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ANNUAL MEETING.

The New Haven Branch, which always looks forward to its yearly gathering, as the source from which to draw new strength and impetus for the ensuing year, held its fifteenth annual meeting in the Second Congregational Church at West Winsted, Tuesday, May 11, 1886. As this was the first of its meetings in Litchfield County, it had been earnestly desired that large numbers of ladies, especially from the hill towns, should be able to avail themselves of this unwonted privilege. The unfavorable weather frustrated this hope to some degree, although an audience of from four to five hundred persons participated in the exercises of the day.

At 10 o'clock a devotional meeting was held in the chapel adjoining the church led by Mrs. Hume of New Haven, who drew the thoughts of those present to the need of "preparation of the heart" to receive as the most honored guest of the day the "Sun of Righteousness," whose influence might be as surely excluded from our souls, as the rays of light, traveling so many millions of miles to greet us, would be from our sight, if we should shut our eyes against them.

At the close of this meeting the ladies gathered in the church, where the desk was tastefully adorned with fragrant spring blossoms, and where the inspiring motto, "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice," lifted the thoughts of all from the weakness of man to the strength of the Almighty.
The meeting was called to order at 10.30, by Mrs. Hart, President of the Branch, and was opened with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting by Mrs. Cady of New Haven. The hymn, "Awake my Soul to joyful lays" was followed by the Scripture readings, which carried out the thought of the motto, but enlarging upon the transmuted power given unto men, by a vital connection between the source and the supply, and with the added injunction, "Be strong: yea, be strong." After a fervent prayer by Miss Child of Boston, Miss Hinsdale most cordially welcomed the Branch to the hospitalities of the town and the county, which even in the early days of this century was not without its missionary zeal and workers. Mrs. Hart in her response expressed the pleasure the Branch felt in accepting this invitation and paid a glowing tribute to one of Litchfield County’s daughters, Mrs. Zilpah Grant Banister, whose influence in educational circles has been widespread.

The reports of the corresponding and recording secretaries were then read by Mrs. Cady of New Haven. Both were full of interesting information, and while the need of more workers in every field of Christian effort was the subject of special emphasis, the outlook was for the most part an encouraging one. The treasurer's report showed a decrease of the receipts from a number of auxiliaries, but also the establishment of a fund for working expenses created by the donation of $1,000 from a New Haven lady.

So much time had been occupied in reading these reports, it was thought best to change the order of the programme, and to hear from but one county at this stage of the proceedings. Mrs. McCall accordingly reported from Middlesex County a decided increase of in-
interest in mission work, especially among the young people, as evidenced by the establishment of eight new mission circles in that county alone, during the past year.

Miss Price of Lindley, South Africa, who has been a missionary in that country for nine years, and who made the closing address of the morning, was obliged, on account of lack of time to divide her remarks between the morning and afternoon sessions. She therefore confined herself in the morning chiefly to presenting a picture of the country and the degraded condition of the people before they came under any Christian influences. Her description of their little, low huts, their manner of life and their implements for every day use was made very vivid by her exhibition of many curiosities and photographs brought from that country. These were the object of great interest to the members of the two mission circles from Torrington, an adjoining town, who were present in full force at all the exercises of the day, thus giving promise of future usefulness in the missionary service. The religion of the natives of South Africa, Miss Price stated to consist chiefly in the worship of the spirits of their dead ancestors, whose anger they thought themselves to have incurred in any time of affliction or trouble, and whose favor they sought to propitiate by the sacrifice of some animal. She closed her remarks by presenting in striking contrast the picture of a Christian station with its neat, little chapel, where two or three hundred people gather on Sunday, to listen to the preaching and to join in the study of the Word of God, thus showing what a wonderful work has already been accomplished in civilizing and Christianizing this race of people.

After a prayer by Mrs. Bronson, the meeting was adjourned at 12.30 for the collation, which again as last year took the form of a basket lunch.
The afternoon session was opened promptly at 2 o'clock by the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," followed by the report of the nominating committee. The choice of officers for the ensuing year was next in order, and resulted in the re-election for the most part of the old board. Mrs. Hutchins of West Torrington then invoked the blessing of God upon the newly elected officers in this important and responsible field of work, to which they were thus called. The report from Fairfield County given by Miss Sterling, showed a steadfast interest in foreign missions in spite of the many usual discouragements.

Mrs. Hart then introduced to the ladies Miss Closson, whose face was not unfamiliar to many of those present, and whose description of her life and work in Caesarea, Turkey, might well kindle an interest and a belief in the "Romance of Missions." Her work lies among the Greeks, Armenians and Turks, whose religion much resembles that of the Roman Catholics, and who resent any suggestion as to their need of missionary work. The prejudice among them against the education of girls was at first very strong, as their fathers do not consider them worthy of any such privilege, not even counting their daughters, when called upon to enumerate their children. "Can girls teach our boys?" was the question at once asked, which has been since most satisfactorily answered, for by charging no fee for tuition at first, the girls have been gathered into boarding-schools, where the results have been manifest and successful. There is now a regular course of study, but the school is in session only a few months in the year, so that the scholars have an opportunity to test their ability for teaching in the intervals of their school life. The girls perform the domestic work of the house, which is sim-
plified in many respects by the peculiar customs of the country. Their religious training is most thorough, and their Sundays are full of Christian work as well as attendance upon church services, for they spend the afternoon in going about from house to house wherever they can gain admittance, to sing and tell of the wonderful salvation offered to all.

The work of the teachers is not confined to their scholars, for they go “touring,” as they call it through the country in their vacations from school work. They are not always very cordially received on these journeyings, meeting oftentimes with the refusal at first of the most common things they may ask for, which are always at last reluctantly granted. And yet the missionaries, whom the natives always regard as English, are held in such respect or fear, that their presence often secures an inn or band of travelers from the assaults of brigands. Miss Closson also spoke of the many allusions in the Bible, so perfectly illustrated in the customs of the country,—as the shepherds leading their flocks, the muzzled ox and the two women grinding at a mill. The habits and manners of this people seem in marked contrast to those of the larger class of heathen, for they have much outward civilization manifested in their dress and in the politeness of their treatment of strangers, and yet they are in great need of the enlightening power of the Gospel. Miss Closson, who expects to return to her work in September, earnestly requested the prayers of all to accompany her in her arduous but enthusiastic labors.

Prayer was then offered by Miss Hinsdale in behalf of our missionaries, and a beautiful solo, “Cast thy bread upon the waters,” was finely rendered by Miss Hyde of Hartford,
This was followed by our "Boston message" brought by Miss Child, who expressed her great personal satisfaction in a visit to the New Haven Branch. She made a strong and urgent plea not only for steadfastness in the work but for progress to meet its rapidly growing needs. The great call now seems to be for earnest workers to fill vacant places, as well as to extend the work, while lives of the noblest occupation and soul-satisfying pleasures await all who are willing to engage in it. Miss Child reminded all of Mrs. Howland's story of her answer to one unwilling to perform some Christian service: "Remember it is not we, whom you are refusing; it is the Lord." Gifts of money too are urgently asked for to carry on the work. In this respect, the self-sacrificing generosity of the converted heathen themselves would put us to shame, for even the children are ready to share their little all with those poorer than themselves. This call for the consecration of our lives, our money and our prayers appeals with peculiar force to the women of this enlightened country and age.

After the singing of a hymn, Miss Price continued her remarks upon her work in South Africa, which were interrupted by the close of the session in the morning. The girls in her school are intelligent and eager to learn, and one of them has already gone out as a missionary among her own people. The course of study in the school is one of five years' length, and comprises the ordinary studies of a common school in this country. Miss Price recited a familiar text of Scripture translated into the Zulu language, which has a very musical sound to our ears, but is very difficult in some respects for a foreigner to acquire. She spoke most hopefully of the work being accomplished by Mrs. Edwards, in whom
the New Haven Branch is especially interested, and who has given herself most devotedly to this field of foreign work.

The hymn, "How beauteous upon the mountains" was followed by the reading of extracts from reports of Litchfield and New Haven Counties by Miss Hinsdale and Mrs. Fairchild. The list of delegates to the Woman's Board meeting of next January at New Haven, was also read by Mrs. Fairchild.

An enthusiastic and hearty vote of thanks was then offered and carried, to all, to whom in any way the success of the meeting was due.

A prayer and a hymn ending in the doxology, closed the exercises of the day, which cannot fail to enkindle a renewed interest in the hearts of all present in this great work, given to the Woman's Board as a trust to be guarded and fulfilled.

MARY W. GAY.
REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The fifteenth Annual Report of the New Haven Branch cannot be unlike that of the fourteenth or the thirteenth, inasmuch as the record of progress in the Home Department is much the same. There are about thirty churches within our borders in which there are no societies, and in response to efforts made by the secretary who has this matter in charge one lady sent two dollars with a very pleasant letter wishing that she could do more, but "quite sure that there was no chance for an auxiliary." Another says, "if we could have a society and divide the funds we might do something, but we are too weak to have two societies," while the actual experience of one church is thus expressed: "Since our ladies decided to work alternately for Home and Foreign Missions we have not done as well with either." Dear sisters in these churches:—No matter how small or weak you may seem in your own eyes remember Christ is your strength and He has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord," and you may receive the promised "hundred fold."

About fifty of our societies have given less this year, which will make a difference of between two and three hundred dollars, preventing an increase of just so much in our sum total. If there were no falling off on the part of any, the amount would exceed that of other years. Would it not be a wise thing for each Auxiliary and Mission Circle to set its standard high,—not the
minimum of effort, but the maximum,—for our work cannot be pushed without an increase of funds.

We rejoice, however, in the beginning of a fund for current expenses, through the generous beneficence of $1,000 from Mrs. Henry Farnam, of New Haven. The question has been asked where are six more women who feel themselves to be keepers of the Lord's gold and silver who will add each a like sum, the interest of which shall put forever at rest the trying question: "What shall we do to raise money for the current Branch expenses?"

At our monthly Branch meetings besides the usual reports from the secretaries and letters directly from our own missionaries we have heard of the work in China through Miss Pierson and from the Constantinople Home through Mrs. Williams. We have also had a paper—The Congo Free State—prepared by our President, Mrs. Hart.

The annual Children's Missionary meeting was held in the Center Church, New Haven, Friday, April 23, at 3 p.m., Rev. J. E. Twitchell, D.D., of the Dwight Place Church, chairman. There was an address by Rev. J. K. Brown, of Harpoot, Turkey, quartette and solo singing, choruses and recitations. Some young people, in costume, sang Marathi Lyrics. A most interesting exercise upon Turkey, in the form of questions and answers, arranged and adapted by our home secretary, entitled "The Return of the Spies," given by sixteen boys, is specially worthy of mention as furnishing much valuable missionary information. The large audience of children and grown people present proved that the interest in our children's annual missionary service is not lessening. It is not too much to hope that the seed thus sown shall bring forth fruit for the Master. "Instead of the fathers shall be the children."
The details of the progress, encouragements and discouragements of our home work we are to learn from the reports of the County Vice-Presidents.

There has been some growth in our Mission Circle Department, having gained nineteen new circles, though we have lost ten, chiefly by absorption into other societies. Eight new circles have been added in Middlesex County; seven in Litchfield County; three in Fairfield County, and one in New Haven County. There are some half-dozen circles that have a name on our list from which we occasionally receive letters or money, but whose exact condition it is difficult to ascertain. When an entire year passes without hearing from them we call them intermittent, as we are reluctant to concede any as extinct.

Missionary letters and papers upon subjects connected with missions have been in requisition as in years past, and the circulation has been equivalent to about five hundred copies. The thanks received and the assurance of good done fully compensate all who have any care in copying and sending these forth. All letters from the different societies have been most cordially welcomed by the Home Secretary. Though some of these have been the briefest possible in length it does not lessen their value as a manifestation of friendly sympathy and oneness of purpose in all the interests of our Branch.

It has been in the hearts and minds of many to seek to raise the standard of thought and act among all our members, and with this in view, early in the year the following resolutions were passed in executive meeting:

Resolved, That it is all-important for missionary co-workers, at home and abroad, to guard and cherish with fidelity the one grand motive for Christian Missions.
Resolved, That we should prayerfully strive to keep prominent the preeminent duty of laboring for individual conversions, for pure and holy living, and emphasize to each other the unspeakable blessing of making every gift and every effort a consecrated service for our Lord and Master.

Copies of these resolutions were distributed throughout our borders and the responses have been most hearty. The desire to multiply the number of those who meet to work and pray for Foreign Missions in individual societies has been universally expressed. Should this desire arouse each one already enrolled to new effort, and it be held in remembrance that the history of each society is being made every day, it would be safe to predict that at the close of the year when the report is called for there will be many a story worth the telling.

We regret to say that in consequence of the pressure of other duties upon her, we have been obliged to part with one of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. Webster Tuck, whose services have been greatly valued.

Dear friends of the New Haven Branch: as the records of the past are spread before us, as is the landscape from the mountain height, can we not with one accord say in the words of the beautiful hymn?

"Hitherto the Lord hath led us,
Guiding all our ways;
Henceforth let us trust him fully,
Trust Him all our days.
Hitherto the Lord hath loved us,
Caring for His own;
Henceforth let us love Him better,
Live for Him alone.
Hitherto the Lord hath blessed us,
Crowning all our days;
Henceforth let us live to bless Him,
Live to show His praise."

Mrs. S. L. Cady.
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

These annual missionary gatherings in which we seem to get specially near the Master are so uplifting and helpful that we may almost count them bits of heaven, in which Our Lord Himself comes to talk with us of things pertaining to His kingdom, and invite a rehearsal of the hopes, trials, and success of the year. We workers in the home land bear the easy and pleasant part of this missionary work, such as gathering and forwarding supplies; seeking recruits (often with poor success however); and daily pleading for the dews of heaven to rest upon the laborers in the field. With what measure of fidelity this service has been rendered is better known to the Master Himself than we can tell. The year in review has shown delightful progress in some missions, and marked growth everywhere. The need of more generous contributions, and more men and women to occupy the opening fields form important items in the reports of our missionaries. While many add: "we need even more the spiritual power and quickening presence of the Holy Spirit in the native churches;" and for this blessing they beg the prayers of Christians in the home land. One writes "we can do without more men or more money, but we cannot do without more of the Holy Spirit."

The New Haven Branch supports nine missionaries, including two recently adopted, laboring in Africa, China, Japan, Turkey, Bulgaria, India and Mexico; three teachers in important schools, who are virtually
missionaries in their special spheres; twenty Bible women in India, China, Ceylon and Turkey; eighty-one pupils in higher boarding schools in Africa, India, Ceylon, China, Austria, Spain and Turkey, in preparation for Christian work as teachers, Bible women, or in Christian homes; also thirteen day schools in China, Ceylon, Turkey and India.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circles of the Branch have contributed $500 during the year, to aid in the erection of a Home for the young ladies of the Japan mission. And the children pay annually $300 for the current expenses of the new "Morning Star."

