Ursula E. Benedict and Miss Ruth A. Benedict.

For Branch Expenses.

Advertisements in annual reports ....................... $103.00
Collections at Branch monthly meetings .............. 76.46
Collection at Fairfield County meeting ............... 8.27
Collection at Litchfield County meeting ............. 25.43
Collection at Middlesex County meeting ............. 15.82
Collection at New Haven County meeting ............. 20.46
Collection at annual meeting, May 9, 1893 ........... 63.81
Collections at Saybrook, Harwinton and Waterbury at June
and July meetings ............................................ 32.91
Collection at Waterbury, Miss Kyle $1.25
Collation money left over $7.17
A friend for expenses $1.00
Interest from invested fund $123.00
Interest on deposit in savings bank $23.16

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

Attest: ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

New Haven, May 6, 1893.
LIFE MEMBERS

ADDED SINCE MAY 10, 1892.

Miss Mary Campbell Andrews.  Mrs. Josephine Hubbard.
Miss Ruth A. Benedict.  Mrs. Frank H. Hurlburt.
Miss Ursula E. Benedict.  Mrs. Frank A. Johnson.
Miss Grace H. Bunce.  Miss Helen M. Johnson.
Mrs. Margaret A. Bushnell.  Mrs. W. F. Markwick.
Miss Lois H. Camp.  Miss Ethelwyn Mills.
Miss Nellie S. Chamberlain.  Mrs. J. Lee Mitchell.
Miss S. C. Clarke.  Mrs. Harriet M. Murdock.
Miss Mary K. Cogswell.  Mrs. Charles B. Nichols.
Mrs. Homer A. Curtiss.  Miss Susie Norton.
Mrs. L. F. Denio.  Mrs. Charles A. Quintard.
Mrs. Henry A. Elliot.  Mrs. A. E. Roberts.
Miss Mary C. Elliot.  Miss Emma C. Savage.
Miss Annie F. Foster.  Miss Mary E. W. Smith.
Mrs. Samuel B. Hall.  Mrs. George E. Somers.
Mrs. H. E. Hartford.  Mrs. Samuel Wakeman.
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Salisbury, "King's Daughters' Mission Circle": Miss Minnie Suydam, Pres.; Miss Nellie Hollister, Vice-Pres.; Miss A. C. W. Sharpe, Sec.; Miss Annie Hollister, Treas.

Sharon, "Busy Bees": Miss Grace PerLee, Pres.; Miss Helen Bates, Sec.; Miss Kate PerLee, Treas.; Miss Carrie Hotchkiss, Leader.

Sharon, "Endeavor Missionary Society": Miss Minnie Eggleston, Pres.; Miss Fanny Bunting, Vice-Pres.; Miss Grace PerLee, Sec.; John Goodwin, Treas.; Mrs. Elias B. Reed, Leader.

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Stamford, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle": Miss Grace H. Renaud, Treas.

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Stratford, "Whatsoever Mission Band": Helen B. Curtis, Pres.; Annie Ives, Sec.; Ella Garlic, Treas.; Mrs. Wm. B. Cogswell, Leader.
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Bridgeport, Olivet Church: Mrs. Dr. Spalding.

Bridgeport, West End Church: Mrs. G. F. Prentiss.

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New Haven, Davenport Church.
New Haven, United Church.
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Redding: Miss Emma Rumsey.
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Woodbury, North Church.

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New Haven, Davenport Church.
New Haven, English Hall.
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Stratford: Mr. Charles Blakeslee, Cor. Sec.
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West Haven: Miss Bertha Graham, Mission Treas.
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* For the coming year, the months of June, November, January and March will also be excepted.
Art. 9. This constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of the intended amendment having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

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

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

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

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