TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

1895
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OF THE

Woman's Board of Missions,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, NEW HAVEN,

MAY 14, 1895.

NEW HAVEN:
THE TUTTLE, MOREHOUSE & TAYLOR PRESS
1895.
Our Motto.

"AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN THE VINE, NO MORE CAN YE, EXCEPT YE ABIDE IN ME. HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT."

ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The next annual meeting of the Branch will be held in New Haven, on the second Tuesday of May, 1896.

Meetings of the Branch will be held in New Haven, at 3 P.M., on the second Tuesday of October, December, February and April.

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

Reports of the annual meetings of societies, all questions or communications relating to the general work of the Branch, and requests for pledged work, should be sent to the Home Secretary, Mrs. J. Preston Strong, 222 Sherman avenue, New Haven.

Mite-boxes can be obtained from Miss Miranda B. Merwin, 387 Temple street, New Haven.

Any societies who wish information in regard to work for boxes for missionaries, should write to Miss L. E. Prudden, 372 Orange street, New Haven.

Applications for missionaries to address meetings should be sent to Mrs. A. B. Miller, 133 Wall street, New Haven.
Address letters with money to Miss Julia Twining, 314 Prospect street, New Haven. All checks should be made payable to the order of the Treasurer.

Any one person or society contributing annually $25 can use the same for a life membership, and also for a special appropriation, such as the salary of a missionary, Bible reader, etc.

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

We call attention to the following publications:

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

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

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

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of _____ dollars in trust, to pay over the same after my decease, to the person then acting as Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, to be used for the objects of said society.
OFFICERS FOR 1895-1896.

President.
*Miss Susan E. Daggett ........... 77 Grove street.

Vice-Presidents.
MRS. T. D. Woolsey ............... 250 Church street.
MRS. S. L. Cady ................... 56 Hillhouse avenue.
MRS. T. H. Sheldon ............... 85 Edgewood avenue.
Miss Cordelia Sterling ... Stratford
MRS. Washington Choate ... Greenwich
Mrs. George Adam ................. Canaan
Miss M. P. Hinsdale ....... West Winsted
Mrs. L. S. Griggs ............... Ivoryton
Mrs. A. W. Hazen .......... Middletown
Mrs. F. E. Hinman .......... Meriden
Mrs. W. H. Phipps .......... Prospect
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Mrs. H. D. Hume ................. 24 Home Place.
MRS. A. B. Miller, Assistant ... 133 Wall street.

Recording Secretary.
Mrs. W. W. McLane ............... 33 Howe street.

Treasurer.
Miss Julia Twining ............... 314 Prospect street.

Home Secretaries.
Mrs. J. Preston Strong .......... 222 Sherman avenue.
Mrs. C. Macphie ................. 56 Grove street.

Secretary of the Bureau of Information.
Miss Ellen M. Prichard ........... 250 Church street.

Assistant Secretaries.
Mrs. E. Hershey Sneath .......... 381 Temple street.
Mrs. N. H. Whittlesey .......... 135 Wall street.
Mrs. Charles R. Cutting ........ 521 Whitney avenue.

* Miss Daggett will be absent most of the year.
Junior Department.

Secretary in charge of Mission Circles.

Mrs. Charles E. Curtis .................. 254 Prospect street.

County Secretaries for Mission Circles.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley .... Middletown .... Middlesex Co.
Miss Mary A. Hopson .... Kent ........ { Litchfield Co.
Miss Jennie S. Bissell, Asst. Kent .... { Litchfield Co.
Mrs. William B. Cogswell Stratford .. Fairfield Co.
Mrs. T. L. Day ................. 132 College st ... New Haven Co.

Secretary in charge of Mission Work in Societies of Christian Endeavor.

Miss Jennie P. Payne .................. 143 Bradley street.

County Secretaries for Societies of Christian Endeavor.

Mrs. F. H. Hurlburt .... Middletown .... Middlesex Co.
Miss Mary A. Hopson .... Kent ........ { Litchfield Co.
Miss Jennie S. Bissell, Asst. Kent .... { Litchfield Co.
Mrs. William B. Cogswell Stratford .. Fairfield Co.
Miss Jennie P. Payne .... 143 Bradley st ... New Haven Co.

Secretary for Mission Work in Sunday Schools.

Miss Minnie S. Dickerman ................ Whitneyville.

Branch Secretary for "Life and Light" and "Mission Dayspring."

Miss Idalina Darrow .................. 154 Humphrey street.

Cooperative Committee.

Mrs. Henry S. Williams, Chairman .... 282 Prospect street.
Mrs. L. C. Dayton .................. 141 Dwight street.
Miss Lillian E. Prudden ............. 372 Orange street.
Miss Sarah T. Landfear ............. 125 St. John street.
Miss Mary L. Deming ................. 30 Howe street.
Mrs. F. E. Holcomb .................. 116 Wooster street.

Auditor.

Roger S. White .................. 69 Church street.
**WORK OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.**

**MISSIONARIES.**

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Egin  .....................................E. Turkey  _____,____ 21.12
East Harpoot _____________E. Turkey .......................  26.40
Andiaman ...............C. Turkey _____________  13.44
Killis ...............................C. Turkey .............................  14.00
Vizir Kupree _____________W. Turkey ..............   13.20
Pao-ting-fu .............................China  ................... 100.00
Tientsin ...............................China.........................   25.00
Ireland Home .................Africa.......................... 50.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Work at Gedik Pasha, Constantinople ...........................................$175.00
Evangelistic work, Hasquey, Constantinople ..................................396.00
Dispensary at Foochow, China ..................................................100.00
Dispensary at Madura, India ....................................................200.00
Dispensary at Tungcho, China ...................................................270.00
Miss Julia Bissell, M.D., Dispensary, Ahmednagar, India ..................250.00
Morning Star Mission ..................................................................300.00
Kindergarten at Smyrna, Turkey ..................................................189.21
Kindergarten, Kobe, Japan for 1895 ..........................................100.00
Kindergarten at Cesarea, Turkey, completed ................................. 86.00
Special for work of Mrs. Karmarkar ......................................... 275.00
Middlesex County School, Mrs. Hume, Bombay ...............................150.00
For work under Mrs. Montgomery ............................................. 92.50
Special gifts........................................................................... 170.20
DELEGATES TO W. B. M. ANNUAL MEETING, BOSTON, MASS., NOV. 5, 6 AND 7, 1895.

Mrs. Thomas W. Turney .........................................Easton.
Mrs. A. C. Moore ............................................Newtown.
Miss Annis Brady .............................................Darien.
Miss E. G. Platt ............................................South Norwalk.
Mrs. Frank Russell .........................................Bridgeport.
Mrs. Vincent B. Sterling ..................................New Milford.
Mrs. H. M. Adams .............................................Canaan.
Miss Ellen Hickox ...........................................Washington.
Miss Katharine Carrington .....................................Colebrook.
Miss M. P. Hinsdale ...........................................West Winsted.
Mrs. E. E. Bacon .............................................Saybrook.
Mrs. A. W. Tyler .............................................Tylerville.
Mrs. Levi Jewett ...............................................Cobalt.
Mrs. John Paddock ..........................................Cheshire.
Mrs. W. E. Riley .............................................Waterbury.
Mrs. Barton C. Bradley .........................................S. Britain.
Mrs. E. F. Thompson ..........................................East Haven.
Mrs. L. P. Deming .............................................Fair Haven.
Mrs. J. Lee Mitchell ...........................................Fair Haven.
Mrs. T. S. Devitt .............................................Branford.
Mrs. R. C. Newton .............................................Woodbridge.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1896.

Mrs. W. F. Markwick .............................................Ansonia.
Mrs. E. K. Holden ...............................................Bridgeport.
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson ...........................................New Haven.
Mrs. H. D. Curtis .............................................Woodbury.
Miss M. E. Bunce .............................................Middletown.
ANNUAL MEETING.

The New Haven Branch received a cordial welcome at the Church of the Redeemer for its annual meeting, on the fourteenth of May.

The well attended devotional service, led by Mrs. Clarke, of Durham, evinced an earnest of the hours to follow. In it was caught a glimpse of hearts loyal to the Master, constrained by love to Him, and evincing deep responsibility toward those less favored than themselves. Over the assembling together of so many consecrated lives, a benediction seemed to be hovering on the deliberations of the day.

Entering the church for the regular session, the call which had summoned those present, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was seen surmounting a map of the territory included in the charge. The motto was a gift from one who literally obeyed the direction, "Go," in earlier days, and who now gives of her rich experience to aid the workers here,—Mrs Hume, the esteemed Corresponding Secretary of the Branch, whom infirmity detained at home. The map gave a bird's-eye view of the extent to which the Branch has attempted to fulfill the command; the medical, educational and evangelistic work being designated respectively by touches of color,—green, blue and red.

From world-wide reflections, the gavel of the President, Miss Daggett, recalled all thoughts to the subjects of the hour. After listening to minutes of last annual meeting, singing and reading of scripture, Miss Daggett made more real the bond felt to exist between home and
foreign workers, by mentioning that in Bombay last year, on our anniversary, the "tie that binds" had assembled the women there at the same hour, and suggesting the possibility of a like distant echo to the voices of to-day.

Prayer was then offered by Mrs. Phipps, of Prospect. Mrs. McLane gave an interesting account of the year's work at home, elsewhere recorded. Miss Twinning presented the financial report. Many encouraging items were returned by the county vice-presidents, Mrs. Adam, Mrs. Choate, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Hinman.

Prayer for auxiliaries and members unable to be present was offered by Mrs. Adam, after which, "We whose souls are lighted" were reminded of our privileges in song.

Mrs. Miller's "Review of the year's work abroad," a condensed statement of the results for which the entire constituency of the Branch had been working, was replete with interest, and merits careful study, as succeeding pages prove.

What were an anniversary without its greetings? The trio enjoyed at this birthday of the Branch were well nigh world-wide in extent. The first was from Boston, sent by Miss Lamson, the efficient Junior Secretary of the Woman's Board. She brought a loving and affectionate message, freighted with gratitude for past help, and hope and confidence for the future. In the mere glimpse of the foreign field just allowed, enough had been revealed to indicate clearly our responsibility, and the question is, How are we taking it? Normal condition is determined by feeling the pulse, the treasury; a comparison between this year and last shows a decrease of more than six hundred dollars. The heart's action must be stimulated; each one must be willing. The
parent society could make no pledges were she not to rely on her daughters for their fulfillment; without this aid, appeals for help would be made in vain. Some auxiliaries are working as never before, yet if a few fail, all suffer. She wished those present might share the helpfulness of the Friday morning prayer meetings in the Congregational rooms, where missionaries are often present and keep them in touch with the work. Japan has made rapid strides; China is bright with a promise of future glory, in spite of the hour of trial; Turkey is prospering as never before; privileges unknown hitherto are ours to-day. "It is daybreak everywhere."

As if catching this refrain, wafted thither from the Boston shore, there came floating over the sea from far-off Ruk a note of greeting, a promise of the coming dawn, where less than a century ago the darkness was complete. Her story of the change thus beginning to appear, Mrs. Logan deferred till a later hour, and quickly in thought we were borne around the globe, as Miss Landfear, from South Africa, pictured there the fast-retreating night. Huguenot Seminary has an interesting history. Founded by Rev. Andrew Murray, in 1873, it has become indeed a beacon light to all the region round about. This, as a result of God's blessing on a seed sown by our own Mrs. Hume, while stopping at Cape Town, on her return from India. This seminary, while not connected with the Board, is one of especial interest, as its principal from the very first has been Miss Ferguson, a former recording secretary of the New Haven Branch.

One of our "very own household," our beloved Mrs. Montgomery, spoke to us through Mrs. Sheldon. So freighted with personality were her words that we
seemed to be listening to her familiar voice, as she spoke of the magnificence of the inheritance to which we have fallen heir in the great opportunities unfolding; reminded us that girding up the loins of our mind means business, warned against setting our hope on Christ imperfectly, and exhorted to walk hand in hand with him.

Prayer by Mrs. Noble, of Norwalk, and a few items of business closed the session.

In the hour which followed, social enjoyment did not prevent appreciation of the tempting refreshment generously provided.

Direction was then given to trains of thought for old and young in the Junior and Auxiliary conferences which succeeded. In the former, Miss Prudden, with her usual tact, successfully elicited experience with the Cradle Roll and Covenant. The Cradle Roll nurtures the germ of cheerful and intelligent giving and is the nucleus of Junior Endeavor Societies and Mission Circles in the near future. The Covenant, with its more than thirteen hundred signatures, is not a pledge to any particular line of work, but serves as a bond, often infusing with new life those who have taken it.

At the conference of Vice-Presidents and Auxiliaries, the following questions were proposed and discussed:

1. What shall we do with the fact, that, admitting members without the pledge of two cents per week, or of any fixed amount, tends to decrease the number of members who adhere faithfully to the regular annual membership fee?

2. Are the constitutions for auxiliaries and circles fully understood—are they sufficiently explicit?

3. Of what value would union meetings be to auxiliaries located near to each other geographically?
4. Does the increasing multiplicity of women's clubs and classes call for any fresh methods in the conduct of our missionary meetings?

5. How best to interest the auxiliaries in the annual meeting of the Woman's Board?

6. Are the annual reports of the Branch generally read, and are they helpful?

1. It was thought that members able to contribute but a small sum do not influence those who could give the regular amount, but that an organized body should adhere to a fixed rule.

2. Some societies after fulfilling their pledges, work for outside objects not expressed in the constitution.

3. Union meetings of auxiliaries have sometimes proved advantageous through an interchange of plans, but variety is liable to be gained at a sacrifice of the freedom felt in a local gathering.

4. Missionary meetings merit the freshest ideas and the best methods that can be devised, with news always up to date.

5. A delegate should always be in attendance at a meeting of the Board, who will reproduce its feast of good things at home.

6. If Branch reports do not share their stores of information with interested readers, it is because people have not learned how much a knowledge of the work would be increased thereby.

In the afternoon Mrs. Prudden followed the report of the Nominating Committee with prayer for the officers elected for the ensuing year.

A dark picture of the island as she found it, and a story of patient waiting for brighter days, were given by Mrs. Logan, of Ruk, Micronesia. The present century
dawned on a people warlike, uncleanly and entirely igno-
rant of the name of Christ. As sewing was unknown, the
native dress consisted of a strip of cloth wound about
the body. Their dialects were numerous; their religion,
spirit-worship, with the usual sacrifices and offerings.
It was supposed their gods were sometimes visible, and
when the first lady missionaries appeared, clad in light
attire, they were received as spirits come down in the
likeness of women. Learning who they were, the chief
explained that the proper mode of welcome was to take
their hands and move them up and down. Native
houses without doors or windows are so small that while
a missionary's dwelling is being constructed, his chattels
must be piled at one end of the hut, necessitating a
wearisome removal when one of the foundation articles
is desired, and demanding constant watchfulness that
this service be not performed by the natives on their
own account. On one occasion a can-opener being
missed, it was found converted into earrings, to enhance
the beauty of the wearer. The first knowledge of a
higher life was gained from a native teacher, Moses,
sent in response to the request of a chief. Afterward
Mr. and Mrs. Logan began their lifework of self-sacri-
fice among the people; thankful for the slight proofs
now and then afforded that their labor was not in vain.
After Mr. Logan had passed to his reward, his wife,
faithful to the people of her adoption, continued her
work of love, and now, in spite of strong ties which
bind her to her native land, anticipates a return to her
island home. A school of more than seventy-five girls
is a center of great hope for the future. There is sad
need of assistants here; long and loud has sounded
forth the call for help, and the eagerly-awaited Morning
Star, while the bearer of heartfelt joy in its messages
from beyond the sea, brings much disappointment also as the longed-for new teacher does not appear. The story of one of the converts, a fruit of the church at Ruk, attests the working of the leaven among the people. Called to begin mission work on a neighboring island, his wife, educated in the girls' school, of feeble body but heroic mind, was a helper to the full extent of her strength, till a triumphant death crowned her devoted life.

Mr. Logan said as his end drew near, and he recalled instances like this, "'Tis God's work, and it's worth it all."

A prayer of consecration by Mrs. Maephie on the offering received by the ushers followed, after which a finely rendered solo by Mrs. S. S. Thompson was much appreciated by all.

A panorama of the missionaries of the Branch and their work passed in rapid review, as with a few master strokes of Mrs. Miller's pen, were touched the salient points in Turkey, Africa, Japan; the swift glance from field to field forbade a moment's tarry where especial interest was roused, until, finally pausing at Bombay, Mrs. Edward Hume detained us by suggesting for our meeting the following motto, which she had received from a friend in Scotland:

"Happy—still in God confiding,
Faithful—if in Christ abiding,
Holy—through the Spirit's guiding;
All will be well."