**AFRICA.**

The Zulu Mission has recently observed its Jubilee, and the missionaries feel that the results of fifty years' labor give the strongest reasons for profound gratitude. The mission was commenced among a very degraded heathen people without any providential openings or inspiration, save what was gathered from the commands and promises of the word of God. Now there are fifteen churches, in a measure self-supporting, with good native pastors; nine large stations with from three to six schools in each; a Theological Seminary; High and girls' Boarding schools. Beside all these there are innumerable accompaniments of a Christian civilization. And most important of all, the entire Bible has been given to the people in the native tongue.

During the past year one hundred and eighteen converts were received into the churches, and a greater spirit of self-denial awakened, showing that a powerful work had been quietly going on, such as had never been known before. At the close of the week of prayer one
company of fifteen from heathen kraals, well clothed and with clear, intelligent faces, presented themselves as candidates for the church, and after a careful examination they were all received. An extensive and much needed temperance campaign was also carried out last year in all the stations, which promises to be a great blessing to the Christian community.

Among the efficient agencies in this mission is the Inanda Seminary with our own good Mrs. Edwards still at the head, and Miss Phelps as her associate. A little more than a year ago this school was larger than ever before, but a serious epidemic broke out among the girls which proved quite serious for a time. The next term, however, opened with nearly forty scholars, one fourth supported by the New Haven Branch. Very soon an unusual seriousness was manifested among them; and when Mrs. Edwards asked those who had given themselves to Christ to rise, all the school but three (two of them being little girls) rose to their feet. And since then a growing interest in the religious services and the way of life has been apparent. Mrs. Edwards founded this school, and for sixteen years has labored in it with untiring devotion. Many of the best women in the Christian community have there received their education and training from her.

AUSTRIA.

No year in the history of the Austrian Mission has been more blest than the last. Twenty members were received into the churches; and the value of vital Christianity, instead of a religion of forms and names, is being appreciated. The Kraabschitz Seminary, for which the New Haven Branch contributes annually
$360, is one of the most valuable agencies of the mission. There are sixty young women in it, being trained for Christian work. And since the government has been forced to allow teachers to be employed who are not bound to the State Church, there have been more calls for good evangelical teachers than could be supplied by the Kraabschitz Seminary. The loss this school sustained in the death of pastor Schubert, its founder and lifelong friend, is still deeply felt. But Mrs. Schubert kept it up for a time, and now other arrangements are being made, which it is expected will secure this promising institution permanently to the teaching of evangelical truth, and the solid education of Bohemian girls.

China.

Many grand good servants of our Lord have been sowing gospel seed in China, and praying the Lord of the harvest to bless every grain. Yet the harvesting goes on slowly. Still the promise is sure and the missionaries hopeful. They write often "pray for us," "pray much for China"—for "we are very needy here." The country is so vast that the leaven cannot reach the masses as it does in some small land or in lone islands of the sea. The past year has been one of unusual growth in North China, twenty-one having been baptized, and among them a young Mongol, the first fruits from that strange, isolated people, which is quite encouraging.

Our own dear missionary, Miss Andrews, who has labored faithfully many years in China, recently passed through a serious illness; but we rejoice to hear that she is better, having derived great benefit from a change of climate, and a restful time in the "homey home" of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague in Kalgan. She wrote while there of
having special pleasure in a weekly prayer meeting with a new company of promising girls and young women. Although not allowed to continue this service she rejoiced in the hope that what they had learned of the way of life would not be wholly lost. This like much missionary work is sowing beside all waters, then leaving the seed for the dear Lord to mature and bless. In addition to other work, Miss Andrews gives daily Bible instruction to Dr. Holbrook's training class, and counts it as one of her pleasantest hours. The chief object of this service is to prepare these young learners to teach others. Dr. Holbrook's Dispensary in Tungcho, erected in part by the contributions of the mission circles of the New Haven Branch, has been enlarged and strengthened by the addition of a Medical Training School for Bible women, which it is expected will add much to their usefulness.

Two of the older Bible women have done much faithful work in Peking, having forty women and girls under instruction, mostly in families where no missionary could gain access. In one neighborhood the Bible women had seven heathen girls gathered in one of their homes, where she taught them to read. They have since been induced to attend a Sabbath service.

In the Foochow Boarding School there are thirty-two Chinese girls, all boarders, varying in age from nine to eighteen; and we support six. Miss Newton, the principal, says: "We find much to encourage us. The girls come mostly from Christian families in the out stations, and it is not hard to love them, indeed I almost forget that they are not Americans." The girls perform the work of the family, except a part of the kitchen labor, after the Mt. Holyoke Seminary plan; and the good order, system, and discipline form a valuable part of the
advantages of the institution. The course of study includes arithmetic, geography, history and astronomy, besides much faithful Bible study. The Chinese memorize in an extraordinary way; but it is not natural for them to reason. A class of five, all members of the church, are preparing to graduate, the first that have finished the course. One of them will be employed in the Woman's Hospital, one will remain to assist in the school, while the remaining three will go out as teachers in day schools. Four others have been received into the church, and several inquirers are being trained into a better knowledge of the Christian life.

**INDIA.**

The construction of one empire out of many independent heathen kingdoms, with their historic institutions, interesting antiquities, and valuable literature; numberless petty tribes; and a nation of self-confident Mohammedans, foes to all the others; and this new empire to be governed upon just and Christian principles; has been an extraordinary mission. The measure of success with which this is being accomplished by British rule in the "Land of the Vedas," with some mistakes and failures no doubt, is marvelous. The providential overruling of this gigantic plan so as to secure the introduction and progress of truth seems a miracle, until we remember that God can make even the wrath of man to praise Him. The whole extent of that country is now open to the gospel. Wherever there is English rule there is a general system of education for all the people, railroads and postal communication, with other facilities, which multiply christianizing instrumentalities far more rapidly than the Church of Christ is ready to util-
ize them. The evils of slavery, caste, child marriage, enforced widowhood, and the oppression of woman, are slowly but surely giving way under the influence of a benign government, and the blessings of the gospel of Christ. It must, however, take a superhuman influence to convince the women of India that there is but one God, and He a just and benevolent Father: for a good god, they claim, who created both men and women, could never consign millions of the latter to the oppressions and miseries that crush them in India, and then for centuries turn a deaf ear to their cries.

The three missions in India and Ceylon report more than usual progress in all departments of work. A larger number of conversions are reported than in any previous year save one. The generous government "Grants in Aid" have not only raised the standard of the mission schools, but have nearly doubled the educational work, without increased cost to the missions.

The girls' boarding school in Ahmednagar, under Misses Fairbank and Harding, has had one hundred and forty-four scholars during the year, with seventy-five boarders. The health and general progress reported is very satisfactory. Eight of the older pupils united with the church during the year, and others are seeking the way of life with evident sincerity. A small building to be used as a hospital or dormitory for the sick, has recently been erected, adding much to the relief and comfort of both scholars and teachers. The highest class numbers five, all Christians; two of whom will remain another year to join the normal class, while one will be employed as a teacher. Many pleasant reports concerning former pupils come to encourage those who have this school in charge. Some are employed as teachers or Bible women, while those who are in their own
homes are forming model families among the heathen, and do much to aid the village pastor and teacher in Christian work. The little Parsee girls mentioned last year continue regular attendants, and are doing finely in their studies, never objecting to their Bible lessons, indeed they are more eager than many others to repeat their verses. Through these children a friendly acquaintance has been made with their parents, and the missionary ladies have been invited to the Parsee houses hitherto rigidly closed to them. The scholars maintain among themselves two missionary societies, one having grown out of setting apart one Tuesday prayer meeting in each month to pray for different countries, and gathering information about them. Marathi translations of articles in "Life and Light" have proved interesting in these meetings. The little girls' society has nineteen members, from eight to ten years old, who meet every day during the half-hour recess, when every one, in turn, takes part in prayer.

Mrs. Bissell mentions, among other encouraging things in her work in Ahmednagar, an interesting Sabbath school of about twenty little heathen girls, who learn in Marathi every Sabbath the Golden Texts that children in America are repeating the same day in English. They also sing translations of the same hymns, which have been collected into a little child's hymn book, called the "Nightingale." These children never tire of looking at pictures of Bible scenes and listening to the stories they represent. In this way even little children learn the precious truths of the Bible, some of which they are sure to carry to their homes. Charts and pictures illustrating the Sunday school lessons are helpful to mothers as well as the children, and the missionaries prize them. Mrs. Bissell writes many encour-
aging things concerning our Bible women and their work. Kumabai, who has the place of the good Subabai who died a year ago, has a very serious way of talking to the women. She visits the jail and assists in conducting the woman's prayer meeting, beside her daily labors in the city seeking out the lost and fallen. The wife of the native pastor also aids in all this Christian work, and being a very sweet singer, attracts many to the services and impresses every one with the blessed truths embodied in our beautiful hymns. We have eight other Bible women employed in similar work, of whom much might be said. They go from house to house daily, Bible in hand, sowing the good seed in districts left wholly to their care.

The native church in Bombay is the oldest under the American Board, and though not large in membership is self-supporting, besides contributing generously in aid of a feeble church at a distant station. Very few of the members are in even comfortable circumstances; but they give a tenth of their income for the support of the gospel. One very delightful thing in this church is the activity of the young men, who go out regularly to preach to the heathen. The women also, who are able, go, some of them daily to read the Bible wherever they can find listeners. One dear woman sixty-five years old has for years continued these labors of love almost as faithfully as if paid a salary. Between the native Christians and missionaries there is a mutual affection and confidence which delightfully exemplifies the spirit of Christianity.

Mrs. Hume, our own missionary, the only lady of the mission in Bombay, conducts a great variety of work such as usually devolves upon several. Her school numbers over one hundred boys and girls, more than
half boarders, who are accommodated in two separate houses, but are taught in classes together, a rare experiment in India. This valuable institution is greatly prized by the Christians, because it provides for their children a thorough education and training under the careful supervision of the missionary. The pupils are from ten to sixteen years of age, and several each year have united with the church. A few of special promise have been fitted for the government university examinations. One of the Christians wrote that he considered "Bombay a favored city in having a school where the children are educated as they are in America in habits of industry, cleanliness, order and morality, as well as most faithfully in all Bible truth." The "Balbodh Mewa," a valuable periodical for the children, edited by Mrs. Hume, is becoming quite popular. A native gentleman of Bombay says of this paper, "it is one of the most effective evangelistic agencies." A local English paper says of it: "Nothing could exceed the beauty of the get-up of this monthly." It goes into native circles where the gospel was never preached before. Mrs. Hume has many and rare opportunities for reaching the natives of rank and influence, as well as the poor. Her familiarity with the native language, and the literature she provides, open avenues of usefulness and influence which she might improve an hundred fold, if she had an hundred times her strength and time. In the Sabbath School where she has a large class of women, in the church where she leads the music, in the weekly women's prayer meeting, which once a month is made a missionary meeting, and in the sewing society, claims are made upon her to which no woman with a family of children of her own can be expected to respond. And yet, after years of urgent appeals for an assistant, one is not even promised.
Changunabai, our Bombay Bible woman, is a choice Christian, much beloved in the church and respected by the whole community. Her love of the Bible and familiarity with its truths are shown in her preparation for Sabbath School and the weekly mother's meeting which she conducts. Although she is the mother of a large family, several being entirely dependent upon her, and deserted by a wicked husband, Changunabai is always patient and uncomplaining, never speaking ill of the man whose neglect and abuse have well nigh crushed out her life and broken her heart.

The last report of the Girls' Boarding School in Madura, Southern India, shows a large increase in numbers, reaching one hundred, of whom ten are supported by the New Haven Branch. Still others are asking to be admitted, notwithstanding higher qualifications are required; but every vacant place is filled. A normal department has been added during the year, which will soon increase the value of this school by supplying better teachers for the villages. The pupils show more and more satisfactorily that Christianity is making itself felt in the externals of life as well as in the hearts and minds of the girls and is elevating the whole community. Eleven girls united with the church during the year and others will join the churches in their village homes. Miss Swift, who has recently been sent to this school, is rapidly acquiring the language, and growing into acquaintance with her new duties. She justly claims a special interest in our prayers as she takes up alone the responsibility of this large and important institution. The choicest Christian women that can be selected from the native churches are employed as Bible women. Of one of these a missionary writes: "she seems to gather into her life the graces and sweetness that are only born
of the Holy Spirit." Of the nine at work in the city of Madura we support four, and the beautiful service they are rendering calls for devout thanks. Their faith and perseverance under all kinds of hindrances, their knowledge of the Bible and choice appropriate selections for each one to whom they go, shows that the Holy Spirit must be their teacher. One of the missionaries wrote: "the prayers of these women move my heart as prayers seldom ever did before," and "I feel like sitting at their feet and asking for their secret." Nearly twenty thousand heathen women in Madura have heard the gospel in their secluded homes and zenanas from these good Bible women, while over eight hundred have been under regular instruction, of whom three hundred have learned to read the Bible. These native workers will sorely miss good Mrs. Capron, now on her way home, who for thirty years has been their guide and daily inspiration.

Mrs. Chandler writes: "fifty of the famine waifs were transferred with us to Battalagundu, our new station. Thirteen who still suffer from the effects of the famine we take special care of, employing them in ways that will aid in their support. Twenty have been married, nine of them to Christian agents in mission work. Eight boys are in the Industrial School, learning trades; fourteen orphans, all Christians, are in the Girls' Boarding School; three in the Normal School fitting themselves for teachers; while the smaller ones are still in the 'Bird's Nest,' which is taught by one of the older girls," who is supported by the New Haven Branch.

Of the province of Jaffna, Ceylon, it may be said, the masses of people still worship idols and observe heathen ceremonies, but individually the majority admit the folly of it and acknowledge that Christianity is the bet-
ter religion. We hope therefore that the day is not far off when this beautiful island will become Immanuel’s land. Many of the public and influential men have been educated in the mission schools, and now, with the help of Government "Grants in Aid," sustain their own College, High School, and even the Uduville Seminary, beside primary schools in the villages. Fifty years of Christian labor have brought great numbers under the influence of gospel truth, and only the converting power of the Holy Spirit is needed to make Christianity the controlling faith. The Udupitty Girls’ School is still in need of mission aid. It has thirty pupils, all boarders, one-third of whom are Christians, while all desire to be counted such. Of these we support seven, though the parents of all are required to pay five dollars annually toward the general expenses of the school. Our two Bible women in this mission have been very earnest and faithful in their labors; many of those who are received into the churches were first interested and taught by these faithful workers, who go into families where no other Christians can go. Nothing gives us greater satisfaction than hearing that those we employ, by their consistent and consecrated lives, recommend the religion they profess. Mrs. Muttu, of Udupitty, is one who labors in season and out, training her own family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in loving sympathy is always ready to aid either heathen or Christian women to do the same. The same words of commendation come concerning Mrs. Hare at Manepy. Chinnapulli, our young pupil under Miss Leitch’s special training as a Bible woman, is still living with her heathen mother, and often comes sad and hungry to school; yet she patiently observes the fifth commandment, and prays with childlike faith that the Saviour will soon give her mother a new and clean heart. One of the
missionaries writes: "we have many blessings and signs of promise. Our Sabbath school numbers over two hundred; and the church meetings are largely attended. Twenty-six villagers and twenty-two girls from the boarding school are on the list for a public profession, and thirteen were received the last communion. Two thousand children from our schools are preparing for the Christmas festival."

