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PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, NEW HAVEN,

MAY 12 and 13, 1896.
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 Torrington, on the second Tuesday of May, 1897.

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.

Any societies or individuals receiving letters directly from missionaries are requested to send copies of them promptly to Mrs. H. D. Hume, 24 Home Place.

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. Charles Cutting, 831 Whitney 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.

At the request of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Miller has consented to attend meetings, where her presence is requested, whenever she can arrange to do so. Payment of expense incurred will be expected.
Notice of change of officers in any society should be sent promptly to the editor of the report, Mrs. T. H. Sheldon, 85 Edgewood avenue, 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.
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Auditor.

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WORK OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Mary E. Andrews, Tungcho, China .................. $500.00
Miss Barnum, Harpoot, Turkey ................................ 330.00
Mrs. F. G. Bond, Monastir, Eu. Turkey ..................... 400.00
*Mrs. S. E. DeForest ...................................................
Mrs. G. C. Eaton, Chihuahua, Mexico .......................... 485.00
Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Inanda, S. Africa ................... 500.00
Miss F. A. Fensham, Constantinople, Turkey ............... 572.00
Mrs. C. E. Hume, Bombay, India ............................... 824.00
Miss Cornelia Judson, on furlough ........................... 425.00
Mrs. G. Karmarkar, M.D., Bassein, India .................. 426.15
Miss Mary Montgomery, Adana, Turkey ...................... 378.40
Mrs. M. C. Sibley, Wai, India .................................... 672.00
Miss E. M. Trowbridge, Aintab, Turkey..................... 374.00
Miss Rose A. Bower, M.D., Bailunda, Africa ............... 200.00
Miss Abbie G. Chapin, Tungcho, China ..................... 50.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Constantinople, American College for Girls, 4 ................................. $500.00
Marsovan, Turkey, 10 .................................................. 250.00
Ahmednagar, India, 16 .................................................. 320.00
Bombay, India ............................................................ 373.41
Madura, S. India, 22 .................................................. 660.00
Foochow, China, 4 ....................................................... 60.00
Inanda, Africa, 11 ....................................................... 380.00
San Sebastian, Spain, 3 ............................................... 300.00
Kraabschitz, Austria, 3 ............................................. 180.00
Chihuahua, Mexico, 3 ................................................... 150.00

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Surpoohi, Miss Ely's School, Bitlis, E. Turkey ............... $ 52.80
Miss Anna B. Felician, Marsovan, W. Turkey ................. 176.00
Miss Annie Graham, Bombay, India ............................ 192.00
Mexico, in charge of Mrs. Eaton ............................... 240.00

*Allowances for married missionaries on furlough are paid by the A. B. C. F. M.
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For Missionaries: $6,136.55  
For Scholarships: 3,123.41  
For Native Teachers: 660.80  
For Bible Women: 799.24  
For Schools: 1,028.85  
For miscellaneous: 1,680.80  
For permanent specials: 316.35  

Total: $13,745.80
Delegatesto W. B. M. Annual Meeting, Manchester, N. H., Nov. 3, 4 and 5, 1896.

Mrs. Arthur B. Hill ................ Norwalk.
Mrs. M. A. Adams ................ Green's Farms.
Miss Ada Woodruff ................. Bridgeport.
Mrs. A. E. Barber ................ Bethel.
Mrs. J. W. Ballantine ............. Ridgefield.
Mrs. T. Robert Baldwin ........... Cornwall.
Mrs. George B. Burrall ........... Lakeville.
Mrs. Caleb I. Camp ................. West Winsted.
Miss Mary P. Hinsdale ............. West Winsted.
Mrs. E. C. Hotchkiss .............. Torrington.
Miss Fannie C. Eliot .............. Clinton.
Mrs. M. A. Bradley ................. Middletown.
Mrs. W. H. Burrows ................. Middletown.
Mrs. J. I. Parker .................. Meriden.
Mrs. R. R. Stannard ............... Waterbury.
Mrs. W. F. Markwick ............... Ansonia.
Miss Emma E. Dickerman ........... Mt. Carmel.
Miss Mary Wyllys Eliot ........... North Haven.
Mrs. F. R. Lewis ................ West Haven.
Mrs. E. L. Curtis ................ New Haven.
Mrs. J. W. Beach ................ New Haven.

Nominating Committee for 1896.

Mrs. T. K. Noble ................ Norwalk.
Mrs. Edward Douglas ............... Middletown.
Mrs. J. W. Beach ................ New Haven.
Miss Ellen S. Langdon ........... Plymouth.
Mrs. W. F. White ................ Trumbull.
ANNUAL MEETING.

In the midst of the beautiful month of May came two of her cheeriest, sunniest days. Specially prepared they seemed, to celebrate so notable an occasion as the birthday of a daughter twenty-five years of age. The wealth of the springtime eludes an attempt at detail, but the soft shimmer of the newly-born leaves somehow crept into consciousness and the tender grace of the young life everywhere. The temperature, previously of varying moods, poised itself at a most delightful notch and not once became obtrusive by a lapse. Fitting it was on this glad anniversary, that from the very heart of its own city should issue rejoicing and congratulation for this daughter of the spring.

Tuesday, the twelfth, was delegates' day, and while the morning was yet fresh, numbers were seen approaching the United Church chapel for the early devotional service preceding the exercises of the day. All along the way, guarding from the sun's too effusive welcome, our much-loved elms, with branches gleaming in green and gold, seemed living parables of another branch, and whispered their meaning to the listening ear. The half-grown leaves of delicate hue and texture nodding to the breeze, another equal period of development would further expand, deepen the tint, strengthen the fibres and bind more closely to the nourishing stem. There is motion in all the leaves of the New Haven Branch. Is not this for them also, in brief, the history of the coming term of years, which remains as yet unwritten?

The influence of the hour of prayer seemed to remain as the atmosphere in which the story of the day was
told. During the morning, vice-presidents and secretaries of junior work clearly pictured the encouraging results of busy hearts and hands, in the four counties of the Branch. Ingenuity in devising plans rivalled self-sacrifice and devotion in carrying them into action. After a vote to postpone the treasurer's report and election of officers till the following day, a devotional service led by Miss Hinsdale closed the session. Many helpful thoughts here expressed, emphasized our privilege in being allowed to place earthly carbon in God's crucible, which returns the diamond sparkling with heaven's own light.

The interest of the young ladies was attested by a dainty luncheon, also served by them, in the attractive dining hall, where a delightful social aroma soon gave zest to the repast. "Pansies for thoughts"—a few scattered clusters of these bonniest buds that blow, invested with an air of pleasing mystery the guest beside whose plate they lay. Presently anticipations, roused by the leaflet served to all, began to be realized, and, following the brilliant lead of Mrs. McLane as toastmistress, the moments, sparkling with wit and wisdom, too quickly rippled by.

Beginning the afternoon session was a roll-call of the auxiliaries and mission circles composing the Branch. The response being a word concerning the society named, an opportunity was offered each for a momentary glimpse at the other ranks. Special interest attended the Adana call; this society, unique both in its location beyond the sea, and its membership including every woman in the church, in her reply also stood alone. Upholding a vase of beautiful creamy roses, the gift of the auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, Miss Webb, the delegate, interpreted their message, a loving tribute for this anniversary day.
Following this was a discussion of topics previously prepared, such as the value of pledged work, thank-offering meetings, bureau of information, best ways of increasing membership and raising money, conduct of meetings, etc., and at the close were lodged in hearts responsive to aid, thoughts and suggestions that later would produce greater efficiency in methods of work.

With the fading of the twilight, the call of Center Church drew attention to its open doors, and rang a welcome to the “Missionary Rally” within. Here in written and symbolic language the commission and field of the Branch were shown; spanning the space above the speakers were the ever potent words, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature;” national emblems of many lands silently testified that labor had not been bestowed on them in vain; to the greeting thus extended was added that of nature through her springtime bloom. Surroundings accorded with the words that broke the stillness, “Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.”

Dr. Smyth spoke of the good work accomplished by the Board, in which debt and reductions were unknown terms. The machinery was always running, because the motive power was the heart of woman, and loyalty to Christ.

Mr. A. B. Williams, of the Student Volunteers, in stirring words, showed how an answer to the question, “Lovest thou me?” changed self-sacrifice to privilege, and expressed his joy in anticipation of service in another land.

Dr. Daniels, of the American Board, was heard with much interest as he recounted the modern chapter in the Acts of the Apostles. The choicest bits of biog-
raphy since the days of sacred story had just been written. Fierce persecutions in Turkey had proved that the power of Christianity was unfailing. Noble utterances, showing an unflinching trust, expressed a willingness to be numbered with the church of earth or heaven. Strange though it seems, the wound that caused our missionaries keenest pain was the one inflicted by their native land. The ten per cent. reduction of salary, involving much self-sacrifice, was cheerfully met; the thirty-seven and a half per cent, on the ver work wrung from their very hearts, "Death we can face, but we cannot this." The story of missions is more thrilling than the latest novel, and the time is coming when to be misinformed on the subject will be lamentable ignorance.

Dr. Pauline Root revealed the workings of the physician's life in far-away India, showing how healing of the body prepared the way for healing of the soul. The difficulty of ministering to the people is greatly increased because of the pollution caused by simple contact with one of another caste.

The thought variously expressed by many voices during the day, and the one which lingered with us at the close, was thanksgiving for the privilege of laboring for and with Christ; this, too, was the keynote of the early devotional service Wednesday morning, led by Mrs. Phipps, in the United Chapel, while "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," opened up the possibilities of further attainment. Surely a golden link made one a service severed by the calendar.

A few moments later, in Center Church, with many other hearts in sympathy, fitting it was that "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" should be the audi-
ble expression of feelings to be variously voiced with the unfolding hours. An added cause for gratitude was the presence in the chair of our president, Miss Daggett, appreciation of whose touch on the latchstring during the year had mingled with regret that the hand which held it was invisible.

For a brief moment the May-day of a year ago was recalled as Mrs. McLane gave the catchwords in the minutes of the meeting. Then, following the lead of the organ, was a ready response to “Sing to the Lord a joyful song.”

Echoes from Mrs. Edward Hume’s voice in India were heard, reviewing in an acrostic, “Twenty-five Promises,” the good way in which the Lord himself had led us during “the days of the years of our pilgrimage;” then from Miss Andrews in distant China tones were repeated, in which the backward, onward and upward look and the glance around were met by God’s promises and their fulfillment; to these succeeded the report of native helpers from different stations, assembled for prayer and study at Tungcho,—all disclosing the fact that this anniversary was not merely a local gathering but one of world-wide extent, in which voices were ascending in antiphonal refrain to a common Father, in the interests of whose kingdom they were raised. A stimulus this to faith that a like-extended blessing would be given.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hume, affectionately termed the “mother of the New Haven Branch.”

Mrs. McLane, recording secretary, briefly reviewed the year just closed; Miss Twining gave the financial summary.

After singing, Miss Prudden skillfully turned a brilliant searchlight down the long vista of twenty-five years in the home life of the Branch, revealing to
appreciative eyes a vision inspiring with gratitude for the past, and fresh courage for the coming days.

Mrs. Miller then threw its rays across the sea, and there, among peoples of various hues and costumes, glimpses were caught of the workers and their work, till "all the world" seemed to change from an expression of vagueness to a living, pleading reality before our eyes.

For all that had been accomplished a prayer of thanksgiving was offered. At its close there was a suggestion of music in the air; soon the harmony became apparent, and presently a chorus of twelve maidens appeared, singing as they moved down the aisle, "Bring gifts unto the Lord to-day." A moment later and a shower of dainty blue envelopes touched with silver was caught by their white baskets moving to and fro, and again, with singing, the offering was brought to the altar, and consecrated to the Master's use. Later in the day about sixteen hundred dollars* were reported toward the sum needed for an addition to the school building in India, a memorial to Mrs. Hume.

Not in vain have the rays of the Sun of Righteousness touched the "Sunrise Kingdom," as Mrs. DeForest clearly showed in picturing "The Past and Present of Japan." In twenty-two years the number of churches has increased from one to eighty—including all denominations, four hundred—and they in turn are now planning a mission to Formosa. Active Home Missionary and Christian Endeavor Societies also attest their growth. With the advance of Christianity has been a rapid development of civilizing agencies. Japan is now a land of postoffices and railroads; she boasts of the second largest mint in the world; two hundred societies

*This amount has since been increased to $2,111.16.—Ed.
exist for the improvement of the people, while forty newspapers replace the single sheet that formerly did duty in the realm. Now with her calendar changed, Japan is fast falling into line with the civilized nations of the world. Prayer for this distant land was offered by Miss Gilman, of the Eastern Connecticut Branch.

Mrs. Judson Smith brought from Boston affectionate congratulations. The relation of the Branch to the Board was that of a wheel within a wheel, which the spirit of the living creature impelled to action. Experience had developed strong reliance on the New Haven Branch, which needed only to know the desires of the Board to return a loyal response. Appreciative mention was made of the long line of cultured women who had directed the growth of this Branch, and of the noble workers in foreign lands whom their untiring efforts had maintained; from Mrs. Edwards, the first missionary of the Board, to Miss Mary Montgomery, about to join her mother, one of God's own heroines, on Turkish soil.

A message from Mrs. Montgomery, seeming to embody her very personality, as voiced by Mrs. Munger, was eagerly welcomed at the beginning of the devotional service, of which Mrs. Capron had charge. The admonition of God's word, presenting as a standard absolute purity of flesh and spirit, would henceforth stimulate anew her endeavors, since shared with those present. Mrs. Capron's earnest words incited to thankful effort, as she spoke of those counted worthy to be put in trust with such a work as ours, and revealed the connection between intensity of joy beyond and intensity of service here.

In response to the cordial invitation of Mrs. Gridley, friend with friend was soon enjoying the generous hos-
pitality awaiting them in the chapel, and making more real the impressions of the morning by sharing them over the "cup that cheers."

A song of consecration opened the exercises of the afternoon; after election of officers, Mrs. Fairchild led in prayer.

As an appendix to Miss Prudden's valuable "Review" of the morning, a merited tribute to the services of her mother, now of sainted memory, and of herself, on whom the mantle so ably rests, was felicitously accorded by Mrs. Cady.

Then came abundant proof that the Branch, in its full maturity of twenty-five years, had won a warm place in many a heart. Greetings from far and near, by word and pen, vied with each other in extending the congratulations of gratitude and love. Thus bespeaking friendship were—Miss Hubbard, expressing undiminished interest in the work her mother loved so well; Mrs. May Hart Perkins, loyal to us still, though a valued member of the Presbyterian Board in which she fills the positions of home secretary, treasurer and chairman of the literary committee; Mrs. Allen, for Miss Ferguson, glad to report as a greeting, that the formation of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dutch Church in South Africa, was the fruit of inspiration caught at our tenth anniversary; Mrs. Fairchild, happy in being welcomed back after an absence of years, completing the perfect number seven; Mrs. Montgomery, inspiring with warmest love; Mrs. Leonard, gratefully recalling the "comfort and blessing" that came from loving assurance of sympathy and prayer; Mrs. Mason greeting in behalf of the Baptist Board, and for encouragement in taking up the crosses, reminding that Our Father hides his choicest blessings there; Mrs. Jewell,
from the Hartford Branch, herself inspired with fresh courage and strength to-day, bidding us Godspeed; Miss Gilman, of the Eastern Connecticut Branch, with appreciation of fellowship, exhorting to patient continuance in well-doing; Mrs. Case, from the New Britain auxiliary, a twig now grafted to the Hartford stem, assuring that tender associations still recalled their union with the New Haven Branch; Mrs. Derby, of Springfield, mingling with words of greeting acknowledgment of valued helpers formerly counted as our own; Mrs. Schneider, of Turkey, present in spirit and desiring for us increasing faith; Mrs. Selden, from Mexico, with congratulations growing out of precious memories of Mrs. Prudden, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. McCullough; Miss Judson, from Japan, testifying that "His service is sweet." Uniting with this goodly company was another noble band to whom the Branch was not less dear, and who shared in heart the privileges of the day. From these in China, India, Africa and Japan, came silent testimony to a bond of sympathy through the souvenir leaflet, which, in generous supply, whispered to every one the living, loving thought that was born across the sea. In addition to individual proofs of remembrance, came also a message termed "Greetings from our absent missionaries," a portion of which is the following:

"Prayers, greetings and earnest wishes will link themselves together in a manifold chain, encircling the globe. May each individual member of our Branch take hold of one of its strands, and keeping hold, follow it on and on, until she finds the end where the chain is fastened at the Throne of God.

We thank every one for every service of love and thought and prayer given all these years. God bless you every one."
As a response to this, Eph. 3, 14–19 was returned, and "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

The "Summary of Results in the Treasury" was a paper replete with practical points, by Miss Twining. The following poem, by Mrs. McLane, was much appreciated.

GOD'S PARTNERSHIPS.

When God in time's beginning
    First thought of earth and man
Nature, in partnership, wrought out
    The Master-builder's plan.

Each lowly life yearned upward,
    And gave its best, and gained
Some higher level, till at last
    The summit was attained.

And God and Nature rested,
    And man began to be,
And earth stretched fair and beautiful,
    Green land and sapphire sea.

A wondrous transformation
    Through ages wrought apace,
Until in nature God beheld
    The likeness of his face.

And yet creation's story
    Is only half complete:
The far-off finis will be reached
    When earth and heaven meet.