One and all illustrated the thought, "Responsible only for faithful endeavoring."

Mrs. Cogswell gave the report of the Junior Department, which all enjoyed, and which will well repay any one for careful perusal.
Miss Lamson spoke of a special work requiring the aid of the Juniors this year; the building of Capron Hall, very much needed in Dindigal, at a cost of ten thousand dollars. Invitation was extended all attending the C. E. convention in Boston to visit a room at the Endeavor headquarters, supplied by the Woman's Board with missionary literature, and attended by one of their number; at their apartments in the Congregational House, also, guests would be cordially welcomed. The burden resting upon the Board at present was the irresponsibility of many on whom it must rely for aid. Hesitation with regard to pledges which must be assumed by the Board renders their fulfillment an anxious task. Christ excepted no disciple in his last command, and to go or send should win a loving response in every loyal heart.

Miss Gilman, of the Eastern Connecticut Branch, wished to propose as a motto, "Grace be unto you and go," into some department of the work. She suggested forwarding to missionaries items from other fields, or anything interesting and helpful to ourselves. Glowing hearts touch other hearts. Prayers more fervent and frequent should be offered, she remarked, as her own words became those of petition.

Miss Daggett referred to the completion of Mrs. Kate P. Williams' beautiful and efficient work, saying it took one of her ability to do it.

Next year marks the completion of a quarter of a century of organized effort for foreign missions by the New Haven Branch. It is proposed to make a special offering, and arrange for a two days' meeting, in which it is hoped the review and preview will be profitable for greater efficiency in future.

Mrs. Bunnell, of Stratford, most happily voiced the
appreciation of all present for the many ways in which thoughtful and loving hearts had contributed to "the sweet influences of the day."

"On our way rejoicing" was sung, and the action suited to the word. Then from this height of privilege, a thousand rills of blessing through hidden channels began their course, later to unite and prove the Branch in very deed that of a "tree planted by the streams of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season."

M. S.Dickerman.
REPORT OF THE
RECORDING SECRETARY.

At the four public meetings of the New Haven Branch held during the last year, addresses of unusual interest were made by Miss Ferguson of South Africa, and her sister, Mrs. Allen; by Miss Barbour of San Sebastian, Spain; by Mrs. Beach, formerly of China; and by Mrs. De Forest, of Japan. These speakers brought their special fields, both as to present attainment and future needs, vividly before us; and their earnest words left an abiding impression upon our hearts.

The Officers' meeting, County meetings, and Children's meeting were held as usual, and averaged a good attendance.

The Executive Committee encountered a good deal of weather in the course of the year, but met twenty times in spite of it. At these business meetings the two things which received special attention were the diminished receipts of the Board, and of our own Branch; and the adoption of measures to meet the exigency. Proportionate and systematic giving, as a means to this end, was recommended by the Board early in the year, endorsed by our Branch, and presented later, in the shape of leaflets and pledge-cards, to the auxiliaries. An effort for an increased membership, and for a more extended circulation of "Life and Light" was also made; and, by request of the Board, a portion of the fifth day of October was set apart for special prayer throughout the Branch.

Some results from these efforts were shown in the
increased amount of thank-offerings last fall, for the cause of medical missions, and in the gains in membership reported by a number of auxiliaries.

The treasurer reports as follows:

"The auxiliary societies have done grandly, giving within $150.00 as much as last year, when, with great effort, they raised about $750.00 extra for the W. B. M. deficit. A falling off of about $450 in the receipts of the mission circles reduces this gain. The total receipts, inclusive of legacies, are $559.60 less than last year. The thank-offerings were more than double those of last year. Altogether the outlook is very encouraging."

Miss Prichard sends the following report from the Bureau of Information:

"The Bureau shows great activity, needing the help of several secretaries to do the necessary work. A missionary writes of her difficulty in preparing a paper for a meeting in her mission-field, with nothing but old Missionary Heralds for assistance. She longed for one of our Home Bureaus. Do we realize our privilege in having so many helps for making our meetings interesting, and for making the work abroad real and near to us?"

The Home Secretary, Mrs. Strong, reports the formation of one new auxiliary, the reorganization of three others, and gains in membership on the part of numerous societies. Although many of the auxiliaries show a good record, there are three deserving of particular mention; that of the First Church, Middletown, which, mainly through the efforts of its treasurer, has gained forty-eight new members during the year, and lately marked its twenty-fifth birthday with special exercises; that of Greenwich, which has also seen a quarter of a century of generous service, and has celebrated the
event with fitting enthusiasm; and that of Adana, Turkey. This latter auxiliary includes in its numbers every woman who is a member of the church there, and has contributed this last year nearly $25 to the W. B. M.

When we learn that in that region the price of a day's work is very small, and that one boy is paid only one and one-third cents for picking ninety pounds of cotton from the pods, we appreciate the fact that this gift represents much love and self-sacrifice.

Another notable effort has been the collecting of $80 by one member of the executive committee to pay for an embroidered quilt made by some poor Armenian women, who, by the proceeds of this voluntary service, hope to support a free bed in the hospital where Miss Trowbridge, our medical missionary, is at work. These women, having nothing else to contribute, gave their labor, and sent the quilt to this country to be sold, in the faith that the women of America stand ready to help on every good cause.

During the year our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hume, has often been unable to meet with the executive committee, and her presence and counsels have been greatly missed. Many tender and helpful messages received from her, however, have kept the influence of her all-engrossing missionary enthusiasm present with us.

It is with regret that we report the resignation of Miss Prudden from the charge of the Junior societies. The loss of this officer from this department of the Branch work will be greatly felt by all who have listened to her pleasant voice, and caught something of her earnest spirit. But we shall still claim her as one of us, and shall hope to receive again, at some time in the near future, her advice and assistance.

In looking back over the year we find that talk con-
ocerning the deficit and the reduction in missionaries' salaries runs like a dark thread through the consultations of the executive committee, and that a certain pressure has been needed to bring the Branch up to its present standard. We willingly let the year glide into the past; and our best hope for the one on which we are entering is that it may bring us that tide which comes in missionary affairs as well as others, and that a great wave of enthusiasm may lift us over those shoals of deficit which have hindered our progress in the past.

F. R. McLane,

Recording Secretary.
REPORT OF THE
ASS' T. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

It is the purpose of this report to show something of how that command is being fulfilled, in the work of the New Haven Branch.

Into “all the world”—yes—in many lands, to different races and in diverse languages, the Gospel message is being carried. Our organization is pledged to definite work in Turkey, India, China, Japan, among the Isles of the Sea, in Africa, and in the Papal lands of Mexico, Spain and Austria. Responsibility for sustaining that work, according to ability, should be gladly accepted by the individual members.

We consider the work under the heads of medical, evangelistic, and educational, with a brief attention to our own missionaries.

A great deal of medical work cannot be reported as such, for almost every missionary home is engaged in this kindly ministration; and foreign medicines, accompanied by care and sympathy, open many hearts to the message of cure for soul-sickness.

We have an interest in five dispensaries; at Tungcho and Foochow in China, and in India at Madura, Bassein, and a new pledge lately adopted with Dr. Bissell in Ahmednagar; those at Tungcho and Bassein being supported by us. As a sample of dispensary work we report from the one at Madura. In the hospital for women and children and dispensary, the number of cases
treated last year was 45,707. Patients came from 575 villages, and almost daily, a distance of 20 to 60 miles, it being a common sight to see a sick person carried for miles on the shoulders of anxious relatives. A preaching service is conducted every morning, and no one is permitted to leave, without hearing of Jesus the Savior from sin.

It has been said of the missionary hospitals in China, that they have “double cures,” one for sickness and one for wickedness. A touching incident is reported of a woman who came a long distance to have her evil spirit and foul tongue cleansed, because her neighbor had returned from the hospital, healed in body and soul.

Much of our evangelistic work is done by the Bible women, of whom we have sixteen in the Marathi mission, five in Madura, four in Ceylon, four in Turkey and one in China. Training institutions have recently been established in several missions, where the women are being systematically taught how to meet heathen objections, and how to present Christian truths; already mission reports tell of their work being done more efficiently.

The Bible women at Madura have visited over 8000 houses the past year; Miss Swift says, when we hear of the number of houses, we must remember that they have been visited over and over, many times a year: when we read of the number of pupils instructed—over 1600 in 1894—we must think of the patient labor necessary to teach one ignorant woman, whose only knowledge of the way of life comes through the message of the Bible woman.

Pages of statistics could not reveal the true value of this work, and we give one illustration (much abbreviated) from Miss Swift’s beautiful story of evangelistic
work. In the same street with one of the Bible women lived a wretched woman, who 25 years before had been seized by a sudden frenzy, during which she declared herself to be the "mother of death." From that time the people called her the "devil-dancer," and in her paroxysms of fury treated her with superstitious homage. The Bible woman became interested in this unhappy creature, and through the faithful efforts of that believer in Him who cast out devils, Karuppai, the devil-dancer, became a teacher of God's truth to her former worshipers. "I must have a new name," she said to the missionary, and the name given at her baptism was Sutthavathi, "the pure one."

The missionaries write of our Bible women in the Marathi mission, as invaluable helpers; the first to report any interested; and faithful in the instruction of inquirers. Two from Ahmednagar have gone to a new field where they were much needed. They were unaccustomed to the railroad, and had never been so far from home, but when they heard of the opportunities they would have to preach the Gospel, they consented to break up their homes, and leave their friends to go to what seemed to them a foreign land.

A most important work in the evangelistic line is that at Gedik Pasha, as the location itself proves. Mrs. Newell says, "We live inside the walls of the old historic Greek city, and in the very heart of the capital city of the Empire; our parish, untouched by any other work of the Board, embraces half a million people. Each year has seen some new and progressive interest added to previous efforts, till the work, which was well accommodated in one small apartment, is now cramped in a large house with more than thirty rooms." The day school has increased in membership, and there are
90 young men in the evening school. Weekly prayer-meetings and mothers' meetings are well sustained, and extend their influence to the Moslems. The Coffee House work reaches even those who visit the city.

Fully an hour from the city, up the Golden Horn, is Hasquey, a more recent center of similar lines of work. At the retirement of Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Seelye joined Miss Gleason. A school for larger girls has been opened, and the Kindergarten is full to overflowing. House to house visitation carries an influence not to be evaded. Here, as at Gedik Pasha, the work is to be sustained by societies of Christian Endeavor, to whom Miss Gleason sends a special greeting.

Our educational work may be classed under three heads—boarding schools, village and day schools, and kindergartens. The New Haven Branch has been very fortunate in investments in this line of work, whether in buildings, or for scholarships and salaries of teachers.

The kindergartens in which the Branch is interested are at Smyrna, Cesarea, and one recently started at Kobe, Japan. We must tell about the one at Smyrna, supported by us. Nine years ago there was no kindergarten in Turkey. At that time Miss Bartlett began her work for the children. The custom of the country was to send very little children to the house of some poor woman in the neighborhood, "to sit still," without toys or occupations. Can we realize the contrast of happy children in our kindergarten, to which they are admitted at three years of age?

Miss Bartlett writes, "Every day spent in our new building brings us much for which to thank the New Haven Branch." Eighty little ones are there learning lessons of truthfulness and kindness, and forming habits of attention, neatness and order. A Sabbath-School is
held in the same hall, and the children carry home picture cards which have been explained to them, and so the Gospel blessing is passed on by the little ones.

Village and day schools are a necessary part of foreign mission work. Fourteen such schools are supported by the Branch; eight in Turkey, five in India, one in Ceylon, one in N. China and one in Mexico. These schools are in charge of missionaries at central stations, and visited as often as possible. The influence of these schools depends largely upon the faithfulness of the Christian teacher. It may be a very small light in great darkness, but the school is often the only source of Gospel light for the community. The last census in India shows that 90 per cent. of the people live outside of large towns; since so large a proportion live in little hamlets scattered over the country, how important that the work should reach out to them.

The chief hope of our missions, for trained native teachers and helpers, as well as for Christian wives and mothers, is in the boarding schools, where, separated from heathen influences, the girls receive their education, in the atmosphere of a Christian home.

What a wealth of past associations and of future promise is suggested by naming these institutions. The Girls' College at Constantinople—Marsovar^ Seminary—Bowker Hall at Bombay—the Girls' Schools at Almednagar and Udupitty—Madura School, recently named Capron Hall—the schools at Foochow and Pao-ting-fu—Inanda Seminary—the Mt. Holyoke for Bohemian girls at Kraabschitz—the International Institute for girls at San Sebastian—the Chihuahua Girls' School—the Ireland Home for Kraal girls. Every one sends an interesting report, but we can only cull a few words of encouragement from them.
An important item of news from the College at Constantinople is that the long desired "Irade" has been granted. "This is a sacred document, which bestows the imperial sanction of the Sultan for the existence of the college." By this decision, all the property of the college is absolutely exempt from taxation. The legal papers have waited the signature of the Sultan for two years. This concession shows an encouraging advance of opinion regarding the education of woman.

For Marsovan, a promise has been fulfilled; it has been given "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise, for the spirit of heaviness." It will be remembered that the building, for which money was contributed by the Branch, was burned by incendiaries just as it neared completion. The money with which it has been rebuilt was furnished by the Turkish Government. Mr. Tracy thinks the schools have gained immense prestige, and Miss Gage writes, "It has been a year of great things for our school, and our new building is a continual delight. There are fifty double seats in the school hall; all are occupied." The aim of the school is to fit girls for "a practical Christian life." The day of prayer for colleges was a day of blessed influence, bringing many direct answers to prayer.

The Girls' School at Ahmednagar is considered one of the chief nurseries of the church. Upon the first Sabbath of the year twenty girls were received into church membership, sixteen of them daughters of Christian parents. The Governor of the Presidency recently congratulated the teachers, before hundreds of visitors, on the success of the school.

The school for Christian children in Bombay has been very full, with 166 pupils enrolled, an increase of one-
third during the year; and Mrs. Hume writes that the work might be still more enlarged if they had the necessary accommodations. "The good health of the pupils is a special reason for gratitude, but better than health of body is the genuine earnestness of mind and heart that is developing." We should have been glad to accept the invitation sent last November to "go the rounds" of Bowker Hall and the Dormitory, and see the new and healthful arrangements. We enjoyed the description of the cots with grey blankets and clean sheets, even though they were crowded "plump against each other," and we rejoiced that by an extra gift we were able to save both boarding and day schools from the reductions that would have seriously crippled them.

The district of Madura, twice the size of Connecticut, with four times the population, is a most interesting field of missionary work. In the city of Madura (a city noted for its temples and heathen festivals) a girls' school was opened in 1841, strange to say, even before any school was started for boys. For more than fifty years, growth, especially in religious influence, has characterized the school. Miss Bessie Noyes writes that 200 pupils have been in attendance the past year, and twenty normal graduates were sent out; most of them to teach in mission schools. The Missionary Society of the school supports a Bible woman, and two or three of the girls accompany her each Saturday to assist in the singing. The girls conduct entirely without help a Sabbath-School of forty little children.

From the Foochow Boarding School there shines a brightness which all the gloom of war and failure cannot overshadow. Of the revival last fall in connection with the labors of an Evangelist, Miss Newton wrote,
"For deep conviction of sin and joyful experience in yielding of hearts to the Savior, we have never received such a blessing before; its influence will reach to coming years." The course of study is about equal to that of a high school, but a large proportion of the pupils do work preparatory to that course. The school is growing popular, and the difficulty is not to get pupils, but to find room for those who desire to attend. Miss Newton commends the faithfulness and efficiency of the Chinese teachers in sharing added responsibilities.

In Pao-ting-fu the Chinese soldiers have been disposed to make trouble, and some unpleasant experiences have occurred. After the last vacation, it was considered wisest not to reopen the school for a time.

The Institute at San Sebastian has made a notable record during the year. The unexpected proficiency of the four candidates for degrees at the government examination, compelled the admiration and respect of officials, and the school has gained a reputation which will increase its usefulness. "The prosperity of this school means the evangelization of Spain," but while vast possibilities seem within reach, we fear that our missionaries will be compelled to forego them, for lack of adequate means for enlargement. Mrs. Gulick writes: "We are dumb, in the presence of great opportunities."

A report of the Kraabschitz Seminary has been sent us by Mr. Soltez, the director of the school. There are 36 pupils in the boarding department, twelve of these taking an advanced course. It is good news to hear that there is not one pupil who has not yielded her heart to the Savior's grace. The school is training Christian wives and mothers for the homes of Bohemia, and it is furnishing educated women to work for their own people in this country. Seven former pupils of the Seminary
are in the United States as wives of Bohemian missionaries, or engaged in teaching.