JAPAN.

The progress of the gospel in the "Sunrise Kingdom," and the demands for a solid Christian education are marvelous. We need pray no longer for open doors to this heathen nation, but rather for godly men and women to bear the Master's message of love to the waiting people. The tardy response of our churches to the calls of this interesting people is already proving perilous, for the ban that rested so long upon the Romish Church is removed, and its forms and gilded ceremonies attract the heathen far more readily than that truth which is manifested in unselfish love and pure philanthropy. Our missionary, Mrs. DeForest, writes thus concerning the progress in Osaka, her own station: "One very important step has been the forming of a 'Woman's Association for Knowledge.' It is a union of Japanese Christian women from all the different missions, not for Biblical knowledge only —although there is a class studying Genesis, another the books of the New Testament, and a third topical study of the Bible. But they have weekly lectures upon hygiene and kindred subjects for some, while others are taught sewing, knitting and embroidery. The Bible is read and explained in all the meetings. The Japanese women make all the arrangements themselves, taxing each member fifteen cents a month for the general ex-
penses. The missionary ladies divide the work of instruction among themselves, with Miss Gardner to take the general responsibility.” Another advance movement has been “the organization of a ‘Woman's Home Missionary Society.’ Through this effort the Christian women have been roused to industry and ingenuity in all kinds of handiwork, which is sold to defray the expenses of Bible women who accompany the missionaries on their tours or in other evangelistic work.”

The Kioto girls’ school, in which we are particularly interested, is supported by the people themselves and largely patronized by Japanese officials and influential families. One of the missionary ladies aids in conducting the school and gives instruction. There are over sixty pupils, of whom some take up quite advanced studies. Mrs. DeForest aids in all the general work of the mission, but says: “my special work is in our mothers’ school.” The marvelous progress of mission work in Japan will be understood when we remember that Bible agents or colporters are stationed in every province of the empire, and the Word of God is offered everywhere without opposition.

MICRONESIA.

The children’s ship, the new “Morning Star,” with its engine, modern improvements, and noble captain, constitutes the principal connecting link with our missions in the Pacific Ocean, and we recount with joy the increased facilities and comfort provided for our missionaries by this new vessel. It is a great saving of time and opportunities which were lost by the old sailing vessel while waiting for wind and tide to carry the workers from island to island. Above all, we must remember that this precious ship means for our missionaries a mail from
home at least twice a year, besides the help, sympathy and even necessary food which can be procured in no other way. Freighted as it is, with the preacher, the Bible and much of the provisions of our missionaries, we claim that the "Morning Star" is the best missionary the Board ever sent out. The natives call it "the ship that speaks," "the ship that speaks for itself." And today we seem to hear it speaking not only as God's messenger of peace and pardon to the heathen, but also calling upon us for special thanks to the good Father for the privilege and honor conferred upon our dear children in giving to them this great enterprise. In addition to our devout thanks, daily prayer should be offered for the good ship that it may find an open door for the gospel on every island.

The complete New Testament, in their own language, which Mr. and Mrs. Logan carry to the Marshall Islanders, was the most precious gift ever sent to this people. Young men as well as boys and girls are being gathered from all the islands into one normal school where they are trained in preparation for teaching and preaching. When fitted for this work, they are returned to their own or new stations, where awaiting people welcome them in nearly every instance and build the necessary church and school house. While great nations and rulers are striving for supremacy among these savage people of Micronesia, we thank our Heavenly Father for having given to us the privilege of winning them to the service of the true God who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. We must not forget that this is the critical hour for Christian work on the islands of the ocean, before the immoralities of civilization shall build up new barriers to the benign influences of the gospel.
The work which we have taken up this year in Mexico is the support of a new missionary, Miss I. W. Ferris, sent out by the board in January last. In writing of her journey across the continent, Miss Ferris tells of being delayed by blizzards, a broken engine, violent rainstorm, and execrable mud. But the repeated and solemn warnings that she was “surely on the way to destruction” proved false, for she reached the mission house in Chihuahua in safety, where so cordial a welcome was received that the perils of the journey were soon forgotten. In a letter written a few days after her arrival Miss Ferris describes the work carried on at that station as very promising. She attended four services in Spanish on the Sabbath, and found good audiences and eager, attentive listeners in them all. One was a children’s concert in which the young people sang with ease and remarkable accuracy, and their simple and modest manners were very commendable. On a week day she found in the chapel a woman’s prayer meeting with twenty-two present, conducted without the missionary. She wrote particularly of the happy faces of the converts, and of their extraordinary patience under the most annoying persecutions, also of their zealous efforts in the cause of truth. Miss Ferris was instructed in Boston to make the acquisition of the language her first work, and this she was to breathe, eat, drink, sleep and dream. We expect to hear soon of her success in this difficult task.

Spain.

Mrs. Gulick writes, “words cannot express the value we put upon the prayers that are being offered for us and our work. We could hardly understand the bless-
ings that attend our labors in the midst of so much opposition and discouragement if we did not know how many are praying for us." The Seminary is steadily improving, and now has sixty-four in actual attendance, including thirty-seven day scholars. A few come from remote parts of Spain, and several different provinces, thus representing a large part of the country. The older pupils are all Christians, and many of the little ones show signs of the beginnings of a new life. Three will be graduated this year, all of whom are engaged to teach in evangelical schools. All who have completed the course in this Seminary have become successful teachers. During the year the parents have paid $1,260 towards the expenses of the school. The prejudices of the people are being removed by seeing the value and power of good Christian training for these young women. Three made a public profession of faith on the first of January, and solicited baptism as an additional expression of their entire renunciation of the errors of the church to which they formerly belonged. That was a solemn day for the mission family and school, all living under one roof. All the girls of over fifteen years met together to pray for the younger scholars; that meeting has been continued ever since on Sabbath evenings. Mrs. Gulick writes: "we ourselves desire above everything else to be filled with holy zeal that we may better help those under our care to come to Christ."

Turkey.

We have three missionaries in Turkey, besides Bible women, teachers, schools, and advanced pupils in higher institutions in twenty stations of the Board, thus sharing extensively in the Christian work and education being carried on from the extreme East to the heart of
Bulgaria in the Western part of the empire. In the midst of the evils of war and the political struggles which have agitated European Turkey, the Protestant community has experienced most bitter persecutions, on account of malicious and unjust accusations of intrigue with, and aid to brigands. Their accusers have been Greek ecclesiastics, assisted and upheld by the local authorities. We in this free country understand very little what injustice those who love the truth are subjected to in heathen and Mohammedan countries, but in most cases the effect has been to strengthen Christian character and unite the Protestants. A larger number of Bibles and Christian books have been circulated than in any previous year, and the growing demand for a higher education, especially for their daughters, has led to great sacrifices in many families. The Protestants at their own expense are erecting suitable places of worship, as well as school houses, thus giving vigor and stability to their own institutions. A large number of young men educated in Robert College or other Protestant institutions hold positions of trust and influence in government. There was recently held at Samokov an interesting and significant gathering of missionaries, Bulgarian pastors, and teachers, numbering over fifty, who spent several days in prayerful deliberation upon the best methods of Christian work. Throughout the meetings the greatest harmony and mutual respect prevailed.

Mrs. Bond, our missionary at Monastir, finds growing encouragement in her medical work. Days specially devoted to patients are crowded with work, forty and often more women and children come for treatment. She is also called to many homes that would otherwise be closed to any Protestant, but where through the healing power there often comes a welcome for the gospel,
In addition to her medical work, Mrs. Bond has been invaluable to the Girls' Boarding School which, without her aid, must have been suspended on account of the long illness of Miss Spooner. This school contains over forty pupils, including six nationalities speaking as many different languages; thirteen of the number are boarders.

In Marsovan, Western Turkey, the progress of the mission is very marked. After twenty-three years of faithful service we still find Miss Fritcher at the head of the Girls' Boarding School, which, with its enlarged buildings, grows in importance and usefulness. There are fifty-six pupils at present, thirty-five of them boarders, partly supported by their parents; of these, ten are beneficiaries of the New Haven Branch. Nineteen have united with the church since the year opened, and a spirit of love and harmony has greatly encouraged the missionaries. Each year advance is made in the curriculum. Now those who can pay the entire cost are taught music, which is a valuable addition, as most of the scholars come from villages where their assistance in singing is greatly appreciated in the school and village church. Miss Anna Felician still retains her position as a valued and faithful assistant. Schools are conducted in the villages or towns by graduates of this institution.

In the school at Talas, Western Turkey, are one hundred girls, nearly half boarders; thirteen were graduated last year; one of these was supported by this Branch; we count it a privilege to have even a small share in such an institution. Miss Closson, the principal, is in this country, while Miss Burrage fills her place. As many as sixteen hundred children are being taught in the surrounding villages, by forty graduates of the Talas school, thus multiplying its influence forty-fold.
In the female department of the Harpoot College, Eastern Turkey, we support five young women. This institution has three hundred and twenty students, more than one-third women. Very interesting reports concerning the progress of the college and the Christian work of individuals are received, especially in the young women's work. The Christians have shown a real love for Bible study and prayer. Little groups gather on the Sabbath or in recess to pray for a blessing upon those who have not learned to love the Saviour, and with great simplicity tell the Lord of their own sins and shortcomings. Miss Bush divides her time between the college work and visits to the villages from which the scholars come. She says, "if you could hear the loving welcomes, or the grateful thanks of the women we find on these tours, or feel the warm hand grasp of the village pastors, who seem touched with personal obligations for our care and interest, you would feel repaid, as we do, for many weary hours and some hardships. Perhaps you would say as we do, the Lord helping us we will continue this service even though days of weariness and even sickness come with the joys."

From the seminary on the beautiful heights of Broosa there come encouraging reports, though the missionaries who were in charge have been transferred to Constantinople. The Seminary Mission Circle sent a thank offering of thirty dollars to the Woman's Board, a beautiful proof of their appreciation of the benefits of the school. One of the pupils was married last year to a native preacher stationed on a far-away plain, and the reports of her influence there prove beyond all question that the education of these young women is a great factor in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in Turkey.

The New Haven Branch sustains day schools in
Elgin, Arabkir, Sert and Hogh in Eastern Turkey; in Killis, Adiaman and Keller, Central Turkey, and these schools afford the only educational advantages for girls in most of these towns. Some one has said, "the Master counts the stitches and pennies," contributed for the advancement of His Kingdom, and if so, He surely will bestow His benediction upon every society or individual that helps sustain even a humble village school, where neglected girls are taught to read the Word of God.

The Constantinople Home in Scutari always seems to be enjoying special blessings, and never fails to send us encouraging reports. Sometimes it is the beautiful spirit of love and harmony among the many nationalities gathered into the same classes and around the same table; another year it is the sweet and solemn voice of penitence and prayer, which cheers the teachers. This year a spirit of self-sacrifice and benevolence has dawned in many hearts, and the school may be counted a kind of home missionary society. In their leisure moments the girls have been making and distributing garments among the poor, often at real personal sacrifice. They also read the Bible to the poor whom they visit. The school includes this year ninety scholars, with forty-eight boarders, a smaller number than usual, owing mainly to the troubles in Roumelia which detained a number of Bulgarian girls who would otherwise have come. Seven were graduated at the close of the year, three of whom are now teaching. Most of these girls are willing, after they are educated, to go wherever the Lord calls them, although parents there, as here, very often feel that these daughters cannot be spared.

Miss Fensham, one of the teachers in the Constantinople Home, has just been received into the missionary family of the New Haven Branch, where she may be
sure of a warm welcome. She has written an interesting account of a visit to some of the interior mission stations, from which we will give some extracts, reserving a report of her regular work for another time. The letter says: "I could write a volume concerning what we saw and heard at Cesarea and Sivas, all the time wishing the friends at home could see the fruit of Christian labor ripening in these Eastern fields. The cordiality and hearty sympathy manifested by the Christians would be nothing less than the brotherly love which Christ taught. . . . . Equally interesting was the church at Marsovan, with its lovely sisters, whose faces just shone with goodness, and whose greetings were so sincere and warm that they were enough to cheer the most disheartened. . . . . I was especially impressed, in traveling, by the great difference between those who had come under real Christianizing influences, and others about them. In one mud village where we stopped for a short time, we saw a girl who had been a few months only in Miss Closson's school, and yet her whole air, the expression of her face, her speech and manners, indeed everything about her, showed that something had entered into her life, which was not in the lives of those around her. The only unsatisfactory thing I saw in all the missions was the way some of the missionaries work night and day."

A year ago our beloved Mrs. Schneider's health seemed to demand that she drop her work at once; but she was reluctant to leave, and wrote, "I feel moved to hold on a little longer." Later, however, when others were found to take up her work, she realized that her health and advanced age made it her plain duty to come to America, and we hear that she is on her way.* It is

* Mrs. Schneider arrived June 7th.
only six and a half years since Mrs. Schneider went to Constantinople, but in that short time she has built up a most promising work, and opened means of Christian influence among Turks as well as Greeks, Armenians and other nationalities. The Sabbath School commenced in her own home, after filling every room, has overflowed into the adjoining house; the numbers have reached one hundred and fifty, with an average of one hundred and eighteen, comprising grey-haired and influential men, poor women, and children of all ages, with some promising young men. All these read or study the word of God, and sing the beautiful hymns which are as sweet and helpful there as we find them in this country. A more recent enterprise is a night school, also opened in her house, to which thirty young men came at once. They were mostly clerks in banks or stores, or students in Government schools, with a few who earn their bread by hard labor. None had ever been under religious teaching and did not enjoy the closing religious services. But Mrs. Schneider says, "we are interested in every one and pray that they may find the true wisdom. Two successful coffee-rooms have been opened by this persevering worker in different parts of the city, and the income has paid the entire expense except the wages of one man. On the tables in these rooms are bibles, tracts, and papers in several languages, which are read and discussed by many who have no other means of hearing the truth. In connection with one of these rooms is a little chapel or room for religious service and personal conversation. Christian mottoes, bible texts, and pictures make the rooms attractive, for which helps many have expressed cordial thanks. Fifty-six Greeks have been induced to meet regularly on the Sabbath in the little chapel. In the larger coffee-room eleven thousand visi-
tors were reported in four months. Mrs. Schneider wrote of a social gathering in her own house, where sixty young men of all classes mingled together, showing how wonderfully she has succeeded in gaining the respect of all classes of the people. On this occasion Mr. Fuller, who will superintend Mrs. Schneider's work when she leaves, was present at the social gathering, also Baron Samuel. They made each a short address which was listened to with marked attention, proving, to our great surprise and satisfaction, that under the dark clouds that rest upon the subjects of the Sultan, some are waking up to a desire for the truth.