God's purposes, ascending,
    Their steadfast aim pursue,
The world grows old,—once more, once more
    He maketh all things new.

The Wonder-worker fashions
    A finer substance still,—
Informing spirit hears his voice
    And learns its Master's will.
A world supreme, transcendent,
Unfolds at his command,
And heaven is slowly taking shape
Beneath His guiding hand.

And now to man is granted
This partnership divine,—
To touch and change the things of earth
And bid the darkness shine.

To bring in transformations
Where sin and death held sway,
To bring in peace, and righteousness,
And joy, and endless day ;

To work until the flower
Of the ages doth unfold,
And heavenly alchemy hath touched
And turned earth's dross to gold.

O great, O grand commission !
What more could mortals ask,
Than thus to aid heaven's architect
Complete His mighty task?

For this earth gives its martyrs,
And heaven its saints doth crown,
For this divinest love was spent,
Divinest life laid down.

This highest, holiest service
Awaits our willing feet,
Our hearts, our hands, our lives, our all,
In sacrifice complete.

Such service brings enlargement,—
A nobler, wider range,
And gives to life's dull commonplace
New meaning sweet and strange.

Such partnership hath profits
To mortal speech unknown,
But heaven will interpret them
When the King comes to His own.
Co-laborers, co-workers,
    Ye who the tidings tell,
The future of Christ's universe
    Doth in your keeping dwell.

O royally He trusteth
    His work to feeble hands!
Let every loyal heart respond,
    And carry His commands.

And when the Master-builder
    Shall find His task complete,
When all the universe unfolds
    In beauty at His feet,—

No stone of temple lacking,
    No jewel lost to sight,
When life itself is lifted up
    To love's supremest height,

And likeness of the Highest
    Doth in man's features shine,
And all creation's voices blend
    In choruses divine,

Then these, the Lord's co-workers,
    Co-heirs with him shall be,
They of His fulness shall partake,
    They shall His glory see,—

Inheritors of ages!
    And sharers of Christ's throne!
For into lasting partnership
    The Lord will take His own.

"Heroes of the Cross in the Land of the Crescent" were graphically portrayed by Miss Webb, of Adana. Nothing appeals to our hearts like Christian heroism; Bible heroes inspire us, and worthy a place beside them are those staunch defenders of the faith unswervingly loyal amid barbaric cruelties that shame our boasted century's light. Unspeakable horrors attend the Turkish
prison, but, as in one of ancient story, it had been transformed into an abode of song. Much was comprehended in the simple statement of an Aintab boy, "I can't deny my Saviour."

Encompassed by dangers on every hand as they minister to the wounded, comfort the desolate, care for the sick and dying, are Miss Shattuck, Mrs. Tracy, Miss Trowbridge, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Montgomery and others, heroines of whom the land is not worthy, by faith proving in their own experience the realities of the life invisible.

Well chosen was the hymn selected to follow, "How firm a foundation." Before singing, resolutions offered by Miss Hopson, relative to the situation in Armenia, to be forwarded to Congress, were unanimously adopted.

The young ladies present were favored by finding themselves gleaners in the rich field of Mrs. Capron, who let fall for them "Handfuls of Purpose" from her abundant sheaves. Ruth is especially the young ladies' book, and it abounds in suggestions for a fruitful life. Cast in your lot with the people of God. Find our kinsman, and "go not to glean in another field." No interest in foreign missions means no interest in Jesus Christ. Hear my Lord say, "Let thine eyes be upon the field," and you don't know what He, under whose wings thou art come to trust, will make of it and you.

It was appropriately left for our president, Miss Daggett, to lead to the spot on this delightful mount of retrospect from which "A Look Forward" could be taken. The past is reviewed, not for complacence, not that labor may be relaxed, but as a stimulus to future usefulness; successes should beget new courage for the work, unproductive measures check a continuance in
methods ill-advised. The claim that foreign missions are impracticable is refuted by results; one hundred thousand converts annually, averaging a large congregation of over nineteen hundred every Sabbath, and seven hundred thousand pupils in the schools, are fruits of this endeavor. But our eyes must be turned toward what remains to be done, and here so many obstacles oppose that only Christian motive can face the view; let, however, the great surging wave of Christ’s love sweep over us, and it becomes the heart and marrow of the Christian religion to send it everywhere; then, too, all gifts are measured by the relation they bear to the Master’s cause. Our look forward must be first into the face of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then far away to dusky features and unhappy hearts. Let us listen to the still small voice, ponder well its message, and go, tell. Prayer followed, by Mrs. Griggs, of Ivoryton.

Grateful acknowledgment in detail was made through Mrs. Prudden to the many friends whose kind offices had made possible this day, long to be remembered in the history of the Branch.

Twenty-five years had passed into history, and in the words of the closing song we were “Standing at the Portal”—of what, our grasp upon the possibilities of the new era will determine.

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

Six public meetings, exclusive of the annual meeting, have been held in New Haven during the last year by the Branch. These meetings have been well attended and interesting. At one of them the reading of letters from Turkey held the audience breathlessly attentive; at another a beautiful prayer-service rendered by young ladies under the leadership of Mrs. H. J. Prudden gave a pleasing variety to the exercises; another meeting of special interest was arranged and conducted by the young ladies' missionary societies of the city, and addressed by Dr. Pauline Root. Other speakers who helped to make these occasions seasons of inspiration were as follows:

Mrs. Holbrook, from Natal, S. Africa; Mrs. Howland, from Ceylon; Miss Webb, from Adana, Turkey; Miss Lamson, of the junior department of the Woman's Board; and Mrs. Choate, a vice-president of the Branch, from Greenwich.

The four county meetings were held as usual in the fall, and their exercises, consisting of reports, discussions, original papers, missionary letters and addresses, and fine music, proved very enjoyable and helpful to all in attendance.

The officers' meeting occurred in November, and occupied the greater part of a day. Twenty-seven members were present, and such subjects as the following were discussed: "The relation of Auxiliaries to the pledged work of the Branch," "How can our public meetings be made more effective in extending an interest
in missions?" "Is there need of more cooperation between auxiliaries and mission-circles?"

On Fast-day a missionary meeting was held in Center Church, New Haven, at which Dr. Barton made a forcible and effective address on Turkey.

During the winter a series of illustrated lectures by Mr. Leitch of Ceylon was given throughout the Branch, the money thus raised being appropriated to mission work.

An interesting and successful lecture on Scotland was given in New Haven in March for the expenses of the Branch, by Mrs. Adam of Canaan, and the thanks of the Branch are extended to her for this help.

A review of the work of individual societies shows the same varying successes as in other years. The Home Secretary, Mrs. Cutting, reports as follows:

"Four new auxiliaries have been formed, and several societies have celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, and are starting on another quarter of a century with renewed vigor. Mrs. Miller, to whom was assigned last fall, at the request of the Executive Committee, the duties of a field secretary, has visited fifteen societies this past winter, and has given much needed help and encouragement. The thank-offering meetings are still a source of great inspiration to our societies. Many touching instances have come to us during the year of real sacrifices, not only in the giving of money but also of time and talent, to make these meetings successful. The prayer-service has met with a warm response; many societies have used it in interesting meetings. The members of the Yale Volunteer Band are doing good service for the Branch in holding meetings by invitation of different societies. Their earnest devotion to missionary work is contagious, and we expect a revival of missionary zeal from their consecrated labor."
The Secretary of the Junior department reports six new mission circles, all of them "most hopeful," and says, "There is stir and activity all the time among the circles, and the societies of Christian Endeavor, as evinced by the letters, questions and requests that we constantly receive."

The Bureau of Information still continues to keep its secretaries well employed, and sends forth letters and leaflets in an ever-widening stream of usefulness.

That something more than a passing interest in missions has been aroused is shown by the Treasurer's report, which is as follows:

"We are glad to report a considerable increase in the contributions of the mission circles and Y. P. S. C. E. over those of the previous year. The total sum received is $14,551.70. Of this $1,053.91 is the result of thank-offering meetings. The offerings for the twenty-fifth anniversary are yet to be received."

But the Branch this year has not been satisfied to do its usual work in the usual way. Wishing to observe in some fitting manner the completion of its quarter-century of service, it planned to have a birthday-party, and a special offering, to be designated, "A memorial to Mrs. H. D. Hume." The shadow of this coming event fell on the Executive Committee early in the year, and plans were made in advance. When February came dainty little envelopes of blue and silver went fluttering throughout four counties. To-day they return laden.

During the year some changes have occurred among the officers of the Branch. It is with great regret that we record the resignation of Mrs. A. W. Hazen from the office of vice-president. Her work, into which has gone so much personal service and consecration, has been taken up and carried on by Mrs. L. R. Hazen.
We deeply regret also that Mrs. Strong felt it necessary to resign her position as Home Secretary, but are glad to state that in the capacity of Assistant Secretary she will still give needed aid. Her successor, Mrs. Chas. Cutting, brings to her new work an enthusiasm which cannot fail of success.

Mrs. Macphie, who for some time has performed the duties of a home secretary, and endeared herself to her many correspondents, will in future assist in the work of the Bureau.

Mrs. Herbert Smith has been appointed Secretary of Mission Circles and of Cradle Rolls; and Mrs. Day, who held the latter office, has been placed in charge of mission work in connection with Sunday schools.

We regret that we are to lose the valued services of Miss Payne, as secretary in charge of mission work in C. E. societies, and of Mrs. Hurlburt, a county secretary in the same department.

The vacancies caused by the resignation of these officers have been filled by the appointment of Miss M. S. Dickerman, and Mrs. E. H. Sawyer, of Middletown.

The absence of the President, Miss Daggett, during most of the year from the councils of the Executive Committee has been greatly felt, and her return is hailed with rejoicing.

While she was away the task of leadership devolved upon Mrs. Woolsey and Mrs. Sheldon, and was ably performed by them.

The Committee also feels a deep regret at the prolonged absence of Mrs. Hume; and though it at all times avails itself of her experience, and constitutes her a court of appeal when difficult questions arise, the loss of the personal presence of this valued officer, and the absence of the president, with the added absence of
other members from various causes, has given a sense of lessened numbers and a feeling of greater responsibility to those who have attended the executive meetings during the last year.

The work of the Branch has gone on, however; and now with the return of our leader, with our birthday expectations realized, and with the fair prospects of a new year opening before us, let us go forward with fresh hope and courage, with more heartfelt consecration, and with more strenuous endeavor in the service of the Master.

F. R. McLane,

*Recording Secretary.*
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' REVIEW OF THE HOME WORK.

"One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and declare Thy mighty acts."

Twice before this Branch has paused to turn a backward look over the way in which God has worked out His plans for foreign missions, through the instrumentality of the women of our four counties. We cannot follow the detailed method by which Mrs. Prudden, in her "Ten Years' Review," showed the advancement year by year, nor can we announce as a grand climax that we have reached the "Golden Mile Stone" that Mrs. Hart put before us in her "Glimpse of the Second Decade,"—that stone that shall be set when all the women in our churches are enlisted, and there are not only auxiliaries, but mission circles in every church.

Missionary enthusiasm and missionary interest were strong influences in western Connecticut before there was any Woman's Board. Because this was true, there were consecrated hearts ready to take up the new line of work when the Woman's Board appeared, offering its definite plan for helping the women and children of other lands by means of organized effort, to enlist the interests and gifts of women and children in our churches. It needed only the influence of one like Mrs. Hume, whose life had been given to foreign missions, to win the support of those whose names were enrolled in 1875 as members of the "Woman's Missionary Society of New Haven." It needed but an able, wise and conservative leader like Mrs. Hubbard to commend the organization to the churches by effective and cautious methods. To enlarge the Missionary society into the
Branch needed those who knew the churches and could put their personal touch here and there on hearts that would respond, and three ministers' wives, Mrs. Prudden, Mrs. White and Mrs. Murdock, were ready for the service. If we might trace the history of each auxiliary and circle, we should but find a repetition of the same story of God's guidance in bringing individual effort to meet each special need.

There were seven at the informal gathering in Mrs. Foote's parlor, which was the initial movement; there were fifty present at the next meeting, and the first annual report showed a membership of six hundred. Our present estimated membership of six thousand was largely reached during the first five years. Even the strenuous efforts of the last five years for increased membership and increase of societies, to which Mrs. Montgomery urged and stimulated us, for which Mrs. Miller and others have labored so faithfully, have but little more than made good the losses by death and removal; and now, as at the close of the first decade, there "still remaineth much land to be possessed."

The early meetings are described by those who were there as seasons of earnest prayer, "from which they went forth to labor," of "struggling faith," of "fightings without and fears within." The need of enlisting more Christian women, which led to the formation of a Branch, was a call from God that came to the Missionary society of New Haven because the value of their support, sympathy and interest to one missionary, Mrs. Edwards, had been demonstrated; because they realized the need of more such effort, and believed that it only required the opening of this "door of privilege" to induce others to enter in.

There were nine names on the list of the first execu-
tive committee of the Branch. There are now forty-three on our official page. The necessary changes, which are the law of life and the order of growth, have brought more than one hundred women into the circle of those who have given arduous volunteer service to the maintenance of the general prosperity of the Branch. There was no desire to assume great responsibilities or accept prominent positions in the hearts of the founders of the Branch. There was, as the records bear witness, a "shrinking from publicity," there were "womanly fears of being misunderstood," and, from then until now, these positions have neither been taken or held lightly. Those who have occupied them have only recognized the needs of the foreign missionary work so fully that they have willingly given strength and talent to the service. They have been among those who were already active supporters of every home agency for the extension of the kingdom, who believed so fully that "this ought you to do and not leave the other undone;" that in spite of the overcrowding demands upon the time of every American woman, which the last quarter century has brought, they have found time to write, to think, to speak, to plan for this. The responsibilities they have assumed in pledging definite amounts of money year after year to the Woman's Board of Missions, have been undertaken only with a humble realization that on the one hand there is a call of God to advance where His Providence has opened the way for His kingdom among the nations of the earth; and that, on the other hand, in our cities and villages, on our hills and in our valleys, there are Christian hearts ready to respond to this call. From them has come to the executive committee the inspiration to "Go forward." "To attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."
What is true of the spirit of the executive committee is equally true of the officers of local societies, the leaders of mission circles and many others who have responded to the command, "Go ye," "Here, Lord, use me and the talent which Thou hast given me." The grand aggregate which the treasurer will present has come from the small contributions of many, and the whole value of this and the service rendered can only be reckoned in the arithmetic of the infinite. From Salisbury to Saybrook, from Greenwich to Colebrook, the fellowship of a common purpose has bound us together. There have been faithful collectors and patient copyists of missionary letters and papers, there have been those who served tables and those who have hospitably opened their homes to the cause. Much service has come from timid lips which the Woman's Board has taught to open for reading and prayer; much service has been rendered by gifted pens used for the king's business. Secluded lives have been broadened by the contact this work gives with world-wide interests; much effort has gone into schemes for raising money; much self-denial has gone into plans for giving money. We are sure that to all who have sought in any way to serve, the Lord of the Harvest will ascribe some share in the garnered sheaves when the day of ingathering comes.

The complete record of these twenty-five years would chronicle the influence of scores of individual lives, but we must content ourselves with the mention of a few rendered conspicuous by position or service.

Three women, each pre-eminent in her time, have filled the office of president. Mrs. Hubbard's three years left upon the Branch an impress which it has never lost. The respect of the
community was won for an enterprise that was guided by such a large-souled woman, of whom it was said that her faith in God was "unfaltering," her judgment "rare," her spirit "devout." The respect of her co-workers was won by her "power to quietly receive opinions, examine them, and adopt or reject them, according to worth or worthlessness." Her subsequent prominent service as president of the Presbyterian Woman's Board attests the value of her ability as a presiding officer.

For eighteen years Mrs. Hart's beloved name stood on our list of officers, and although sometimes too feeble for active service, her thoughts always reached out in helpful plans. She brought to the New Haven Branch a life-long interest in foreign missions, fostered and developed by Mt. Holyoke training and made fruitful in her labors in organizing the Philadelphia Branch. To her personal efforts and enthusiasm was chiefly due the enlargement that made the fourth year so marked. Her faith in the possibilities of the constituency was so great that she dared promise early in that year that receipts should rise from $6,000 to $10,000, and they did, by the addition of thirty-five new auxiliaries and twenty-five mission circles. Her rare talent, her graceful speech and vigorous pen, all combined to give her an influence which she always used in guiding our work into higher spiritual lines, to fuller consecration of ourselves to our Lord.

The same Guiding Hand that sent us Mrs. Hart when Mrs. Hubbard left New Haven, prepared her successor in Miss Daggett, to whom the leadership could be passed with confidence and affection. As vice-president or as recording secretary, Miss Daggett had for ten years shown the strength and ability that made her so well fitted for the position. Her executive power and thor-
ough devotion to the work, united to the qualities that make her the exponent of an ideal Christian woman- 
hood, increase each year our thankfulness that she has been willing to accept the labors and responsibilities of 
the office.