Congratulations are due Mrs. Edwards upon the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Inanda Seminary. The last report of the inspector gives it high commendation, as an “ideal school” for native girls. Thoroughness and excellence in study and industrial work are specified, but it is even more remarkable that “modesty,” “refinement” and “intelligence” characterize the pupils. Various methods of increasing the income of the school by the labor of the pupils have been devised. The laundry, the farm, garden and fowls enable Mrs. Edwards to increase the number admitted, without additional funds from abroad. Accommodations for sixty pupils have been so skilfully turned to use as to serve for more than twice the number.

Almost every letter from our missionaries brings the request, “Pray for us.” They greatly need such remembrance—some of them in danger from an unfriendly government—others in peril from war and its excitements—all bearing heavier burdens because of the severe reductions.

"God's ships of treasure, sail upon the sea of boundless love . . . . .
Prayer is the tide for which the vessels wait
Ere they can come to port; and if it be
The tide is low, how then can we expect
The treasure-ships to see?"

By way of the Throne of Grace, the needed blessings of guidance, grace and comfort are supplied. "I am sure," writes one missionary, "it is in answer to prayer, that in this time of great anxiety, we have received not only grace sufficient, but grace abounding."

The promises of the 91st Psalm have been precious in
these troublous times in China, and have given renewed confidence in the Divine Keeping, while the leadings of Providence have made it plain for our missionaries to remain at their posts. Miss Andrews writes, "We have feared that our work might be hindered, while the cloud of war darkens the land, but here, in Tungcho, we have encountered little difficulty, though the city has been thronged with soldiers and there are large camps near by." "The officials are anxious to protect foreigners, but we do not forget that our safety is in the Lord, who has promised, 'I am with you all the days.'" "Our presence has been a support to our church and people, and I am anxious that our Christians should show the difference between those who have an Almighty Savior to trust in, and those who have not."

Miss Andrews tells of her varied work—classes in College and Seminary, little day-schools and Sunday-schools, with meetings here and there, and superintendence of Bible women. In her village tours she finds tokens of unusual interest.

Miss Chapin, one of the Christian Endeavor missionaries at the same station, rejoices that less study of the language is becoming necessary, and she can begin to take up more work. She gives illustrations of what the Christ-love can do in working changes in dark hearts and heathen customs.

At Matsuyama in Japan is Miss Judson, who went from Stratford about ten years ago. Like many others, she is doing a great variety of work, and does not write about it often, but a recent letter is full of interest. "The brightest spot of the year for me," she writes, "is the completion of the buildings for the industrial and night school." Miss Judson seems to have bought the land and furnished means for the erection of the
buildings. She has sent photographs of them; one building for the school, and one in which there are twenty looms for weaving flannel, loaned by a Christian Japanese manufacturer. He promises to furnish a large number of these looms, when an extension to the present building is provided, and Miss Judson hopes the school will then be self-supporting. At an evening session attended by 60 pupils, the school holds out a helping hand to those who are obliged to work during the day. In many ways Miss Judson reveals her tender sympathy with the poor and ignorant. She asks us to “pray without ceasing” for that land to which the eyes of all nations are turned to-day. “There has been so much seed sown, the schools are well organized and equipped with Christian teachers, and in God’s own time there must be reaping.”

A magic lantern, sent out by her father, has given her great assistance. It is a means of illustration and instruction in school and in her touring, where the audiences have numbered 800 or more. Miss Judson expects to come home this summer for a year’s rest.

Mrs. De Forest, while in this country, assists us in our missionary meetings, and expects to remain another year for the sake of her children.

Mrs. Eaton at Chihuahua, Mexico, has been cheered and assisted by visits from an aunt and cousin. She has been encouraged for the school in the arrival of Miss Hammond, a teacher of experience, and the return of Miss Dunning has further relieved her from responsibility. The new church bell calls the women together for their prayer meeting every Tuesday; thirty to forty are generally present, and many take part in the service. Some of these women accompany Mrs. Eaton in her visits to the homes of the people. Mrs. Eaton still con-
ducts the C. E. department of the Mission paper, and is the inspiring leader in church and school music.

For our annual meeting, Mrs. Hume wrote: "Will you let me be one with you in all the experiences of the day, and we will rejoice together because of the Lord’s blessing upon the work in Bombay. The church here has been strengthened in answer to prayer, and there have been some very interesting cases of conversion. Eleven have united with the church from your Christian school, and the Middlesex school has seen three brought in. We have thanks to send you, one and all, for your messages and tokens of love."

Mrs. Hume visited Bassein last fall and wrote to us, "You are to be congratulated on your interest in Dr. Karmarkar. She is doing work that not one of us could do. Even Dr. Bissell with her skill and genuine love for the people, and her excellent knowledge of the language, cannot reach them as Dr. Karmarkar does." She has herself written us very fully of her work, and often expresses great pleasure that our thank-offerings are applied to her dispensary, where 1500 women and children and 150 men have been treated. This does not include the work done in thirteen villages and among forty castes.

As her message to us, she writes, "I would like to be with you at the annual meeting and receive inspiration from your words and prayers, but I am glad to be at work for my helpless Hindu sisters. The light you have planted in this dark corner of India is sending its rays of healing to many homes. Some of my grateful patients have expressed the thought that through these humble efforts, God Himself had come to them!"

Our dear Mrs. Sibley’s letters come laden with pleadings for more helpers and more means with which to
employ India's own Christian men and women. The precious seed has been sown and is germinating; some are beginning to understand the truths of the Gospel, some try to conform their lives to its teachings, but, she asks, "Where are the reapers? and where are the workers to prepare more fields for reaping?" "In the whole of the Wai district there are only three schools, only two preachers, two Bible readers, five teachers and two white-faced women, in the midst of a million souls!" "Heathen temples and Mohammedan mosques are all around us, but no church spire rears itself to remind the people of Jehovah, the Christian's God—no sweet-toned bell calls them to His service—but we are not dismayed, for the Lord of Hosts is with us. He meets with and blesses us as, at the sound of our little gong, we gather in the station school house for His worship. God bless the faithful ones who hear and heed His voice, and who know the joy of giving, as He would have them. May the number be speedily multiplied!"

Since our last report was written, Mrs. Bond has parted with children and friends, and returned to her far-away home in Macedonia. She keeps a warm remembrance of her visits with us and of the love and sympathy shown her. She writes, "It seems like a dream that we have been in the homeland and looked into your dear faces, and here we are refreshed and strengthened for the work so dear to our hearts."

The Turkish government is growing more suspicious of the missionaries, and begins to realize that their teachings are opposed to the spirit of Mohammedanism. They do need to be earnestly remembered; Mrs. Bond asks, "As you lift up your hearts for us at this end of the line, pray that new strength may be imparted, and that the work of the Lord may prosper in our hands."
Miss Fensham, Dean of the Girls’ College at Constantinople, is spending her vacation year at Oxford, Eng. She has enjoyed her studies exceedingly and says, “This year given to Biblical study, and the phase of social work called applied Christianity, has given me much courage and help, and I look forward with the hope of doing my work in a far more efficient manner.”

Miss Fensham has kept in close touch with the college through the letters from teachers and students, and rejoices in the advance in thorough work and enthusiasm. She writes of an Armenian school started for poor girls, who receive their education on condition of a promise to go into the interior of Turkey to teach their own people. The Missionary Society of the college contributes to the support of this school. Miss Fensham expects to return to Constantinople in August.

Miss Harlow, the young C. E. missionary in the Girls’ School at Smyrna, writes with enthusiasm of the Society of King’s Daughters, named the “Light in the East.” There are 60 members in it, some of whom, having left school, are scattered in various parts of Turkey. “There have been some discouragements the past year,” she writes, “but I comfort myself with the thought that this is God’s work, and I am responsible only for faithful seed-sowing.” We are reminded by her words of the message in the Apocalypse, to the angel of the Church in Smyrna—just as appropriate now: “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

The section of Adana in which the Seminary stands is known as “Vineyard Hill.” “The New Haven Spectator,” as Mrs. Montgomery styles herself, “believes that never before were such grapes grown on that hill-
side, as are now sent forth from this vine of American planting." The new graft for the Seminary added by the New Haven Branch, in the establishment of a Greek department, is thriving vigorously.

Of Miss Böshardt, our missionary, Mrs. Montgomery testifies, that "her qualifications for service are exceptionally fine, and her fidelity rarely conscientious."

Miss Böshardt writes that the membership of Greek pupils has increased to 48. Some of them are little children, but they have such venerable and classic names; among them there is a Penelope, Antigone, an Electra, Athena, and Euridice. After telling of their studies, Miss Böshardt says: "There is another program which with God's grace we are trying to carry out, in which are lessons of Obedience, of the distinction between Good and Evil, of Love for doing Right and Fear of doing Wrong."

Miss Trowbridge has charge of indoor patients in the Aintab Hospital. During the past year, 145 persons of different nationalities have been under her kindly care. She takes a deep interest in those unfortunates, and by her description of some interesting cases awakens an irresistible desire to assist her good work. By the completion of repairs and the return of Dr. Shepard, the hospital enters upon a more hopeful period of service, and its growth is limited only by the appropriations furnished. Miss Trowbridge speaks gratefully of picture rolls sent from New Haven, which still enliven the walls of the hospital wards, and help to illustrate her Bible stories. The first Christmas tree ever seen in Aintab appeared in the hospital last winter. It was hailed with astonishment and delight, and afforded favorable opportunity for sowing good seed.

A busy little worker is Miss Emma Barnum of Har-
poot. She considers it a privilege to belong to the New Haven Branch, and the Branch certainly appreciates its connection with one so devoted. Miss Barnum has the superintendence of Bible lessons and reading in the lower schools, the general care of the kindergarten and a few classes in the college course. What a busy day Sabbath must be, for one who is organist at three services, teacher in the Sabbath-School and President of the C. E. Society.

Mr. Brown, of Harpoot, tells us aside from all this, she accompanies her mother in evangelistic tours, and makes time to visit the girls’ schools in different parts of the town.

To Miss Barnum we are indebted, not only for an account of work with which she is connected, but for an outlook over other parts of the field. Through her we learn of the good work of our Bible women, and of the progress of the schools at Egin, Arabkir, and East Harpoot.

Mrs. Edwards, our first missionary, we always remember with special interest, and at this time we thank God for the success which crowns the faithful labors of a quarter of a century. The contrast between the then and now is made very apparent, when we hear that the people in the kraals are being obliged to open schools in order to keep their girls, and give them opportunity for the education they desire. A neighboring chief has given Mrs. Edwards much trouble, because she had “robbed him of his property.” Two of his daughters ran away from the kraal and came to the school. These girls were worth 150 head of cattle to their father.

We do not think Mrs. Edwards regrets spending her time and strength in making possible, for Zulu girls, a better life than to be sold against their wishes, to cruel men who would simply make slaves of them.
As Africa claimed our first missionary, it also receives our latest adoption, Dr. Rose Bower, whose station is at Bailundu, in the West Central African Mission. "Her answer 'Yes,' to the command 'Go ye,' was not given to the question 'Must I go' of duty, but to the 'may I go' of love." Having had previous missionary experience in Africa, she returns better equipped by the medical training received while at home. Learning a new language and treating patients with whom she cannot yet speak, she asks the young ladies not to forget her, for she needs their prayers.

How little does this brief review tell of all the varied work which enlists our sympathy, prayers and gifts; and yet we have abundant occasion to thank God and take courage. Christ once said to his disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest;" those who now lift up their eyes and look, see a strange whitening in the harvest fields. The present great need is for the means, with which to send forth the waiting laborers.

Katherine H. Miller,
Assistant Corresponding Secretary.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

Now that the year's work in Fairfield County is completed and comes before us for our judgment, taking "the times" into consideration, we may render the verdict, "She has done as well as was expected." We arrive at this conclusion by striking an average from the workings of the various auxiliaries.

Several new circles have been formed—which will be duly reported by their own Secretary;—they mean life in the older societies.

Auxiliaries which feared that their gifts would fall below the usual amount have bestirred themselves and came not a dollar short. The delegates sent to the Montclair meeting returned full of good things and ready to impart them, so that their own and neighboring societies caught new enthusiasm. In one church the regular prayer meeting becomes, once a month, a woman's prayer meeting for foreign missions. Another church, without a pastor, has been energetic enough to reorganize a defunct society: it began with four women who could be counted upon for Christian service; within a month twelve more names were on the list. In one or two societies, one woman has led the whole church by her enthusiasm.

There are items on the other side. In pastorless churches, without pulpit instruction, the women have grown lax in communing with one another in spiritual things, and prone to forget that they have each a personal responsibility in the spread of Christ's kingdom. There are societies which flatter themselves that the
pledge which sufficed last year will do equally well for years to come, not remembering to "grow in grace." The current expenses of the Branch—the increase of membership—systematic and proportionate giving—are hackneyed themes. Auxiliaries spare not a thought—much less a dollar—to the necessities of postage and travel; the slow increase in membership is balanced by the loss from deaths and removals; and the call to give freely, regularly, thoughtfully, wins a faint response. "Life and Light" is less known and read than it should be. It is difficult to find new leaders, and those long in service grow discouraged because the monthly meetings are slim affairs, and good Christian people have no time to attend them.

We have recounted these latter facts—but God helping us, they are not for our discouragement. Rather they show us the lines for our future work. We turn to the Acts of the Apostles, and read how little Christian churches were dotted down here and there in the midst of heathenism; and Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch telling with glad hearts how the nations had received the story of the risen Lord; and then they went back again over the same road, confirming the churches.

Twenty-five years ago in Fairfield County, there were but two organized societies for woman's work in foreign missions; we count by scores to-day; is it not time for us also, to go forth on the second round, watering where we have planted?

Bethel.—The industries of the town have been at a standstill. Hopes for increase in membership proved vain. The secretary has been very faithful in sending a written report of each meeting, from which the following items are gleaned. In September a thank-offer-
ing meeting was held, and the offering was very satisfactory. A responsive service found in Mission Studies was used, and Mrs. Montgomery's paper, "For what should we be thankful?" was read. In December, one of the delegates to the Montclair meeting gave her presence and report. The annual business meeting took place in January. It was the twentieth anniversary of the society. The treasurer had served ten years most acceptably, and her resignation was deeply regretted. Half an hour was devoted to the reminiscences of the work and workers, and Mrs. Burdett Hart's motto, given long ago, "Outward and Upward," was chosen as theirs for the ensuing year. Refreshments were served at the close.

**Brookfield Center.**—The same hackneyed phrases must characterize the report: sickness, bad traveling, absence of members and small attendance at monthly meetings. The usual routine was agreeably varied by a visit in November from the vice-president. The youthful delegate to the Montclair meeting enjoyed her first attendance at such an inspiring gathering, and duly reported its doings to three auxiliaries beside her own. The Fairfield County meeting held in Bridgeport was also visited by the secretary. Mrs. Capron's talks entitled "My Bible," have been profitably used in the meetings.

**Danbury, First Church.**—The annual meeting held in September brought out the following items.—Ten meetings held with an average attendance of twelve; largest number present at any one time, twenty-one. Topics given in "Life and Light" have been used; the Bureau of Information has supplied letters from various missionary stations. One life-membership has been made. A falling off in regular contributions is noted, but special offerings have brought the amount to the
usual pledge. The president attended the Montclair meeting. The annual thank-offering was made in November, when Mrs. Karmarkar's letter was read. Those who take "Life and Light" feel they cannot do without it. The April meeting was specially interesting, on account of personal reminiscences of Mr. Neesima, given by one who had seen and heard him at Rutland, Vt., in 1874.

*Danbury, Second Church.*—At the annual meeting in September, new officers were elected. The ladies who had long held office felt the position to be educational and inspiring, and desired that others should share what they had enjoyed. The result has been other than was expected; inasmuch as one officer removed to another church, and a second was prevented from acting, by illness. Some of those who had the society at heart are filling in the gaps. The Montclair meeting was reported by one of the delegates very satisfactorily. In April a thank-offering meeting was held. Envelopes had been sent to every lady in the church, and many contributions came in response from those who were not members of the auxiliary. The outlook for another year is promising.

*Easton.*—The church is without a settled pastor, and has been closed all winter. Personal effort, and a great deal of it, is required to call from house to house and collect the foreign missionary gifts. As this is done in the early spring when the roads are in poor condition, great credit is due to the persons who thus bring in the sheaves.

*Monroe.*—This church is also pastorless. Collections are taken by the treasurer. As no meetings are held, and only one "Life and Light" subscribed for, the information about our foreign sisters is but meager.
This may account for the small number who are interested and contribute to the Branch.

*Newtown.*—Meetings are held each month and are well attended. Several missionary concerts have been given in the church with appreciative audiences. Yegsha, the Bible woman supported by the auxiliary, has been twice heard from by letter. These letters have been translated, and contain thanks to her supporters, and some account of the work in which she is engaged.