Some years ago, while touring in India, one of our missionaries overtook a poor pilgrim on the highway, who, in fulfillment of a vow, was measuring with his body the distance from Rameshwuram, the southern point of Hindustan, to the sacred city of Benares, on the Ganges, a distance of fourteen hundred miles. Morning after morning, commencing at the point he left the night before, he would prostrate himself at full length, and then marking with his finger the point he could reach, would rise and walk to it and prostrate himself again, always taking care, when obliged to stop for rest or food, to leave a mark from which to commence. Thus day after day he covered with his body the entire distance passed over. When the missionary drew near, he accosted the man in the kindest tones, saying, "Brother, where are you going?" The devout pilgrim continued his prostrations with apparent indifference until the inquiry had been repeated over and over. At last, as if aroused from a revery, he exclaimed, "I am going to Benares to see the face of my God." Filled with pity for the poor deluded pilgrim, the missionary dismounted and begged the man to listen to some messages
concerning the true God. But, pointing to the sun just nearing the horizon, the man exclaimed, "Hinder me not; the day is fast drawing to its close, and I must hasten on, or I never shall see the face of my God!"

This strange but touching devotion to a senseless idol is full of suggestions to us, and continues to echo over the sea, "the day is fast drawing to its close." We who love the kingdom of our Lord "must hasten on" in our service of love if we would send to the dying millions in heathendom a knowledge of the true and living God.

H. D. Hume.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

There is an evident awakening in the cause of foreign missions in many of our towns shown by re-organization, increase of members and efforts to arouse the interest of the children. One new mission circle has been formed, and exertion has taken the place of apathy in two auxiliaries. It is with pain we record our failure to obtain in Danbury and Georgetown ladies who will assume the responsibility of gathering together what were once promising mission circles. We shall begin our report with the last town upon our list.

Trumbull.—This little town entertained the county meeting last October. Their auxiliary has presented many discouraging features, but any one seeing their cordial welcome, warm hospitality and generous thank-offering, would have imagined the whole town animated by the spirit of missions. We hope the efforts they put forth in our behalf will bring a blessing to themselves. Mrs. S. R. Howland, with her enthusiasm for Ceylon, was the inspiration of the meeting. Both old and young were eager listeners, and many questions were asked, showing personal interest. The thank-offering for special blessings, amounted to one hundred and twenty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Bethel.—Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday in each month. The study of Turkey, China and Jaffna with maps and missionary letters, have given great pleasure. The “Willing Workers” have entered their second year. Home interests have absorbed their
attention through the winter, but they have resolved to devote themselves during the coming months to India and her needs.

Danbury.—For a year this society was without a President. At its last annual meeting in October the former Treasurer was elected to that office. The monthly meetings are well attended and a hearty interest shown. They keep well informed of the work in Japan, especially that of Mrs. DeForest, and nothing of importance escapes them in any direction. A Sunday School class of young girls with their teacher, have associated together lately to raise something for the Morning Star fund. It is hoped a mission circle will grow out of this beginning.

Easton.—This has been a prosperous year; some new members have been added. The meetings are held with regularity—three-quarters of the members attending. Hands have been busy basting patchwork, sacques and aprons. They hope some of the children will be induced to save and give through the mite-boxes which have been distributed.

Monroe.—There is little change to note. The envelope system is still used. The monthly meetings were discontinued during the winter months.

Newtown.—Re-organization has taken place and meetings are held twice a month, alternating home work with foreign. A package of basted sacques and patchwork was sent to Mrs. Howland for her Jaffna schools.

Redding.—The auxiliary has not held regular meetings, sickness and other causes preventing. Their number remains the same, though several active workers have passed away their places have been filled by new members. The "Ready Folks" had a festival in the winter for two afternoons and an evening. The mem-
bers and friends made fancy articles and provided biscuit, cake, tea and coffee. Nearly everything was sold, the result being between thirty-five and forty dollars. Each member was presented with a jug to hold future savings for missions.

Ridgebury.—Courageous hearts have formed this little band of only five members. They endeavor to meet together each month for a sweet season of prayer. They have been able to increase their contributions this year and feel that they have a part in Christ's coming kingdom.

Ridgefield.—I wish it were proper to copy the letters from the presidents of both societies for the encouragement of all other leaders. They are evidently souls in sympathy with missions and eager to do all possible in that direction. The larger society has been influenced by the revival spirit which has pervaded the church. The "Snowflakes" gathered for the first time on December 5th, fourteen of them. They meet every other week; some of the children walk two miles for the purpose, their homes are so widely scattered. As they all cannot be on time, basting occupies the first hour, and afterwards comes the devotional part of the meeting. They are good singers and with the aid of their president gave a missionary concert in the church. They subscribe for the Dayspring. They will send this first year fifteen dollars to our treasury. Can we not all emulate the "Snowflakes" and have a mission circle in every town, even in the hill country?

Cordelia Sterling.
FAIRFIELD COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The good hand of our God has been with us all through the year. Each auxiliary and mission circle have reported—if not growth in interest, members or gifts—a patient continuance in prayer and labor. Two new mission circles have been added to our number.

Bridgeport.—Always zealous in good works this society has added four life memberships this year and continued the support of Miss Andrews in North China, besides dropping other gifts into the Branch treasury. The North Church Young Ladies' Mission Circle report great interest and enthusiasm, seventy-seven being present at their last meeting. A pupil which they have for nine years supported in Mrs. Chandler's school having married a native Christian, they have transferred their interest to Mrs. Gulick's school in Spain. The Cheerful Workers have been much interested in studying special mission subjects and hold meetings every two weeks. The Morning Stars report a slight falling off in numbers, but much zeal among those who remain. The Park Street Church Mission Circle has disbanded, but the Pearl Seekers of that church, a circle of small children, are much interested and meet for an hour and a half every other Saturday. The South Church Young Ladies' Mission Circle entered in January upon their seventh year of work, and feel that they have passed beyond the time of experiment and uncertainty. For two years past their interest has been constantly growing and they have now reached a point where all are willing to do whatever is asked of them. Since they changed the time of meeting to Sunday afternoon they find as a result better attendance and a more spiritual tone. The Junior Circle has united with them and forms a very
helpful element. The Dew Drops hold meetings once a
month, the average attendance being thirty-five. They
are greatly encouraged by last year's work.

*Darien.*—The society has held eleven meetings during
the year. There has been an increase of a spirit of
prayer, and on several occasions a marked increase in
numbers. Besides the sum pledged for Mrs. DeForest
in Japan, a gift of ten dollars was sent as a thank-offer-
ing in memory of their treasurer, whose death occurred
last year. The Busy Bees have had a prosperous year
financially and spiritually. The older members have
become young ladies, but still continue in the society,
lending their aid and sympathy, and so helping to
increase the funds of the circle.

*Greenwich.*—“We have added six new members, but
have lost some of the old ones. After the summer vaca-
tion in order to get all the members together a simple
tea was planned, which proved a great success. The
first half hour was spent as usual and showed how we
made our regular meetings instructive and interesting.
A very social time followed during the tea drinking.
This resulted in a much better attendance at our
monthly meetings. Our Bearers of Light enter upon
their sixteenth year with courageous hearts and hopes for
the future. They have studied about different fields with
great benefit and have had lectures on Africa and Pales-
tine. They have sent money to Inanda Seminary ever
since their organization, and Miss Price was with them
at their annual meeting in May. The Little Neighbors
are helping pay the running expenses of the Morning
Star by the contents of their birthday banks. They
also are supporting a little girl at Inanda.”

*New Canaan.*—The secretary writes, “I cannot say
that interest in our work has quickened, but we still
hold fast. The Sunday School does a better and more extensive work than our ladies are doing."

North Stamford.—"We have had few meetings through the year, but a few of us keep up our interest, and those who do not attend contribute money from year to year. Ours is a small and scattered community."

Norwalk.—"Taking into consideration the many side interests that have occupied the attention of many of our ladies, we have on the whole held our own as to the interest in the foreign work and have made our usual appropriations. The Young Ladies' Band is without a President."

South Norwalk.—"Our interest is certainly growing in foreign missions in spite of many hindrances. Our meetings have been well sustained and we have had a good attendance. Two of our members attended the meeting of the American Board and brought to us renewed zeal in the work. One of our best meetings was held on a stormy day when twenty-five of our ladies came together in the face of a blinding snow storm. One of our collectors in a private note says: 'I shall be a loser if we drop the collectors, for my own soul has been blessed and my zeal increased by asking gifts for my Master's cause. I can testify that I have been blessed in receiving.' The interest of our young ladies has culminated in a little circle called the 'Cheerful Givers.' The children meet once in three weeks and are doing nicely in their work, earning their own money, for their parents have no interest in missions, and the children are mostly poor. They have selected their own officers, and the leader writes: the little secretary, does her part as well as an elder could."

Sound Beach.—"Our meetings have been pleasant
and interesting, many letters having been read which have helped to stir and keep alive our love for the cause. Our President, from illness and many pressing duties, has been obliged to be absent, which has been a grief to us. Eight meetings have been held during the year, the attendance varying from five to eleven, many of our members not attending the meetings. Miss Belle W. Ferris has gone from our community as a missionary to Mexico.

Stanwich Mission Circle.—No meetings have been held for some months.

Stamford.—“Interesting meetings are held every month by a few praying ones who are earnestly hoping for additions in members. They feel that they are wonderfully prospered in the success of their mission circle and the zeal that two of their number show in the care and training of these Tiny Helpers, of whom there are now fifty-three, all in the primary department of the Sunday School. They meet every two weeks and some of them wish to meet every week. They cannot yet accomplish great things, but hope in time to do much for Christ’s cause.”

Stratford.—The monthly attendance at meetings is quite small, although there is a goodly membership. At their annual meeting Miss Strong was present, who interested them in Protestant schools in Mexico. The secretary says: “As a society we seem to grow stronger year by year and our members are gaining both knowledge and interest in foreign missions.” The Alpha Band held a bazaar the past winter. They are much interested and meet every three weeks. The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle reports a good degree of interest, though not as much money raised as last year. No entertainments for this purpose have been given. The
meetings held every three weeks are made very profitable by having questions assigned to be answered at the next meeting and all come with some item of interest, either to tell or read.

Westport.—"Our auxiliary still holds on its way, with no increase in the average attendance at its monthly meeting. While we feel that our own interest in missionary work is surely growing, yet we long for more earnest love and service from the many who still withhold themselves from this part of the Master's work."

Wilton.—The secretary writes: "I wish I could tell you of all the good times we have had this past year, for it has been a very pleasant and profitable one to our society. It was with glad and grateful hearts we sent our one hundred dollars to the Branch treasurer. Our success is due in great measure to our untiring president. Our social meetings have been pleasant and well attended, while in our prayer meetings there has been a great improvement, and more of the young ladies seem desirous of being present, in fact we have been able to make them more informal. The "Wilton Light Bearers" have thought best to disband, as their leader has moved away and they do not feel equal to carrying the work on by themselves."

Mrs. N. E. Gleason.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

For the first time in our mission work an invitation came and was accepted, for a county meeting from a young ladies' band. Canaan proved a good rallying point, and the meeting was earnest and profitable.
Canaan. — The secretary writes in a hopeful way of the number of their meetings. The outgrowth of the Young Ladies' Band, which in its second year sustains its interest, is encouraging. Papers prepared by the members are read at the meetings.

Colebrook. — A few are regular contributors but cannot hold meetings.

Ellsworth. — The society meets with many discouragements. The members are scattered and but few can meet together, but the few are very earnest in the work. The "Golden Links" have had their meetings interrupted during the winter but intend to resume them this spring.

Falls Village. — The meetings have been held the past year in connection with the ladies' prayer meeting. The numbers are few, but the interest does not decrease. The Mission Circle finds difficulty in meeting regularly, but they hope soon to re-organize.

Harwinton. — The number of members is less than last year, but the interest still continues. Nearly every voice is heard in prayer, selected readings, or recitations from Scripture.

New Hartford. — The changes which have occurred in this society by death and removal have reduced the numbers, but the hearty interest of the few does not lessen. A Young Ladies' Circle is a new feature, which it is hoped will become more interested in carrying the gospel to all the world.

Norfolk. — This society shows its love for missionary work by its strength in mission circles. The Young Ladies' Band meet once in two weeks and have much interest in the work. The "Hillside Gleaners," who are young girls, meet at the same time and place with the "Mountain Wide-Awakes," a class of boys. The
older boys work in brass, and the younger ones make scrap books, while the girls sew. All enjoy their societies.

Salisbury.—The meetings are regularly held and well attended and the membership somewhat increased.

Sharon.—At each meeting a missionary "leaf" is given to each one present, and a responsive exercise is held. Contributed articles and the manuscript letters make the hour delightful. The fifteen "Busy Bees" meet once in two weeks during the summer and have a fair in July.

South Canaan.—This society holds its meetings as usual with that of Falls Village.

Thomaston.—The secretary writes: "The society keeps up a good degree of interest, and sustains itself well. We feel that we have no reason to be discouraged."

Torrington.—"A work of grace has quickened our interest in those who sit in darkness, and our meetings are well sustained. We use topics in 'Life and Light;' different parts being assigned to individual members." The "Highland Workers" have for three months taken China as a study. The meetings are held monthly, are well attended, and much enthusiasm is manifested. Several of the members of the circle "have recently taken Jesus for their friend," writes their leader, "and all prove themselves workers in every sense of the word."

Torrington, First Church.—The average attendance at the meetings has not failed during this severe winter. The secretary writes: "Prayer is our stronghold. At one meeting, though only eight were present, every voice but one was heard in prayer, pleading for God's blessing upon the work." The society meets in different
neighborhoods, and the devotional hour is followed by a social time.

_Torrington, Second Church._—Although the membership seems less, the intelligence and consequently the interest in missions is increased. A circle of boys and girls called "Valley Gleaners" give promise of good.

_Watertown._—The meetings have been pleasant and profitable, with a good attendance. "The event of the year," writes the secretary, "was the visit in October of Mrs. Prudden, accompanied by Mrs. Leonard, who addressed the meeting.

_Winsted._—The interest and attendance has been largely increased by having a printed programme of subjects for the year, the special subject being assigned to an individual. A well written paper on the geography and customs of the land is followed by questions answered upon the progress of mission work.

MISS M. P. HINSDALE.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

_Bethlehem._—The number of members remains the same. Meetings have not been held as regularly as usual during the winter. They hope for a revival of interest the coming year. The "Willing Hands" still continue earnestly at work.

_Bridgewater._—This society holds its meetings as usual and many are interested. During the year a young ladies' circle has been formed and the "Cheerful Givers" are earnestly at work. Their faithful president writes: "I am watching our young ladies with a great deal of interest and satisfaction. I regard the heart
culture and spiritual growth of these young ladies of vast importance, and as I see them now thoroughly aroused to the interests of their new circle, studying diligently in preparation for their meetings I feel sure that they will be greatly blessed, and in the coming years our older society will be strengthened by them. We are looking for accessions to our numbers in all our missionary societies."

_Cornwall._—"Meetings are not held regularly on account of the scattered population, but interest is felt in our work by the members and we are doing what we can."

_Goshen._—Epidemic sickness has prevented meetings being held of late.

_Kent._—"There has been increased interest in the meetings the past year owing to the efforts of the president, calling upon people, inviting them to come to the meetings and taking great pains to make these interesting." The Young Ladies' Mission Circle "holds devotional meetings regularly each month which are well attended by the members, most assisting in singing, reading, or prayer. We usually have some missionary intelligence read, and endeavor to increase interest in mission work in that way. Last winter we had a sale of fancy articles and supper to raise the usual amount of money. This year we are trying 'systematic giving,' each one pledging a certain sum to be given regularly. We hope in this way to raise our standard higher and to grow into the spirit of giving more." A circle of children called "Mission Workers" has just been organized.