Only two of the original officers still retain their posi­
tions—Mrs. Hume and Mrs. Woolsey. As correspond­
ing secretary, Mrs. Hume has represented us to our mis­
sionaries and presented them to us. As a veteran mis­
missionary, she has stimulated societies with her earnest 
pleas for the needs of the world; as the mother of mis­
sionaries she had the veneration of all who recognize the 
beauty and strength of this service. As advisor on 
questions of all sorts she holds the first place in our 
councils. Her field glass has been on missionary move­
ments everywhere, and her pen has, month by month 
and year by year, so noted them that we have felt with 
her the heart-beat of joy that we could share in the 
oncoming kingdom or the throb of sorrow that its pro­
gress was hindered. That the New Haven Branch still 
retains the prayers of such an honored officer, whose life 
has been so full of uplifting influence, puts a deeper note 
of rejoicing into the close of this quarter century.

Among the costly stones that laid the foundations of 
the Branch silently as the building of Solomon’s temple 
has been the quiet influence of Mrs. Woolsey. Her 
unobtrusive, careful regard for many little things has 
kept the machinery oiled; her ready sympathy and con­
secrated purse have made the way smooth to many a 
wearied worker at home and abroad; her gracious hos­
pitality has opened her parlor for the meetings of the 
exécutive committee all these years; and these are but 
hints of the sweet ministries that have come from a life 
fragrant with good deeds and rich with the spirit of the 
Master whom she serves.
With these whose names belong to the first page in our history, we reverently place the name of Mrs. Prudden, whose strong personal influence many others beside the writer of this paper acknowledge as the human agency which led them to give service to this Branch, for which she worked so tirelessly. With a "sturdy and persistent faith," with a "facile pen," and with that unlimited capacity for taking pains, which is a good definition of genius, she counted no sacrifice of time or strength too great to secure the upbuilding of this Branch. She considered no detail too small to assure the well-doing of whatever needed to be done. Whether in one office or another, it has been justly said, "She held the threads of our fabric so securely in hand, that we felt assured nothing in warp or woof would get so entangled as to spoil the pattern."

Probably no one name is so widely known to our constituency as that of Miss Twining, who since the third year has kept her fingers steadily upon the pulse of our organization. Her practiced touch detects each sign of fluctuation or weakness; her ready grasp of details enables her to advise what and where the remedy should be applied; her enthusiasm stimulates the societies and her business-like methods win their admiration. The Branch has so long rested itself on her superior qualifications for her office, it would be difficult to imagine its continued prosperity without its model treasurer.

In the fifth year enlarged efforts and plans made the election of vice-presidents in the counties desirable, and brought into close co-operation with the part of the committee resident in New Haven an able corps of women who have been veritable "towers of strength" to the Branch. One of these, Miss Hinsdale, has remained in the position until now. She always brings
us the strength of the hills which she represents. Her intimate knowledge of the towns and churches make her the welcome promoter and guest of missionary meetings in Litchfield county. To her fellow-workers the force of her love, electric with divine enthusiasm, has been like the tonic air of her own county, which braces and revives us by simple contact. Among those still working with us, next in order of service, are Mrs. Hinman and Mrs. Cady. It would be a privilege to linger in loving appreciation over the names of these and many others, not only officers but faithful workers in unofficial positions.

A list of our “crowned heads” would be full of sweet suggestiveness and tender memories, but there is not an auxiliary but has suffered the loss of some one or more, and a perfect list would be impossible. We can only add a few names to some already mentioned. Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, Mrs. Wells Williams, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. W. H. Smith and still others who, removed from the Branch, were working for the same cause in other places, and are now in the company of those called to higher service in heavenly places. Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. White, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Murdock, Mrs. Adam.

“If we but remember only
Such as these have lived and died,”
it will keep fervent our missionary spirit.

There is a goodly list of those who have carried to other parts of the home field, where they are still workers, the enthusiasm and experience gained in the New Haven Branch. Miss Hubbard in the Presbyterian Board, Mrs. Hough in the New York State Branch, Mrs. Wilcox in the Board of the Interior, Mrs. Brown, Miss Eastman, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Vorce and Mrs. Fairchild,
from the beginning a “high private” and for fourteen years our efficient and beloved secretary, whom we like to consider as only loaned to the New Hampshire Branch.

There is still another list of those whom Mrs. Hart once described as “our best auxiliary force,” those who had been “Cheerful givers in the past, but have now been forced to become cheerful-takers,” who continue to sacrifice and plan for the work and continue to serve in a thousand ways, such as Mrs. R. P. Cowles, our first treasurer; Mrs. Wyllys Peck, nine years recording secretary; Mrs. McCall, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Gleason, faithful vice-presidents; Mrs. Mead, once in charge of mission circles, and others.

We have had the influence of twenty-five annual, seventy-eight county and many special meetings, besides the regular gatherings of auxiliaries and mission circles. While the annual meeting is often held in New Haven, Waterbury has twice given us a welcome, and in Meriden, Bridgeport, Middletown, Hartford, New Britain, Saybrook and Stamford, we have been hospitably received. To the rising incense of prayer indicated by all these meetings we may believe is due much of the prosperity of our Branch. They have been sustained by original papers, by missionary letters, and most effectively by the presence of those who have given life service to the cause.

From the first meeting, where Mrs. Leonard “expressed the joy and strength she should feel in the prayers and help of such a society as ours,” down to to-day, the effect of our missionary addresses and missionary meetings has been to impress upon the hearers the fact that we are co-laborers, called to a closer union with God by that fact, and to a clearer realization of
our stewardship. We acknowledge gratefully our obligation to the many missionaries whose fresh, earnest addresses have resulted in increased interest, whose presence has won new supporters to foreign missions, and encouraged those who might have grown weary of “holding the ropes.” Foremost among such missionaries has been dear Mrs. Montgomery, whose residence here and two years’ service as home secretary kindled anew many missionary fires by the boundless enthusiasm and gifted utterance with which she impressed upon us our privilege in keeping step with the progress of God’s kingdom while we “walked with Him” in daily service; whose letters have been a source of inspiration and joy.

Missionary letters have been always a strong force in stimulating and informing the societies, and to secure a widespread influence for such valuable material for meetings, it early became necessary for one of our home secretaries to assume the care of providing and circulating copies. First, Mrs. Murdoch and later Mrs. Fairchild had charge of what grew to be an onerous task. For some years nearly all the necessary copying was done by a few willing hands in the New Haven churches, supplemented by much pains-taking labor by those in charge. In 1888 this department was put in care of a special secretary, Miss Prichard, under whom our Bureau of Information has grown in usefulness and almost outgrown the capacity of a private house to provide drawers, trunks and closets for its maintenance. One of the young ladies’ societies, the Fairbanks circle of the Dwight Place church, made us a present of a cyclostyle, that the copying might be more easily done, and later two mimeographs were bought. Miss Prichard has spared no time, effort or money to make the bureau serve the growing needs of the Branch.
letters and personal interviews, its helpfulness has been made known. Some societies receive letters regularly for each meeting, and others letters to circulate. To every call for information about missionaries or mission fields from auxiliary, mission circle, or Christian Endeavor society, the bureau gives a response. It often takes several days and much research to secure from papers or magazines the knowledge, but it is seldom that the desired object is not attained, even if it requires the writing of a special paper. Our bureau adds to the monthly leaflet sent by the Woman's Board suitable leaflets or letters, which are sent regularly to those societies that wish them. The continued call for more information is the best proof that the bureau has stimulated a more earnest, prayerful study of missions and is the best reward for its unwearied though often wearying service.

Among the organizations that formed the Branch in its first year were six circles of children, showing that there were at least six women at that time who realized that if woman's work was to mean anything in the future the children must be enlisted to a heart and hand interest. Within the first five years this number increased to fifty-three, and at the end of the first decade our junior forces were sixty-seven mission circles and four Sunday schools. The mission circles were under the special care of some one officer much of the time until the twelfth year, when the present plan was adopted of a secretary in each county, the four secretaries forming a committee, of which a fifth member, resident in New Haven, should be chairman.* In the

* Miss Prudden was too modest to state that this "chairman," during almost the whole period, was herself. She has devoted much time, thought and talent to the work of the Junior Department, and its success is in a great measure due to her enthusiasm and untiring effort.—Ed.
fifteenth year there were 106 mission circles. From then until the twentieth year, the numbers grew somewhat less, as the rapid growth of Christian Endeavor societies absorbed the life of some circles. Just here the Lord put it into the hearts of two such loyal daughters of the Woman's Board and ardent advocates of the Christian Endeavor movement as Miss Hart and Miss Hopson, to devise plans for interesting and enlisting Christian Endeavor societies in our work, with results that put forty-four Christian Endeavor societies among our contributing agencies. Since then secretaries in charge of the C. E. work have been included in our list of officers.

Three years ago a special secretary was appointed to urge Sunday school contributions, and twenty schools sent money for the Morning Star Mission. In this year also a small but steady stream of benevolence began to flow toward our treasury from our latest, youngest and most hopeful auxiliary force, the Cradle Roll, until in our last report the Junior department of our Branch numbered sixty-two mission circles, fifty-seven Christian Endeavor societies, twenty Cradle Rolls and twenty-nine Sunday schools, a total of 168 organizations.

Figures, however, tell but little of the value of this department. There has been time to see many results from the lessons of self-denial taught in those earlier mission bands. Some in their still youthful maturity are bearing the burdens of the auxiliary societies; some are, in turn, leaders of mission circles or are the able and interested members of C. E. Missionary committees. Some have given their lives to God's service in foreign fields and some are doing the Lord's work at home and training their children to believe in missions. Certainly such work would count for little if its result was not an increased number in the present generation working for
God and humanity wherever they are. This, surely, has been the aim of those who in this department have laid their hands on the boys and girls and given them impulses toward work "in His name" for the redemption of a stricken world.

These are but hints of what this Branch has done. The aim has been to show that God has been in our work at home and abroad, to show how He has used individual influence to build and maintain the organization, to continue and foster each of the societies strong or weak, which are its inherent parts. Whether we have done much or little for the Woman's Board, it has done much for us, enlarging our conception of Christ's great commission, developing friendship and Christian fellowship, and giving to so many women in Litchfield, Fairfield, Middlesex and New Haven counties the privilege of working in what Dr. Storrs calls "the sublimest enterprise of the earth, for which multitudes have died, to which the Son of God gave Himself." This is the duty, the privilege, that we offer to all the Christian women in our churches.

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SURVEY OF WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

In 1812 a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in New Haven, which, for years, sent annual contributions to the American Board. Following this example similar societies were formed, until the number had reached six hundred and eighty. But lacking an organization for united culture, this spasmodic movement declined, so that twenty years later very few remained. The large contributions in later years to Miss Rankin's work in Mexico and the Union Missionary Society, proved, however, that Christian women in Connecticut felt their responsibility to the heathen world. And when the divinely ordered method came to them through the forming of the Woman's Board of Missions, they were ready for it. Recognizing the solid basis of this new channel, as also its promise for united, permanent work for the women of heathen lands, an Auxiliary Society was formed April 15th, 1870, composed of members from the Congregational churches of New Haven. Fervent prayers brought the many members of this auxiliary into the tenderest relations with each other and a holy consecration to their Master, as well as a supreme desire to make His work their work. By request from the W. B. M. this auxiliary at once adopted Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, the first missionary of the Woman's Board, who, in 1868, was sent to Inanda, one of the interior stations of the Zulu Mission in South Africa.

Two years later the New Haven Branch was organized and entered upon its work with a valuable inheritance from the auxiliary, its initial society, which in two years had grown into an enthusiastic and successful
organization. Their foreign investments were one missionary in Africa, with funds to aid in erecting a house for her and her Zulu girls; three Bible women in Marsovan, Turkey; two Bible women in Madura, India; and six scholarships, two in each of the three girls' boarding schools in Inanda, Africa, Marsovan, Turkey, and Foochow, China.

AFRICA.

Early in this century missions were commenced in Africa, with small, imperfect plans; and with the exception of Liberia and Sierra Leone on the West coast, the Zulu mission in the southeast corner and the London Society's pioneering in the south central portions of the continent, they proved only preparatory work.

The Zulu Mission was commenced in 1845, and waited ten years for the first convert. The ruler of what was then called Zululand was Dingaan, a rank, treacherous heathen, with no pretensions to civilization, and no written language, whose country abounded in lions, elephants and other wild animals, which were far more satisfactory to Dingaan than the white-faced foreigners that ventured to touch his shores. Pioneer work was attended with almost unsurmountable difficulties. But reducing the language to writing, telling the unheard-of story of one God, the gospel of love, and gathering a few boys to read, as soon as primary sheets were ready for them, kept several families busy for years without any satisfactory contact with the women.

Among the darkest spots in heathen lands are the dwelling places of the people; and the most difficult persons to reach are the women enslaved within them. Such facts were especially significant of the Zulu field,
where the domestic condition staggered belief. The missionaries plead so urgently for some one who could reach the women and girls, that the W. B. M. sent out as their first missionary Mrs. Edwards, a practical, consecrated woman, with rare qualifications gained through training from childhood in the luxury of benevolence, added to years of experience in teaching. This modest but energetic woman had acquired enough confidence from the people to enable her to commence work as soon as a house was ready for her use. With nine girls direct from the kraals, in their filthy blankets, she opened the Inanda Home, where the untrained waifs were lovingly received, not to be educated alone, but to be tenderly trained for Christ. In sixteen years the little Inanda school had earned the title of "Seminary," with fifty pupils.

Two hundred had enjoyed its advantages, a few having remained through the six years required for graduation; sixty had been received into the church; fifty employed as teachers; one sent out as an assistant missionary; while others had been engaged in translation and evangelistic work, or chosen for wives by the pastors. Mr. Tyler, one of the missionaries, wrote, "The change in these few years in the Zulu women, wrought largely through the Inanda Seminary and Mrs. Edwards' labors, is among the marvels of missions. They are different beings from those who came to us, with their wild manners, clothed in a single blanket. No other influence save the Bible with its Christian power could make new creatures of such debased heathen."

In the following eleven years the number of pupils reached, in 1895, one hundred and thirty-four, with fifty Christians. Instead of being wholly a mission school, it is largely self-supporting from tuition fees paid by parents
or earned by the girls themselves in the laundry built for the purpose.

"Grants in Aid" are also received from the Colonial Government and have been raised from one to two hundred pounds annually. The Government School Inspector has called this a "model school" in all departments, and in his reports speaks in the highest terms of the institution.

The domestic work, including cooking, laundry, gardening and sewing, is done by the scholars. They cultivate the fields, which in some years have supplied all the cereals and vegetables required for the family. All the water for laundry and family use has to be brought a long distance. The curriculum includes the common school branches taught in Zulu and a fair knowledge of English. Bible study is made so prominent that the pupils acquire a knowledge of the blessed Book such as few of their age have in Christian lands. They receive faithful training in vocal music, which, with their remarkably sweet voices makes sacred music in the schools and churches very helpful and impressive.

Until the last year the New Haven Branch has supported annually from two to eleven scholarships in this school, at a total cost of $6,490, and has contributed $640 for erecting or enlarging the buildings.

With the exception of one year's furlough on business in the home land, Mrs. Edwards has remained at her post twenty-seven years, and then hastened back to what she called "home," where her presence always gives welcome strength to both teachers and scholars. In addition to her labors in the Seminary, Mrs. Edwards has organized six day schools for the children from the kraals, one large station school, besides establishing a "Young Woman's Christian Home" in Durban, the
capital. No other woman in the colony has such a wide reputation, or is held in such veneration by the natives, as Mrs. Edwards. Zulu men count women their inferiors; but admit that this woman is man's equal.

In fifty years the missionaries have given the Zulus a written language; a completed Bible in their vernacular; twelve churches with educated pastors, and hundreds of professing Christians, schools, seminaries, and a Home Missionary Society for carrying the gospel to other tribes.

For many years, the Zulu Mission embraced all our work on the African continent.

In 1894 Miss Dr. Rose A. Bower, under appointment to the "West Central African Mission," was adopted by the New Haven Branch, her salary to be shared with other societies. Two months carried her to her destination among debased heathen, and away from almost every trace of civilization; but there were missionaries there to meet her with the warmest welcome on her arrival. Without a day's preparation she was ready for work, as, being a doctor, her tools were in her head and satchel. With the aid of an interpreter she was soon summoned, as nurse and doctor alike, to the queen at the "Amballa," or the poorest occupant of a hut, and on her return home opened her room to the loathsome patients sitting at the door waiting to be treated, nursed, and often fed. After a few months she gathered a little school of forty children, who came when they felt like it, not to learn, but to be entertained. Dr. Bower finds great pleasure in attending upon the mission families in their times of need. And when she has the language sufficiently to carry the Saviour's message of salvation, will rejoice in direct evangelistic work among the people. For such a missionary, in such surroundings, there must
come many dark days and disappointments. But "golden vials," are always open for the prayers of the saints, and "if two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Shall not this dear, lonely missionary sister in Africa have Our Saviour’s blessed promise abundantly fulfilled to her? Shall we, too, fail of the joy and satisfaction of securing from the heavenly storehouse the assurance that comes from asking in faith?

Dakota Mission.—In 1883, this Branch met with a great bereavement in the transfer of the Dakota Mission to the support of the American Missionary Association. It was a judicious arrangement between the societies; but the school for Indian girls, with its work for the little children in a Home which they called the "Birds’ Nest," had awakened a deep interest in some of our Mission Circles, which were very reluctant to give up their charge. It almost seemed to them that the little waifs would become orphans without the love, the prayers, and gifts which they had bestowed. And we doubt if that work is not still cherished by some of the patrons with more tenderness than the adoption of later years.

India.