*Redding.*—In August the vice-president met with the auxiliary. The audience was larger than usual—twenty being present. At the annual meeting in March, a new treasurer was voted in, the former treasurer having moved from town. The community is so widely scattered that it takes two months for the collectors to visit all the members and obtain their gifts. The oldest member, aged ninety years, died in March; she had been an example and inspiration in her zeal in mission work for years. The delegate to the Montclair meeting returned to her society full of enthusiasm.

*Ridgebury.*—The church was for years without a resident pastor, and now that a young minister has been hired, great things seem possible under his guidance. The auxiliary no longer exists; but we cherish the hope that the good seed sown long ago will yet spring up, and bear fruit in foreign fields.

*Ridgefield.*—The "Union" has devoted four of its meetings the past year to considering foreign work. These were held in October, November, January, and March. A program was carefully prepared. The missionary work as carried on in the Marathi, Zulu and Micronesian stations was interestingly presented. A Bible woman in India is their beneficiary.

*Stratford.*—The ten meetings held have not been
largely attended, but have been interesting. Mrs. Adam, of Litchfield County, admirably reported the Montclair meeting, in January. The March meeting was specially devoted to thank-offerings. Six new names are on the roll, but as some of the old members have died or moved from town, the number remains about the same.

Trumbull.—The quarterly meeting was held in March, on a dark, rainy day; twelve were present—really a large number, coming as they did from long distances over poor country roads. One lady walked two miles in the mud to attend. Several who had not prayed in public before did so for the first time. It was a thoroughly good meeting. The secretary of the auxiliary sent her yearly report without being asked for it, because she remembered it was time. This is so rare an occurrence in the county, as to be worthy of mention.

Wilton.—The systematic and proportionate-giving pledges and circulars were faithfully sent to both interested and uninterested ladies of the church, and the result in an educational way at least was satisfactory. Effort is being made to increase the circulation of "Life and Light." The treasury is filled by voluntary contributions and membership fees, which usually represent self-denial. An unusual effort was made last year to add to the treasury, but circumstances have not favored its repetition.

Cordelia Sterling, Vice-Pres.
FAIRFIELD COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

In comparing the report of Southern Fairfield County for this year with the report for last year, there seem to be a few indications of what might be called the contagion of enthusiasm. Notwithstanding many obstacles and some hindrances, most of the auxiliaries have held steadily on their course. May another year show an advance on the part of all.

Bridgeport Union.—The Union held its annual meeting as usual in January. The meeting was a very interesting one, and the ladies greatly enjoyed hearing Mrs. Beach of North China.

Bridgeport, North Church.—"Our meetings the past year have been rather varied. In May we had stereopticon pictures of Ceylon. In September we had the County meeting. Two months we held no meeting, as the day was very stormy. This year our thank-offering was much larger than it was last year, which showed its effect in the sum total raised during 1894."

Bridgeport, Olivet.—"While each year seems to be but a repetition of the preceding one, yet we have felt during the past twelve months real encouragement from the apparent growth of missionary sentiment. Some who never used to come to our meetings now come quite often, and manifest real interest. We have added several new members, but they only balance the loss we have had by families moving away. We can also report three new subscribers to 'Life and Light.' Our offerings last year were larger than at any previous time, one of our ladies having taken out a life membership for herself."

Bridgeport, Park St.—"We have held our meetings as usual once in two months, and they have been inter-
esting and fairly well attended. We held a tea at the end of one of our meetings and thus made over $5 for the work. Our pastor gave a lecture for our Union during the winter, and fifty dollars of the proceeds was divided between home and foreign work."

Bridgeport, South Church.—"We have held our regular monthly meetings with an average attendance of twelve, but the last meeting was held in connection with the Sewing Society, and we had an attendance of thirty. We adopted in January a systematic pledge system differing from our former plan. We now use calendars with envelopes attached for each month. One hundred and fifty have pledged.

In August a box was sent to Miss Emma Barnum of Harpoot."

Bridgeport, West End.—"The auxiliary of this church has been re-invigorated this past year. The Bridgeport Union visited the church in March, when the new start was made. We are few and feeble, but are hopeful that coming days will bring increased interest in the cause of missions."

Darien.—"We feel encouraged in looking over the year's record to note that the interest in the meetings has been well sustained, that new members have been helpful, that out of one or two missionary meetings held by our ladies for the children has grown a Mission Circle long needed in our church. Nearly all of the lesson leaflets which we receive from month to month for use in the meetings have been distributed among the ladies of the congregation, many of whom cannot attend the meetings, but by reading the leaflets can keep in touch with our work."

Green's Farms.—"Our auxiliary is still holding its own and we are paying the salaries of two Bible women.
For the purpose of raising these salaries we gave a very successful tea, and secured the amount needed. Sickness and bad weather have caused the postponement of our meetings this winter, but in one case only was the meeting omitted. When called upon to help raise the debt of the Board, a subscription paper was started and all contributed largely.”

**Greenwich.**—“Our auxiliary has enjoyed a year of great interest and opportunity. In February we held the twenty-fifth anniversary of our organization. At this time we held both an afternoon and evening session. Invitations were sent to the neighboring churches and auxiliaries. A paper on the Early Foreign Missionary Work of the Women of our Church was prepared by our president. This showed that in 1815 there was a woman’s society formed here to aid in foreign mission work. This society continued until 1862.

A ‘Review’ was also given by the secretary of the last 25 years’ work. Mrs. Osgood, formerly of China, spoke in the afternoon, and Dr. Pauline Root greatly interested the large audience gathered in the evening. We have also had the pleasure of hearing both Dr. and Mrs. DeForest speak of their work in Japan.

Our meetings have been held regularly, and there has been some gain apparent. Our thank-offering meeting was held in the Sunday School room—both ladies and gentlemen were present. Our president gave an interesting talk on Japan, illustrated by stereopticon views.

We realize as never before the obligation which rests upon us. Possessing as we do the annual records of our work since 1815, we are inspired by the deeds of those gone before to greater service, and we hope in the coming year still further to advance.”

**New Canaan.**—“We had hoped for variations this
year in the way of new members, increased contributions and more copies of 'Life and Light.' Though we have not raised our usual amount, we are a very little above last year in our contributions. We have twenty-four members and take three copies of 'Life and Light.' Our meetings have been well attended.”

North Stamford.—“We have not much to report. Ill health in some cases, and the removal of others from the place is discouraging. There is a little life left and that is all.”

Norwalk.—“We have had the great pleasure of welcoming a new auxiliary to our association this year, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Our topics of study have been principally Korea, China and Japan, and we have used the leaflets issued by the Woman’s Evangelical Union with profit.

The Branch and County meetings have been reported to us, and we enjoyed a very complete report of the annual meeting of the Woman’s Board. Mrs. Baker, of Hilo, Hawaii, has also spoken to us.

In August we mourned the loss of Rev. S. B. T. Bissell, an honorary member of our association. His voice uttered the first prayer consecrating its members to different lines of Christian activity. We have also met with a loss in the removal from the place of Mrs. Bissell. Our membership is about the same as last year.”

Sound Beach, First Church.—“We continue our monthly meetings, which are always interesting now. Since October they have been held in connection with the regular church prayer meeting, for which a special program is arranged. Two of our members attended the annual meeting at Montclair, and brought home glowing reports. A number of our ladies attended the mis-
sionary meeting at Greenwich, in February, and listened to Dr. Pauline Root. One new feature has been introduced the past year. Each quarter we hold 'missionary teas' or 'parlor gatherings,' which are greatly enjoyed by all. Two new members have been received the past year."

_South Norwalk._—"We have had thoroughly good meetings this winter; good attendance and a very evident interest. The ladies themselves have prepared and read papers on the different subjects, which plan has added greatly to the personal interest in the meetings. We have had two meetings quite out of the ordinary. In January we had the pleasure of listening to a 'picture talk,' by Mrs. Choate, on that part of India in which Dr. Pauline Root has labored. This prepared us the more intelligently to enjoy Dr. Root's lecture, and by it we received $13 additional for the New Haven Branch. In February Dr. Root came to us, and gave a delightful talk on her 'medical work in Madura.' It was thoroughly enjoyed, and we closed the afternoon with a social tea in the church parlors."

_Stamford._—"Our meetings the past year have been unusually well attended and a growing interest has been manifested. Our collections have been satisfactory notwithstanding the times. The May meeting of the New Haven Branch has been a delightful memory, and has proved an inspiration to our auxiliary. In February we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Pauline Root, when she spoke to the ladies of the Presbyterian Church. In March we received a gift of twenty-five dollars from a lady not a member of our church. Thus far 1895 promises to be a fruitful year."

_Westport._—"During the past year seventeen different ladies have been present at some of our meetings,
though our membership is but twenty-five. Our meet-
ings have been held monthly, except in August and December, and we have studied the 'Life and Light' topics.

In May we enjoyed a visit from Miss Jane G. Evans, of China, and we were glad to hear her warm praise of Mrs. Chao, the Bible woman whom we support. In January Mrs. Choate gave us a 'picture talk' on Southern India.

We have with us in Westport as a teacher, Miss Smith, for eight years teacher in the Huguenot School in Southern Africa, and she has told us much about that work. Our great need and desire is that more of the women of our church should join us in prayer and study and giving to the missionary cause."

Grace W. Choate, Vice-Pres.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

The auxiliaries in the northern part of Litchfield County send a record of storm and severe cold which is unusual even in this cold region. Death, too, has been busy among the older members. But true-hearted and brave, only two societies express discouragement.

The loss by death of a secretary in one of the smallest of our small societies has led individuals to feel the responsibility resting upon them for more determined effort, and they have doubled their subscription to "Life and Light," and rejoice in the possession of several mission calendars among their members, which they find very helpful. One new auxiliary and a newly formed mission circle make us to rejoice.

The spirit and purpose of our societies is in the direction of faithful continuance.
Bethlehem.—Meetings have been held once in two months combined with the society of "Willing Hands." The programs are arranged by the president, and the meetings are interesting.

Colebrook.—An auxiliary was organized in April, with an average attendance of ten. The secretary writes, "The meetings are very cordial and spontaneous; we talk freely without wandering from the point."

Goshen.—This auxiliary sends us good cheer in the words of the secretary: "The true missionary spirit of giving always lives and flourishes in the hearts of the ladies of Goshen, and I am sure they are the 'cheerful givers' that God loves." The thank-offering meeting brought in $28.50.

Harwinton.—Two meetings have been held during the year, and those not well attended. Sickness and loss by death of several faithful members have so depleted their number, and discouraged them that they fear they will not be able to continue.

Litchfield.—Meetings have been held very irregularly on account of the illness of members and the severe winter. The removal of Mrs. Symington and the loss to the Woman's Board of Missions, for which she made constant effort, is deeply felt. The secretary writes: "Prayer for strength and enlargement is the duty of the church, that helpers for broken ranks may press in with the cheering words 'here am I, send me.'"

Milton.—Six meetings have been held during the year. They have one new subscriber to "Life and Light," and expect to raise the same amount of money as last year.

Morris.—The secretary writes: "Meetings have been held throughout the entire year without interruption on account of weather. Attendance at the April meeting was 14, which perhaps is more than the average."
Norfolk.—Meetings have been held once in two months, with an average attendance of ten.

Northfield.—This auxiliary sends us a cheering report of the year's work. While mourning over loss by death they are incited to greater effort. The secretary writes: "General increase of interest has been shown toward the close of the year. An especially interesting meeting was held in November, when 27 were present."

Forty-five dollars have been raised, including ten dollars as a thank-offering. They have also doubled their subscription to "Life and Light." Seven calendars have been secured by the members, who find them very helpful.

Plymouth.—The auxiliary numbers seventeen; average attendance eight. The topics given in "Life and Light" are used and the meetings are never dull. Only two meetings have been omitted during the year.

Thomaston.—The times are so hard it is difficult to raise money. The members are reduced to fifteen, and the meetings are not well attended. They intend to do the best they can and continue the work.

Torrington.—The average attendance is small, but there is much interest in the missionary work, and in the topics studied from month to month. Topics from "Life and Light" are used.

Torrington, 3d Church.—The society has gained in numbers, and the usual interest is manifest. They are to take up a more definite line of work the coming year. A religious revival in the town they trust will quicken missionary interest.

Watertown.—The society do not report progress during the year. The average attendance at the meetings is six.

West Torrington.—The meetings have been regular, and a good attendance considering the severe winter.
The interest in the work and the gifts are the same as usual.

*Winsted.*—The meetings gradually increase in numbers, and most thoughtful and earnest work is given in preparation of the monthly topics. The thank-offering meeting in November was of special interest. A mission circle of girls and boys to the number of 28 have met every two weeks during the winter, and the delightful gathering, and the seed sowing, are so stimulating that we believe others will be incited to the same work.

*Woodbury.*—The society hold regular meetings, and maintain their interest. A meeting in July to which six towns were invited, and where Miss Alice Kyle addressed the ladies, was a most cheering stimulus.

*Miss M. P. Hinsdale, Vice-Pres.*

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**Litchfield County—Southern Division.**

We present the record of Southern Litchfield County with a cheerful note of thankfulness for steady, honest growth. We have reports from our auxiliaries, repeating in various ways the same story: meetings held in spite of weather and other hindrances known to country towns, and undreamed of by dwellers in the city.

One auxiliary reports "eleven new members;" another, "we have raised more money this year than ever before;" another, "our meetings have been of unusual interest," and almost every one reports an increased number of "Life and Light" taken. Probably this last item tells the story, for there cannot be very vigorous Life without Light, and where you find both Life and Light you will pretty surely find some growth. The leaflets are pretty generally used; and are well liked. In view of all this, shall we not take up our work again among our auxiliaries
for another year with renewed courage? Taking their reports as our basis, and looking backward at progress recorded, we look forward with hope and strong confidence that the year to come will bring us a greater benediction from those upon whom we lean for support and encouragement.

Bridgewater.—During the year we have held five foreign missionary meetings, with an average attendance of seven. We alternate with Home Missions. Ten copies of “Life and Light” are taken.

Canaan.—Meetings have been held regularly, with a good average attendance. Topics from “Life and Light” were used and well liked. Twenty-four members and a hopeful outlook.

Ellsworth.—Meetings held, and a new president elected.

Falls Village.—Secretary reports that almost all the members of the Missionary Society are also members of the C. E., and they do almost all their work together; in this way doing more, and giving more, and are “a busy company of workers.”

Kent.—Sickness has prevented as many meetings as usual, but the secretary writes: “We have raised more money than any year before, 150 dollars, and hope for better work and more interest in the coming year.”

New Milford.—Meetings unusually well attended with an increase of the average from 16 to 27. “Topics from ‘Life and Light’ used regularly.” “We help to pay Mrs. Edwards’ salary.”

Salisbury.—Meetings of this auxiliary have been regularly held with a “good average attendance.” “The thank-offering in September added $50 to our yearly contributions.”

Sharon.—Regular meetings every Thursday, with an
average attendance of seven. Topics from "Life and Light" are followed. "Nearly every family in the church, through one or more of its members, contribute to our annual donation."

*Sherman.*—Monthly meetings held pretty regularly, in spite of weather. "Life and Light" topics used. Membership keeps about the same.

*South Canaan.*—Nothing special to report, but doing what we can.

*Warren.*—"We are but few, still our interest does not grow less."

*Washington.*—"We have enjoyed our meetings, and used the topics in 'Life and Light.' At present there are 50 members, and 11 copies of 'Life and Light' are taken, and we are much interested."

**Mary Geikie Adam, Vice-Pres.**

**Middlesex County—Northern Division.**

While there has been some falling off of gifts of money in these times of depression, other offerings of time and interest and consecration to the missionary cause have seemed to increase in nearly all of these auxiliaries. The appeal for systematic and proportionate giving has met with a cordial response. Contributions for Middlesex School in Bombay have been received from every auxiliary in this part of the county but one, and from individuals in that one. Invitations have come for the inspiration and help of those outside from nearly every auxiliary, and in every case where it was possible these have been accepted; houses have been thrown open, tea served and the cordial relationship between county officers and auxiliaries has been strengthened. Miss S. Elizabeth Kilbourn and Miss Mary E.
Bunce have given delightful reports of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions to many of the societies. One officer says, "I am so glad to have my ladies see that some one besides a minister's wife can be thoroughly interested in missions—they think it is a part of my business!"

A greater effort in making the meetings more interesting is apparent. One who has charge of the material for meetings in her auxiliary writes, "I am so peculiarly unfitted for all such work that it seems as if most of my thinking while preparing for the meeting is praying; what there is of success, I feel sure is due there." What wonder that the blessing comes!

Cromwell.—The secretary writes of electing the same officers, supporting the same Bible woman in India, and of an increase of two in membership, although ten new names have been secured. She continues, "I wish I could add there was an intense interest in missions and missionary work; our meetings are very interesting."