_Litchfield._—Meetings have been held regularly and have been well attended. The ladies have given with their usual systematic benevolence. The young ladies are still "doing their part in the most cheering and en-
couraging manner." They hold monthly or semi-monthly meetings. During recent months they "have held a working meeting one month and a devotional one the next, on Sunday afternoons." They are watching with interest China, Ceylon, Inanda, Japan and the Morning Star, where their "possessions" are. The Daisy Chain are ever active, and in addition to fulfilling their usual pledges have collected quite a sum in birthday envelopes.

_Milton._—"We hold monthly meetings and will try to do what we can for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands. Our church has this year suffered losses by death, and as our number is growing smaller the future looks rather dark, but we will trust in God hoping and praying that others will come to fill the vacant places."

_Morris._—"Our numbers remain about the same. Meetings are held regularly; the ladies have fields assigned to them from which they report, and news of mission work is fully talked over. We expect this year to appoint ladies to go from house to house in each district and try to gain a special interest in mission work."

_New Milford._—"The fourteenth anniversary has just been celebrated with a good attendance and much interest manifested. Meetings have been held during the year as often as practicable. We are sometimes discouraged at the little we do, but we know that it is patient, persevering effort that accomplishes any great work, and we hope another year to press on with renewed vigor. The Excelsior Circle is composed of boys and girls under fifteen years. The president is very efficient and the membership has nearly doubled. They meet once a month. In September they held a peach festival and in March another entertainment, for which they drilled the children steadily for about a month,
but it paid well. The Golden Links also are in active service."

*New Preston.*—Meetings are held and a good degree of interest manifested.

*North Cornwall.*—A mission band of young people is strengthened and encouraged by the help of the older ladies.

*Northfield.*—"Death and removal have lessened our numbers and contributions, but we hope the envelopes for weekly pledges will increase both." The Steadfast Workers came near falling out of our ranks but a helping hand interposed and they have determined to be steadfast.

*Roxbury.*—"A good deal of interest is manifested in missionary work. Our monthly meetings are profitable and pleasant. We take up different fields for study. The mission circle has done nicely this year. In addition to the money sent to the treasury of the Branch they took thirty-two shares in The Morning Star. The children varying in age from five to thirteen are all greatly interested in the cause and have made many little sacrifices to raise the money. Several take the Mission Dayspring, and are much interested in its contents."

*Sherman.*—"There is nothing of particular interest to report. We hold our meetings once in two months."

*Warren.*—"No regular meetings have been held the past year, but the annual offering has been made. Those who are not so scattered can hardly realize our difficulty in sustaining meetings. Those who have part in them are interested, but so many calls of benevolence are made upon us, we must refuse some and naturally they are those most remote." A circle of children has just been organized from whom we hope to hear in the future,
Washington.—"We have held monthly meetings through the winter and they have been well attended."

Woodbury, First Church.—"We have held during the year regular monthly meetings with increased interest. We have a flourishing mission circle."

Woodbury, North Church.—"The members who attend our meetings, averaging eight or ten, consider this special work a delightful privilege, enriching our souls and kindling anew our love and enthusiasm for the salvation of the world. In January six classes from the Sunday School with their teachers organized a mission circle, calling it Coral Workers."

MRS. D. D. T. MCLAUGHLIN.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

The inspiring thought of our annual county meeting was the Lord's command to Moses: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Many members of our churches in the northern division of the county, have taken this command as personally addressed to them. The deepening interest in the work is noticeable, particularly with the young. Quite the last of the year a young ladies' circle was formed, and two others have originated this year. Also two other societies are in course of formation for the boys, which we are expecting to report next year.

The coming of the annual meeting of the New Haven Branch to Middletown was a benediction. The Saviour's special presence was felt even from the morning prayer meeting till the separation at night, and
many from this part of the county took a blessing with them to their homes, gladly planning in the future more self-denying service.

*Cromwell.*—The county meeting held with this society more than a year ago, awakened some new interest which is still increasing as is shown in the attendance of the regular meetings, and a larger contribution this year than ever before. The “missionary teas” are held occasionally, giving particularly favorable opportunities for conversation and reading on missionary subjects. We are glad to report a Young Ladies’ Mission Circle organized the past winter. A mission band for the children was started at the same time, with fear and trembling for its success, but it was greeted with earnest loving coöperation. The little ones welcomed with great delight the two meetings which have been held. Our hope for the future of this circle and band arises from the early interest awakened in the hearts of the women of Cromwell for the foreign mission work. Three life members have been added to the Woman’s Board.

*East Hampton, First Church.*—The secretary writes: “We have had the usual interest in our meetings this year, though for various reasons the attendance has been less than ever before. The year has been saddened by the death of one of our most beloved and useful members. Last year we were called to part with her sister. Both assisted in organizing the society, and have ever been among the strongest and most active supporters. It has been considered best that the Young Ladies’ Circle, which was partially formed two years ago, should be united with the auxiliary and the mission band, as the young ladies are especially needed at times in both these organizations. Though changes have occurred the flock of “Humming Birds” keeps its original large number.
Meetings have been held monthly, well sustained and of marked interest. Some of the young ladies have labored faithfully to encourage the children."

_East Hampton, Union Church._—No meetings are held, but a few interested members keep up the organization.

_Middlefield._—The secretary writes: "I think there is a growing interest in our church in the work of foreign missions. Our women feel an increasing personal responsibility in sustaining the New Haven Branch." Miss Martha White gave pleasure by an interesting talk at one of the meetings last fall. The work for the Zulu schools in South Africa continues. A box of shirts, dresses, dolls and basted patchwork was sent for Christmas.

_Middle Haddam._—Both the society and circle have for the past year been under a cloud, owing to financial troubles, and to the protracted ill health of their pastor and wife, who have now left them. The secretary writes: "We have but little to report, except a few meetings held, and two or three monthly concerts. We look forward to improvement religiously and financially, and hope soon to speak of better work. Miss Strong has returned from her missionary labors in New York, and will meet with the mission circle as of old. A new pastor and family are with us, from whom we expect much help and strength."

_Middletown, First Church._—This society continues its well-doing. It is thoroughly organized, its work well planned and meetings held with great regularity. Five original papers have been read during the year. Mrs. Stoddard occupied the February meeting very pleasantly by giving an account of her journey to Persia and interesting experiences there. The "Ten times one" Circle have met as usual and have not much of special in-
terest to report. Efforts are being made to increase numbers and interest. The Gleaners meet for work Saturday afternoon once a month through the year. As the result, they have made jackets, scrap-books, etc., which they have sent to Ceylon. Six Sunday afternoon meetings have been held devoted to the consideration of Dr. Coan's work in China, Micronesia, Constantinople, the Indians and general missions. A growing interest has been manifest, and numbers of the young ladies have led in prayer. Mite boxes have been used this year with good success.

**Middletown, South Church.**—This society reports a general increase of interest and many additions to its membership. The meetings have been held regularly with good attendance. The secretary writes: "We have been sorely bereaved in the death of Mrs. B. Douglas, who was for several years our vice-president and was a support and strength to us in many ways." Mrs. Snyder attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Board, and on her return sent a circular to all the women of the church urging a realization of responsibility and increase of individual effort in the cause of foreign missions. Several original papers have been read and listened to with interest. Mite boxes have been distributed among the ladies of the church. It is with great gladness we report a vote taken at the last meeting to organize a young ladies' foreign mission circle. A vote was also taken to form a boy's home and foreign missionary society. We will hope that some of these boys may eventually go in person with Christ's message.

**Portland.**—Never was this society in a more healthy condition, the secretary reports. The meetings have been interesting and profitable, though the attendance has not been as large as desired. During the year two
original papers have been presented—a new feature in their work. The "Work and Win Circle" organized last year has prospered beyond the most sanguine hopes. The girls have developed wonderfully in working for the benighted beyond the sea, and have grown in grace and in the love of the Lord Jesus. The little girls are making a bed-quilt which is nearly completed, and a picture book to send to the Tungcho Dispensary. Some of the boys are interested in the meetings, and it is proposed to organize a Morning Star Circle for them, which we hope will be reported next year.

Westchester.—This society has labored under difficulties the past winter, the members being much scattered. The severe weather, the bad traveling, together with the poor health of some of the members, and the death of one, combined somewhat to interrupt the regularity of the meetings, eight only having been held in the year, with about the usual interest. The secretary writes: "It seems important that we should not only be raising money, but trying to get others to fill the places made vacant by death." The circle, Willing Workers, though begun in great weakness is gradually gaining in numbers and strength. It has held twelve sessions during the year. In February it gave a public entertainment of a missionary dialogue, with singing and reading. Mrs. Pratt's presence at one of the meetings was a pleasure and help to the circle.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Centerbrook.—"We have to report considerable general interest shown by the fact that this auxiliary has been well sustained for years, although concerted action
in other directions has been found difficult. Our meet-
ings have been very pleasant in the past years and the
outlook for the future is by no means discouraging."

Chester.—"No marked changes have occurred the past
year. As we look back over the ten years of our exis-
tence as a society, we see that there has been a steadily
growing interest and a greater love in and for the work.
We have gained some in membership and use the lessons
given in Life and Light." The "Lightbearers" were or-
ganized in October last with thirty members, and have
already sent twenty-five dollars to the Branch Treas-
urer."

Clinton.—"There has been no particular change dur-
ing the year. Meetings have been held with some in-
terruptions."

Deep River.—The society has not yet resumed meet-
ings. In April a "Young Ladies' Band" was formed.
The members seem quite enthusiastic and a number of the
married ladies desire to join them. These young ladies
have charge of a children's circle, the "Aleph Band,"
formed two weeks after their own with eight mem-
bers, but with prospect of growth.

East Haddam.—Although interrupted by storms, the
meetings when held have been interesting, and both
membership and contributions have largely increased.
The Phoenix Band met regularly through the year with
a good average attendance. There has been no marked
enthusiasm but the members have shown a quiet, steady
willingness to take part in and add to the interest of the
meeting in various ways. Different countries have
been briefly studied. One month the roll-call was used,
and each member present, as her name was called, gave
an item or short reading about India. Mite boxes have
been used with satisfactory results. The members of
the Auxiliary and the Band have united to raise funds for the purchase of the maps of the American Board, four of which they already have. This money is raised independently of the usual offerings. In February the Band gave a "pink and white festival" resulting in a pleasant social evening and an increase of the treasury.

Essex.—"Our meetings have been very interesting and quite well attended. Our plan has been to take up some particular country and gather up points of interest in regard to it, and read missionary items connected with it. The meetings have proved profitable and the attendance has much increased." The Whatsoever Band consists of thirteen girls, all members of one Sunday school class. They have tried to do what their name would indicate.

Haddam.—The secretary states that the meetings during the year have been more than usually well attended and real interest shown in the work of the different missions which have been considered, especially those of Eastern and Western Africa. The season devoted to prayer bears witness to the earnest desire that God would abundantly bless His work in all lands. In March last "The Alpha Society" of Haddam was formed with eighteen members, twelve girls and six boys.

Higganum.—"Our status as a society this year is much the same as last. Many local interests have demanded our attention, and our contributions have been somewhat less, but we hope by special effort to bring them up to the former amount at least. At three of our meetings we have had visits from missionary friends. "The Shining Stars" meet monthly on Sabbath afternoon, and once in three months hold penny socials, the first hour being spent in reading missionary literature, the remainder of the evening in a social way. The older
members have assisted in arranging the programmes for the meetings which has added to their interest. A number of boys have asked to join and they have proved eager learners of the mission work. Several members have recently given their hearts to Christ, which insures their continued interest in the cause of missions, and proves the truth of the leaflet: 'Our love for missions a test of our love for Christ.' A very enjoyable paper festival was held in the winter."

**Killingworth.**—"We are hoping to make more progress the coming year, as our ladies seem more interested in missions, and to hold quarterly meetings in future."

**Millington.**—This society is small, and the weather and distances have somewhat interrupted the meetings.

**Saybrook.**—The secretary writes of pleasant meetings and adds: "I am sure the interest of our members has steadily grown. Meetings are better attended and all show a greater readiness in taking part in the exercises. Contributions have also increased. Greater interest has been shown the past year than ever before in the county meeting and the annual meeting of the W. B. M. Ten copies of the Missionary Herald were taken this year for circulation, and a map of the world secured for use in monthly concerts and our own meetings which are held quarterly." The Seaside Mission Band has a large membership. The children are much interested in missionary work and have raised their pledged sum.

**Westbrook.**—"We cannot report more than usual interest; another year we hope to accomplish more. The severe illness of our loved and devoted president is a source of great sorrow." The first of May a mission circle, "The Fruit Gatherers," was formed with fifteen members, and consists of young ladies, boys and girls. All seem to take hold of the work with enthusiasm.
Our assistant secretary for the mission circles of this county has done efficient work during the year, visiting all previously existing circles and organizing eight new ones. Letters or leaflets have been sent monthly to each circle. She writes: "I have been impressed in all my visits with the true love for the missionary work which the children manifest when they really understand its needs and its progress. Almost all the responsibility rests upon the parents and the leaders of the meeting."

Our last county meeting held at East Haddam was more fully attended than any previous one. Mr. Robert Hume interested and delighted us by the easy and familiar manner in which he brought before us his work and that of his fellow laborers in India. An hour was devoted to the juvenile work. An exercise was rendered by members from each circle, dressed in the costumes of the countries which they represented. There was a large attendance of the young people, and the result proved an increase of interest on the part of those present.

Mrs. S. McCall.

New Haven County—Eastern Division.

In reviewing the past year we see little change in the work of the societies but much that is hopeful in results. The influence of the county meeting held in Guilford in October seemed an inspiration and help to all who attended. The Branch meeting usually held in New Haven on that day was omitted, thus opening the way for a fuller attendance. The day was beautiful and the
ladies of both churches united in making everything most inviting. Encouraging reports were given from nearly every society in the county, and were heard with great interest. Addresses were made by Mrs. Knapp of Turkey, and Mr. Hume of India. The whole meeting was marked by interest in and devotion to the foreign missionary work. It was thought by many to have been "the best county meeting we ever had," and some carried its spirit through the months that followed as an inspiration and encouragement.

Chester.—The secretary writes, "I cannot say that our society has shown any increased interest in mission work during the past year, but we have entered upon the present year with the determination to show more activity, and to that end, have resolved to appoint meetings monthly, also to have a special subject announced for each meeting."

Guilford, First Church.—"Our meetings, with but one exception, have been held regularly during the year, increasing in interest and well attended. Others who are interested we hope will soon join us. We study missionary topics suggested by 'Life and Light' and 'Mission Studies,' and often read at our meeting missionary letters. We are much interested in the work of our Bible reader."

Guilford, Third Church.—Good meetings are held by this society. The leaders are earnest and faithful, but it is a matter of regret that no more are ready to avail themselves of the privilege of the meetings. May the time soon come when every Christian woman shall bear a part of this work.