India, with its wealth, literature, immense internal resources, antiquity reckoned back of the flood, and a population of 250,000,000, all heathen or Moslem, seemed a most hopeless field when this century opened. To-day, with its population increased to 280,000,000, it may be called the "World’s Mission Field." Fifty different Missionary Societies are planted within its borders, supporting some 5,000 foreign and native missionaries;
4,000 native churches have been established having 182,722 members; there are 32,659 schools including zenanas, with 279,716 pupils, beside 3,503 Sabbath schools, having 135,565 in attendance. In the last decade 560,000 converts have been reported. Theological seminaries, colleges and hospitals for men and women have been established; to which is added the work of native teachers, colporters, Bible women, and other Christian workers in the homes of the poor, or zenanas of the wealthy. Printing presses are sending out the Bible, Christian books, and tracts, numbered by millions, in twenty-four languages, which are being distributed in all the native tongues from the Himalayas on the north to Cape Comorin on the south. This vast country is one of the best governed in the world, with a Christian woman at its head. Justice, freedom of the press, religious liberty, and education for every man, woman and child who will accept it, is guaranteed. Grants in aid are awarded to mission as well as government schools. Under such favorable influences, Christian missions are being prosecuted with slow, but sure hopes of success, not in the number of nominal adherents, but on the better foundations of true conversion and an honest belief in the revealed "Word of God" as found in the Bible.

In 1813, when the first Protestant missionaries arrived in Bombay, they found six hundred thousand heathen and Moslems on the island, with a few hundred Englishmen stationed there to keep them in subjection. The English authorities, fearing that the introduction of the Christian religion would increase opposition to foreign rule, refused the missionaries permission to remain. By divine guidance they begged to wait until instructions came from America; in the mean time the matter was dropped and expulsion was never enforced.
The Hindu estimate of the Christian religion had been gained from what they saw in the lives and characters of their rulers, whom they hated because they were their conquerors; or of the Roman Catholic converts, who though nominally Christian, were in life and morals as low as those around them. The missionaries commenced at once the study of the Marathi language, and Bible translation; and in a few months had a small compendium of the leading truths of Christianity, ready to give to the people. In a few years, portions of the Old and most of the New Testament were ready for circulation, with other valuable Christian literature in tract form, expounding Bible standards of life.

The first mission church in western India was organized in Bombay, in 1827. The missionaries had waited ten years for their first convert, a Mohammedan. Six years later they received the second, a Roman Catholic; while after five years more a third, a high caste Hindu, the first from heathenism, was added. The next convert was a respectable Hindu farmer; and one year later a Brahmin, at the same time with a poor, low caste woman. Thus at the end of twenty-one years the nucleus of the first Christian church was composed of six members, male and female, from the highest and lowest castes. Three entirely different sects sat down together around the Lord's table. During the first ten years more deaths occurred in the Mission families than converts were added in twice that time.

Bombay, the great commercial emporium for Western India, was considered the hardest place for missions, not alone on account of the prejudice of the people, but from their being drawn into worldly ambitions to the exclusion of religious interests. For these and pecuniary considerations the missionaries decided to locate
their central work in the interior. In 1831, Ahmednagar, the old Mogul capital, one hundred and sixty miles from Bombay, was selected for the new station; and five missionaries, with Babaji, a Brahmin convert, were sent to commence the work.

The pioneer band received a cordial welcome from Dr. Graham, the army surgeon for the station; but openings for Christian work among the Hindus came slowly. Their first audiences were the lame, blind, halt, poor and leprous. These were gathered by Dr. Graham every Sabbath at the hospital to receive rations; and were then invited to remain and listen to the heavenly message. In less than two years the death of one missionary, and the departure of two others on account of illness, left the work entirely to one family. A few months later, when almost in despair over the indifference or open contempt of the people, one of the inmates of the asylum approached the verandah where the missionary was sitting, and said: "Sahib, I am a great sinner, I wish to be baptised, I want to be saved by Jesus." This good news seemed to the missionaries like a message direct from heaven, and such it proved, for the work went steadily on from that day until, fifty years later, a thousand converts gathered around the Lord's table in the very compound where the first one confessed Christ. Months after, news came that the very day, the first Monday in January, 1833, when the first inquirer in Ahmednagar acknowledged himself "a great sinner," had been observed by Christians in America as a day of fasting and prayer for foreign missions.

At the time mission work was commenced, so far as known, not a woman in all the Ahmednagar region could read or had a desire to study. The first girls gathered were paid so much a week for coming to the
missionary to learn. Sitting cross-legged on the floor, with a little board covered with dry sand and a bit of reed, each one made a letter in the sand like the printed one before them, then in concert repeated it over and over until its name was learned, then it was erased and a new one made without a copy. When a few letters had been memorized in this way, these were grouped into words and sentences; then Bible verses, hymns and prayers were committed to memory, which audiences assembled to hear repeated or sung. Thus slowly schools were organized.

Boys' schools were opened earlier; but the first boarding school for girls in Ahmednagar was begun by Mrs. Ballantine about 1840. It was very small for years, and was conducted by one missionary after another as she could find time for it, until the people began to appreciate the benefits. Then a suitable building was erected, and soon the numbers increased, until it has become the largest school in the mission. The children come mainly from the Ahmednagar district, where they have few advantages or Christian privileges. Girls from the villages are drawn into this central school, from which many return to aid in Christian work in their homes. Hundreds in the fifty-five years have returned to villages where no other woman could read or teach, and where their reforming Christian influence is very great. The standard of the school has been raised each year, and recently the study of English for promising pupils has retained them for a longer course.

Government grants have enabled the mission to provide the best teachers available, among them Miss Annie Graham, whose experience in the Bombay school renders her a valuable assistant. At present the school numbers one hundred and eighty with more than one hundred
boarders. The New Haven Branch has supported annually, from one pupil, in 1872, up to sixteen at present, at a total cost of $6,430.

The missionary family of our New Haven Branch has included four ladies in the Marathi mission. The first, Mrs. Abbie Lyon Hume, was adopted in 1873, and resided in Ahmednagar, the place of her birth. After learning the language, she was given charge of the Girls' Boarding School. She loved the work and gave herself to it as long as her health permitted. In one year twenty-nine pupils were received to the church. In July, 1881, Mrs. Hume was suddenly called to the heavenly home while on a journey to Mahableshwar for her health. Her remains were laid beside those of her mother, who died there twenty-eight years before. From the minutes of the Branch, written on hearing of this bereavement, we quote: "We feel that a blow has fallen on the hearts and hopes of all our members. Fitly described as an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile, no letters have breathed a more Christ-like spirit than hers, or have inspired and incited to more hope and self-sacrifice."

After more than sixty years of labor in India, the missionaries were forced to admit that they had found no women who could read except the few who had been taught in mission schools. The abolition of the Suttee, infanticide, hook swinging, child-marriage and the inhuman sacrifice of devotees under the wheels of Juggernaut, even the generous provisions of the government for the education of the people, had done little to reach the women imprisoned in the zenanas and homes of the higher castes. But within the last third of the century an impetus has been given to education which has created a new ambition for books. Still nearly a third
of the population were entirely excluded from school privilege by their closed doors, until a divine inspiration came to some of the missionary ladies in N. India to reach the higher caste women in their homes by social attentions. Social calls soon led to offers of instruction in needle-work, which the women were particularly desirous to learn.

Then illustrated books called for teachers to explain them. As the learners were confined each to their own house many teachers were soon required, and the choicest Christian women were trained to teach individuals in their homes. First with primers, then with their Bibles and hymn books, these faithful women have gone their rounds; beginning with the A, B, C, they have taught their sisters, who were denied the benefits of schools, the inestimable privilege of reading. The plan soon spread to every mission, and as every teacher carried her Bible wherever she went, they soon secured the name "Bible Women." It is safe to say that in India more women have for the first time heard of Jesus and His loving message, "Come unto me and I will give you rest," from the Bible women than from all other sources.

We support eighteen Bible women in the Marathi mission, most of whom go by twos into the suburbs of the city or villages. Where once they could not get a drop of water to quench their thirst, now, their coming "is like an angel's visit." A training school has been opened for them in Ahmednagar which it is expected will add much to their efficiency.

In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hume went to India, and after a year devoted to the language and preparatory work they were permanently located in Bombay, in the house in which Mr. Hume was born. They have had the general care and responsibility of this first important
station of the American Board ever since, with but one furlough of two and a half years. One ordained missionary and two ladies have been associated with them half the time. On arriving at what was to be their mission field for life, they found a small church, with a choice native pastor, supported by the mission, a Sabbath school of fourteen, in two classes, taught by the pastor and his daughter, a girl of fifteen. One year later the Sabbath school numbered one hundred and forty, in sixteen classes; a theological class of young men had been gathered; ten or more boys became the seed corn of the boarding school, and fifteen children from Christian homes were in the first day school, as all the former mission schools had been closed twenty years before, when the A. B. C. F. M. decided to confine their missionaries to strictly evangelistic work. The native Christians were so delighted with the promise of Christian schools for their children that they denied themselves in every possible way—the mothers living on two meals a day in order to help meet the cost. The missionaries paid the teacher from their own salary the first year, as the mission had received no funds for schools for twenty years.

In 1877, the retrenchment of ten per cent. on their salaries, and a general famine in the country, brought severe disappointments in their plans and hardships to the native Christians; but the work increased steadily, numbers were added to the church and no available room large enough to accommodate the school could be found. In eight years the church became self-supporting. In ten years they organized a Home Missionary society, and supported a native Home Missionary in a distant field. The church members volunteered to conduct Sabbath schools in ten different localities in the
city. Though not large in numbers, this church and its Sabbath school is very efficient and considered models among the native churches in the Marathi field.

In 1882 Mrs. Charlotte E. Hume (E. S. Hume), our second Marathi missionary, was adopted by this Branch; and with her came the fruits of nine years' labor and experience. Her work had been largely in the co-education school, the first in India, which, opened as an experiment, soon proved a success. In nine years it had grown from fifteen in a day school into a boarding school of ninety boys and girls, having the standard raised to a high school grade. The Christians had come to consider it the highest privilege to have their children educated in a Christian school, away from the influence and associations of heathenism, so that applications were received until the rooms they occupied became entirely inadequate. When news came that with the aid of this Branch a new and commodious building was to be erected, the rejoicings of the church were unbounded. First the pastor, then every member put in the spade as the ground was being broken for the foundation; and while they dug, the senior deacon prayed that “this school-house may become a permanent blessing to the whole Christian community of Western India.” All, even the youngest scholar, then sang together the doxology in the sweet Marathi language. When ready for occupation, instead of sixty-four pupils, for which the building had been planned, ninety were crowded within its walls, making it necessary to use some outhouses and a share of the mission house near by. In 1895, one hundred and eighty-three pupils were taught in this promising institution. For this building and the land the New Haven Branch gave $400, and later $1,100 more to complete the purchase of Bowker Hall for the accom-
dation of the girls' boarding department and the missionary teachers. Nearly a thousand pupils have received the advantages of this school, which prepares both male and female pupils for matriculation in the Government University, which honor several have received. Forty-two have been teachers, while several are head teachers; three hold posts in the Secretariat under the government, where they receive generous salaries; three are chief assistants in Dr. Karmarkar's and Dr. Bissell's dispensaries; two hold positions in government public works departments. Many have become the wives of evangelists, catechists or teachers in mission schools. Thus the Christian community which had been thrust out of their homes, deprived of their inheritance and denied positions of influence and support in the heathen community, have been made independent, self-supporting and even honored citizens, as well as the hope and dependence of the Christian church. Added to her share with her husband in the school, Mrs. Hume has had charge of women's prayer meetings, mothers' and benevolent circles; has trained a choir for the church, besides superintending girls' day schools, in addition to the numberless duties of hospitality and Christian philanthropy that such a city demands. This busy woman for years also conducted a monthly child's paper in the Marathi language.

The Parell school for Hindu girls has been one of the most promising for non-Christians in the mission. This year they have had fifty-five scholars, who are becoming very fond of their books; they read the Bible and sing the sweet Christian hymns with great satisfaction to their teachers. Such seed in such soil must yield fruit in after years. The Middlesex school has had reverses, caused by the alarm of parents over the Chris-
tian influences. Two dear girls have been gathered into the Saviour's fold, and the missionary is still very hopeful about its future.

In Bombay and the suburban district of Roha we have five Bible women, who find more welcomes than they can accept. These women are doing much to remove prejudice against Christians and to open the way for our missionaries. A training school has been opened for Bible women in this mission which will give better training for their work as well as relieve each missionary of the responsibility of giving them daily and special instruction.

In 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Sibley were assigned to the Marathi Mission; but before they had learned the language, or were given charge of a station, Mr. Sibley was stricken with a serious illness, which left his devoted wife a widow. The shock, preceded by weeks of exhausting care, for a time unfitted her for service, and would have sent her home but for her rare consecration. A long rest and sea-voyage restored her strength and courage, to go right on with the work which she felt the Lord had given to her. In 1890, Mrs. Sibley was adopted by this Branch, and with Miss Gordon as associate, was located at the new and promising station of Wai. When the new house built for them by contributions from the New Haven Branch was completed, they were ready to occupy it, and Mrs. Sibley took up the work just where she had expected, two years before, with her husband, to lay the foundations of a promising station. In the shadow of grief, she had grown into a holy partnership with one who has not only sustained her in the work, but also in the disappointed waiting for an ordained missionary and family. From the beginning Mrs. Sibley has counted (not the world) but Wai, with
its suburban villages, as her field, which with Miss Gordon she has cultivated to the full extent of her strength and time. Two prosperous girls' schools and one mixed school have been sustained. By regular house-to-house visits she has made the acquaintance of scores of women of almost every caste and grade of society, finding open doors and welcomes beyond her highest expectations. Her gentle manners and sympathy have helped to reveal to the women the Saviour's messages of love, peace and pardon. Heathenism never brought any such good news. She writes, "We have carried the precious gospel to the near villages, and not a few profess to have cast away their idols and accepted Christ, and we entertain great hopes for them."

In 1892, the New Haven Branch had the rare privilege of sending out as their fourth representative to the Marathi Mission, and as their first medical missionary, Dr. Gurubai Karmarkar. In four years of faithful professional study in America, she had earned the honor of an M.D. degree, and was eminently fitted for Christian work. She returned with her husband to her native land, where they received an enthusiastic welcome from the Christian community in Bombay, and other places where they were known and honored. They were soon located thirty-four miles from Bombay, in Bassein, a wholly heathen city, the capital of a large district. No gospel had prepared their way, and with difficulty a house was rented. But with their perfect knowledge of the language, the love of Christ in their hearts, and sympathy for the people, they were ready for their work at the dawn of the first day.

Before the end of her first year, Dr. Karmarkar was able to report sixteen hundred and fifty patients, of whom one hundred and fifty were men, besides many in
the villages. As Dr. Karmarkar is shut off from professional consultation, it is important that she have a competent assistant. The best appliances and an attractive dispensary are necessary to secure the best results from her skill and experience. She is doing a work no foreigner can do, and through her medical practice has already secured a reputation beyond Bassein. Her professional work is always accompanied with the loving messages of Christ, which must mean more to the patients when coming from one of their own people. To such laborers, retrenchment means more than disaster.

Madura, the second mission of the American Board in India, was commenced twenty years later than the Marathi Mission. Three mission families, accompanied by several well-educated native Christians, were transferred from Ceylon to the southern central portion of the continent, where the same language, Tamil, was used. After a few years their work was permanently located in Madura, as the central station, which gave its name to the mission. Madura is a city of ninety thousand inhabitants. It is one of the historic centers of the Hindu religion in Southern India, having fine temples, with throngs of priests, and devotees.

The absence of English residents and irreligious foreigners has given this mission the best opportunities for presenting Christianity to the people. The assistance of educated natives enabled the mission to open schools and hospitals, and commence evangelistic work at once.

Female education had then made little progress in India, and girls were induced to come to school by offers of clothes or fruit. The first school in the Madura Mission was for girls; and in fifty years it has become a large flourishing institution which has educated all the
female teachers for the mission, as well as the leading Christian women in the thirty-eight churches. Last year from the one hundred and seventy-six pupils, twenty Normal graduates were sent out to teach in lonely villages, where, in most cases, they will be separated from other Christian women. They are doing our missionary work, and strongly call for our sympathy and prayers. The solid characters and high Christian aims attained by these graduates, prove the great value of the boarding schools, where, for years, girls are largely separated from degrading heathen influences.

The Christian Endeavor Society and bands of The King's Daughters have greatly helped to create a spiritual atmosphere, and to develop Christian power. For thirty-six years a daily fifteen-minute noon meeting has been held, to pray for the Holy Spirit, all remaining on their knees through the service. No one has ever completed the course without giving her heart to God. Twenty-one united with the church last year. A member of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society is leader of the Junior Branch, and has also gathered the little girls into a band called "Little Workers for God," while boarders and older day scholars alike aid in outside Sabbath school work. This school long ago outgrew its cramped accommodations; and we are happy in having a share in providing a more commodious building, called Capron Hall. One of our first investments was in this school in 1871, when it was in Mrs. Chandler's care. We then adopted two girls at an annual cost of $50; in 1872, we had sixteen, at a cost of $480, and ever since the patronage of the New Haven Branch has been continued according to the needs and growth of the institution, at a total cost of $8,440. Now, in 1896, we have twenty-two girls there, at a cost of $660 annually.
Miss D. T. M. Root, our first and only missionary to this mission, was adopted in 1887, and located in Madura. She had the superintendence of four large day schools for heathen girls in different quarters of the city. In her daily visits she gave religious instruction and taught some of the advanced classes. The scholars come from the higher castes and are very bright and promising. It was a great delight to Miss Root to find them so faithful and ambitious. Few, if any, of their mothers can read, but they are proud of their daughters, and interested to dress them in fine clothes and jewels. Education is given not only in their vernacular school books, but in the Bible.