Durham.—This society reports two new members. "Ten meetings were held during the year, in some of which 'Life and Light' topics were used. The special work of the society has been the support of a Bible woman in Wai, India."

East Hampton.—More meetings than usual have been held—a thank-offering meeting for the first time; the secretary says, "We felt that in some of our offerings the self-denying spirit of the Master was truly manifested." The vice-president and other ladies from Middletown were present at two of the meetings, and the report of the W. B. M. given by one of the delegates was cordially received.

Higganum.—Three ladies from Middletown visited the auxiliary in December, one of them giving the
report from the meeting held in Montclair, N. J. The society gave a thank-offering as usual.

Middle Haddam.—The pastor has a foreign mission­ary meeting on Sunday evenings at least six times dur­ing the year, at which he is assisted by members of the society, who present some phase of woman's work. This cheering word is written, “In spite of the hard times our circle has done as much as ever, and more in certain lines of work. Some of us have sacrificed in order to give, but we have received the greater blessing.”

Middletown, First Church.—Attendance at the regul­lar meetings has been larger than ever, forty-six having been present at one. Another meeting was held in connection with the weekly church prayer meeting, when the pastor spoke of a recent visit to the Huntington kindergarten in Smyrna. Forty-four new members have been added to the society since the first of January, principally through the efforts of the treasurer. The twenty-fifth anniversary of this society—which is older by one year than the New Haven Branch—was held on April 13th, when addresses were given by the pastor of the church and by Miss Daggett, Pres. of the Branch.

Middletown, South Church.—The members of the society are carrying on its work without letting the bur­den fall upon the new pastor's wife, who, nevertheless, is bringing the inspiration of fresh ideas to their aid. A great effort has been made to induce those hitherto uninterested to attend the meetings, and the secretary reports that “the social entertainment which accom­panies each regular meeting proves a success in many ways.” Twelve new names have been added to the list of members.

Portland.—The county vice-president and other ladies
from outside have brought assistance to several of the meetings, which have been held regularly, even through the hot months of summer, with good attendance. An officer of untiring energy has called her artistic skill to her assistance and the result has been shown in several original meetings having such topics as "The Meeting of the Ships," and a "Round-About Service for Middlesex School."

Westchester.—Three new members have been added: one at the age of ninety years has been removed by death. "We hold our meetings monthly, and the interest of those who attend regularly seems unabated."

For Mrs. A. W. Hazen, Vice-Pres.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The reports for the year from the auxiliaries of Southern Middlesex show a gain in vigorous effort to overcome the depression of recent years. The usual discouragements exist as a matter of course; if no other, the old excuse, "We are not interested in Missions." Effort for increased subscriptions to "Life and Light," making some gains, have elicited much favorable comment for the magazine "so instructive and interesting." The enlisting of a larger number of the Christian Endeavor Societies in Foreign Missionary work has been very encouraging and promising.

The formation of a new auxiliary in Deep River, during the year, gives us one more band of faithful workers full of desire for a share in saving "The World for Christ."

Centerbrook and Ivoryton.—Seven meetings have been held during the year. A faithful company of workers have stimulated interest in others. Though not
able always to overcome indifference, good results and cheering response give hope for the future.

**Chester.**—This auxiliary has completed its twentieth year, having grown from ten members to forty-five. Very interesting and profitable monthly meetings are sustained, the attendance very good; at one meeting reaching twenty-nine. Twice during this year a social tea has accompanied the meeting with happy influences. Three of the young ladies have joined the auxiliary, adding help and cheer. Although but few have accepted, formally, the pledge for systematic and proportionate giving, many really give proportionately and systematically, and all very cheerfully. A growing interest is apparent, with an increase of familiarity with missionaries and their work. "We aim that every member of the church shall count it a privilege to do something, however small, in sending the light to those who now sit in darkness." "God grant that time may come speedily."

**Clinton.**—The auxiliary makes much of the quarterly meetings, preparing programs with great care. By active personal effort with uninterested persons, the attendance of some of that class is secured, and their interest enlisted. A large membership and faithfulness in contributions overbalance some existing hindrances.

**Deep River.**—It is with great satisfaction that we register this new auxiliary organized in September, 1894. They begin life and work with vigor and enthusiasm, having grown already from eleven members to fifteen. Monthly meetings are sustained "in season and out of season." The secretary writes, "We are in our infancy, but have signs of an active society. The Lord for whom we labor will remove all difficulties, for He will
have His own people just what He wants them, and this work is His as well as ours."

May they ever keep alive and warm their first zeal in this cause!

Essex.—The territory of this society has been so well gleaned that but little material remains from which to hope for new members; but they hold steadily upon their way, interested and faithful. Holding meetings alternately in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, they preserve the just balance. Thank-offering mite boxes have been used by them with good results, not only financially, but as a spiritual uplift to the individual.

East Haddam.—The four quarterly meetings of the year have averaged an attendance of half the membership. Particular attention has been given to the thank-offering, "which has not only increased funds, but added to the interest of the meetings and attracted new members."

Haddam.—The twenty-first year of this society finds a company of zealous workers, not disheartened by the difficulties and discouragements which exist with them as everywhere. Regretting the financial straits of the Board, they "covet earnestly" a larger ability.

The secretary says, "We have felt the importance of mission work and we trust the promise, 'The Lord will provide.'"

Killingworth.—This auxiliary was formed with the plan of counting as members all who contribute as much as twenty-five cents. The number of members can not increase much in country towns like this, where the current cityward depletes the churches. But the average amount of individual contributions has increased constantly in the history of this auxiliary. Much apprecia-
tion is felt of the letters and leaflets supplied from the Bureau, which are distributed faithfully among the scattered membership, after being used in the meetings. Quarterly meetings are well sustained.

_Millington._—In the death of the saintly mother in Israel, "dear Mrs. Beach," Vice-President of the auxiliary, who, in age and feebleness, by her faith and courage, was an invaluable member, the society met with a great loss. Few in number, and widely scattered in their homes, great effort is essential to accomplish even a little. The secretary writes: "I know the kingdom will come if we do no more in Millington, but for our sakes I hope we may have more to do to bring it about."

_Saybrook._—Only by special effort has the number of members held good, removals and deaths having been many. Systematic and proportionate giving has been formally adopted only by a few who had already formed the habit; but, the Secretary adds, "is one of those good things which must eventually prevail." "Familiarity with missionaries gives a sense of ownership."

Quarterly meetings are made attractive by faithful care in preparing topics, and much good is realized. The loss of a pastor by sudden death deprived this good cause of one in full sympathy, and the removal of the surviving wife will deprive the society of a faithful member and president. Mrs. E. E. Bacon, wife of the new pastor, hopes to take up the work. May the Old Saybrook Platform materialize in the interest of Foreign Missions!

_Westbrook._—Sickness and other unfavorable circumstances have prevented meetings; but interest and contributions betoken a more active future.

_Mrs. L. S. Griggs, Vice-Pres._
New Haven County—Naugatuck Valley and Vicinity.

There has been abundant evidence during the year that the faithful workers in this division have labored zealously, and in a few instances have been rewarded by increased numbers, one of the societies organized in 1893 having doubled its membership. The special features of the year's work have been, greater enthusiasm in regard to thank-offering meetings; the organization of quarterly union meetings in one locality, appointment of a special solicitor for "Life and Light," and more thorough preparation of programs for monthly meetings.

Ansonia.—"During the past year nine regular meetings have been held, at which the largest attendance was fifty, and the smallest four. Much interest was manifested in the thank-offering meeting in December. An interesting program was given, followed by a social hour. The thank-offering was larger than any previous year. A special solicitor for 'Life and Light' has been appointed. Union meetings are to be held quarterly by the churches of this vicinity."

Bethany.—"A few of our members are faithful and persistent in holding their meetings. We report seven the past year, and have sent $25.00 toward the support of a teacher at Roha, India. Rev. Mr. Hubbard, of China, was with us in June."

Derby, First Church.—"We have held our monthly meetings during the year, not missing one. Although we have had no special speakers, the meetings have been interesting ones, each one taking some part. Our first union meeting for this locality was held with us in February. Ladies from the different auxiliaries assisted in the exercises, which were followed by a social hour."
Derby, Second Church.—The secretary writes that there has been but one meeting during the year on account of the loss of their president by removal from the city. The usual contribution has been forwarded.

Middlebury.—There has been a small increase in the membership of this auxiliary and the meetings are now held monthly instead of semi-monthly. An effort has been made to prepare interesting programs and the secretary writes that she tries to appeal to the ladies through church notices, and by delicately asking them "to show their appreciation of their good program committee by attending the meetings."

Naugatuck.—Meetings have been held regularly each month, the topics from 'Life and Light' being used. Miss Evans was present at the June meeting and gave an interesting account of work in China. Although forty-five were present at this meeting, our average attendance for the year has been but sixteen. The thank-offering meeting in November was of more than usual interest, as was also the March meeting, when special papers were prepared upon different subjects. The number of subscribers for 'Life and Light,' and the contributions for the year have been increased."

Naugatuck, Ivy Leaf.—This society met with discouragements early in the autumn through the absence of some of the members, and for a few months no meetings were held; but the interest already enkindled was by no means lost, and with the renewal of the meetings fresh zeal and enthusiasm has been manifested. The members have prepared bright papers for the meetings, which are held one evening of each month, and each member has pledged herself to earn one dollar beside the annual dues.

Prospect.—Special notes of invitation to the annual
meeting of the auxiliary were given to ladies not connected with us, and as a result several new members were obtained. There has been a good degree of interest manifested during the year in regard to missionary intelligence.

South Britain.—This is the only auxiliary of this division that can report its membership as more than doubled, and the number of subscribers to "Life and Light" nearly doubled. There is an increase of interest in the work, and meetings of interest have been held.

Southbury.—"Monthly meetings have been held which are of great interest to those who attend. We ought and do feel encouraged from the fact that we have a very efficient leader in our new pastor's wife. We are but few in number, but we are not discouraged, and are glad we can have some humble part in this great work."

Waterbury, First Church.—"I think we can correctly report increased zeal and interest in our work among the members of our society. Papers carefully prepared and other exercises of interest have filled the hour of each meeting. At the September meeting several ladies gave interesting reports of the ways in which each had earned five dollars for the treasury. The presence of the pastor at another meeting was helpful to us."

Waterbury, Second Church.—This auxiliary has for various reasons been kept from holding regular monthly meetings. In December the pastor was present and spoke words of encouragement; also, Miss Garretson, of Foochow, China, who gave an account of her school work. There has been an increase in the amount of contributions.

Mrs. W. H. Phipps, Vice-Pres.
NEW HAVEN COUNTY—EASTERN DIVISION.

We record with gratitude, that while we have not been able to secure as many new members as we wished, some who have hitherto showed little or no interest in foreign missions have come to feel their responsibility as Christian women to help on this work. Leaflets and letters from missionaries have helped in our meetings. One auxiliary has been reorganized, and the ladies are holding pleasant and profitable monthly meetings.

Cheshire.—This auxiliary reports an increasing interest in the meetings and larger gifts. The “In Memoriam Missionary Library” presented to the Cheshire auxiliary in memory of Mrs. Paddock, the late president, is a grand inspiration to all the society; their missionary concerts are full of interest and well sustained. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this church has led to the consecrating of many lives to the service of Christ.

Guilford, First Church.—With but one or two exceptions, our auxiliary has held meetings regularly the past year. Although the average attendance falls far short of our membership, the meetings have been well sustained, and with the suggestions from “Life and Light,” also letters and leaflets which we are happy in receiving each month, our interest does not diminish. We can report no increase in membership or contributions. Yet we are not discouraged. Our church has recently received a special outpouring of the Spirit, and many have learned to know of Jesus as their Saviour—and we hope this may incite to more earnest effort in the service of the Master.

Guilford, Third Church.—Monthly meetings are held and the topics suggested in “Life and Light” are used. Letters from missionaries are interesting and helpful.
One of our members who has been "called home" left for our auxiliary the gift of one hundred dollars. We voted fifty dollars of this to Mrs. Montgomery of Adana, Turkey, and fifty to Mrs. Karmarkar for the medical work in India.

*Madison.*—Our regular bi-monthly meetings have been held during the year. Matters of interest have been presented, and an evident determination to "go forward" evinced. Ten new members have been added this year. We have sent our usual amount, $110.00, for Anna Felician, including five dollars from the "Ever Ready Circle" of King's Daughters. We hope to find our next collection larger as the result of "My Little Box," and cards which have been distributed.

*Meriden, First Church.*—This has been a missionary year for us. The visits of Mrs. Bond, Mrs. DeForest, and Mrs. Logan, in all the ripeness of their experience, has made the year one of great value, while Miss Barbour brought the special charm that always accompanies contact with enthusiastic teachers of the young. Our committees have brought much that was interesting from different fields, and our mission circles continue to be our helpers.

*Meriden, Center Church.*—The work of our society has met with some interruptions this year. Two meetings were omitted on account of the repairing of our church. In November we had our thank-offering meeting and the amount received was larger than last year. In December we had the pleasure of having Mrs. DeForest to speak to us, and we feel that the presence of an earnest missionary at our societies is a source of inspiration that we wish we might enjoy more frequently. Some members have been detained from the meetings by illness, and among them our president; but
those who were able to be present seemed willing to do what they could to contribute to the interest of the meetings, so that we think the review of the year by no means discouraging.

_North Madison._—We regret to report a decrease in membership from removals and other causes. Yet the faithful few feel that regular attendance at the meetings, earnest prayers for God’s blessing, and consecrated gifts cannot be in vain. Sentence prayers call forth petitions from all present. We hope that good work for the Master may be done the coming year. With deep sorrow we note the removal of our president, Mrs. Moore, who has labored faithfully with us for the past ten years.

_Wallingford._—We are in receipt of a short report from the new missionary society organized last June; its object, to gain intelligence and increase a missionary spirit among the members; they appoint a chairman for each country studied, who is responsible for the papers for that month. They are happy in having the pastor’s wife, Mrs. Blair, for the president.

_Mrs. F. E. Hinman, Vice-Pres._

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**New Haven County—New Haven and Adjoining Towns.**

The auxiliaries in these churches remain constant in well doing, though some have not seen as good results from their labor as last year. Others have experienced a marked awakening of interest, and one or two cases of special consecration and devotion to the spirit of missions have been reported.

The pledge cards for proportionate and systematic giving met with little response, while the interest in
"Life and Light" seems to be increasing. In several auxiliaries a special solicitor for it has been appointed. A few societies have accepted the proffered assistance of the Executive Committee, while others were glad to vary their programs with a report of the W. B. M. at Montclair, from some person who was present at that meeting. When we contemplate what has already been done, and realize that it proves that there are many earnest, consecrated workers in our auxiliaries, we are compelled to feel that we may expect greater things for the future.

Adana, Turkey.—The auxiliary at Adana has compassed the globe in its meetings this year, and in successive months the women have made a study of India, China, Spain, Mexico and South America. They devoted one meeting to the work in Micronesia, and at another a paper on the work in Madagascar from the beginning to the present date was read. This most excellent paper was prepared for the annual meeting by one of the native women from the "Missionary Review," without assistance. Extracts from the journal of Mrs. Dr. Pease were read by another of the women. After the exercises were over, the women and the native pastor, Baron Bedros, and Bodrilly Avedis, one of the native workers, adjourned to the parsonage for a social hour together. Cookies and tea was served, the very first experience to the women of anything of the sort. Mrs. Montgomery writes, "A formal wish was expressed that their collections for the year go to any people more darkened and needy than themselves; some one suggesting that China seemed such a country."

"In the summer, during the general scare here connected with governmental searching of houses under the flimsiest pretexts, Seroon Hannum and Mariam
destroyed all the papers in their possession upon which was a scrap of writing. Mariam's mother was entirely unwilling her daughter should serve longer as secretary, fearing even to have the record-book in their house. This was adjusted by my taking charge of it for her after she adds her monthly report. "It is our custom just before the collection at each meeting to have a short prayer of praise and thanksgiving offered, for our unspeakable privilege in being invited of God to share this work." "Immediately after the collection we all stand while a prayer of solemn consecration of what we have brought is offered."

**Branford.**—We have held a meeting nearly every month in the past year, and as a result of our thank-offering meeting held in February, we were enabled to send fifty dollars for Dr. Karmarkar's work. A special collection also goes to Mrs. Bond.

**East Haven.**—Our annual meeting was held in October. We have not as many members this year as usual. Our meetings are held once in two months. Two of the Executive Committee of the Branch addressed us in the church one Sunday evening, and two ladies were so much interested that they have since joined the auxiliary. Mrs. Adam gave us a very interesting report of the meeting of the Woman's Board, in December.