Madison.—They sustain regular meetings, with members and contributions the same, rejoicing in being able to say: "Thus far the Lord has led us on."
Meriden, First Church.—The monthly meetings have been well attended, some of them unusually so. The study of mission fields has been continued and many ladies have contributed papers giving account of the work and its progress at various stations. The year has been made exceedingly rich by the presence of missionaries. In June Mrs. Coan, late of the Sandwich Island mission, stirred our hearts with her loving words. Three of our meetings have been blessed by the presence of Miss Pierson of the North China mission. With her we have threaded the streets of Paotingfu, sailed on its lotus-covered stream, stood in school room and chapel and learned the ways in which our devoted, self-denying missionaries labor to win souls. We have learned of Tsuma our Bible reader, and henceforth can think of her and pray for her as one we know and love.

Our mission circles "Cheerful Givers" and "Boys’ Mission Band" are both alive and doing earnest work.

Meriden, Center Church.—Very instructive meetings have been held. Studying the fields in a systematic way, we are glad to feel that this society is growing in knowledge of the work as well as increasing contributions.

North Branford.—The president of this society has been ill several months, and other officers absent, but the Lord is still with them and they have raised their pledged amount.

Northford.—Although but few meetings have been held, the increased contributions show that interest in mission work has a strong hold on the hearts of the Christian women.

North Madison.—The secretary writes: "We have very encouraging news to write in regard to our society. We hold our meetings monthly and are cheered by the
full attendance and interest manifested, nearly all participating in the exercises. We obtain many helpful suggestions from "Life and Light" and "Mission Studies." Our pastor's wife is a very efficient leader.

**Wallingford.**—This society has had no president since the departure of their former pastor's wife, and consequently no meetings have been held. The envelope system is continued and gifts for our treasury are handed in every Sunday. The circle will not hold meetings again until the autumn.

**Mrs. F. E. Hinman.**

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**New Haven County—Western Division.**

**New Britain.**

**Ansonia.**—This auxiliary lives though it has been crippled by the removal of both president and secretary. No meetings have been sustained during the year, but a better state of things is hoped for.

**Birmingham.**—The usual contribution is sent but no special report.

**East Haven.**—This society remains as reported last year. Quarterly meetings are held which are well sustained. The young ladies' circle is active and enterprising, sending in addition to large sums of money one hundred and fifty bags to Ceylon and a sewing box, thus proving "a burning and a shining light."

**Middlebury.**—A small decrease in membership is given, and the Hillside Gleaners have "dropped out." "This shows plainly a waning cause and we may well stand before the mother Branch speechless, but if the
cities and towns take all the youth and enterprise of the villages they must take the work also. Even warm hearts, if solitary, lose their vigor."

Milford.—"We have been gathering up during the past twelve months fragments of good cheer from all parts of the world where the gospel is being preached and where it is gradually but surely taking root. We are able to hold our own and the year has been one of patient continuance if not marked by outward growth. Our meetings have been held regularly each month and the cause of Christ in heathen lands has a strong hold on our hearts. A faithful few have sustained the regular meetings of the Young Ladies Mission Circle. They are planning new work for the coming season. The Rosebud Circle were obliged to discontinue their meetings in the winter on account of sickness among the members."

Mount Carmel.—"Bi-monthly meetings have been held through the year. The attendance at the meetings is smaller than we wish, but our members are much scattered. Missionary letters and general missionary intelligence from the various magazines furnish ample material to interest and instruct us. We are glad we may be remembered as a twig, and cast our mite into the Lord's treasury. We have lost two members by removal and report two new ones, thus keeping our number the same."

Naugatuck.—Monthly meetings through the year have been sustained, and those attending them appear much interested.

New Haven, Center Church.—"We are ashamed to say that we have fallen behind this year in our general contribution. This is partly due to unusual and large calls that have opened purses for other objects. It
was, however, from one of our faithful members that
the generous donation of one thousand dollars to the
Branch came. At the ladies' prayer meeting we have
attempted once a month to devote the hour especially to
foreign missionary work, and at some of these meetings
letters have been read. The Young Ladies' Mission
Circle has held meetings the last Saturday afternoon of
every month with an average attendance of eighteen.
The meetings are opened with devotional exercises, the
rest of the time being spent in sewing, while a paper
prepared by one of the young ladies on some missionary
subject is read. The circle is working for several ob­
jects, and at present is busy preparing a box for the
school at Broosa. There seems to be every reason to
think the circle will increase in members and in useful­
ness, as so much interest is taken by the members and
as new ones are constantly being added to the list.”

Church of the Redeemer.—“Very little change is re­
ported this year. There are now fourteen missions
taken by different members who hold themselves in
readiness to give the latest intelligence and other mat­
ters of interest connected with the mission and its
workers. The ladies thus reporting unanimously agree
that their interest has been much increased, not only in
their special mission, but in the whole field.” The
Young Ladies' Mission Circle has kept up its annual
pledge, but has not received as many new members as
have fallen out of its ranks. The Acorn Band has gone
into a state of inactivity. The trouble here as in many
places is want of a leader and not lack of children.”

College Street Church.—The three mission circles con­
nected with this church have been very energetic and
successful. The Young People's Missionary Society re­
port the year just ended as one of prosperity. There
has been an increase not only of members, but of interest in the meetings, which are held every two weeks at the homes of members. The Coral Workers have held monthly meetings, generally devoting one hour to missionary intelligence and another hour to missionary work. Many scrap books intended as an aid to the missionaries have been the result of this hour of work. The object of the leader has been to train the children to systematic giving and in knowledge of the different missionary fields. During the last week of the year occurred the opening of the missionary boxes in which the mites have been dropping during the past months. Appropriate exercises were held to celebrate the event, and all were made glad at the amount which the boxes contained. The Cheerful Givers are at work and continue the support of their Bible reader.

Davenport Church.—This auxiliary reports nothing new, but they are faithfully at work.

Dixwell Avenue Church.—An increase in its membership and growing interest in the missionary work is the good word from this society. Also, their meetings are interesting and very well attended.

Dwight Place Church.—There is an advance in the present year's subscription. The Fairbank Mission Circle meets weekly at the homes of the young ladies. The meetings are well attended and the membership has been largely increased the past year.

Fair Haven, First Church.—There has been no change in this society the past year. "There has been a little falling off in our contributions, owing to the times and home matters, but the hope of the church and also of missions is in the young, and we are doing good work in that direction." The Young Ladies' Missionary Society meet on Sunday before the evening meeting, with
an average attendance of about twenty. Besides their usual gifts at Christmas time they sent a valuable box to Miss Holbrook, M.D. Each member puts something in her envelope at each meeting, and all the money raised the last two years has been in that way, with the exception of our New Years’ thank offering. “Several of the girls are in correspondence with missionaries, so that we have fresh letters of our own. The interest in the work is yearly deepened.”

Fair Haven, Second Church.—“Our meetings are steadily though slowly increasing in numbers and interest. We are trying the experiment of having two ladies prepare the programme for each meeting, taking some country or mission station to talk about. Some very excellent papers have been prepared, and we have gathered information in this way about Africa, Japan, Micronesia and China, devoting two meetings to Africa. Our plan of weekly offerings for benevolence having been so recently inaugurated, the contributions for the W. B. M. must necessarily be small, but we hope to do much better by the new plan. The Junior Society meets with us and its members have been helpful in reading selections for us. The Mission Circle under Mrs. Linsley have met at various times during the year, and held quite a successful entertainment in March.”

Howard Avenue Church.—A strong feeling of discouragement has prevented this society from attempting to hold meetings the past year, but they have continued their contributions.

Humphrey Street Church.—“Our meetings held monthly have been full of interest, with a good attendance and an increase of six in membership during the year. Our Mission Circle has its membership with the Society of Christian Endeavor. They start the year with fresh in-
interest and the intention of holding more frequent meetings."

*United Church.*—The ladies' prayer meeting of this church once in the month is a missionary meeting, and quarterly a larger meeting is held. The officers of the society have during the year made an effort to call upon every lady connected with the church, hoping to waken a more general interest for the women in heathen lands. As a result of this labor between forty and fifty new names have been added to the list of givers, and the hearts of the visitors have been cheered by words of encouragement and interest. The attendance upon the monthly meetings of the Young Ladies' Society has been good, and the interest well sustained. Papers have been read and letters from Broosa and Bombay. Dr. Munger, Rev. Mr. Hume and Mr. Shigemi, have at different times addressed their meeting. The Children's Mission Circle has steadily increased in numbers, and the monthly missionary meetings as well as those for work have been largely attended and full of interest.

*Yale College Church.*—This society has lost some of its members who were much interested in foreign missions. A few new members have been added, some have given more than heretofore from interest in the work. The Mission Circle has held meetings every fortnight which have been well attended.

*Orange.*—No meetings are held but the ladies desire to keep their connection with the Branch, and send their usual donation.

*Prospect.*—The leader of the Gleaners writes: "We have completed another year of effort, and it gives me pleasure to report as the result a larger amount of money raised than last year. The society is not a strong one and meets with many discouragements. Meetings are held once in two weeks."
Southbury.—The secretary writes: "We are sorry that we cannot report more encouragingly of our society, still we think the interest is rather on the increase. We have sustained monthly meetings since the year commenced, and we purpose to meet every month in the future. The attendance is small, but we hope this faint beginning foreshadows better things to come in the future, and we expect others will be raised up who will accomplish more than we have done in this work."

Waterbury, First Church.—Very interesting meetings are reported in this society, and those who come often express themselves as enjoying the hour, and think if others would only attend, they too would experience a like pleasure.

Waterbury, Second Church.—Nothing new is reported, excepting that a little more money has been raised than in some past years.

West Haven.—On account of absence of officers no meetings have been held by this society, and those of the Young Ladies' Circle have been very irregular during the year.

Whitneyville.—This society still holds the even tenor of its way, but has no new departures or other material for an interesting report. "We find proof as we make our annual collections that the interest, though not manifested so much in missionary gatherings, is strong enough to open the purses. The Mission Circle has continued its meetings without vacation through the year. Various mission fields for study have been taken up in the regular missionary meetings."

Woodbridge.—They continue contributions for this work as usual. Nothing is done in the way of meetings, though some of the members occasionally attend a Branch meeting in New Haven, otherwise they are standing still.
Westville.—The Young Ladies' Mission Circle meet once in a fortnight for work, and once a month hold a missionary meeting, and have been able to add thirty dollars to the amount for which they are pledged.

New Britain, Center Church.—"Our president began the year with such a spirit of earnest consecration that new life was brought into our meetings. Her sudden illness was a great blow to us, and since then until our March meeting we were dependent upon the secretary as leader. At that meeting our new president was chosen, and we are once more in working order. Our meetings averaged a monthly attendance of twenty. We had papers prepared and read on missionary work in Corea, Japan, Turkey, India and Africa. Current events relating to the work have been brought into most of our meetings, and letters from Mrs. Schneider have been received nearly every month.

New Britain, South Church.—"Our monthly meetings are both interesting and instructive. The last one always seems the very best. Our president has never been absent from a meeting of the society in all the nine years and a third that she has held that office. Our mission circles give us great hope for the future. Twenty-five of the membership have united with the church this year. Some of the older girls have graduated from the Little Helpers, leaving that society smaller in number, but with no decline of interest. Nine of these little girls who have just left have united with the church this year. We trust they will prove real helpers in the future, beginning thus early to serve the Master."

Plantsville, Mission Circle.—"We are for the most part a company of children, mostly girls under the age of twelve, with perhaps eight older. We are just en-
tering our third year with largely increased numbers, and a very marked increase in enthusiasm. Until a year ago we were few in number and weak and straitened every way as a circle. We have a paper connected with our circle containing both original and selected articles, compiled and read by two girls chosen from month to month. Then we give out different portions of missionary fields to study upon during the month, and by sending articles into the several homes relative to these fields, with the request that the marked passages be taught to the children, quite a degree of interest is often manifested. I must speak of our success in the way of systematic giving, which was brought before the minds of the girls last year, a success in as much as they seemed intelligently to lay hold of the idea that any sum given regularly is better, and amounts to more, than a larger sum given occasionally, or when a matter happens to be brought before the mind. Another thing, they seemed to grow dissatisfied with simply having their pennies furnished them each time, but wanted to earn the money for themselves or to take it from what had been given them in little sums for individual use."

Mrs. C. C. Foote.
TREASURER’S REPORT.

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

New Haven, May 11, 1886.

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Collections for expenses at Branch monthly meetings                           | $70.02     |
Collections for expenses at County meetings                                    | 81.38      |
Receipts from advertisements in fourteenth annual report                       | 124.50     |
Sale of Titus Coan memorial and leaflets                                      | 19.51      |
Donations for expenses from Fairfield County auxiliaries                       | 12.15      |
Donations for expenses from Middlesex County auxiliaries                      | 24.62      |
Donations for expenses from New Haven County auxiliaries                      | 28.36      |
Deposit in Savings Bank with interest, for expenses                           | 131.88     |
Donation from Mrs. Henry Farnam for investment for expenses                   | 1,000.00   |

Total,                                                                       *$12,619.45*

* Actual receipts for the year, $10,965.17.
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Paid missionary funds to Treasurer of W. B. M., Boston, $10,557.50
Paid expenses of missionaries to address meetings, 87.90
Paid postage and other incidental expenses 100.28
Paid printing reports and programmes, 223.20

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Balance in Savings Bank, 100.00
Balance in City Bank of New Haven, 550.57
Investment on Bond and Mortgage, 1,000.00

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Total, $12,619.45

RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Ansonia, ................................................. $40.00
For scholarship at Foochow.

Bethel, ................................................. 65.85
For Bible Reader, Sagunabai, and to constitute life member, Mrs. G. E. Starr, Sr.

Bethlehem, ............................................ 28.50
For scholarship at Marsovan.

Birmingham, ............................................. 35.00
For a scholarship each at Madura and Inanda.

Bridgeport, ............................................. 515.00
$425 for Miss Andrews' salary, $50 towards scholarship at San Sebastian, Spain, $15 for Dr. Holbrook's Dispensary, $25 from Mrs. A. S. Barnes, New York, to constitute herself life member, $25 from Mrs. Mary W. Hawley to constitute herself life member, $25 from Mrs. Henry Elliot to constitute life member Miss Jennie E. Sanderson, $25 from Mrs. Lizzie Lockwood to constitute life member Miss Mary E. Andrews, China, $25 from Mrs. Alexander Hawley to constitute life member Mrs. George S. Waller, Clare, Iowa.

Bridgewater, ............................................ 50.00
For Mrs. Hume's school at Bombay.