The sweet Christian hymns sung so often and Scripture verses committed to memory must lay foundations for better lives, and in many cases for a living faith in Christ. Last year's report of these Hindu schools states, "They have been more than ever before a source of encouragement and satisfaction. . . . . The girls themselves are so much interested in learning that they rise early to finish their home duties in season to come to school. One little Brahmin widow has to beg her daily rice before coming."

Before leaving her work Miss Root was able to organize and conduct successfully for a year the first school in our India missions for Mohammedan girls. The Bible is read daily and Christian services open and close this the same as all other mission schools.

The opening of doors into the zenanas and high-caste houses in India has been compared to the sun's first rays after a long, dark stormy night, or the dim twinkling of moonlight through the cracks in a blind. The transition in those secluded homes has been secured largely through the Bible women. Their patient labors
have proved the opening wedge to one of the most successful departments of modern missions. The choicest women have been selected for this work, with the Bible as their daily class-book and its truths their implements. One of the most satisfactory products lies in the wonderful Christian growth and attainments of these women, who are numbered by the score in the India missions. Training schools have been opened for them and they are fast becoming Bible scholars, whom we may be glad to call "our substitutes," in heathen lands. Sixty-six Bible women have been employed in the Madura mission the last year, whose labors reached one hundred new villages in addition to their work in previous years. They have over two thousand pupils under regular instruction in heathen homes. One missionary wrote, "It is most pathetic to see the eagerness of even the old women to learn to read. One of the first things given them is the commandments: 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,' etc. 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me,' and all the ten. Soon their own judgment raises objections to such gods as they worship, till their hearts yearn for something better than they have found in their aimless lives of slavery."

Mrs. Capron has written how the Bible women are prepared for their work by having their minds so stored with Bible truths appropriate to answer every inquiry, with "Thus saith the Lord." The Scripture promise: "I will give them the opening of the mouth and they shall know that I am the Lord," has been marvelously fulfilled to these good women.

One Bible woman, in her visits, found a young woman who had learned to read when a child in one of the mission schools. She said, "Now I am not allowed to read
anything but the Puranas, but I remember what I read in your Bible. I know that Jesus Christ is the true God and these dumb stones are no gods." But she told how she was beaten when she uttered a word against idol worship in her own house. Hundreds of women have received instruction in their homes from these Bible women, and many have learned to believe in the true God. Of these, some have been received into the church amid bitter persecution.

One converted Mohammedan is now employed as a Bible woman in Madura. At first every door of her own people was closed to her, her life threatened, and every possible means used to intimidate her. It seemed a hopeless effort to try to reach the Moslem women; but through prayer for strength she has persevered, until she now has forty-seven pupils in Moslem houses, some of whom have begun to read the Bible.

The New Haven Branch supports five Bible women in the Madura mission. One of the number has been on our list since the Branch was organized, and the story of her faithfulness and perseverance amid persecution and abuse are worthy of a rehearsal, although so often told in our reports. And we rejoice with her in the loving welcomes that now await her daily visits to those who dare express them. And still more over the assurance that some of her scholars have died trusting in Jesus, who had never dared tell to others the comfort her instructions had been to them.

The testimony of a statesman like Sir Richard Temple, Bart., after twenty-five years residence in India, where he held the highest offices, among them the local governorship of a hundred and fifty millions, is most valuable. He stated publicly: "Statistics of missions in India read like those of some great governmental
undertaking, giving an array of facts of which all Christendom may feel proud. If the progress goes on during the present generation as it has in the last, in 1910 there will be two million Christians in India.” . . . . “The native Christians in their rural homes are as well behaved as the average Christians in any land. The magistrates everywhere give them a good character.”

Recognizing the spirit of our Lord in His ministry on earth, the Madura missionaries made the medical department prominent from the first. It is generously aided by the government, and has steadily grown in the esteem of the natives, until scarcely a day passes when patients do not come from twenty, thirty and not infrequently one hundred miles for treatment. To impress the patients with our expectation that success will depend upon the blessing of the Christian’s God, short religious instruction is given daily to all, while they wait for examination. Recently, a man who had not a shadow of faith in missionaries or their remedies was persuaded as a last resort to come a hundred and twenty-four miles, as he thought, to die. He was a prominent religious man and the first case from his community. In a month he returned entirely cured, with unbounded gratitude. Such cases often open the way for labor where Christians had never gained a foothold. The Madura hospital and dispensary accommodations have been repeatedly enlarged, but are still utterly inadequate. More than half the funds for commodious and suitable buildings have been raised in India, and they are impatiently waiting for other help to enable them to go forward. Seventy thousand three hundred and sixty-five patients were treated last year; among them were many successful surgical cases.

The Woman’s hospital supplies one of the greatest
needs in this, as in most missions. The one in Madura has suffered for want of a professional woman at the head. The newly-arrived Dr. Perkins is hard at work upon the language, and it is expected that she will soon be able to give efficiency to the work. The hospitals for women in India report for 1895 an aggregate attendance of seven hundred and fifty thousand patients; and it is very encouraging to hear of many native Christian women entering the medical profession. In the Agra medical school seventeen were women; thirteen of the number were Christians, one of them standing second in rank in the institution.

Ceylon, called by the Hindus the "Dwelling of the Gods," has been foremost among missions in education. The Christian community is largely composed of persons educated in mission schools. Out of their poverty the sixteen native churches gave last year $5,000 for education, $3,000 for benevolence, in addition to the support of their pastors. In the villages four hundred women are being taught in classes gratuitously by Christian women, who also, in conducting meetings, give precious evidence of having themselves been taught of the Holy Spirit. For twenty-three years we have had four Bible women in Ceylon, employed mainly in villages where the missionaries can only visit occasionally.

Jaffna College, with its endowment, is now self-supporting. It supplies well-educated Christian men for the higher educational mission institutions in India, as well as in Ceylon, and for important government offices.

We review with much satisfaction the history of the Oodooville Seminary and our early investments in this now self-supporting institution, the value of which cannot be measured. There are now one hundred and
twenty-two pupils; fifty-two of this number united with the church last year. Over a thousand young women have been educated here, and gone out to take up evangelistic work or to become centers of Christian home life. We have supported six or more scholars in the Udupitty boarding school, from which most of the graduates have gone out professing Christians, carrying the gospel into heathen homes. Our scholarships in the Uduville and Udupitty schools in twenty-three years have amounted to $4,110. Almost every female teacher in the one hundred and thirty schools in this mission has been educated in these schools.

CHINA.

The Chinese empire is the largest and oldest in the world, claiming a population of four hundred millions, a third of the human race. By its laws which "alter not," death for generations was the penalty if a ruler held intercourse with a foreigner from a civilized country. This law hermetically sealed the people from the rest of the world. Year after year, when China was mentioned as a field for missions, the hope of entering such a country with the gospel seemed too insurmountable to be entertained. Not until such enterprising and consecrated men as Morrison and Abeel began to ask whether "all the world" included China, did the answer come, which added this country to the list of fields adopted by the London Missionary Society. The pioneer missionaries were detained in Java, Malacca and other European settlements near the Celestial empire for forty years before they were allowed to put foot on Chinese soil. But it was not lost time, for they had unrestricted intercourse with the Chinese drawn to those ports for business pursuits. In those years the entire
Bible was translated; a Chinese dictionary as well as many valuable books and tracts were printed; the respect of many Chinese was secured, and some converts gained. All this prepared the way for Christian work as soon as the Chinese ports were opened by the treaty of peace secured by Great Britain.

The American Board commenced their work in Hong Kong, and when the whole country was opened to foreigners their missionaries improved the opportunity for extending their efforts to the continent. Now, four independent missions are located in the southern, eastern and northeastern parts of the empire, having a total of thirty-eight churches with three thousand three hundred and nine members; ten boarding schools, one theological seminary, day schools for girls and boys, with hospitals and dispensaries.

The first investment of the New Haven Branch in Chinese missions was a $40 scholarship in the “Foochow Girls’ Boarding School” in 1872, conducted by Miss Payson. Since that time we have supported annually from four to six scholarships at a total cost of $4,075. The standard has been raised from a primary to a high school grade, requiring at present a five years’ course to graduate. Consequently the number who have taken the full course is small, only fifteen; but they are the best educated and most valuable women in the community, and when needed have been employed as teachers in their Alma Mater. In the beginning it was difficult to secure girls willing to accept the privileges or meet the requirements of the school. Now it has become so popular that ninety applied for admission at the beginning of this year, while a hundred could have been secured who were willing to pay tuition, at least, in part, if accommodations could have been provided for them.
The ambition and Christian character of the pupils has given great satisfaction to the missionaries and adds power to the churches with which they have united. Their Christian Endeavor Society numbers sixty-five; this, together with the “Self-Government Association,” has proved a help in developing Christian character and good order in the institution. In the last two years the presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifested more powerfully than ever before, so that Christian work is welcomed in the homes where the girls visit, as well as in the school. Rev. Edward Lawrence remarked, after his return from a tour to the missions: “The Foochow Girls’ School was the most promising and delightful feature of the work in that mission.”

Our second investment in the China mission work was also made in 1872, when the Branch adopted Miss Mary E. Andrews, who has been located at Tungcho, in the North China mission. With the exception of two years, when detained in America by the illness and death of her mother, she has been our faithful representative in the same field ever since. Miss Andrews has the reputation of being one of the best Chinese scholars among the ladies of the mission. This, with her thorough knowledge of the Bible, enables her to fill important positions in the theological seminary, schools and other departments. Her days are crowded with work for the Bible women, classes in the schools, waiting patients at the hospital, training school for women, or inquirers among the poor women in their homes. During a recent revival in Tungcho she wrote, “No pen can describe, no tongue can tell its blessedness.” In her little girls’ day school she finds great delight and a measure of assurance that “many of the children are the chosen lambs of Christ’s fold.” Miss Andrews never writes
without begging us to pray for her work, in full assurance of her receiving the blessing she craves, adding, "Ask and ye shall receive."

Miss Abbie G. Chapin, one of the daughters of the China mission, was adopted by the New Haven Branch in 1893, her salary to be shared by other societies. It has proved a great satisfaction to her to be with Miss Andrews, a former associate of her parents. She is much encouraged by finding the language easier for having used it in childhood. Nothing touches Miss Chapin's heart on returning to her native land like the condition of the women and children in their heathen homes, and she longs to have the comparison with our more favored lot inspire our gratitude as it does her own. Her last letter was written just before she was to start for a month's trip alone to one of the country stations, where she would conduct a class for the women in Bible lessons and Christian living.

Medical work has proved one of the most effective agencies in mission work in China. Sometimes the hearts of those who say they "hate foreigners" are reached, when it is seen that the Christian doctor and the Christian's God can open the eyes of the blind, heal the sick, and restore to life those who were thought to be dying. Wonderful cures and great blessings have come from the hospitals and dispensaries of Foochow and Tungcho. We give thanks for the privilege of sharing in the support of such divinely appointed institutions, in which twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and eighteen patients were treated last year, including a few in their homes. Every day and often every hour in the day, some one with a Bible verse or promise is waiting to soothe the patients and their friends. In such an hour of need the Word of God finds the most receptive hearts.
The Bible, God's Own Book, has been the precursor of much good work in that vast empire, going where no missionary could, even into the "Imperial Palace," where the empress, a woman of splendid intellect, holds the "Seal of State." She has manifested much satisfaction on receiving a copy of the Christian's Holy Book.

**Turkey.**

The American Board sent their first missionaries to Turkey, the world's great battle-field, in 1819, not to reach the Mohammedans directly, but the twelve millions of nominal Christians and Jews who were in a state of deplorable ignorance. Ten years were spent in preparatory work, Bible translation and locating. Having the rare privilege of a field to themselves, the missionaries divided the country into four separate missions, reaching from Albania in Europe on the west to Persia on the east, from the Black Sea on the north to Arabia on the south.

In 1831, permanent work was commenced in Constantinople, "the most interesting region on the face of the earth." This city, with its suburbs, contains four hundred and fifty thousand Christians. The missionaries entered every open door, and established an educational system, from the extreme eastern to the western limit.

The New Haven Branch has taken up work in each of the divisions. Our first appropriation was for the support of a girl in Mrs. Leonard's school in Marsovan, in 1870.

In 1860, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, after three years' experience in Cesarea, commenced the permanent occupation of Marsovan. They met with more determined opposition from the Armenians than even the Turks,
being reviled and stoned on the streets. But in a few months through Mrs. Leonard’s sympathy and proffered attentions to the poor and the sick, together with Miss Anna Felician’s help in gathering the little children into a school, the hated epithet of “Prot,” was gradually changed to “welcome, friend.” Mrs. Leonard’s visits and ministries to the sick were marvelously owned of God, opening the homes of Turks and wealthy Armenians, where her Bible as well as her professional skill found acceptance. Proud Turks, who before would not have recognized any woman, came with their best horse and servant, pleading with her to visit their sick when all other remedies had failed. As patients were cured she had the rare opportunity of saying, “It was not my skill, but the blessing of the God we serve.” Every spare minute, and often on her knees, she was searching medical books for help. Even in those early years, as their prejudices were overcome, she gathered the Armenian women for meetings, and many substantial families were gathered into that first Protestant church. The little school became so popular that some of the women accompanied their children to learn with them.

In 1873, Mrs. Leonard was adopted by the New Haven Branch, and by her interesting letters and reports kept us intimately informed of her own work as well as that of the Marsovan school, in which she has never lost interest. Seven years later, after twenty-three years residence in Turkey, this faithful laborer and her husband were obliged to return with broken-down health. A traveler, after visiting Marsovan, said, “Nothing less than Divine power could have secured from those arrogant Turks and Armenians the respect for a woman that they manifested for Mrs. Leonard.”

The “Mission Training School for Armenian Girls,”
now known as the "Marsovan Girls' Boarding School," is the oldest girls' school existing in Turkey. It was opened in Pera, Constantinople, fifty-one years ago. Subsequently it was removed to Hasskeuy, where, under the care of Miss Maria West, it was quartered in an old prison-like Moslem mansion. The old-time school regime was inaugurated. With an open Bible before each pupil, the first hour, "the most delightful one of the day, was spent in the study of God's Word." After one hundred and twenty-eight well-educated young women, half of whom were Christians, had gone out to become teachers of village schools, wives of pastors, or to fill useful positions as Christians, it was deemed wise to remove the school to the interior.

After many delays it was decided, in 1865, to locate the school at Marsovan with Miss Fritcher as principal. The first report of the New Haven Branch recorded for us seventeen pupils, besides one teacher, Miss Felician, who, with the exception of two years in this country for study, has devoted thirty years of faithful service to mission work. For scholars in this school the aggregate expense has been $10,035.

In 1876 we were asked by the W. B. M. for $1,000 to enlarge the building for the school; and fifteen years later, when the growth of the school demanded a still more commodious one, the N. H. B. assumed the entire cost, $2,200. A year was spent in securing a permit from the government to build, and before it was completed, through the malice of enemies, it was burned to the ground. This was a grief neither we nor the mission seemed able to bear; but full indemnity was granted by the government. So after two years of crowding and waiting the new substantial building was dedicated with appropriate services of thanksgiving and praise,
attended by many in the community, even Turks. Over a hundred wide-awake girls, forty-one as boarders, and their teachers, took possession with grateful hearts.

One of the teachers wrote, “It has seemed as if every scholar had received a holy impression on entering this beautiful new school home, desiring to become worthy of so great a gift from God.” Eighteen classes, with more than a hundred graduates and twice as many undergraduates, have gone out from this school carrying educating Christian influences into their homes and village churches. Almost every graduate has had a position awaiting her months before her year closed. “All the work of the school is done by the scholars, some of the winter provisions being prepared in the summer; the domestic methods learned in the school are of great value in their after home life. The curriculum of study compares with the high schools of America, except that English takes the place of Latin, and Bible study is one of chief importance. The bands of ‘King’s Daughters’ work with enthusiasm in the city, day and Sabbath schools. The missionaries say ‘there is no reporting the valuable influence of this institution.’”

Constantinople College.—“The Home” in Constantinople began as a small day school, situated in Scutari on the banks of the Bosphorus, but a boarding department was soon added. It quickly became popular even with the Turks, and each year the standard was raised and the number in attendance increased, until in 1890 it was incorporated as a college, under the name of the “American College for Girls at Constantinople,” having its rights invested in a legally organized body of women in the United States of America.