We are endeavoring to increase the circulation of "Life and Light." Some of the ladies who take it are in the habit of passing it on to others.

**Milford, Plymouth Church.**—The meetings are continued with interest. Last February at our annual meeting we decided to adopt the plan of some other churches and count every woman in the church a member of the missionary society, thus calling on each one for an annual subscription, instead of the customary
dues only. It was thought best to try this plan, hoping that possibly the interest and responsibility might be more manifest.

Mt. Carmel.—Our society has met regularly once in two months, with the exception of August. Our number of members remains the same. It can truly be said that there is a little more interest manifested in the work. We were able to send more than the pledged amount of money.

North Haven.—Since the annual meeting of the auxiliary in December, there has been renewed interest manifest both in the work done, and in the increased attendance at the meetings. The membership is sixty-four.

Orange.—We have lost a few members during the year, but have added some new names to our roll. We hold monthly meetings, and at our last one appointed one of our members solicitor for "Life and Light."

West Haven.—The County meeting held here last October did a good deal to start a new interest in missions among our ladies. Seven new members have been added to our society this year. We have held monthly meetings during the winter, the ladies taking turns in leading. We have studied the topics in the lesson leaflets and "Life and Light."

Whitneyville.—Our meetings continue much the same both as to numbers and interest. With the first suggestions of spring, our collectors made their annual appeal for the Branch. This year as many responded as usual, but owing to the financial depression, amounts in many cases were smaller. We are glad to report even one or two names to be added to our list. Mite boxes taken by the ladies are used to receive the thank-offerings.
Westville.—The annual meeting was held January 31st, and officers were chosen. It was voted to hold four meetings during the year, two of which have been held this spring. The society expects great help from their new pastor, who is much interested in foreign missions, and who promised to prepare the way for the missionary meeting by preaching a missionary sermon the preceding Sabbath.

Woodbridge.—This auxiliary held two meetings during the year. "In March, six of us met and tried to make some plans for the future, and I trust that we separated with firmer resolves to do more work in the line of foreign missions. We have gained six new members."

In April the second meeting was held, and Miss Daggett, Miss Twining and Mrs. Adam, of New Haven, were present and assisted in the conduct of the meeting.

New Haven—Center Church.—During the past year the regular monthly meetings have been held, with about the usual attendance.

A pleasant change has recently been made in occasionally having afternoon meetings in the lecture room of the chapel, with interesting talks or papers from visitors to missionary fields, giving glimpses of missionary life and surroundings from personal observation.

These meetings have been very well attended, and another year it is hoped to have them oftener, and thereby increase enthusiasm and interest. An increase of five new members is reported.

Church of the Redeemer.—Stated meetings were held regularly during the year, with a fair attendance and considerable interest. Five new members were added last year and one this year. We are hoping to enlarge
our membership and greatly increase the interest in the work, and will labor earnestly during this year to bring about so desirable a result.

**College Street Church.**—Our auxiliary has held only two meetings this year. One was a business meeting, and at the other an interesting account of work in China was given.

**Davenport Church.**—Eight meetings were held by the Woman's Missionary Society of this church during the year, which ended in February. Two meetings of special interest were those at which Mrs. Hubbard, of China, visited us, and that in November, when Mrs. Whittlesey gave an interesting report from the meeting held at Montclair. We are going to work for an increase of interest in missions and for a larger attendance at our meetings. One member of this society has by self-denial and strict economy from her own earnings made herself a life member of the Branch this year.

**Dwight Place Church.**—We have held our regular monthly meetings and they have been both interesting and instructive. The increase in membership has not been as great as last year. We feel that there is a growing interest in the work of foreign missions, and are hopeful of the future.

**Fair Haven, Second Church.**—It would be a delight to report a large increase in membership and interest, but as we cannot do that, we are glad to say the interest in and attendance at our bi-monthly meetings has been about the same as in previous years. Our contribution was less, but we are affected like all other churches by the financial distress, and contributions for other benevolences decreased as much as that of the Woman's Board. We hope for better returns next year.

At our thank-offering meeting held in December we
had the rare treat of having Mrs. Joseph Cook with us. She gave us a most interesting address. The subject was: "Why should we be interested in foreign missions?" It was both delightful and inspiring. Mrs. Cook in her address touched upon the necessity of reading the "Life and Light," and we have felt the influence of her words in an increased subscription list, the number of subscribers increasing from four to ten.

**Grand Avenue Church.**—We meet at the houses of the different members as we are invited, and we usually have papers on the life and work of some prominent missionary. The meetings have been very interesting and fairly well attended. The President writes, "Our contribution fully equals that of last year. We have gained only four or five new members, and have lost some. One way in which we have lost members is that many mothers give through the junior societies, feeling that when they are contributing for two or three children there, it is all they can afford to do. Our subscriptions to 'Life and Light' have nearly doubled. We have a purse into which we put something each month for Mrs. Montgomery. This is outside of our pledges."

**Howard Avenue Church.**—Our annual meeting was held April 3d, and was only a business meeting, at which officers were elected and reports read. At one of the Tuesday evening meetings Mrs. DeForest, of Japan, gave us an interesting address.

**Humphrey Street Church.**—Our attendance remains about the same, although we have four new members this year. One of these was first interested in the foreign missionary society through our thank-offering meeting, which we held this year for the first time. We have lost one member by death and four by removal from the city. We have taken our lessons from "Mis-
sion Studies," but expect to take "Life and Light" next year instead. Mrs. Luckey, who was a delegate to the meeting of the Woman's Board, gave us a full and interesting account of that meeting. It was next to going ourselves.

United Church.—The ladies connected with this auxiliary feel that they can report a year of successful work. Our list of members is not quite as long owing to death and removal, but we have raised more money than ever before. We have held bi-monthly meetings during the year, that have been well attended and have increased in interest. Our President, Mrs. Macphie, has arranged an attractive program and various fields have been reported from, but our enthusiasm centers at Adana.

As we might not have our dear Mrs. Montgomery for our "very own," we did the thing that seemed the nearest to it—assumed the support of Mrs. Montgomery's associate, Miss Angelica Bösshardt, with the understanding that what we failed to raise should be made up from the general fund. We raised all her salary last year, and shall probably this year.

We have already become much interested in the work, and in Miss Bösshardt herself. Some one of our number writes a friendly letter to her each month; in this way she feels in touch with us, and that she knows a number of us at least by name. Our thank-offering service was held in November.

Yale College Church.—We have two new members to report this year. There has been no falling off in our contributions.

Mrs. E. L. Curtis, Vice-Pres.
REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Annual reports must of necessity have much in common year after year; they tell in the selfsame way of failures in some lines of work, and of success in others, and yet who can tell what forces for the accomplishment of God's design are set in motion by their agencies, the outward working of which, recorded in our reports, seems stale and monotonous? Our Junior Department comprises 65 Mission Circles, 54 Senior C. E. Societies, 7 Junior C. E. Societies, 23 Cradle Rolls and 29 contributing Sunday-schools.

Seven new mission circles have been formed the past year. Two in Wiusted, one in Stratford, Ansonia, Newtown, Haddam and Redding.

The study of mission fields and missionary biography has been taken up by our circles with more than usual interest. Some of our circles contributed articles for a box sent to Mrs. Montgomery. We have noticed among our young ladies more zeal in the way of making sacrifice to raise money for missions, or earning it by personal effort; a heart interest in the work is thus evinced.

The C. E. societies seem to be falling into line with our work most willingly whenever it is carefully brought to their notice. The work assigned to them by the Branch has been of a most interesting character, and a choice of fields was given them. The members of the Yale Student Volunteer Band have addressed several of our societies during the past winter, and we recognize in them most valuable helpers.

Quite a number of our circles and C. E. societies have adopted systematic giving. We have several new
Cradle Rolls to report, and an interest in this line of our work is surely increasing. Mite boxes have been given to the members in some cases and when opened were found to contain a surprisingly large amount. The little ones are certainly a most important element in our work; let us bring them to the front this coming year.

Our Sunday-schools have contributed as usual to the Morning Star Mission.

With gratitude for all the signs of promise and rejoicing over the hopeful features of our year's work, we repeat the old time truth that our great need in the Junior Department is for workers who will give the best of themselves to the best forces, who will give their noblest strength to the noblest things—and who shall say that work for foreign missions is not one of the noblest things?

Mrs. W. B. Cogswell.

Fairfield County.

Our report of the Junior Department of Fairfield County, comprising between forty and fifty organizations, tells of much that is encouraging in the forming of new circles, and in the interest in mission work in general among our C. E. societies.

Some of the Unions have held missionary meetings which greatly inspired our young people, and members of the Yale Student Volunteer Band have been sent for to address several of our societies, and by their earnest and stirring appeals they caused some of our C. E. workers to see missions in a new light. Several new Cradle Rolls have been formed during the past year, and three new Mission Circles.

On the whole our year's record brings cause for rejoic-
ing in what we are doing, with shame and confusion of face when we think of what we might do.

Bethel.—The Young Ladies' Mission Circle reports a very prosperous year, but no "spurts or wonderful new methods." The interest and numbers continue good. The C. E. society has been interested in foreign missions, and has contributed this year to our Branch. The Cradle Roll sends its contribution as usual.

Bridgeport.—The North Church Memorial Circle has made progress this year in getting some of their members to lead the meeting who "thought they never could." They report a very successful year financially. The Senior C. E. Society has contributed through our Branch, and report much interest in foreign missions. The Cradle Roll has sent its contribution to our Branch.

Bridgeport, Olivet.—Reports great interest and enthusiasm for missions, and the work of the year shows what can be done when a few earnest Christian women and a strong C. E. society make the effort. The Senior C. E. have assumed the support of a Bible woman. The Juniors keep their interest unabated, and the Cradle Roll has fifteen new names; and the photographs of these babies are framed and hung in the church parlors, while the names are enrolled on the church records for permanent keeping; a memorial fund has been subscribed to the Cradle Roll, in memory of a little girl who has died.

Bridgeport, Park St.—C. E. society was much interested in an address by one of the Yale Student Volunteers, which was given in this church at a meeting of the Bridgeport Union; they report unusual awakening on the subject of missions, and we look for great things from this society, as they wish to take some of the pledged work of our Branch for the coming year.
Bridgeport, South Church.—C. E. society have been especially interested in foreign work the past year, and have given their money, through our treasurer, for Miss Chapin, of China. The Cradle Roll has several new names added to the list which is hung in the church parlors and ornamented above with a beautiful picture of the Madonna and child.

Danbury, First Church reports both Junior and Senior C. E. societies interested in and contributing to the work through our Branch. The Seniors have given towards Mrs. Sibley’s salary.

Darien Mission Circle reports a growing interest; they have sent contributions for the dispensary at Madura, the Japanese kindergarten and the Morning Star Mission. The leader says a real “heart interest” is being developed, for which she is devoutly thankful. The C. E. society has adopted the plan of systematic giving and has sent contributions to the American Board.

Greenwich.—The Mission Circle has added new members the past year, and the meetings are made very interesting by means of blackboard exercises; the leader suggests that for success in the work our motto must be “agitate and educate.” At the January meeting Mrs. Choate gave an exceedingly interesting talk on India, illustrated with her stereopticon. The circle has taken six shares in Cesarea kindergarten.

The C. E. society has sent a contribution for the coffee house work in Constantinople. The Cradle Roll has added new names to its list; the names of the babies are hanging on the wall of the social room.

Newtown.—We hear that a new mission circle has been started, which is most pleasing news.

Norwalk reports a good work among its varied
circles and societies, and amid some discouragements the leader hopes for greater things in the future, and finds comfort in the assurance that we are "saved by hope." The Doorkeeper's Circle has sent a contribution to San Sebastian, and is much interested in our school there. The Sunbeam Circle has sent money towards Smyrna kindergarten and the Morning Star. The C. E. societies, Senior and Junior, have contributed to our Branch, the Senior to the Constantinople work; the Junior to the kindergarten in Cesarea, its first contribution to foreign missions. One of the Yale Volunteers addressed the C. E. society, but unfortunately a storm prevented a large attendance. The few who were present were greatly interested.

Redding.—We are happy to report a new circle formed numbering fourteen members and "increasing." A consecrated woman interested in this circle says if this little seed is well watered by prayer and work the fruit will abound. The C. E. society have had interesting missionary meetings. There are four members in the Cradle Roll.

Ridgefield.—The Snowflake Circle report special interest in missionary literature. They made an effort to have each member earn a certain sum of money for the circle, but earning money is an old story there and the plan was not a success, but a pleasing entertainment was given by the members which proved satisfactory.

Stamford.—The Young Ladies' Mission Circle reports great interest and a prosperous year of work; they have by their importunity succeeded in bringing in new members, and have studied Missionary Biography, and find it most entertaining and inspiring. They have done some work on articles to send to Mrs. Montgomery. The Tiny Helpers did not raise as much money as
usual last year, but promise much for the future. They are interested in a village school in Turkey, Smyrna kindergarten, and Armenia. The leader finds it most difficult to interest the little boys. The C. E. society has lost none of its interest in the work, and sent a contribution to our Branch for Miss Chapin in China, also for a Bible woman in India.

Stratford.—It gives us much joy to report a new circle of young ladies formed here last year. They are so much interested that they would like to meet every two weeks, but it is thought best to hold monthly meetings. They have studied Africa this winter, and found it exceedingly interesting.

The Whatsoever Mission Circle reports great prosperity financially, and we are sure there is a real interest in the work, too. Some of the members are now working to get something for their thank-offering next November. Every member has "Life and Light," and they have taken the Covenant, which we hope will mean to them inspiration and consecration. The C. E. society has adopted systematic giving and have an information committee, whose duty is to give an item of missionary intelligence at every meeting. They contribute to evangelistic work in Constantinople, and to Miss Judson of Japan.

The Alpha Band comprises the primary department of the Sunday-school, and contribute to kindergarten work in Turkey. Every fourth Sunday they have some one to talk to them for ten minutes on some missionary topic. The Cradle Roll has added several new names to its list and increased its contributions. The Sunday-school has contributed to foreign missions. There are now six different Junior organizations in this church giving through our Branch.
Trumbull.—The Young Ladies' Mission Circle has cheering news to impart, that a real and deep interest is slowly but surely growing in the hearts of the members; their meetings for prayer and study are very well attended, and the subjects are never monotonous. A Cradle Roll has been started this year with encouraging results. The C. E. society has adopted systematic giving, and pledges one-half their contributions to home and one-half to foreign missions.

Westport.—The Mission Circle meetings have been somewhat irregular the past winter on account of illness, but the members have not lost their interest. The boys in this circle have been enthusiastic about missionary ships, and one boy was appointed a delegate to the auxiliary to report one of their meetings. The leader of this circle believes most heartily that "one can do anything with children." A new Cradle Roll has been organized in this church.

Wilton.—The report from this church is not as cheering as usual, because of the great affliction through which one of the most active workers has been called to pass. The Cradle Roll money has not been collected this year. The C. E. society sent a contribution to our Branch for the first time. The secretary expresses gratitude that in the midst of most depressing influences, the missionary spirit is still alive.

MRS. WM. B. COGSWELL,
Sec. for Miss. Circles and C. E. Societies.

Litchfield County.

The following report is incomplete in the record of organizations, for the reason that in some cases our request for items met with no response. We have given extra space to circles having suggestive methods.
Canaan.—The "Young Ladies' Circle," besides contributing to our treasury, gives the labor of its hands, and has prepared a barrel of clothing for the diet kitchen in New York.

Falls Village.—The Y. P. S. C. E. has a missionary committee, missionary meetings and systematic contributions. The Juniors are developing on similar lines.

Goshen.—A Cradle Roll was started last year, and though its leader has moved away, we trust that her mantle has fallen on another. The Y. P. S. C. E. holds missionary meetings and includes foreign missions among its benevolences.

Kent.—The "Young Ladies' Circle" holds monthly meetings, studies foreign and home missions alternately and has a treasurer for each branch. The events of the year have been a lawn party, a thank-offering meeting and the celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the organization. The Y. P. S. C. E. has a system of pledged contributions for missions, besides the collections at the bi-monthly missionary meetings. A committee prepares the programs for these meetings, and seeks to increase attendance by announcing them through the local correspondence of a country newspaper.

Litchfield.—The "Daisy Chain" has given a "harvest home festival" and a "butterfly tea," bringing $120.00 into the treasury. The "Young Ladies' Band" raised $125.00 by a concert, and a friend added $25.00 to the amount.