Brookfield Center, ..................................... 8.62

Canaan, ............................................... 15.00
Towards scholarship at Foochow.
Centerbrook, .......................................................... $51.50
   $50 towards salary of Mrs. Bond, $1.50 for Branch expenses.
Cheshire, ..............................................................  38.00
   For Vesuvasum, Bible Reader in Madura.
Chester, ...............................................................  50.00
   To constitute life members Mrs. Lucy Abbey and Mrs. Clark N. Smith.
Clinton, ............................................................... 37.18
   To constitute life member Mrs. Edwin M. Bradley,  
   $1.11 for Branch expenses.
Colebrook, ...........................................................  5.00
Cornwall, ...........................................................  20.00
   Towards scholarship at Marsovan.
Cromwell, ........................................................... 128.32
   $40 for Gnanaperhasen Bible Reader at Madura,  
   fifty cents towards Branch expenses, $25 from Mrs.  
   Frances Stevens to constitute life members Mrs.  
   Annette L. Marshall and Miss Julia S. Waters.
Danbury, ............................................................. 123.34
   $1.40 for Branch expenses.
Darien, ..............................................................  62.00
   For Mrs. DeForest's salary, $2 for Branch expenses.
Deep River, ..........................................................  10.00
   A thank offering from Mrs. A. Anderson.
Derby, ...............................................................  40.30
East Haddam, ......................................................... 108.94
   $25 to constitute life member Mrs. Anne A. Butler.
East Hampton, First Church ......................................  24.25
East Hampton, Union Church, .................................  10.00
East Haven, ..........................................................  25.00
   To constitute life member Mrs. D. J. Clark.
Easton, ..............................................................  10.00
Ellsworth, ...........................................................  13.00
Essex, ...............................................................  19.50
   $1 for Branch expenses.
Falls Village, ......................................................  9.50
Georgetown, ........................................................  9.25
Goshen, .............................................................. 20.00
Greenwich, .......................................................... 183.14
   For scholarship at Constantinople Home.
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<td>For Gungabai Bible Reader in India, a scholarship each at Ahmednagar, Inanda, and Marsovan, two schools near Aintab, $25 from Mrs. Wolcott Huntington to constitute life member Miss Emily Tracy, $25 from a friend to constitute life member Miss Mariquita E. A. Whittlesey, $15 from Mr. and Mrs.</td>
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Thomas G. Mather, to complete life member Miss Fannie A. Russell, $10 from Deacon Goodrich in memory of his wife, $15 for Branch expenses, $50.50 for General fund.

Middletown, South Church, ........................................ $100.00

To constitute life members Mrs. John N. Camp, Miss Emily Williams, Miss Anna B. Frisbie and Miss Marie Crofoot.

Milford, ................................................................. 36.00
Milford, ................................................................. 15.00
Monroe, ................................................................. 18.00
Morris, ................................................................. 23.00
Mount Carmel, ....................................................... 50.00

For a scholarship each at Ceylon and Ahmednagar.

New Britain, Center Church, ...................................... 230.80

For salary of Mrs. Schneider.

New Britain, South Church, ...................................... 236.98

For salary of Mrs. Schneider, $25 from Miss Jennie E. Case to constitute life member Miss Mary L. Stanley.

New Canaan, .......................................................... 39.55

$9.55 a thank offering.

New Hartford, ....................................................... 14.00

Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.

New Haven, Center Church, ...................................... 356.68

Towards salary of Mrs. Edward Hume and to constitute life members Miss Harriet W. Hough, Miss Charlotte D. Shipman and Miss Mary E. Bennett.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, ......................... 201.01

$50 from Mrs. H. B. Bigelow for school at Bombay, $25 from Mrs. Wm. E. Chandler to constitute herself life member, $13.61 for Branch expenses.

New Haven, College Street Church, ............................ 100.00

$50 to constitute life members Mrs. W. W. McLane and Miss M. E. Weld.

New Haven, Davenport Church, ................................. 41.00

For Dr. Holbrook's Dispensary.

New Haven, Dixwell Avenue Church, ........................... 10.00

New Haven, Dwight Place Church, .............................. 75.00
New Haven, Fair Haven, First Church, ................ $154.75
New Haven, Second Church, ........................ 8.00
New Haven, Howard Avenue Church, ............... 17.50
New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, .............. 56.00
$25 from Mrs. Mary E. DeVoe, of New Boston, Mass., to constitute life member Miss C. M. Richards.
New Haven, United Church, .......................... 305.35
$40 for scholar at Marsovan, $5 from Mrs. Richard E. Rice to complete life membership.
New Haven, Yale College Church, ................... 175.75
For Constantinople scholarship, $3.75 for Branch expenses.
New Milford, ........................................... 94.58
New Preston, ........................................... 30.00
For scholarship at Madura.
Newtown, ............................................... 10.00
Norfolk, .................................................. 50.00
Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.
North Branford, ........................................ 31.00
For a scholarship at Ahmednagar, $1 for Branch expenses.
Northfield, ............................................. 34.55
For Bible Reader, Kamalabai in India.
Northford, ............................................. 51.80
$30 for scholarship at Madura.
North Madison, ......................................... 7.35
Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.
North Stamford, ....................................... 11.50
50 cents for expenses of Branch.
Norwalk, First Church, ................................ 200.00
For salary of Mrs. Williams.
Orange, ............................................... 21.61
Towards a scholarship at Marsovan.
Portland, ............................................... 27.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.
Redding, .............................................. 28.25
To constitute life member Mrs. Henry S. Osborne.
Ridgebury, ............................................. 10.00
Ridgefield, ........................................... 31.00
Towards support of Bible Reader at Bombay.
Roxbury, ........................................... $30.00
Salisbury, ........................................... 133.75
   Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.
Saybrook, ........................................... 68.80
   54 cents for Branch expenses.
Sharon, ............................................. 38.35
Sherman, ............................................. 22.00
Sound Beach, ...................................... 47.29
   $25 towards salary of Mrs. DeForest, $1 towards
   Branch expenses.
Southbury, ........................................... 19.50
   Towards school at Kalgan, China.
South Canaan, ...................................... 13.00
South Norwalk, ..................................... 80.00
   Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.
Stamford, .......................................... 61.00
   $60 for Salveen, $1 towards Branch expenses.
Stratford, ......................................... 60.00
   For scholarship at Foochow, $5 for Branch expenses.
Thomaston, ......................................... 25.00
   To constitute life member Mrs. J. H. Barber.
Torrington, First Church, .......................... 43.70
   $9.55 a thank offering, $2.04 from Children’s Band.
Torrington, Third Church, .......................... 44.00
   $25 to constitute life member Mrs. S. A. Welch.
Trumbull, ......................................... 35.00
   To constitute life member Mrs. Elijah Beach, $10
   towards another.
Wallingford, ...................................... 111.31
   For scholarship at San Sebastian, Spain.
Warren, ............................................. 16.50
   To complete life member Mrs. Benjamin E. Carter.
Washington, ........................................ 43.00
Waterbury, First Church, .......................... 50.00
   Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.
Waterbury, Second Church, ........................ 112.75
   Constitute life member Mrs. J. T. Tuttle.
Watertown, ........................................ 50.00
   For Bible Reader, Sultan.
Westbrook, .....................................................  $22.00
   Towards Bible Reader at Ahmednagar.
West Chester, .....................................................  19.00
   To complete life member Mrs. Mary D. Loomis.
West Haven, .....................................................  72.40
Westport, .....................................................  69.60
   $40 for Chun-nai-nai, $25 from Mrs. W. B. Wright
to constitute life member Mrs. J. E. Tuttle.
Whitneyville, .....................................................  50.00
   For scholarship at Marsovan.
Wilton, .....................................................  100.00
   $40 for scholarship at Foochow, $30 for scholar­ship at Inanda, $30 towards salary of Miss Ferris,
   Mexico.
Winsted, .....................................................  255.00
Woodbridge, .....................................................  20.00
   For scholarship at Ahmednagar.
Woodbury, First Church, ......................................  40.00
   $25 from a friend to constitute life member Miss
   Lizzie Bull, towards salary of Miss Graham.
Woodbury, North Church, .....................................  25.00
   Towards scholarship at Ceylon.

RECEIPTS FROM MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bethlehem, "Willing Hands," ..................................  $6.26
Bridgeport, North Church Sunday School, ......................  60.00
   For scholarship at Inanda for 1885 and 1886.
Bridgeport, "Cheerful Workers," ................................  15.00
   $10 for Japan Home, $5 towards Bible reader in
   Ceylon.
Bridgeport, North Church, "Young Ladies' Mission
   Circle, .....................................................  50.00
   Towards scholarship at San Sebastian.
Bridgeport, North Church, "Morning Stars," ....................  20.00
   Towards scholarship at Madura.
Bridgeport, Park Street Church Mission Circle, ...............  43.11
Bridgeport Park Street Church, "Pearl Seekers," ...............  30.00
   For a scholarship at Oodoopitty.
Bridgeport, South Church, "Dew Drops," $104.13
$40 for scholarship at Harpoot, $30 for Kraabschitz school, $34.13 for Morning Star Mission.

Bridgeport, South Church Mission Circle, 75.00
For two scholarships at Ahmednagar and $25 for furnishing foreign ward in dispensary.

Bridgewater, "Cheerful Givers," 5.50
For school at Tillipally, $1 for Morning Star Mission.

Canaan, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 10.00
For Dr. Holbrook’s Dispensary.

Chester, "Light Bearers," 25.00
For Morning Star Mission.

Cromwell, "Young Ladies’ Mission Circle," 8.00
For Japan Home.

Darien, "Busy Bees," 27.16
For school at Hogh, $2 for Morning Star Mission.

East Haddam, "Phenix Band," 34.00
$20 for Holbrook dispensary, $10 for Japan Home, $4 for Morning Star Mission.

East Hampton, First Church, "Humming Birds," 10.00

East Haven, "Mission Workers," 57.74
For scholarship at Ahmednagar and Morning Star Mission.

Ellsworth, "Golden Links," 30.00
For scholarship at Madura.

Essex, "Whatsoever Band," 5.00
For Morning Star Mission.

Falls Village, "Young Ladies’ Mission Circle," 5.00

Goshen, "Buds of Promise," 30.00
For scholarship at Inanda.

Greenwich, "Bearers of Light," 73.09
For scholarship at Inanda.

Greenwich "Little Neighbors," 29.33
$6.94 for Morning Star Mission.

Higganum, "Shining Stars," 20.30
$10 for Japan Home, $10.30 for Morning Star Mission.

Kent, "Young Ladies’ Mission Circle," 30.00
$20 for Bombay, $10 for Morning Star Mission.
Litchfield, "Daisy Chain," .......................... $120.00
$40 for scholarship at Harpoot, $30 for scholarship at Ceylon, $30 for Japan Home, $20 for Morning Star Mission.

Litchfield, Young Ladies' Mission Band, ................. 130.00
$40 for scholarship at Foochow, $30 for scholarship at Inanda, $30 for scholarship at Ceylon, $20 for Japan Home, $10 for Morning Star Mission.

Madison, "Jolly Girls," ................................. 30.00
For scholarship at Madura.

Meriden, First Church, "Cheerful Givers," ............... 40.00
For scholarship at Harpoot.

Meriden, First Church, "Boy's Mission Band," ........... 26.20
$25 for Bombay school, $1.20 for Morning Star Mission.

Meriden, Center Church, "Willing Workers," .............. 30.00

Middletown, First Church, "Gleaners," .................. 73.00
$40 for scholarship at Marsovan, $10 for Holbrook dispensary, $20 for Morning Star Mission, $3 for Branch expenses.

Middletown, First Church, "Ten Times One Circle," ... 5.51
$1 for Morning Star Mission.

New Britain, Center Church, Primary Department of Sunday School, .................. 30.00

New Britain, South Church, Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ......................................... 56.40
$25 from a friend to constitute life member Miss Anna L. Smith.

New Britain, South Church, "Little Links," ............. 3.00

New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers," .......... 18.52

New Britain, South Church, "Standard Bearers," ........ 30.36
$10 for Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Center Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ........................................ 20.00
For Bible reader, Chinnapulli, Ceylon.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ............................. 100.00
$40 for scholarship at Harpoot, $30 for scholarship at Inanda, $30 for salary of Miss Ferris in Mexico.
New Haven, College Street Church, Young People's Missionary Society, $65.00
For Kraabscitz school and school at Bombay.

New Haven, College Street Church, "Coral Workers," 60.00
$30 for scholarship at Inanda, $10 for Japan Home,
$10 for Holbrook Dispensary, $10 for school at Tippley.

New Haven College Street Church, "Cheerful Givers," 5.00
Towards B. K. at Marsovan.

New Haven, Davenport Church, "Mission Circle," 35.00
For school at Ahmednagar.

New Haven, Davenport Church, Sunday School, 60.00
For a scholarship each at Marsovan and Ahmednagar.

New Haven, Dwight Place Church, "Fairbank Mission Circle," 25.00
For scholarship at Ahmednagar.

New Haven, Fair Haven First Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 35.00
For Bible reader, Rebecca, at Madura and Bombay school.

New Haven, Fair Haven First Church, "The Helpers," 20.00
$5 for Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Fair Haven Second Church, "Quinnipiac Mission Circle," 30.00
For school at Bombay.

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, "Splinters of the Board," 30.00
For scholarship at Madura.

New Haven, United Church, Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 120.00
$60 for school at Kraabscitz, $40 for school at Broosa, $20 for Japan Home.

New Haven, United Church, "Torch Bearers," 15.00
For school at Bombay.

New Haven, United Church, Mrs. Cady's school, mite boxes, 11.77
New Haven, "Yale College Church Mission Circle," 5.00
For Morning Star Mission.
New Milford, "Excelsior," .............................. $50.00
  $30 for school at Kraabschitz, $10 for Holbrook Dispensary, $10 for Morning Star Mission.
New Milford, "Golden Links," ................................ 15.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Norfolk, "Hillside Gleaners,"...................................... 48.00
  For scholarship at Constantinople Home and Cey­lon.
Norfolk, "Mountain Wide Awakes," .................................. 48.00
  For scholarship at Constantinople Home and Cey­lon.
North Cornwall, Mission Bank Society, ............................. 27.53
  Towards scholarship at Constantinople Home.
Northfield, "Steadfast Workers," .................................. 3.00
Norwalk, First Church Sunday School, .............................. 10.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Norwalk, "Sunbeams," ............................................. 4.50
  For Morning Star Mission.
Norfolk, "Young Ladies’ Mission Circle," ......................... 60.00
  For school at Kraabschitz and scholarship at Inanda.
Portland "Work and Win," ........................................ 16.00
  $10 for Holbrook Dispensary, $6 for Morning Star Mission.
Prospect, "Gleaners," ............................................. 40.00
  $30 for school at Bombay, $10 for Morning Star Mission.
Redding "Ready Folks," .......................................... 30.00
  For scholarship at Ceylon.
Ridgefield, "Snowflakes," ....................................... 15.00
Roxbury, "May Flowers," ......................................... 30.00
  $21 for school at Tillipally.
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band," ............................... 30.00
  For scholarship at Ahmednagar, $10 for Morning Star Mission,
Sharon "Busy Bees," ............................................... 50.00
  For school at Bombay.
South Norwalk, "Cheerful Givers," ................................ 5.00
  For Morning Star Mission.
Southport, First Church Sunday School, $30.00
   For school at Bombay.
Stamford, "Tiny Helpers," 25.00
   For school at Bombay.
Stratford, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 27.00
   For school at Kraabschitz.
Stratford, "Alpha Band," 25.00
   $15 for school at Bombay, $10 for Morning Star Mission.
Torrington, "Highland Workers," 40.00
   For scholarship at Harpoot.
Wallingford, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 25.00
   For Holbrook Dispensary.
Westchester, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 5.00
West Haven, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 30.00
   For scholarship at Inanda.
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," 70.00
   For two scholarships at Ahmednagar and Holbrook Dispensary.
Whitneyville, "Sunny Circle," 40.00
   For Japan Home.
Wilton, "Light Bearers," 80.19
   For scholarship at Constantinople Home and $1 for Branch expenses.
Wilton, "Morning Stars," 5.00
   For Morning Star Mission.
Woodbury, First Church, "Valley Gleaners," 5.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

For Missionary Fund.