“It is a Christian institution having its aim to make the teachings of Christ the controlling power in the lives
of the students.” True growth is always slow, but in six years the hope of the patrons has in a reasonable measure been realized. The organization of an alumni association by Miss Borden, of Boston, in 1890, has proved of great importance, securing, as it does, the loyalty and continued interest of its graduate students, binding them together in a common devotion to their Alma Mater. In every department of teaching there has been great change. The Scientific department has been efficiently conducted by Miss A. A. Smith, from Mt. Holyoke College, and Dr. J. W. Snow, a graduate of Cornell and Zurich Universities. German has been added to the languages taught, and such internal improvements as were called for by a wider scope of educational work. Now the faculty is looking forward hopefully to the influence of the Biblical department upon the religious ideas and inspirations of the students. To fit herself more thoroughly for this department, which had devolved upon our missionary, Miss Fensham, she was given a furlough of one year, which was spent in Oxford, Eng., where she enjoyed the advantages offered under Dr. Fairburn and his able corps of assistants in Mansfield College. In these five years this college has become the leading institution for women in the Ottoman empire, patronized by pupils from all parts of the country, representing ten nationalities. In 1895 the three departments numbered one hundred and seventy-three students, ninety-six as boarders, a large number paying full tuition. They are a choice company of young women, and visitors express great satisfaction with the faculty, students, and government, especially with the harmony and good order of this happy household, which has been counted among the most valuable Christianizing influences in Constantinople.
The missionary and Christian Endeavor societies are efficient, proving a great help in the religious life of the students. The regularly organized "Self-Governing Association" adds much to the mutual influence of the whole body of students and the development of a cultivated Christian womanhood.

Outwardly, in the relation of the college to the government, the "Iradé" which was granted by H. I. M., the Sultan, last year, marks a new era. It places the college on an independent footing and gives protection, with exemption from taxes, which could have been secured in no other way.

For twenty years the New Haven Branch has contributed annually from two hundred and fifty to six hundred dollars for scholarships. We have also assumed the salary of Mrs. Williams, the first president, and since her resignation, of Miss Fensham, the dean, beside generous sums for buildings and furnishings. In consequence, we feel the deepest interest in this beautiful monument to Christian missions.

In 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Bond were sent to Bulgaria, then under Turkish rule. Opposition and hatred met them everywhere; stones were hurled at them on the streets, their windows broken and their lives threatened. In the war with Russia they were obliged to flee for their lives, with their little children, and came home on a furlough. While in this country Mrs. Bond studied medicine, and in 1878 was adopted by the N. H. Branch. After peace was restored, which gave the little kingdom of Bulgaria its independence, they returned, and were located at Monastir, in Macedonia. Although she would not be allowed to use a professional title, Mrs. Bond has given much of her time to medical work; and by her success has secured a welcome
wherever she has found time to visit. The Bible is her companion as she goes to the homes, and on all tours made with her husband. In the villages, her baby organ gathers audiences of women whom she can often persuade to repeat some choice Bible verse over and over until they have it fixed in their memory. On her next visit she often finds them able to repeat these and tell their meaning.

The Bible women in this mission have had special training in teaching God's Word, and no other laborers have such opportunities for influence in the homes, where the life of the church and the nation is best cultivated.

In twenty years this mission has organized fourteen churches, with a thousand members; educated twenty preachers, who have forty-eight regular preaching places; has established two flourishing girls' boarding schools, one collegiate and theological seminary and seventeen day schools. One weekly and one monthly paper have been conducted, three editions of the Bible have been issued with several styles of the New Testament, besides large numbers of school books and tracts, thousands of copies of Scriptures, books and papers. One high in office in Bulgaria said to the missionary, "Do you think we are so foolish as not to see that the evangelical faith is the true one? I would gladly accept it if my people would follow." There is a marvelous whitening for the harvest in this field.

Euphrates College, situated in the outskirts of Harpoot city, Central Turkey, was the largest and one of the best equipped educational institutions in the country. It has sent out dozens of well-qualified pastors for the churches of the Harpoot district, with scores of young men and women to teach in the mission and Gregorian...
A teacher in a village school in Turkey means Home missionary, Bible woman, Sabbath school superintendent, leader of the church music; sometimes, also, nurse and doctor. Miss Barnum has written of two revivals during her experience in the college, when nearly every girl and many men professed to have entered with their whole hearts into the service of Christ. Their unswerving adherence to Jesus of Nazareth during the recent massacres, when to deny Him would have saved their lives, proved their sincerity better than any other test possibly could, as well as the depth and value of the Christian training they had received from the missionaries. Eighteen years the New Haven Branch has supported from one to five pupils in that college, aggregating seventy-five years of instruction at a cost of $2,800. With gratitude we claim a profound interest in this grand institution, and in every young woman graduated from it. We sincerely hope that none of our girls were called to suffer martyrdom or worse, in the fearful massacres in that region.

The Hon. E. S. Noyes, our late minister to France, had many years of political life in Turkey. He added to his government report, "The salutary influence of American missionaries and teachers in the Turkish empire cannot possibly be over-estimated. Whenever a conspicuously intelligent young man or woman is found in the East, it is found that he or she has been educated in an American school or college."

In 1889, Miss Emma M. Barnum was adopted by the New Haven Branch for work with her father in Euphrates college, at Harpoot. She was designated to the girls' department, which at that time had a hundred students, but has since more than doubled. Miss Barnum soon found a large work open to her in teaching
the English classes, conducting the music and sharing in the religious work. In addition to the College duties she went occasionally on a tour with her father in the villages, a work of hardship and self-sacrifice, but rich in fruits for the isolated mission churches and Christian communities. Later she found a new sphere, with some pleasant experiences, in gathering the little children into a kindergarten. This has proved a helpful influence in the community, by teaching parents the vital importance of firm family government, and of training, by love and gentle persuasion, in the very bud of life. Late in the autumn of 1895, when the College was full of students and never more prosperous, the news of the uprising of the Koords, together with the arrogant threats of Moslems, filled the hearts of Christians with fear. Soon the work of terror commenced, and the news was received of one village after another pillaged or in flames, where were the homes of the students. When the mob was nearing Harpoot the missionaries applied to the local authorities for protection, which was repeatedly assured, according to "strict instructions from headquarters." But like a bursting cloud, on the morning of Nov. 10th, a surging crowd of Koords and Moslems came rushing over the hills in the rear of the mission grounds to enter unrestrained upon their work of death and destruction. The ruffians ceased not until five thousand men, women and children were lying dead in the streets or houses, which had been plundered of every valuable article, even the clothing of the dead. The promised protection to the mission was of no avail. As the mob attacked one mission house the occupants fled to another, helplessly leaving the plunderers to take every removable article. Eight of the twelve mission buildings were then fired, all but two of which were burnt to the ground with
thousands of dollars worth of Bibles, books, furniture, clothes and school appliances. As a last resort, the missionaries, including ten ladies and several children, were gathered in the girls' college, with over three hundred students. Hearing of the situation, the local governor came in person and advised them to leave that building, as it would be the next to fire. But Dr. Barnum resolutely replied, "You promised us protection and there is no other place to flee to; if this building is burned we burn in it, and you will be responsible." That night the Angel of the Covenant watched over them. Without a pillow for their heads or a blanket to cover them they still thanked God and rested in safety. One of the missionaries wrote, "That day of our greatest need we found a Bible and read with profound gratitude, 'God is unto us a God of deliverance,' and such He proved Himself to us."

Many of the students were made homeless orphans, and for weeks no one dared leave the protection of the missionaries. After a few days of anxious resting, a few garments were made out of any material the native market afforded, a very few articles for housekeeping were gathered, classes reorganized and regular college work commenced. Without the full quota of books and appliances, time was found for more religious teaching and manual labor; and soon the college became the same busy, though sad, bee-hive as before. Miss Barnum reports the women's meetings, Sunday Bible class for boys, and other classes in college, as fuller and more promising than ever, and adds, "Never could the Bible have been more precious, or God's promises proved better adapted to the wants of His people, than they have to us during these days of deep distress." "I have tasted death and found it
sweet.” “Sometimes it was given us to say to each other: ‘Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s suffering, that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.’”

In 1891, Miss Elizabeth M. Trowbridge, a missionary daughter and granddaughter, was adopted by the New Haven Branch and sent out as an assistant in the Aintab Hospital, in Central Turkey. She has charge of the indoor patients, men, women, and children, composed of Greeks, Turks, and Armenians. They are all received on the same terms and treated alike, without reference to religion, nationality, or rank. Side by side, Turks and Christians receive the same professional care from our young missionary, who by her gentle Christian spirit and faithfulness has won the respect, sometimes even the gratitude, of patients. All receive Bible instruction in some form, and the extraordinary cures must have proved that the blessings of heaven go with Christian missions.

When on the morning of Nov. 16th, the onslaught and fearful massacre by the Koords awoke the people of Aintab, Miss Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge were the only missionaries in the hospital. The other mission families resided some distance away, and as it was not safe on the streets, these two women with the frightened attendants were left alone through the entire day. Soon the wounded, bleeding patients were brought in and laid on cots until they were filled; then on mattresses or old cushions on the floor of the clinic room, glad to find shelter in a warm, safe place. The scene was pitiful beyond description; but these brave women were equal to the task; and laying aside every other thought commenced the work of relief. Words cannot describe the labor and experience of such a day, when
not till late at night was the last wound dressed, and last cup of nourishment or soothing draught given. All the days of the following week proved a duplicate of the first; but their help was from above. A week later a thousand roughs gathered for a second attack; but were repulsed by the troops.

Gedik Pasha.—The American Board's report for 1895 says: "There is no more interesting and hopeful work in Turkey than is carried on by the ladies located in Gedik Pasha and Hasskeuy." After long years of faithful work in Turkey, Mrs. Schneider returned home with her invalid husband and was soon left a widow. Such a consecrated heart with skillful hands, and knowledge of the Turkish language, could never rest at ease in America. So in 1880 she asked to be returned to the work she loved, and the same year was gladly adopted by the New Haven Branch. With the enthusiasm as of youth, and smiles on her face, she returned, not to the field of old and sacred associations, but to what her friends considered "the hardest place in the Sultan's dominions." With Miss Gleason as an associate in a small native house in Gedik Pasha, the center of Constantinople, their city missionary work commenced, without another missionary nearer than across the Bosphorus. These two women were the only Christian workers in what they called a parish of half a million, and where the Moslems were so tyrannical that the first missionaries were required to dismount from horse or mule on entering the public streets. As Mrs. Schneider knew the language, she soon gathered a Sabbath school, an evening meeting of old and young people, and opened an evening class for young men to study English. Before many months their hands were full of work, although every gathering was made more or less a Bible service.
In three years, the Sunday school grew to a hundred and eighty men, women and children; the day school for girls required two large rooms in another house, while the evening class of young men, Turks, studying English and reading the Bible, continued with unabated interest. Two coffee-houses in different parts of the city, with attractive reading rooms, where evening meetings with regular Sabbath services were conducted by missionaries or native Christian men, reached all sects and nationalities. A large roomy building was soon required for the school and residence for the missionaries. The last report is: a Sabbath school with an attendance of three to four hundred; a day school with nearly two hundred girls, in which the first hour is devoted daily to Bible study; an evening school of sixty-two young men, also a weekly prayer meeting, all in the same building. A legal permit from the Turkish Minister of Public Instruction secures protection and permanence to this institution, which, in the heart of Constantinople, is conducted entirely by missionary ladies.

The coffee-house has an average daily attendance of seventy men.

In 1892, Hasskeuy, a section of Constantinople, was selected as a new center for evangelistic work, where Miss Gleason, who had for years been associated with Mrs. Schneider in a similar work, was put in charge. The same year, Mrs. Parsons was adopted by the New Haven Branch as an assistant, but finding her strength unequal to the work, she was soon returned to Bardezag, and Mrs. Seelye has taken her place.

They found only two Protestant families remaining of the interesting community that was there fifty years ago; but the old Gregorian church, the first and only
one in the city that ever received an iradé from the Sultan, is very friendly. Der Kerarok, the good old pastor, was very happy to welcome missionaries again among his flock. In the early history of the Turkish missions, some missionaries resided in Hasskeuy, whose influence on the pastor and his people was such as to make them accept, in the main, evangelical doctrines, though they never separated from the old church. Miss Gleason's work is centered around that church, the members of which, with their children, attend her services and schools. They even enjoy her Bible readings, and meetings for the women. Thus the old Gregorian lines are fast being wiped out, and the common trials of this year are steadily drawing Christians nearer each other, and to a common trust in their one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Miss Gleason's work is counted among the successful agencies in the famous Moslem capital, and thus far has met with no public opposition. She conducts regular Sabbath services; has two successful day schools; gathers a hundred or more in a Sabbath school, and visits in the homes of her scholars. A coffee-house in an Oriental city easily becomes a center for Christian work, partly supporting itself, as does one which Miss Gleason has established.

In 1891, through the legacy of Mrs. Huntington, of Middletown, $2,000 was given to purchase a Kindergarten building in Smyrna. A commodious and suitable place was secured adjacent to other mission premises. It has pleasant rooms for a large school, with accommodations for the teachers who are in training, besides a small mission family in charge of this department. Miss Bartlett has been very successful with this the most thorough and largest kindergarten of the W. B. M.; kindergartners are trained here for other missions.
Adana.—A Swiss lady, Miss Angelica Bosshardt, was engaged by the W. B. M., and adopted by the New Haven Branch in 1894, to conduct a school just opened in Adana, Central Turkey. No school had previously been able to gather Gregorian children; and this was deemed a desirable opening into that community. Forty-eight scholars were registered the first year, and the outlook was very promising. But the unsettled condition of the Christian people has reduced the attendance and has proved such a strain upon Miss B. that she felt obliged to resign. She had exerted a most helpful Christian influence in the girls’ seminary, and gave such wholesome lessons in her own school, that her resignation will be a serious loss. She wrote that the decision cost her more than words of regret could express.

Mrs. Montgomery’s daughter, Mary, has been sent to conduct the school in Adana vacated by Miss Bosshardt, and the New Haven Branch were much pleased to adopt her.

It would be as impossible to count the rain drops in a shower as to tell in figures all the results of missions in Turkey. Five hundred and fifty carefully selected men and women have been sent from America; two hundred and twenty-five are on the present list; fifty American unmarried ladies are conducting or teaching in the schools and colleges to-day; one hundred and twenty-five, mostly self-supporting churches, have an average total attendance of forty thousand; three million Bibles or portions of it and four million other Christian books in five different languages have been sold or wisely distributed; six hundred and twenty schools have been established, with twenty-seven thousand pupils in attendance, besides five colleges, two male and three female, with four hundred and sixty-two students, and four
theological seminaries; two medical dispensaries are conducted, having eight thousand patients last year, while almost every mission house is a dispensary.

**Spain.**

In twenty-five years a remarkable change has been wrought in the attitude of the Spanish government toward evangelical religion, and in public opinion toward the importance of higher education for women. The family of the Rev. W. H. Gulick, which has conducted the American Board's work in Spain for twenty-five years, has had an important share in promoting these reforms. Eight churches, with over four hundred members, eleven day schools where the Bible is taught daily in the most crowded accommodations, and one crowning institution for girls in San Sebastian, have been organized and conducted in the midst of persistent opposition.

The interest of the N. H. Branch centers in the girl's school opened twenty years ago by Mrs. Gulick in Santander, but removed five years later to San Sebastian, when that was made the central station for the mission. This school has been a growing success from its opening, notwithstanding the fact that the scholars came from the humbler and poorer classes, and have been crowded into unattractive quarters. Its success has quite eclipsed all past history of female education in Spain, and must have awakened a new ambition in the women of that country. Several students have taken prizes in the institute at San Sebastian, and attracted great attention by their proficiency. Two graduates were matriculated in the University of Madrid, receiving the highest marks the university bestows. Last year the government examinations
of the studies of five years secured for the four girls who stood the test the certificate of Bachelor of Arts. In 1892, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granted a charter to this Institution, under the title of the "International Institute for Girls in Spain." A large work has been accomplished by this school, in showing the value of wise Christian training for young women. The students have not only marched upward in educational lines but also in Christian aims. They sustain flourishing missionary and Christian Endeavor societies, Young Women's Columbian V and Christian Temperance Union, and make decided progress in reaching right standards of thought and action.

Miss Senora Gracia Martinez was employed two years as an assistant to Mrs. Gulick, but she was relieved by the arrival of a young missionary who has shared Mrs. Gulick's care and instruction in the institution, which now numbers forty-three pupils. Since 1878 we have sustained from one to three scholarships at an annual cost of $100 each. With sincere delight we rejoice over the success of one or more graduates, whom in some small measure we count "our girls," since we helped to educate them for their Christian work in that priest-ridden country. This important institution labors under great disadvantages for want of suitable accommodations. It has honestly earned the generous support and patronage of all who by their gifts and prayers have built it up to its present proportions. We confidently hope that a commodious building, worthy of such promising foundations, will soon be provided.

Austria.

In 1872 the American Board sent their first missionaries to Austria. They found the spiritual life, planted
by John Huss, well nigh crushed out of the Bohemian church. But Pastor Schubert, a man of great powers, who had been aroused to realize the spiritual destitution of his people, was praying for guidance and reformation. He received the missionaries as an answer to his petitions, offered them a joyful welcome, and by his influence gave impetus to their evangelical work. Church and State opposed the missionaries at every step, but the Lord so went before them that, considering the few agencies employed, this has been a most fruitful mission.