New Milford.—The "Young Ladies' Circle" reports a good attendance and interest resulting from the experiment of holding the meetings at six p. m. on Sunday. The programs are carefully prepared with reference to general participation. Readings are very short, and
divisions of the topic of the day are treated orally from material previously distributed. The members take turns in leading. Mite boxes are used, and various devices are found for raising money individually and collectively. The members have dressed dolls again this year and again made children happy. The "Golden Links," a Sunday-school class, continue their offerings for the "Morning Star" and the Smyrna kindergarten. The Y. P. S. C. E. aims to hold missionary meetings once in six weeks, and very interesting ones are reported for the past year. Collections are taken at the consecration meeting, and on special occasions, notably on Christian Endeavor Day.

Norfolk.—The "Young Ladies' Mission Band," with a membership of fifteen, has added a very large per cent. to its contributions of previous years. Meetings are held monthly, and the topics are taken from "Life and Light."

North Woodbury.—The Cradle Roll is now in its second year, and though its leader is prostrated by illness her sister continues the work.

Plymouth.—The "Rose Bud Club" blossomed out in the early spring with rose-bud caps and gave a successful paper fair, the profit of which extends to a kindergarten in Japan.

Roxbury.—The members of the "May Flower Circle" show a warm interest in their work, and remember the meeting even though they sometimes fail to hear a pulpit notice. The leader commends the work as a means of blessing to one's own soul. "Keep at work if you work alone; and if you can't work the way you would like, you must find some other way."

Salisbury.—The "Mission Band" has held ten meetings, with an average attendance of twenty out of a mem-
bership of thirty-one. The leader uses a large map and gives systematic instruction, following the "Missionary Program for Children's Societies." The little members of the Band are encouraged to take part as far as they are able. The annual jug-breaking is a notable event. The older mission circle has been merged into the Endeavor Society, which has stated missionary meetings and offerings. A Cradle Roll is just being started.

*Sharon.*—The "Busy Bees" begin their work with the opening of spring, and prepare for their annual summer sale. The "Endeavor Missionary Society" studies, prays and gives, having about the same constituency as the "Busy Bees." The Y. P. S. C. E. is also alive to missions. It has just received the banner of the Housatonic Union with the whole round world for its device, and for its motto, "Laborers together with God."

*South Canaan.*—The Y. P. S. C. E. holds missionary meetings and raises money by monthly offering-cards. The collections for six months are devoted alternately to home and foreign missions.

*Torrington.* The "Highland Workers" report a good attendance at their monthly meetings. One hour is devoted to the lesson, and another to the preparation of articles for sale. This circle is composed of both young ladies and children, and its gifts are devoted to medical and kindergarten work.

*Warren.*—The "Willing Minds" have held meetings fortnightly except during a part of the winter. They have learned Scripture verses and followed the studies in "Life and Light." They held their thank-offering meeting in connection with the Ladies' Auxiliary.

*Washington.*—The Y. P. S. C. E. has the two-cents-a-week system of contributions, and has voted to send
money this year for the support of Miss Chapin of Tungcho.

Watertown.—The “Steadfast Workers” have been somewhat interrupted by sickness and inclement weather, but they propose now to resume their fortnightly meetings, and have adopted the plan of giving two cents a week.

West Cornwall.—The “Mission Bank Society” includes in its membership both sexes and all ages.

West Winsted.—The Y. P. S. C. E. has members pledged to weekly contributions for five years and sustains missionary meetings.

Winsted.—A new circle of “Junior Workers” has been organized within the year. Meetings are held fortnightly, and combine study of foreign fields and sewing for needy children at home. The members have recently had a very creditable question match upon the subject of China and its missions, the field which they have been studying the past winter, and for which they contribute.

MARY A. HOPSON,
Sec. for Miss. Circles and C. E. Societies.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

The number of mission circles remains the same as last year, one having disbanded and one new one been formed. The total membership is larger than a year ago.

A missionary rally was held in June at Essex, with an address by Miss Kyle. One visible result of this gathering was the formation of a Cradle Roll in Ivoryton, by a young girl who received the inspiration there. At the county meeting in September, held with the South
Church, Middletown, Miss Prudden conducted a noon conference, at which topics relating to junior work were discussed.

Mite boxes have been more largely used by mission circles the past year, and they have been given to the members of more than half of the Cradle Rolls, with the promise of a "Cradle Roll party" once a year, when the boxes will be opened.

Copies of the "Dayspring" have been circulated in all the Cradle Rolls.

Contributions to the Branch from the C. E. societies in several cases have been diminished by the removal of members interested in foreign work. The half dozen "Juniors" have encouraged us all. There is a more extended study of missions, which must in time lead to larger gifts. The last Senior society to vote its pledged money to the Branch is Westbrook.

Cromwell.—The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" reports an increase of membership and faithful work along the same lines as heretofore, with more work planned for the future. At one meeting a program on China, prepared by one of the officers, was much enjoyed.

Cobalt and Middle Haddam.—The Cradle Roll has ten members, most of them over three years of age. The first "Cradle Roll party," held in April, added greatly to their interest. The mite boxes contained more than double the amount received last year.

East Hampton.—The Cradle Roll has eight members, all under three years. Mite boxes have been given with the hope of increasing the receipts.

Essex.—The "Mission Workers" have held their regular bi-weekly meetings during the winter. The members are fewer in number than last year, but they have kept just as busy and have sent the same amount to the
Branch, besides contributing scrap books and picture cards for Mrs. Montgomery's box.

_Haddam._—The "Alpha Society" has an increase of membership and more interest in meetings. No entertainments have been given, the amount raised being entirely gifts from the members. "Though less than last year, it has meant much more sacrifice and personal interest." Original papers have been prepared in connection with the study of different mission fields.

_Haddam, County Home._—"Little Helpers." This circle was formed last October with seventeen members, and has held meetings every Sunday afternoon, each member taking some part in every meeting. The money given is earned by the members. They asked their leader if their pennies were not in God's sight like the "widow's mite," because they have given all they had.

_Ivoryton._—A Cradle Roll of twenty-four members was formed last summer. The young leader attended the county meeting in September, and at the junior conference told in a very fascinating way "how she did it." There is also a flourishing Junior Endeavor Society.

_Middletown, First Church._—The "Gleaners" have held devotional meetings each month through the winter and spring, in which Micronesia, India, Africa, and the new Gazaland mission have been thoroughly studied. The April meeting was a thank-offering service. In the bi-weekly meetings for work, a new feature has been a sewing class composed of twenty-two of the younger members, who have been taught by the older ones the "beginnings" of sewing by systematic methods.

"Mission Helpers"—a family circle—has lost one member, but interest is unabated. The amount raised
is the same as last year, one-fifth of it having been “made by the working member, who sold home-made candy every week through the winter.” One member has joined the Student Volunteers. One of the youngest reads what comes for each day on the prayer calendar at family prayers, and often says when the page is turned at the beginning of the week, “Who do you suppose comes this week that we know?”

The Cradle Roll has fifteen new names, making thirty-five in all.

The Junior Endeavor Society, with fifty members, has given fifteen dollars to the Branch this year.

_Middletown, South Church._—The “Good Will” circle lost a faithful and efficient leader—the pastor’s wife—early in the year, but have retained their interest in the work, having helped towards the box for Mrs. Montgomery and later held a very successful Easter sale. With new leaders, who have already proved their adaptability to the work by their success, the outlook for the future is very promising.

_Portland._—The “Work and Win” circle reports an increase of membership and larger attendance at meetings, which are held once in two weeks. Programs are varied, and many devices are used to make the meetings attractive. A particular country is given to each member from which to bring items of news. The circle had entire charge of one Sunday evening service in the church.

Last summer each member was given a card with a vacation motto and a “pocket” on it, to be used as a mite box, dividing with the Ceylon girl whom they support the money which they had for their very own.

The Cradle Roll has six new names and mite boxes are used.
West Chester has a Cradle Roll with twenty-six members.

Mrs. M. A. Bradley,
Sec. for Miss. Circles.

Mrs. F. H. Hurlbut,
Sec. for C. E. Societies.

New Haven County.

Ansonia.—The "Hopeful Mission Band," organized last October, has doubled its membership. Meetings are held every other Friday, and after a half hour devoted to missionary information the time is spent in making useful and fancy articles, which at a recent sale brought many dollars to the treasury. The motto adopted by the society is Romans, 8th chap. 24–25 verses. The enthusiasm manifested by its members is producing results outside of the circle.

The C. E. Society is doing good work. Their last missionary meeting was addressed by the Yale Volunteer leader. Many old pledges were doubled and new ones added to the list. One member gives 25 cents per week, and others pledge smaller weekly sums.

Derby.—The "Earnest Workers" have met every two weeks with the exception of July and August. A lawn party in July netted them quite a sum from the sale of cake and ice cream; and a lecture on "Travels in the Hawaiian Islands," as well as a sale of fancy articles made by the circle, added much to the sum in their treasury. The membership remains the same.

Meriden.—The "Missionary Cadets" have, since their organization, contributed over four hundred dollars to the treasury of the New Haven branch. Of them their leader says, "It seems to us that our 'Cadets' have
demonstrated the problem of interesting boys in missionary work; their meetings are full of life. Sometimes they are building the four morning stars and describing their voyages; then a country where our missionaries are stationed is the topic; again an hour is spent on a village in India, and another on the war between Japan and China.” She adds, “While they have studied mission fields and brought much light from them, many of them have come into the church and are taking an active part in church work, being first and foremost in all the meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E.

The “Cheerful Givers” have kept up their interest and attendance well the past winter. At each meeting a half hour is given to missionary information. Short essays on the different fields have been written and read at some of the meetings by the older members. Boxes containing needle cases, pin cushions, scrap books, etc., made by the members of the circle, have been sent to Mexico and Micronesia. The 1st of March the society, in connection with the “Missionary Cadets,” gave an entertainment, the main feature of which was a dialogue, “Little Lights.” This with a sale afterwards netted the societies the sum of fifty-six dollars.

Middlebury.—The “Willing Minds,” though few in number, have accomplished much in basting patchwork and pasting pictures to send in missionary boxes. At a fair held in December over thirty dollars was cleared, and we think our “Willing Minds” are quite a luring feature in our church.

Naugatuck.—The two circles, “The Light Bearers” and “The Little Helpers,” are now merged in one, “The Little Helpers,” of whom their leader writes: “We have very full meetings, and the faithfulness of
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some of the children is wonderful. We have recently studied China and Japan because it seemed a good time to compare the two countries and find useful lessons."

Prospect.—"The Gleaners" have, with one exception, when bad weather prevented, held a meeting every month during the year. At these meetings the mission circle topics as given in "Life and Light" have been studied. They have had some work for the fingers, and also a social hour. Although there have been removals, still the new comers from the little people keep the ranks about the same in number. Their leader says, "I am glad to see that 'The Gleaners' show an interest in other missionary meetings of the church." The Cradle Roll Committee has served with interest.

West Haven.—The Y. L. M. Circle have met quite regularly twice a month during the winter. The meetings are opened with short devotional exercises, after which the missionary news from "Life and Light" is discussed. The circle has given two entertainments with most gratifying results for its treasury.

The "Helping Hand" Circle has a membership of twenty-two and has held twenty-five meetings for work and study. The missions of Turkey have been studied intelligently by its members the past year. At the time of the County meeting in West Haven a committee from this circle were most helpful in soliciting for the collation and in other ways.

The "Missionary Sunbeams" is a very little organization which came into being last fall. The president is ten years of age and the treasurer eight. They are interested in work among the children of Turkey.

Westville.—The Y. L. M. Society have held regular meetings every two weeks. Our monthly missionary programs have been interesting, as indeed they could
not help being, for the "Life and Light" and "Mission Studies" have overflowed with good things to glean from. For the first time we tried a thank-offering meeting with so much success that I think we shall not omit them in the future. We are now preparing for an entertainment by which we hope to increase our treasury fund to the usual amount or beyond it. Our work, as compared with other years, shows no abatement of interest in the missionary cause.

**Wallingford.**—The C. E. Society sends an encouraging report. Their Missionary Committee has met several times during the winter to read and inform themselves in regard to mission work; and original papers were prepared for one of their C. E. Missionary meetings.

**Waterbury.**—The C. E. Society in the Second Church has pledged $60 on the two cents a week plan for evangelistic work in Constantinople, and hope to raise $25 towards Mrs. Eaton's salary; all this in addition to $140 for Indian scholarships. They report increase in interest among their members in missionary work.

**Whitneyville.**—Notwithstanding a notable loss in membership, meetings have been held, though not as frequently as last year. At a recent gathering it was proposed that money for the treasury be earned by the members. An encouraging response was received, and soon various ways were devised, which, though not yielding large amounts, resulted so successfully as to prove the wisdom of the attempt.

**New Haven, Center Church.**—The Y. L. M. Circle decided last fall to give up the fortnightly meetings which had been held for needle work, and substitute a monthly meeting of an hour in length, devoted to missionary information, feeling that the diffusion of mis-
sionary intelligence, and active interest in the work was a most important branch of the work accomplished by a mission circle. A circular letter was sent out as far as possible to every young lady in the congregation, asking her to join the circle. The membership of the circle has increased considerably during the new order of things. A larger contribution has been raised for the Branch, partly by individual subscription, and partly by a song recital given in March.

The Junior Mission Circle has met regularly during the year. Missionary letters have been read, scrap-books made for Mrs. Montgomery, and fancy articles for a sale, by means of which their money is raised.

Church of the Redeemer.—The Y. L. M. Society has held bi-monthly meetings, at one of which we had an address by a missionary; at the others missionary letters, with papers prepared by some of our members, have made up the program. Financially the year has proved very successful, our thank-offering being larger than it has ever been before, and our annual entertainment yielding more money than has any previous one. We have added several new members and lost some by removal from town, making our numbers about the same.

“Busy Bees.” This year has been one of transition in the history of the “Busy Bees,” as the older girls have gone into the Young Ladies’ Missionary Society, and the younger children have joined the Circle. Monthly meetings have been held, alternating a program with the making of scrap-books to send to Mrs. Montgomery. There has been no sale this year, the amount raised coming from monthly collections and mite boxes.

Dwight Place.—The work of the “Fairbanks Mission
Society” has been carried on very earnestly through the year. As we have met on Tuesday afternoons, some of our time has been spent preparing patch work to be sent to Mrs. Montgomery. There are about twenty active members this year. The largest attendance at any meeting was eighteen. The average attendance ten. Besides our usual twenty-five dollars for Ahmednagar, the society has sent five dollars’ worth of articles to the same school.

Grand Avenue.—The Y. L. M. Society has continued its meetings with unabated interest. A course of “Talks from a Traveler,” for which a limited number of tickets was sold, netted us quite a sum, as did also a tea given by the members of the circle.

The members of the “Self Denial” Society hold the offices, and attend to the business of the circle, with suggestions only from the leader. With the exception of one or two meetings, they have prepared all the programs, a different committee being appointed for each meeting. Its wide-awake members, by a special effort to obtain new members, succeeded in getting seven; six others joined the circle of their own accord, making an increase of membership of eleven, besides ten honorary life members.

The “Helpers” is a boy’s society, numbering twenty-three members. All the officers are chosen from the boys, and the president and vice-president either together, or in turn, prepare questions and answers on topics chosen for the meetings, which during the winter have been held every two weeks on Sunday afternoons. The money this year has come from dues, fees of honorary members and pennies invested. At the December meeting a penny was given to each boy to invest, and amounts varying from eight cents to three dollars have been
made on those pennies. One boy who thought he could do nothing bought one or two ears of corn with his penny, sold it when popped, then bought more, and finally established quite a business.

_Humphrey Street Church._—This circle meets once a week and is interested in both home and foreign work. There are twenty-three members, and these give monthly pledges for the foreign treasury, contributing to Miss Judson's salary. Meetings always close with reading of scripture and prayers by the members.

_United Church._—The Y. L. M. Circle completed its first decade with a larger number of members than ever before, and with undiminished interest in all its varied activities. There have been fifteen regular meetings, with an average attendance of twenty-two. The study of the lives of Neesima and Dr. Paton, as presented in a number of careful papers and short sketches, is pleasantly associated in our minds with these meetings. Large inspiration for the work has come from the letters of missionaries at home and abroad, in whose work we have shown interest. The ideal of the mission circle is to be watchful for opportunity and faithful to it.

Mrs. T. L. Day,
Sec. for Miss. Circles.

Miss Jennie P. Payne,
Sec. for C. E. Societies.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions,
in account with Julia Twining, Treasurer,
New Haven, Ct., May 14, 1895.

Dr.

For Work of the W. B. M.

Donations from Auxiliary Societies........ $9,441.06
Donations from Mission Circles......... 1,919.06
Donations from Y. P. S. C. E.............. 1,160.25
Donations from Sunday Schools.............. 462.80
Donations from Cradle Rolls................. 112.59
Donations from miscellaneous sources....... 590.27

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Legacy of Miss E. W. Davenport............. 500.00
Legacy of Mr. Henry J. Prudden............ 120.00

For the Permanent Fund.