Thank offering at Fairfield County meeting, $117.25
   $10 from Darien, in memoriam of Miss Elizabeth Bell
   for Dr. Holbrook's Dispensary, the remainder
   for school at Bombay.
A Friend, 25.00
   To constitute life member Miss Ella F. Monroe and
   for Baizabai, Bible reader in India.
For Branch Expenses.

Collections at Branch monthly meetings, .......... $70.02
Collection at Fairfield County meeting, .......... 14.18
" Litchfield " .......... 81.06
" Middlesex " .......... 21.21
" New Haven " .......... 14.98
Advertisements in fourteenth annual report, .......... 124.50
Sale of Titus Coan Memorial and leaflets, .......... 19.51
Middlesex County children for expenses, .......... .23

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 found the same correct.

Attest: ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

NEW HAVEN, May 29, 1886.

PLEDGES ASSUMED FOR THE YEAR.

MISSIONARIES.
Miss Mary E. Andrews, Tung Cho, China, Salary $425.00
Mrs. Fannie G. Bond, Monastir, Bulgaria, " 400.00
Mrs. Elizabeth DeForest, Osaka, Japan, " 650.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Inanda, South Africa, " 450.00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume, Bombay, West India, " 525.00
Mrs. S. M. Schneider, Constantinople, W. Turkey, " 740.00
*Mrs. Kate P. Williams, " " " 240.00
†Miss Flora A. Fensham, Constantinople, W. Turk., " 440.00
†Miss Isabella W. Ferris, Chihuahua, Mexico, " 600.00

*BIBLE WOMEN.
Vesuvasum ...... Madura, Sonth India, Salary $34.00
Gnanaperhasen ..Madura, South India, " 34.00
Rebecca ........ Madura, South India, " 28.00
S. Parkium....... Madura, South India, " 28.00
* On furlough in America. † New work for 1886-1887.
Kamalabai ............. Sirur, West India,  
                    Salary $27.00
Drupatabai ............ Rahuri, West India,  
                    " 34.00
Gungabai .............. Ahmednagar, West India,  
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Sagunabai ............. Rahuri, West India,  
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Kasubai ............... Dedgaw, West India,  
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Dayabai ............... Wadale, West India,  
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Ramabai ............... Ahmednagar, West India,  
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Changunabai ......... Bombay, West India,  
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Susan Muttu ........... Udupitty, Ceylon,  
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Sarah Hare ............ Manepy, Ceylon,  
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Chun-nai-nai ........ Tung Cho, China,  
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Tsu-ma ................ Pao-ting-fu, China,  
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Sultan ................. Hadji Keuy, Turkey,  
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Melek .................. Hadji Keuy, Turkey,  
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Lusy ................... Sert, Turkey,  
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Chinnapulli .......... Manepy, Ceylon.  
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NATIVE TEACHERS.
Miss Salveen, Miss Ely’s School, Bitlis, Turkey, Salary $60.00
Miss Anna B. Felician, Girls’ Boarding School,  
Marsovan, Turkey,  
                    " 110.00
Miss Annie Graham, Mrs. E. Hume’s School,  
Bombay, India,  
                    " 360.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.
   Expense
At Constantinople Home, Principal, ----------, 4 .... $600.00
At Marsovan, Turkey, Principal, Miss Fritcher, 10 ... 400.00
At Harpoot, Turkey, Principal, ----------, 5 ....... 200.00
At Madura, South India, Principal, Miss Swift, 10 .... 300.00
At Ahmednagar, Western India, Misses Fairbank and  
                    Harding, 17 .................................. 340.00
At Udupitty, Ceylon, Principal, Mrs. Howland, 7 ... 210.00
At Foochow, China, Principal, Miss Ella J. Newton, 6. 240.00
At Inanda, South Africa, Principal, Mrs. Edwards, 11. 330.00
At San Sebastian, Spain, Principal, Mrs. Gulick, 2 ... 200.00
At Broosa, Turkey, Principal, Mrs. Baldwin, 4 .......... 160.00
At Talas, West Turkey, Principal, Miss Closson, 1 .... 40.00
At Kraabschitz, Austria, 4 ............................ 360.00
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Shares in Japan Home, 50 ........................................ 500.00
Shares in Morning Star Mission, 3000 .......................... 300.00
Holbrook Dispensary, Tung Cho, China* ........................ 300.00
Girls’ School Building at Kusaie* ............................. 200.00
For General Fund of W. B. M. .................................. 1,311.17

* New work for 1886-1887.
LIFE MEMBERS

Added since May 12, 1885.

Mrs. Lucy Abbey.  Mrs. Mary D. Loomis.
Miss Mary E. Andrews.  Mrs. W. W. McLane.
Mrs. A. S. Barnes.  Miss Ella F. Monroe.
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WILTON, "Morning Stars:" Miss Mary C. Clark, Pres.; Mrs. C. E. Upson, Sec. and Treas.

WOODBURY, First Church, "Valley Gleaners:" Miss Julia J. Lees, Pres.; Miss Fannie J. Curtiss, Vice-Pres.; Miss Jennie L. Wheeler, Sec.; Miss Lottie Hitchcock, Treas.

WOODBURY, North Church, "Coral Workers."
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 an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be held 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 report 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 in New Haven on the second Tuesday of each month of the year, with the exception of May, July, August and September. Also a meeting shall be held in each of the four counties annually.

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

ARTICLE I. The Executive Committee shall hold monthly meetings, call special meetings, 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 interests 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 Secretaries shall present a report of the home work at the monthly meetings, correspond with the county Vice-Presidents and with Auxiliary Societies and Mission Circles, keep a careful record of interesting facts and items gained during the year, including change of officers and names of new societies with the names of their officers, from which record material may be gathered for the annual report. They shall furnish societies and mission circles with missionary letters and papers from the Bureau of Intelligence.

Art. VII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds according to the vote of the Executive Committee, report the state of the treasury at each meeting, and give a full report at the annual meeting. 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 Cooperative 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 specified 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 following standing committees, who shall act under their advice: Committee on pledged work, committee on county meetings, committee on copying letters, committee on hospitality to missionaries and others, committee on publication, including the distribution of reports.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn more about the heathen, and to do more than we have done to send them the Gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.

Art. IV. We promise to come together at stated times to hear and read about missions, or to work in some way for the cause, and through our own Treasurer to send our contributions, amounting to not less than five dollars, to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman’s Board of Missions.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Woman’s Board of Missions is auxiliary to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Twenty-five dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member of the W. B. M.; if given by one person, it may also be used for specific work. This may be paid by installments, mention being made with each installment that it is intended for that purpose. One hundred dollars given by a society during the year may constitute a Life Member.

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

Members of mission circles, desirous of work for their hands at their meetings, can prepare small boxes of
patch-work, cut and basted, and scrap-books. These, together with materials for work, such as thread, needles, thimbles and scissors, and remnants of two or three yards of strong print, would be acceptable in all the mission schools. For the schools in Turkey and South Africa, plain underclothing and calico or gingham sacques and skirts can be made which would be very helpful.

We ask from our auxiliaries original essays, papers, poems, and any letters they may receive direct from missionaries.

More information than can be gained by an occasional book or monthly pamphlet is needed in order to keep pace with the progress of missionary work. We call attention to the Missionary Library, which contains such books as those who love, support and pray for missions need to read, and we hope will eventually comprise all the popular and standard books on missions, missionaries and the countries in which they are located. It now has about one hundred and eighty volumes, mostly valuable books, which subscribers may draw at the close of each monthly meeting, or at other times by applying to Miss McAlister, 254 Crown street. The yearly subscription is twenty-five cents, or the gift of any suitable book which is not already in the library.

Regular meetings are desirable, in which home talent should be cultivated by frequent use. This may be secured by original papers, or histories of missions, to be read at meetings. Any person who will faithfully glean missionary news from every available source will be able to furnish much that is interesting and profitable for any meeting. Missionary letters may be obtained and judicious attention to music will be found helpful.

The more subscribers you have for “Life and Light,”
the more interest will be felt. The subscription list of this monthly should be greatly increased, not solely because it is the organ of our own Woman's Board, but because it imparts just the light and inspires the life needed in our home work. We call attention to "Mission Studies," to the "Children's Department" in the "Missionary Herald," and to the "Mission Dayspring."

We earnestly commend the observance of the hour from 5 to 6 p. m. each Sabbath in unison with the time chosen by other Boards, in special prayer for a blessing on missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and all concerned in promoting the work of missions.

The Executive Committee will gladly accept an invitation to hold the annual meeting elsewhere than in New Haven, in the hope of increasing the interest by giving an opportunity to all the auxiliaries to share equally in the privileges of that occasion. In order to reduce the care and labor devolving on the ladies of the churches where the meetings are held, it is suggested that in future only tea and coffee be furnished for refreshment, each lady providing whatever else she may require. The annual meeting in 1887 will be held at Stratford, and in 1888 at New Haven. The next annual meeting of the W. B. M. of Boston, will be held at New Haven on Jan. 11th, 12th and 13th, 1887.

We call attention to the fact that the New Haven Branch is an incorporated body, and we request all members of the Branch who intend to make bequests to Foreign Missions to use the form of the bequest on page 3 of cover of this report.

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

"Life and Light." Editor, Miss Abbie B. Child, Cong. House, Beacon street, Boston. Sixty cents a year in advance.
"Mission Dayspring," a missionary periodical for children, published monthly. Address publishers of Mission Dayspring, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass. $3.00 for twenty-five copies to one address per annum, post-paid. Ten copies $1.50. Less than ten, twenty cents each. Subscriptions begin quarterly.

"Mission Studies." Price twenty-five cents per annum. Address Secretary of the Woman's Board of the Interior, (Room 30), 53 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

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

"Woman's Work for Woman and Our Mission Field." Published monthly by the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. Terms 60 cents per annum in advance. Address Mission House, Miss Ellen C. Parsons, 23 Center street, New York.

"Children's Work for Children." Address Miss Mary I. Lombard, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.


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

"The Gospel in all Lands." The only weekly paper for Missions. Terms $2.00 per annum. Address Eugene R. Smith, 114 W. Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md.

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APPOINTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 11, 1886.

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Miss C. E. Raymond, Norwalk.
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Miss L. B. Lee, Madison.
Mrs. J. G. Davenport, Waterbury.

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. B. M., BOSTON,
TO BE HELD AT NEW HAVEN, JAN. 11, 12, 13, 1887, AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES, APPOINTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH, MAY 11, 1886.

Fairfield County. (North.)

1. Miss Lillian Edwards, Easton, del.
   Mrs. Aaron Osborne, Georgetown, sub.
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(South.)
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    Miss Minnie L. Judd, Wallingford, sub.

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

Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
Singing.
Minutes of last meeting by Recording Secretary.
Report of Corresponding Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Discussion.
Business.
Addresses—Reading Missionary intelligence or letters.
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1. Advantages of organization. Mrs. Chaffee.
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Africa Papers.
4. Africa.
6. The opening opportunities for the spread of the Christian religion in Africa previous to 1880. Miss Bradley.
8. What Western Connecticut has done for Africa. Mrs. Prudden.

China Papers.

15. The Religions of China. Miss M. Ellen Clarke.

18. Eighty-six Years ago.
20. Extracts from Mrs. Whitney's private journal on her passage to the Sandwich Islands in 1819-20.
22. How shall we conduct our Mission Circle meetings? Miss Hopson.
23. How shall we make our meetings more helpful spiritually to ourselves and the cause? Mrs. Mead.
24. How shall we utilize missionary literature? Miss Clark.
25. How to overcome difficulties in forming auxiliaries. Mrs. McCall.
26. How we interested the big boys.

India Papers.

27. Ahmednagar. Mrs. Winchell.
28. Ceylon. Miss Bella W. Hume.
29. Description of map of India. Mrs. Adam.
32. India's History. Miss Twining.
33. Our Missionaries in India. Miss Hume.
34. The Bombay School. Miss Hume.
35. The Brahmo-Somaj. Miss Alice Bacon.
36. What the Bible has done in India. Miss Twining.

Japan Papers.

37. Ancient religions in the way of Christianity in Japan. Mrs. Tracy Peck.
38. Description of map of Japan. Miss Prudden.
40. Manners and customs of the Japanese. Miss Morris.
41. Sketch of the past in Japan. Miss McAllister.
42. The missions of the A. B. C. F. M. in Japan. Miss Alice Bacon.
43. The new civilization in Japan. Mrs. Burdett Hart.
44. The work of Protestant missionary societies in Japan (omitting our own). Mrs. Burdett Hart.
45. The Women of Japan. Miss Eastman.

46. Letter from Mrs. Thurston, of the Sandwich Islands, to her daughter Persis, 1843.
47. Love for missions a test of love for Christ. Miss Nood.
49. Marsovan: with map of the field. Mrs. Tracy.
50. Marsovan: adapted to mission circles. Miss Darrow.
52. Micronesia. Mrs. Miller.
53. Micronesia. Mrs. E. S. Champion.
54. Missions in Sandwich Islands and Micronesia. Miss Woodward.
55. Missionary prayer-meeting forty years ago. Mrs. Eastman.
56. Morning Star. 1st, 2d and 3d.
57. Missionary work in Litchfield county during the past century. Mrs. Prudden.
58. Need of perseverance in the work. Vermont Branch.
59. Oceanica.
60. Our friends in Ceylon. Miss Stone.
61. Our missionary meeting. Mrs. Mead.
63. Prayer. Dictated by Mrs. Eastman as her last message to co-workers in Foreign Missions.
64. Promises relating to the kingdom of Christ. Mrs. McCall.
65. Sandwich Islands. Mrs. S. E. Champion.
69. Story of our mission circles. Mrs. E. B. Mead.
70. Suggestions for mission circles. Miss Susan T. Clark.
72. The Children. What more can be done to enlist them in the missionary work? Mrs. Mead.
73. The Greek Church. Mrs. S. E. Champion.
74. The Koran. Mrs. S. E. Champion.
75. Translation of letter to missionaries in Harpout from an Armenian whose daughter had been educated at the Seminary.
76. Wanted, leaders for Mission Circles. Miss Eastman.
77. What are you doing for Jesus? Mrs. Curtiss.
78. What else? Miss Prudden.
80. What she could. Miss Lay.
81. What the W. B. M. has done for me. Miss Hinsdale.
82. What would be the result if the W. B. M. should cease from its work? Mrs. McCall.
83. Why should young people be interested in missions? Miss Reynolds.
84. Work of the American Board. Miss Woodward.

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Letters from missionaries and manuscript papers can be obtained from Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 213 Crown street, New Haven.

Reports of the annual meetings of societies, with the names of officers, should be sent to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild.

Letters with money and requests for pledged work should be addressed to Miss Julia Twining, 314 Prospect street, New Haven. All checks should be made payable to the order of the Treasurer.

Those answering any of the advertisements in this report will confer a favor upon the advertiser and publishers, by stating where they saw the advertisement.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

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