Schools were so completely under priestly control that the children of evangelical Christians were subject to immoral influences. As a step toward a needed reform, Pastor Schubert gathered as many of the girls from the homes of evangelical parents as his house would accommodate and travelers from England and America contributed for their support. Later, as the school outgrew its accommodations, application was made to the American Board for aid. At their request, special efforts were made, mostly in New Haven, and $4,000 were secured to erect buildings in Kraabschitz for a Bohemian girls' school. It would accommodate seventy and was quickly filled, to the great joy of Pastor Schubert, who conducted the school with the assistance of his good wife until his death. The example of his godly life and his daily instruction in the Bible was a rich inheritance for the pupils. This Kraabschitz seminary, or "Mt. Holyoke of Austria," as it has been called, was the first evangelical boarding school for girls in Austria, and has been one of the most helpful supplies for Christian work in that mission. Nearly every one of the five hundred young women educated there has gone out a decided active Christian. Twenty-five have been
employed as teachers, two are deaconesses, eight are wives of pastors, one is the wife of a minister in America, one is the wife of a missionary in Labrador, several have married teachers, while others are useful wives and mothers, active in all Christian and church work. In 1883 the New Haven Branch adopted one pupil in this school, the next year two, and since then four, at a total cost of $4,140. The standard of the school has been raised from year to year, and not only the attainments of the pupils but their Christian character is reported as very promising.

Fifteen years ago the first Protestant church was organized in the missionary's house in Prague. To-day there are twelve, with seven hundred and twenty members. Evangelists, Bible women and Christian educational classes are found in one hundred towns, in which the Kraabschitz graduates are efficient helpers.

Morning Star Mission.

The report of the $4,161 which our dear children have contributed for the "Morning Star Mission" in thirteen years, gives us great satisfaction. Such results show so conclusively what valuable achievements may be gained by regular, even though small gifts, that we are constrained to recommend the penny collections. These contributions from the children have gained for them an ownership in the "Pacific Ocean Postal" system, and the "World's Transportation Line," which connects the western continent with the little island world of Micronesia. When the missionaries reached them forty-four years ago, three hundred islands, extending two thousand miles east and west, were totally uncivilized. The inhabitants had no knowledge of the rest of the world; almost no clothing, no houses, no
occupation, save hunting, fishing and fighting; no written language, even no idea of a Supreme Being or thoughts of a life beyond. But the arrival of the missionaries was indeed the beginning of a new world to the people. In these few years they have been civilized, clothed, housed and taught. Over five thousand have united with the forty-eight Christian churches, while nearly four thousand children are in schools. The languages of five different tribes have been reduced to writing, the entire Bible has been translated into one, while portions of it, with tracts and school books, have been prepared in that of every tribe. So that Micronesia can no longer be called a heathen country. Little ships, like the Morning Star, with their missionaries and Bibles, have been the instrumentalities that have wrought these marvelous changes, whereof we are glad.

JAPAN.

In 1868 this royal edict stood just where it had been posted up two hundred and thirty years before: “So long as the sun shall warm the earth, let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan, and let all know that the king of Spain himself or the Christian’s God or the great God of all, if he violate this command, shall pay for it with his head.” This was the welcome to our first missionaries on reaching the Sun-Rise-Kingdom. But a few years wrought great changes. In 1874 a cordial welcome awaited Mr. and Mrs. DeForest, who were located at Osaka, and the same year Mrs. DeForest was adopted by the New Haven Branch. In her first letter to us she wrote, “We have been assigned to a parish of half a million and feel like praying for a thousand tongues to teach and preach the way of life.” Imploringly she asked what one woman could do with such a
field before her. Now, in reply, we could say it would require as many tongues to tell what the dear woman has done in the twenty years. Like most missionary wives and mothers, her work has been largely in her home, in Sabbath schools, in mothers' and auxiliary meetings, as well as visiting the women in their homes. Twelve years later the family was removed to Sendai in the northern field. There, a band of Christian workers, the beginning of a Christian community, was developed. And we can well appreciate Mrs. DeForest's joy in seeing among them successful Christian teachers, once heathen girls and women who had gloried in saying, "I hate the Jesus way." Many who had been conspicuously wicked have learned to sit at the feet of Jesus and been welcomed to the missionaries' home, together with the well-trained children of Christian grand-parents.

In addition to the special work of our missionaries in Japan, the New Haven Branch has permanent investments in buildings for the Kobe College; the Home for the girls' boarding school in Kioto; the Home for the unmarried ladies of the mission at Osaka; and buildings for the training schools. We expect the graduates from these institutions will make the best homes, the best teachers, and the permanent supporters of the churches, where they will help to lay the surest foundations for an upright and stable government for Japan. Christian schools, and moral training in the Christian homes, are stimulating a new life all through the empire. In the hospitals, penal settlements, jails, and even in the army, the Bible with the reforming influences of the one true religious faith, is quietly working marvelous changes, in which the higher education of the women is proving a vital influence.

In the absence of the missionaries, the Kioto students
endeavor to carry on the work, conducting Sabbath schools, and sending out, at their own expense, one or more of their number for evangelistic work. One of the missionaries wrote, "I am more and more convinced that the girls educated in the Christian schools are to be the strongest factor in the evangelization of Japan." Our total gifts for mission buildings in this country have been $3,200.

In 1886, Miss Cornelia Judson was adopted by the New Haven Branch and sent by the Woman's Board to Niigata, Japan, where for three or more years she was the only American teacher in a large flourishing girls' school. Afterward, on account of her health, she was transferred to Matsuyama on the island of Shikoku. Here, in addition to teaching, visiting in the homes of the pupils and church work, she gathered the poor children from the factories into an evening school. With the aid of friends in America, together with her own gifts, she erected a commodious building in which, through the aid of a Japanese friend, these children can earn their support in the day, and receive evening instruction with religious training on the Sabbath. We hope this little industrial school may prove a lasting monument to Miss Judson's faithful service in Matsuyama, and an inspiration to other Christian laborers in Japan. This year, for the first time, Miss Judson is at home for a well-earned furlough.

MEXICO.

In 1882, we adopted Miss Carrie M. Strong, appointed to Monterey, Mexico. She was expected to take up a portion of the work begun by Miss Rankin, which had fallen into the care of the American Board. But the determined opposition of the Roman Catholic priests,
manifested in stoning and mobbing the premises night and day, endangered her life and well nigh broke down her vigorous constitution. Still in one year, without a teacher, she acquired sufficient Spanish to talk with the women. Then a little school was gathered, which soon opened the way to the homes of some of the humble people, to whom she had the joy of giving the gospel. The third year her associates were recalled, and soon after the work was transferred to the Presbyterian Board, which had a feeble mission in the same field. Miss Strong was invited to remain; but her health was so impaired that she felt obliged to leave the little band, for whom she had the deepest sympathy.

Four years after the mission in Monterey was transferred to the Presbyterian Board, a new mission was opened by the American Board in Chihuahua, Northern Mexico. Here Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were sent in 1881. Chihuahua, the capital of the state of the same name, has a population of twenty thousand, for whom no Protestant service had ever been held. The missionaries found the city given up to worldliness, and a worship which was idolatry. Both authorities and people declared that "no heretic should have a residence there." For weeks not a house or decent room could be secured for any price; and the people were forbidden to sell them necessary supplies. Mrs. Eaton with her infant was driven almost to a state of starvation. She wrote, "I can truly say that my tears are my meat and drink." Their first religious effort was the display of an open Bible and Scripture texts in large type in the window of their little room, which was soon smashed and the books defaced. Next they were anathematized, and all who served them were excommunicated. Soon, however, with the aid of residents from the United States of
America, a room was rented. Here an attractive English service was held on the Sabbath, with a Sabbath school into which some Mexicans found their way. The first Bible was sold in 1883. Within a few months Spanish Bibles were in great demand, and all who could read were anxious to see or hear what the good book said. From that time the circulation of the Bible by sale has been extensive, and has prepared the way for the missionaries at almost every point. The first Spanish service was held in 1883. The same year Felipe Hernandez and his wife Antonio were led to Christ by reading the Bible; and have been devoted, useful helpers in all Christian work.

Thirteen years ago Mrs. Eaton opened a day school for girls, which has reached the title of “El Colegio Chihuahuense;” and is the most promising institution for girls in the state. In 1895 there were ninety-seven pupils, twenty-seven of them boarders. Some of the number are remarkably promising students, who will make better teachers for the mission than those who come from the United States of America. Members of the highest grade are required to teach the lower classes for normal practice. Bible study is made prominent. Among the present number, fourteen are members of the church, and “the highest aim of the school is to bring souls to Christ.”

In 1886, Miss I. W. Ferris was sent to Chihuahua as an assistant for Mrs. Eaton in the girls’ school; but finding herself unequal to the requirements, resigned two years later. In 1888, Miss Duning was sent to fill the place. As the numbers increased and the standard was raised others went to relieve Mrs. Eaton of the responsibility of school work, among them Miss Holcomb.
In 1887, Mrs. G. C. Eaton was adopted by the New Haven Branch; and has been one of our valuable correspondents, keeping us in sympathy with her work. From the first she has been a faithful co-worker with her husband in touring, church, and literary labor. Besides her busy school work, she has gladly edited a column in a weekly paper and conducted a weekly meeting with the women for Bible study.

The missionaries have had joyful encouragement in the faithful zeal of their converts; when one accepts the gospel he goes out to preach the word to others. Often the beginnings in a new place are found to be the result of some faithful servant, who has found the Saviour and recommended Him to others. In Chihuahua a band of women, trained by Mrs. Eaton, called "Willing Workers," devote several hours weekly to Christian work, without pay.

In 1891, the mission reported fourteen churches with seven hundred members; four girls' boarding schools; ten day schools; and two Christian periodicals. A beautiful church edifice in Chihuahua has given the people a new impression of the permanence of evangelistic work among them. Good reports come from the entire field, and the work for our missionary women calls for twice their number.

Teachers.

Among our native co-workers, none have been more valuable than the teachers, who have almost without exception been educated in the girls' boarding schools we have in part sustained. They were educated for the very work they have wrought; and many of them have been true missionaries, sharing in all the responsibilities of the schools. It would be only just to mention the names
of many, like Miss Anna Felician, who has been connected with the seminary in Marsovan since its location there, filling in turn almost every position except principal, always exerting a most helpful Christian influence. In the church, the Sunday school, and home, she has supplied the place of a missionary, with a very small compensation. Dalitha Isaacs, one of Mrs. Edwards' Zulu pupils, has been teacher in the Inanda Seminary, in the kraal schools, and in the new work of the E. C. African Mission, and other lines of mission service. Salveen and Surpoohi, educated and trained by the Misses Ely in the Bitlis Seminary, Eastern Turkey, have been valuable assistants, one after the other, for more than twenty years. Another, Miss Sevasti D. Kyrias, educated in the Constantinople College, has established a promising school in Kortcha, Albania, the first Protestant Mission school for her people. In less than four years, by her Christian dignity and faithfulness, she has overcome the prejudice against Protestantism and female education. Even Turks are becoming interested, and one or more Turkish girls are among her pupils. This promising school, with its energetic teacher, and a regular Christian service, sustained by members of the same family, form the agencies that it is hoped will prove a permanent mission in Albania. The teachers in all our primary schools in Turkey are Christian workers, making each little school a nursery of the church. Mrs. Eaton tells us that our Mexican teachers become agents of mission work, at once, in every place where a school is opened. We have supported fourteen permanent teachers, in different missions, who have rendered a total of 82 years of service at a cost of $8,947.
Mission work in heathen lands is like planting seed in unprepared soil. With adults it too often falls on stony ground, where it finds little or no soil, and is soon crushed by the cares and burdens of life. But with the children, the new idea of One God, a loving Saviour, a Father in Heaven, drops into promising soil. Such seed has a bit of divine life in itself. What the child learns of the God who is a Father, and Jesus the Saviour who loves him, is rarely forgotten. This fruitful planting is what the New Haven Branch has been doing for twenty years in its thirty-seven different primary schools, conducted in India, Turkey, China, Africa, Ceylon, Austria, Mexico, Japan and Dacotah, at a cost of $13,001.35.

Among the twenty-seven names on the list of New Haven Branch missionaries, we find one who has served through the entire quarter of a century. Others have worked twenty-three, twenty-one, eighteen, fourteen, or a lesser number of years, making an aggregate of two hundred and nineteen years of faithful, loving service. Only one death on the field is recorded. In these years our missionaries have won the love and esteem of the entire Branch; their names, as well as their labors, are lovingly and gratefully cherished. The personal record of this period of exile from home and kindred, from the society of Christian friends, and the influence of the Lord's House, cannot be written. The yearnings for mother love and care in the hours of sickness and bereavement, the anguish of separation from children, as also the longings for cultivated and Christian companionship, cannot be gathered into any earthly record. But looking through letters and periodicals for notes
from the missionaries themselves on the dark side of
their lives, we find too few to make an honest record.
"When we wrapped our beautiful baby in a bit of cotton
cloth and with our own hands nailed it up in a rough
box and laid it away on the lonely barren hillside, where
no Christian footstep could ever find it, then we reached
the depth of human loneliness and grief." "When the
suffering, dying patient begged for one drop of cold
water and none could be found, then we learned a new
lesson of privation." "When the sweet spirit left me
alone at midnight, with no Christian woman to care for
the precious remains, it was desolate indeed, as was also
the lonely walk of ten miles to reach a consecrated place
to lay away the precious dust." "When stoned, reviled
on the streets, anathematized, and threatened with death
or expulsion, then we longed for home." "When the
bloodthirsty foes surrounded us, pillaged and burned
our homes to the ground, and threatened our lives," then,
oh then did not fear and trembling, such as few in
Christian lands ever know, come to our beloved in the
land where a Moslem tyrant rules? and when one of
our own, writes of seeing bloodthirsty fiends rushing
upon the missionaries with torches ready to fire the
building in which they had taken refuge, while their
native brethren were killed by hundreds around them,
then can we not see that the privations of missionary ser­
vice bring a high and holy sense of kinship with our Lord
and Master, which by our sympathy only we may share.
Such are the records which the pen of ministering angels
has recorded in the archives of heaven, where perchance
we and they shall find them in the endless life beyond.

Twenty-seven years ago, with prayer and hope, like
an acorn in forest soil, we planted our first gifts in
virgin ground among the untrained girls of South
Africa. The next year, with a little more faith, we planted seed in the two small girls' boarding schools in Madura and Ahmednagar, both in a country where men ridiculed the aspirations of girls for an education. Our next planting was in Marsovan, Turkey; then in Foochow, China, where girls were slowly beginning to long for the knowledge which made their brothers wiser and happier than they. Our next germ was laid in answer to a call for Armenian girls in Broosa; followed by a similar response to an urgent appeal from the promising Oodooville School in Jaffna, Ceylon; and the Broosa Seminary in Turkey. The same year we grafted our gifts upon the Harpoot School for girls, which soon developed into the Female Department of Euphrates College. The next year we placed our green shoot in the Constantinople Home, the foundation of the Girls' College at Scutari, now the finest educational institution for young women in the Orient. The Udupitty School in Ceylon, and the Home for Indian girls in Dacotah Territory, were the next soil in which we laid our prayerful gifts. In the next three years we put our seed into scholarships at Mandapasalie, Southern India, Kioto, Japan, and Mrs. Gulick's School for Spanish girls in San Sebastian. In 1880, we joined in the nurture of the important co-educational school at Bombay, by assuming a partial support of the Girls' Department; and likewise in the following year at Kraabschitz, for the first Evangelical Seminary for girls in Austria. Six years later we took shoots of promise in scholarships in Talas, Western Turkey. In 1890, we made a planting in Mrs. Eaton's school at Chihuahua, northern Mexico. We have thus secured a share in the early growth of female educational work on every continent, and conducted in twenty-four languages.
The acorns and seeds have grown into spreading trees. From ten of these beginnings have come larger, flourishing institutions. Hundreds from many of the leading religious sects of the world have received a good education, while a large number have been qualified to teach their own people. Every one of these hundreds have been daily fed from the Bible, and trained in the highest, holiest principles of life.

Large numbers of them are decided Christian women, whose lives must prove for the healing of the nations. If their hearts are imbued with the influences of the Holy Spirit, the graduates of these consecrated institutions will, if followed by the prayers of God's people, prove to their races like the leaven hid in the measure of meal. All may not be active Christian workers; yet none can fail to carry through life the inspiration gained from the lives and instructions of the devoted missionary women who lived with and taught them.

Our first foundations, like the Tabernacle, rested by faith and hope upon obedience to the command of our Divine Leader: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Now, we can hear our Divine King calling for great and costly stones, such as sacrifice, personal consecration, our treasures, our children, to build a more beautiful superstructure, even a spiritual temple, whose adorning may be seen in the redeemed millions of heathen lands.

H. D. Hume,
Corresponding Secretary.
SUMMARY OF RESULTS IN THE TREASURY.

An exact summary of the results found in the treasury of the New Haven Branch should include the sum received at its beginning, when it was merely a society auxiliary to the W. B. M. This sum was 849.83, a total over which there was great rejoicing.

Then followed the organization of our Branch, the receipts from the societies the first year being 2,338.20, to which was added a legacy of 1,500.00.