Donations from Auxiliary Societies........ $25.00
Donations from Litchfield Y. L. M. B........ 10.00

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For Branch Expenses.

Advertisements in annual report............ $ 89.50
Collections at Branch meetings............ 111.15
From Auxiliary Societies.................. 384.61
From Mission Circles........................ 10.26
Interest from investment and deposit...... 205.06

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Balance in Savings Bank, May 8, 1894 ...... 620.97
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| Ansonia                                                                     | 92.75    |
| $40.75 thank offering, $5 Branch expenses, $50 Miss Andrews.               |          |
| Bethany                                                                     | 12.00    |
| Roha school.                                                                | 111.07   |
| Mrs. Edwards, $5 for deficit, $5 Branch expenses.                            |          |
| Bethlehem                                                                   | 28.50    |
| $1 Branch expenses.                                                         |          |
| Branford                                                                    | 98.15    |
| $50 thank offering, Vithabai, $5 Branch expenses.                           |          |
| Bridgeport, North Church                                                    | 191.28   |
| Miss Barnum; $25 from Dr. Palmer to constitute L. M. Miss Mary L. Blachly; $35 thank offering, $10 Branch expenses. | |
| Bridgeport, Olivet Church                                                   | 68.95    |
| Ceylon, Miss Barnum; $35 to constitute L. M. Mrs. F. H. Bassett; $3 Branch expenses. | |
| Bridgeport, Park Street Church                                              | 88.17    |
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Higganum ................................................................. 99.85
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Kent ................................................................................. 151.50
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Killingworth ................................................................. 35.20
Miss Annie Graham, $6.10 thank offering, $1.50 Middlesex County school, $2 Branch expenses.

Litchfield ........................................................................... 63.72
Kashibai, $4 Branch expenses.

Madison ............................................................................ 105.00
Miss Anna B. Felician, $5 Branch expenses.

Meriden, First Church ..................................................... 225.00
Madura and Ahmednagar, $40 China, $25 Mrs. Bond, $65 Mexico, $10 Branch expenses, $25 thank offering; constitute L. M. Mrs. William Stannis, Miss Susan Rice, Mrs. W. H. Squire, Mrs. W. H. Catlin.

Meriden, Center Church .................................................... 165.00
Kasubai, Bombay school, $10.50 thank offering, $8 Branch expenses; constitute L. M. Mrs. E. B. Tyler.

Middlebury ........................................................................ 27.00
$2 Branch expenses.

Middle Haddam and Cobalt .............................................. 2.00
Middlesex County school.

Middletown, First Church .................................................. 561.26
$50 schools at Egin and Arabkir, $30 Lindley, $50 Marsovan, $50 Chihuahua, $60 Mrs. Bond, Chandrikabai, $50 Miss Andrews; $72 thank offering, $37 Middlesex County school, $15.37 Branch expenses; $25 from Mrs. F. A. Russell to constitute L. M. Mrs. Joseph J. Noxon, $25 from Mrs. James H. Bunce to constitute L. M. Miss M. Louisa Hubbard, $25 from Mrs. F. A. Russell to constitute L. M. Mrs. Joseph J. Noxon, $25 from Mrs. James H. Bunce to constitute L. M. Miss M. Louisa Hubbard, $25 from Mrs. F. A. Russell to constitute L. M.
Miss Katherine L. Newton, a friend $25 to constitute L. M. Miss Clara I. Singleton; constitute L. M. Mrs. Thomas Gilbert.

Middletown, South Church ........................................  $130.00
San Sebastian, $40 Middlesex County school, $25 thank offering, $6 Branch expenses; constitute L. M. Mrs. Ella T. Meech, Mrs. Annie D. Kirby, Mrs. Sarah F. Bel.
Milford, First Church ........................................  40.00
Mrs. Sibley, $21.75 thank offering, $2 Branch expenses.
Milford, Plymouth Church ....................................  20.00
Mrs. Sibley, $1 Branch expenses.
Millington ..................................................  11.00
$1 Middlesex County school.
Milton ......................................................  17.00
Mrs. Karmarkar, $1 Pao-ting-fu.
Morris ..................................................  35.00
$2.55 thank offering, $2 Pao-ting-fu, $1 Branch expenses.
Mount Carmel .............................................  60.00
Ahmednagar and Ceylon, $3 Branch expenses.
Naugatuck ..................................................  100.00
Sirur B. W. $25 thank offering, $5 Branch expenses; constitute L. M. Miss Sarah D. Smith.
New Canaan ..................................................  41.00
Kraabschitz, $2 Branch expenses.
New Haven, Center Church .................................. 1124.89
Mrs. Edward S. Hume, $500 legacy of Miss E. W. Davenport, $15 thank offering, $30 Permanent Fund, $3.31 Branch expenses.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer ......................  208.80
Miss Andrews, $46.10 thank offering, $5 Branch expenses.
New Haven, College Street Church .........................  90.25
$50 Miss Fensham, $16.50 thank offering, $10 deficit, $4 Branch expenses.
New Haven, Davenport Church ................................ 159.00
Parell school; Sagunabai; $25 from Miss Susan L. Parmalee to constitute herself L. M.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church $162.00
Mrs. Edwards, $8 Branch expenses; constitute L. M. Miss Kate Lewis.

New Haven, Fair Haven, Second Church $84.55
$50 Miss Fensham, $21 thank offering, $5 Branch expenses.

New Haven, Grand Avenue Church $174.50
$75 Constantinople College, $75 for Foochow, Madura, Marsovan schools, $6 Mrs. Montgomery, $7 Branch expenses; $25 from Mrs. Sarah Morris to constitute L. M. Mrs. Sarah Porter; constitute L. M. Mrs. Emma Johnston.

New Haven, Howard Avenue Church 46.00
M. Parkium, school at Sert, $2 Branch expenses.

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church $75.00
$50 Mrs. De Forest, 20 thank offering, $5 Permanent Fund.

New Haven, United Church 399.15
Miss Böeshardt, $58.16 thank offering, $3.74 Branch expenses; $25 from Mrs. Pierce Welch to constitute L. M. Miss C. M. Galpin; constitute L. M. Mrs. T. T. Munger, Mrs. C. F. Macphie, Miss Elizabeth S. Dickerman by Mrs. G. L. Dickerman.

New Haven, Yale College Church 297.00
$125 Constantinople College, $32 Branch expenses.

New Milford 117.00
Mrs. Edwards, $10 Pao-ting-fu, $5 Branch expenses.

New Preston 39.00
Madura school, $2 Branch expenses.

Newtown 34.00
Yegeha, $2.32 Branch expenses.

Norfolk 140.86
$100 Mrs. De Forest, $8.50 thank offering, $5 Pao-ting-fu, $7 Branch expenses.

North Branford 25.00
Ahmednagar, $1 Branch expenses.

Northfield 47.00
$30 Madura, $10 Mrs. Karmarkar, $5 thank offering, $2 Pao-ting-fu, $1 Branch expenses.
Northford .......................... $44.32
$30 Madura, $10 Mrs. Sibley, $4.32 Branch expenses.

North Haven .......................... 28.00
Miss Fensham, $1 Branch expenses.

North Madison .......................... 42.96
$40 Mrs. DeForest, $2 Branch expenses; constitute
L. M. Mrs. Henry L. Parker.

North Stamford .......................... 9.50
$1 thank offering.

North Woodbury .......................... 45.50
Surpoohi, $12.30 thank offering, $3 Pao-ting-fu school,
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Norwalk .......................... 131.00
$65 Mrs. Eaton, $11 thank offering, $5 Branch expenses.

Orange .......................... 36.00
Miss Andrews, $1 Branch expenses.

Plymouth .......................... 85.00
$30 Zenana work, $4 Branch expenses.

Portland .......................... 44.00
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County school, $7.50 Branch expenses; constitute
L. M. Mrs. William Bartlett.

Prospect .......................... 16.00
$3 Branch expenses.

Redding .......................... 25.00
$1 Branch expenses.

Ridgefield .......................... 44.50
Paripuvanum, $2 Branch expenses.

Roxbury .......................... 14.50

Salisbury .......................... 168.12
Mrs. De Forest, $35 thank offering from a friend,
$26 thank offering, $5 Pao-ting-fu school, $8 Branch expenses;
$35 from Mrs. S. D. Holley to constitute
L. M. Mrs. Eliza J. Graham.

Saybrook .......................... 62.58
$25 Mrs. De Forest, $15 school in Turkey, $3 Branch expenses.

Sharon .......................... 140.00
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**Receipts from Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Circles.**

- Ansonia, Hopeful Mission Band $10.00
- Bethlehem, Willing Hands $20.00 Mrs. Eaton.
- Bridgeport, North Church, Memorial $60.00 $30 Foochow dispensary, $25 Bombay school.
- Canaan, Young Ladies $15.00 $10 Foochow dispensary, $5 Mrs. Sibley.
- Cornwall, Second Church, Mission Bank Society $23.70 Mrs. Eaton.
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Sharon, Busy Bees.........................................50.00
       $40 Mrs. Eaton, $10 Madura dispensary.
Sharon, Missionary Endeavor................................10.00
       Mrs. Montgomery.
Stamford, Tiny Helpers..................................20.75
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Stamford, Young Ladies....................................20.00
       $10 Miss Julia Bissell, $10 thank offering.
Stratford, Alpha............................................7.21
       Smyrna kindergarten.
Stratford, Pearl Seekers..................................5.00
       Ireland Home.
Stratford, Whatsoever.....................................60.60
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Torringford, Highland Workers..............................25.00
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Trumbull, Young Ladies....................................5.00
Warren, Willing Minds....................................10.50
Watertown, Steadfast Workers..............................5.00
West Haven, Young Ladies................................20.00
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Westport, Mission Band...................................10.00
Westville, Young Ladies...................................45.00
       $20 Mrs. Eaton, $5 Morning Star, $5 thank offering.
Whitneyville, Young Ladies................................9.00
Winsted, Junior Workers..................................8.75
       Pao-ting-fu.
Woodbury, Valley Gleaners................................30.00
       Mrs. Eaton.

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

Ansonia.........................................................$38.00
       Miss Trowbridge.
Ansonia, Junior...............................................1.05
Bethany ........................................... $36.40
    Constantinople evan. work.
Bethel ........................................... 5.00
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Black Rock ..................................... 16.25
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Branford ....................................... 5.00
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Branford, Junior ................................ 10.00
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Bridgeport, Olivet Church, Junior .......... 40.00
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Bridgeport, South Church ..................... 30.00
    Miss Chapin.
Clintonville .................................... 5.00
Cohobrook ...................................... 6.20
    Madura Dis.
Cromwell ...................................... 5.00
Danbury, First Church ......................... 30.00
    Mrs. Sibley.
East Haven .................................... 42.11
    Tungcho Dis.
Essex ........................................... 22.00
    Mrs. Sibley, $2 Middlesex County school.
Falls Village .................................. 9.61
    Mrs. Sibley, $5 Pao-ting-fu.
Greenwich ..................................... 10.00
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Guilford, Third Church ....................... 25.00
    Mrs. Eaton.
Harwinton ..................................... 7.00
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Ivoryton ...................................... 33.37
    Mrs. Sibley.
Kent ............................................ 15.00
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Little Haddam .................................. 10.00
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**Receipts from Sunday Schools.**

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$35 Kobe kindergarten; $15 Foochow.

Morris                        | 9.14 |
Mount Carmel                  | 3.00 |
New Haven, Center Church       | 20.00|
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer | 25.00|
### Receipts from Cradle Roll for Smyrna Kindergarten

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*Note: The table above represents the receipts from various churches and locations for the Smyrna Kindergarten, totaling $11.44. The receipts include contributions from New Haven, Davenport Church, New Haven, Lebanon, New Haven, United Church, and others, with specific amounts noted for each location.*
Redding .................................. $1.00
Stratford ................................ 5.00
Westchester ................................ 1.95

MISCELLANEOUS.

Missionary Fund.

Fairfield County thank offering .............................. $38.99
A friend, a thank offering ..................................... 305.00
Mrs. Montgomery, "interest money from Middletown" .... 1.00
Meriden, a friend for Miss Harlow ......................... 10.00
Mrs. Leonard .................................................. 5.00
A friend ....................................................... 10.00
A friend ....................................................... 20.00
Miss Chamberlain ............................................ 2.00
Rev. Burdett Hart and Mrs. Perkins ....................... 15.00
A friend ....................................................... 5.00
Mite boxes at children's meeting ............................. 1.04
T. T. Merwin, Wilton, Morning Star ....................... 1.00
Winsted, Second Church, M. C. fund, Talas ............. 30.00
North Greenwich church ladies ............................. 10.00
Middlesex County Home children, Dr. Raynolds ....... 8.00
Middlefield, a friend, Mid. Co. school ................. 3.00
Essex, a friend, Mid. Co. school ......................... 5.00
Sale of Aintab quilt for a hospital bed ..................... 82.00
Meriden, Pierson and Mitchell children and friends .... 36.59
Estate of Mr. Henry J. Prudden ........................... 120.00
Mrs. Cady's school mite box, Bombay ..................... 6.65

For Branch Expenses.

Advertisements in annual report ................................ $89.50
Collections at Branch meetings, New Haven ............. 42.51
Collection at Fairfield County meeting .................. 8.02
Collection at Litchfield County meeting ................ 28.50
Collection at Middlesex County meeting ............... 11.12
Collection at New Haven County meeting ............. 21.00
Interest from invested fund .............................. 180.00
Interest on deposit in Savings Bank ..................... 25.06

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

Attest:

ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

New Haven, May 11, 1895.
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Mrs. Alfred Bell.
Mrs. Allstine M. Birge.
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Mrs. W. H. Catlin.
Mrs. F. W. Childs.
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Miss Elizabeth S. Dickerman.
Mrs. Russell Eaton.
Mrs. Horace L. Fairchild.
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Mrs. Thomas Gilbert.
Mrs. William Gordon.
Mrs. Eliza J. Graham.
Mrs. R. T. Hall.
Mrs. Dwight Holbrook.
Mrs. John Hopson.
Miss M. Louisa Hubbard.
Miss Sarah Hubbard.
Mrs. Emma Johnston.
Mrs. Annie D. Kirby.
Mrs. Orphana K. Leete.
Miss Kate Lewis.
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Mrs. C. F. Macphie.
Miss Almira Mead.
Mrs. Seaman Mead.
Mrs. Whitman S. Mead.
Mrs. Ella T. Meech.
Miss Ella E. Merwin.
Mrs. T. T. Munger.
Mrs. Katherine L. Newton.
Mrs. Joseph J. Noxon.
Mrs. Henry L. Parker.
Miss Susan L. Parmalee.
Mrs. Sarah Porter.
Miss Susan Rice.
Miss Harriet E. Seward.
Miss Clara I. Singleton.
Mrs. Charles Skinner.
Miss Sarah D. Smith.
Mrs. W. H. Squire.
Mrs. William Stannis.
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Foote, Vice-Pres.; Miss Ella E. Merwin, Sec.; Mrs.
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Sec.; Miss Amelia Knapp, Treas. ......................... 135 11

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Ivoryton.
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Middletown, First Church.
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New Haven, Grand Avenue Church.
New Haven, United Church.
North Woodbury.
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Portland.
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Kent.
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Litchfield.
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New Haven, Lebanon.
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Wilton.

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Bridgeport, Park Street Church.
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Bethany.
Branford.
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Madison.
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Mount Carmel.
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New Haven, Davenport Church.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church.
New Haven, Grand Avenue Church.
New Haven, Humphrey Street Church.
New Haven, United Church.
New Haven, United Church (Junior).
North Haven.
South Britain.
Wallingford.
Waterbury, Second Church.
Whitneyville.
ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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

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

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 8. The annual meeting of this society shall be held on the second Tuesday of May, and at such place as the Executive Committee shall appoint, at which the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected. Regular public meetings of the society for suitable religious exercises, the communication of intelligence and for business, shall be held at New Haven on the second Tuesday of October, December, February and April. 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.

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BY-LAWS.

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

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

**Art. III.** The Vice-Presidents shall assume the duties of the President when absent and in case of a vacancy in that office, holding themselves ready at all times to do whatever is necessary to promote the well-being of the Branch. Vice-Presidents having special work in the counties shall encourage and stimulate auxiliaries and promote new organizations, make quarterly 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 out-
side of the home work, warn meetings and provide information and speakers for the same.

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

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

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

Art. IX. The Cooperative Committee, with the exception of the Chairman, shall be elected by the Executive Committee; and shall consist of those who take charge of such business as the Board of Officers cannot perform without neglecting special duties. All members
of this committee, except the Chairman, shall be ex-
cused from attendance at executive meetings. The
Chairman shall communicate to the members any infor-
mation necessary from the Executive Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

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

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

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

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