The second year the contributions had reached 4,088.52, the third, 5,507.41. In the fourth year they were 10,436.39, nearly double the amount of the previous year, and to this was added a legacy of 500.00; 439.18 came as the result of an effort to raise money for Branch expenses. The gifts from societies did not reach so large a total again until our thirteenth year, on account of financial troubles in the country. The decrease in the fifth year brought us down to 9,250.58 in contributions, but a legacy of 1,000.00 made the total sum about equal to the year before. In the sixth year we suffered a further decrease to 8,951.18, but again a legacy of 1,000.00 was received. The seventh year we find that notwithstanding the continued pressure in the money market, our societies by determined effort brought the total up again to 9,344.24; but, alas, only to fall again in the eighth year to 8,136.19. The ninth year the tide turns again in our favor, and contributions rose to 8,532.05, and the Executive Committee by means of an entertainment to raise money for expenses increased this by 545.31. The tenth year the gain continues, reaching 8,969.20, with legacies besides of 970.00. The eleventh year we find the contributions are 9,721.81,
and $500 in legacies are received. The twelfth year, without the help of any legacy, we nearly attain again the mark of our fourth year, having $10,240.49. The thirteenth year shows a rise to $11,143.74, a gain of almost $1,000, without any special effort. In the fourteenth year we lose $500 of this, reaching only $10,691.11, besides a legacy of $200. The fifteenth year we find $10,914.98 in contributions, besides which we had a legacy of $50, and $1,000 from Mrs. Henry Farnam of New Haven, the first gift we received towards our permanent fund for expenses. In the sixteenth year we reach a higher point than ever before, $11,771.68. During the seventeenth year an earnest effort was made to increase the permanent fund, which had been put on such a firm foundation by Mrs. Farnam's generous gift, and this brought our total to $12,021.41. The eighteenth year witnessed a decrease in regular contributions, but a special effort for the Marsovan school building and further sums for the permanent fund brought the total to $12,210.09. The nineteenth year there was a slight decrease to $12,073.95, but legacies in addition were received amounting to $1,000. Our twentieth year stands out preeminent above all others, the contributions from societies amounting to $15,106.97, a little over $2,000 being the result of special gifts for the Madura hospital. This sum was swelled by legacies of $3,600 to $18,706.97. We chronicle a gain in regular contributions, without any special effort, of $2,238.19 during our twenty-first year, largely due to an increase of $1,200 by gifts from Christian Endeavor societies, making the total $15,044.25. At the close of this year the New Britain organizations joined the Hartford Branch, which was territorially their natural home. This removal transferred to our sister Branch over
$1,000, so that our twenty-second year shows a decrease in contributions to $13,070.70. But a legacy of $2,000 marked this year, as also a gift of $500 for the permanent fund in memory of our beloved and honored President, Mrs. Burdett Hart. Our twenty-third year finds the country again suffering from severe financial depression, but in spite of this we spring up again to $15,079.71, which means an actual increase of $1,000 in contributions from our organizations. In our twenty-fourth year we lose about $500 of this gain, reaching only $14,521.61 in contributions, but legacies increased this sum by $620. In our twenty-fifth year we have in contributions $16,662.86, of which $2,111.16 were given in celebration of our quarter century of service.

The whole contributions from societies for the twenty-five years is $269,324.46, in addition to which we have received in legacies $12,940, this making $282,264.46 that have come into the treasury of the New Haven Branch. Besides this, legacies from women in our Branch have been given to the W. B. M. in Boston, amounting to $40,333.50, making the financial result of our work $322,597.96.

One thought must be in all our minds as we notice these statistics. Why these fluctuations? Were they really necessary? A careful study of the items from societies during these years would show that much of the fluctuation might have been prevented. Moral lessons can be learned by such study.

Our Branch is like a banyan tree—it raised one stem, this put out its living branches, which took root, and they in turn put out other rooting branches, each bearing fruit for the spiritual life of the nations of the earth. To keep in the strongest, fullest life, we need some prun-
ing, cutting out of dead wood, nurturing of young shoots. In what ways, do you ask?

First, destroy to its very roots the habit of leaving the welfare of your particular stem to the care of the few, who cannot do their share of the work and yours also.

Secondly, let each one be careful to keep up to the standard of fruit-bearing which she has conscientiously decided to be her duty, and never fail by one iota, if it can be prevented.

Thirdly, be careful to gather all the fruit your stem may yield. Have enough collectors to do the work thoroughly, omitting none, following up absentees, seeking out new contributors; and begin the work early in the year.

Fourthly, hold your treasury sacred to the work to which it is consecrated. Every cent that is placed there is due to the Branch treasury, both morally and legally. When a new opportunity to serve God by helping your fellow-man stirs your hearts to their depths, do not rob the work you have undertaken, to give something to the new. If you cannot continue the old work and also assume the new, has God called you to undertake the new?

**Julia Twining,**  
*Treasurer.*
COUNTY REPORTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

At the annual county meeting each auxiliary gave through its delegate a one-minute report. Although requiring twice the time usually allotted, this plan was very satisfactory, for each society was individualized and a larger number reported. Two ten-minute papers were read and discussed—titles, “How shall we interest our uninterested women?” and “Are there signs of a missionary revival? if not, what should we do?”

The Brookfield Center auxiliary has been reinforced by the newly settled pastor’s wife:

The First Church of Danbury reports an increase of eleven subscribers to “Life and Light.” In the Second Church, the July and August meetings are counted the best of their twelve. Extra effort is made that ladies may find it worth while to brave the heat. At the pastor’s request, the ladies have taken charge of three mid-week meetings during the year.

Easton holds no meetings, distance and work being the reason.

The Monroe contributions come through the envelope system.

Yegsha and two of her pupils have written to their sisters in Christ, and Newtown justly claims them as the fruit of her labors in the Lord. The delegate to the W. B. M. appreciated her privilege and reported to five societies.

The Redding ladies seem actually blown to their meetings by snow storms and wind. Four met in the pastor’s study to read a budget of letters from Turkey. These were not “passed on” until read by many others.
who had never before heard such soul-stirring epistles. An unprecedented number of deaths is reported, notably that of a former pastor, whose wife organized the auxiliary. After her death he had never failed to remit her annual gift.

The needs of the world have not yet been recognized by the church in Ridgebury, but will be as it grows in knowledge under the charge of its new pastor and his bride.

Since Miss Judson's return from Japan she has been a help and inspiration to the various missionary societies of the Stratford church. At the annual meeting attention was called to the decrease in membership from deaths and removals. At the following meeting six new members were reported and two as "almost persuaded." At the thank-offering meeting two persons asked if they might join; a question hitherto unheard!

Wilton held a supper and sale in March; snow, rain and knee-deep mud were familiar obstacles, but never before had there been such a bitter, piercing wind. Nevertheless, a hundred persons risked hats and breath to attend. The supper was excellent, the fancy table a success and the music unique, being a "humanophone," trained and exhibited by the pastor.

In February the pastor of the three-year-old church of Shelton suggested to the ladies the expediency of starting an auxiliary. A few met and were addressed by one who was touched by the spirit of missions, and within the hour a society of nine members materialized. It is growing in grace and knowledge and now numbers seventeen.

So the year's record is checkered with dark spots and bright ones; but "the love of Christ constraineth us"; and therein is our strength.

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

Our annual meeting was held last September in Wilton, and has been referred to in the report for Northern Fairfield County. But its helpful influences have been felt by us all, and many of our ladies have testified to their enjoyment of the services of that day.

The reports from Bridgeport are about the same as last year. The Union held its annual meeting in January. The exercises were interesting and the attendance good.

North Church Auxiliary.—This society claims no increase in membership, but the meetings have been well sustained. Each member has seemed to realize the necessity for more earnest work, and has tried to render better service.

Olivet Auxiliary.—Reports from this Branch state four new members. At Olivet they are wide awake, and interesting meetings have been held.

Park Street.—We can count about half a dozen new members. Special programs have been arranged for their meetings by their pastor's wife.

South Church.—The Secretary writes, "We use Calendar envelopes, and 200 of these are in circulation. There seems to be more interest than in past years.

West End.—We welcome this auxiliary as a sister nearly lost but found again. About a year since they reorganized, and now they have 23 members. Their meetings have been held monthly.

The Secretary of the Darien auxiliary writes that the meetings have been better sustained than in some past years, possibly through the enthusiasm brought by new members from another State. But these new members do not make good in numbers the loss by removal. In
January, 1895, this auxiliary reached its 25th year, and celebrated the anniversary in November.

We find rather a discouraging condition in Green's Farms. Almost on the verge of disbanding, and yet we hope their darkest hour may be just before the dawn, and that ultimately the prayers of a very faithful few may be answered.

The auxiliary in Greenwich reports some new members, but death and removal fully offset the gain. The most generous giver of all their number died the past year. The meetings have been well attended notwithstanding many stormy Fridays. In February Dr. Howland gave a stereopticon talk on India and Ceylon.

The Secretary of the New Canaan auxiliary thinks their reports must prove monotonous, last year always being like the year before. One new member was gained but one old member died, the latter one of their most generous givers.

North Stamford, our village on the hills, still remains one of our number though laboring against great disadvantages. Distance prevents meetings from being held, and so it is difficult to maintain interest.

The attendance and interest in Norwalk the past year have been above the average. There has been a slight gain in membership. The pastor and several other gentlemen have joined the auxiliary as honorary members. In February a letter was received from Mrs. Helen Barnum, of Constantinople, giving an account of her thrilling experiences. Mrs. Barnum is a member of the Norwalk church. A generous sum was raised to be distributed by her. A special gift was also made for the debt of the American Board.

Four new members have been gained by the Sound Beach auxiliary. They do not hold as many meetings
as formerly but those they do have are very interesting, held in connection with the church prayer meeting. In this way they think a greater interest in missions is created.

The Secretary of the South Norwalk auxiliary is glad to be able to report increased interest in our work among their ladies. More has been given to missionary and charitable work than ever before. The attendance at the meetings has been good. The plan of having original papers read at the meetings has been tried with great success. Twelve new members have been added since last fall, and the offerings have been more than enough to fulfill all pledges. This auxiliary issues each fall a daintily prepared program of the work for the year.

Stamford.—The meetings in Stamford have been fairly well attended, and each one seems ready to do her part, either reading, speaking or praying. The membership is not as large as last year.

The loss of the beloved Secretary of the Westport society and the absence for the winter in the south of the pastor's wife has crippled their work. The meetings were held monthly when the weather permitted. Three new members have been added.

This report is very suggestive of an April day—a shower, a gleam of sunlight, a gathering cloud, a heavy storm, a rainbow, a hope for better weather. May we press on to higher things, so that before another twenty-five years passes by we shall have come into the fulness of a perfect day in June.

Grace W. Choate, Vice-Pres.
Litchfield County—Northern Division.

Litchfield County, with its quiet towns and villages, can show no brave list of splendid gifts, but all our auxiliaries are alive and the mild weather of the last winter has enabled all to continue their meetings regularly.

Bethlehem suspended meetings because their leader was removed, but will soon resume them. Thomaston, sorely discouraged for some years, has light ahead. The removal, through personal affliction, of the Secretary in West Torrington, who has filled the place since the organization of the society, is a loss, but the little band of faithful women are, as ever, full of missionary zeal. Torringford, with its missionary prestige and diminishing population, holds firmly on its way. Goshen has one new member and their contributions have increased. North Woodbury, Northfield and Milton, while not reporting progress, continue regular meetings and do not fall behind in their gifts. Torrington writes of having less interest in their meetings, but the material prosperity is so great that we shall look for enlarged gifts, and increasing interest will naturally follow. Watertown and Plymouth are less aggressive than in previous years, but their contributions are the same. The meetings in Colebrook are sustained with much interest. Harwinton feels discouraged and has held no meetings during the year. Norfolk holds regular meetings, which are always interesting, and the contributions are the same.

Winsted, with its two churches enlisted in one organization, does not increase in numbers as the interesting meetings seem to demand, but there is progress, and faithful work is done. Litchfield has made a record in her thank-offering of $83, the service and spirit of
the gathering being loyally aggressive. Thank-offering meetings are more general and bring a harvest of rich results, beside the gain in the treasury. Norfolk and Winsted have each had a missionary afternoon in a private house, inviting six or more neighboring towns, with an attendance of over 70. All present shared in the service, and light refreshments were served during the social hour. We hope that these social missionary gatherings will become general.

Mary P. Hinsdale, Vice-Pres.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

The Southern Division of Litchfield County brings, as one of its gifts this anniversary year, two new auxiliaries. One formed Dec., 1895, at New Preston Hill; the other, our youngest, born into the Branch May, 1896, at West Cornwall. These are most welcome additions, and to both of them we most cordially give the right hand of fellowship. The last auxiliary comes in with 25 members. Canaan gives the glad tidings during the past year, "our average attendance is one-half larger than for the year previous." South Canaan, while few in numbers, feels the strong desire to keep up: not looking backwards, but ever onward. In Cornwall, the loss of their president, who has moved away, is greatly regretted, but they are hoping for "better days." Bridgewater ought to "feel that God has blessed us," and be full of hope, for he has honored them with a president over 80 years old, whose grey hairs are a crown of glory. Ellsworth has suffered much from interruptions caused by sickness, but has reason to thank God and take courage, as they are able to say, "we have done what we could." Falls Village unites its auxiliary
with the C. E. Society, and is helped by so doing, reporting that "the interest is increasing." In Kent, meetings are regularly held with good attendance. Lakeville finds more interest and the unfailling result, more giving. New Milford rejoices in a large average attendance, and gained "inspiration from the county meeting in October." Again, from New Preston comes the story of sickness, death, and removals; but the ranks have closed up, as gaps were made, and "meetings have been regularly held." From Roxbury we hope for good tidings. Sharon cheers us again by telling of regular meetings and "much interest, with a gain in membership, and help, by the addition of several young ladies." Warren sees its numbers reduced, but does not lose heart. Meetings are regular, and in due time the reaping will come to those who faint not, and are not discouraged. In Sherman we get a good membership, with monthly meetings, and find that "mite boxes" are "quite helpful"; as they always are where prayerfully and faithfully kept. Washington always has a goodly number on its member-roll; this year it is 51, and a "good degree of interest is manifested in missionary work"; their Cradle Roll of 95 gives both material help and inspiration.

Reading this report—condensed, because we must—one sees that while some of our auxiliaries are weaker, others are stronger, and all in all, it ought to help us to be of good courage. There is no doubt that it will do so, as long as we individually know that we are trying to get more knowledge of missions and mission-workers, so as to find more interest springing up in our own hearts. These are tests by which we can prove ourselves. Having read thus far, let us stop, and standing as it were before the bar of our own conscience,
which is to us the voice of God, ask ourselves, "How much owest thou to thy Lord?" The answer which the story of each life; through all its past of pain or joy; glorified as they must have been by countless proofs of Our Father's loving care, will be the whisper, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? The result: we shall begin to realize individually, the glory and privilege of being "Workers together with God."

Mrs. Mary Geikie Adam, 
Vice-Dep. 

Middlesex County—Northern Division.

While it seems that little advance has been made in most of our auxiliaries, yet increase of contributions is reported from a few places, and is it not an advance if we have been able even to "hold our own" in these times of financial depression?

Most of the auxiliaries have held regular monthly meetings with a vacation of one or more months in the summer; Westchester, however, reports twelve meetings, and Durham an average attendance of 50 per cent. Many of the societies report loss of membership. Middletown First church has gained twenty-five new members, and each of the Middletown churches has made five life members. Papers are issued monthly in two of the churches, in each of which is a corner devoted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Dr. Jewett, of Middle Haddam, was the only delegate to the meeting of the Woman's Board from northern Middlesex; her report was given in several auxiliaries and full newspaper reports were sent to each society.
One of our workers wrote an original story, "The Tenth-Givers," for our annual county meeting held in Haddam, which she has since read in several places. Beside these visits the vice-president and others have attended auxiliary meetings in Durham, Westchester, Portland, and the South Church, Middletown.

The largest thank-offering ever given is reported from Portland, and $81.28 from another society. There is only one auxiliary in all the county where no contribution is given for Middlesex school, in Bombay, which is supported as an extra. Middle Haddam has made more proportionate gain than any other society in North Middlesex, having doubled its contributions.

Among important meetings in the county—Portland has held a Sunday evening union service with the mission circle. A large gathering in Durham was addressed by Mrs. W. W. Wilcox, of Middletown, who spoke most entertainingly of her own personal experience in Japan. Mrs. Loren S. Gates, of Sholapur, India, spoke at a special meeting of the First Church auxiliary, Middletown, in September, and in November the auxiliary meeting was addressed by Rev. G. M. Rowland, of Japan, Dr. Farnsworth, of Turkey, and Mrs. Logan of Micronesia, two hundred and twenty-five persons being present.

At a late meeting of the South Church auxiliary, Middletown, Miss Mabel Hartford, of Ku Cheng, China, under the Methodist Board, a personal friend of the president of the auxiliary, gave a most thrilling account of her own deliverance from death at the hands of a mob. Many were present from other societies, particularly from Cromwell and the other Middletown auxiliary.

One secretary writes, "We miss the gracious leading
of our president, who is in ill health”; another, “Nearly all the ladies of the church have given something for foreign missions”; still another, “During the past year we have held a larger number of meetings and have also contributed more money for the cause than in any one year before for several years. Some, finding it impossible to meet with us, do remember and pray for us in their homes.”

Increase of vital interest and of personal responsibility is the message sent by more than one auxiliary. A Sunday school superintendent in one of these churches has said recently, “Two years ago I did not believe in foreign missions; now I do most heartily.” We feel that the zeal and enthusiasm of our earnest workers in all these auxiliaries have accomplished much for foreign missions, and perhaps have helped toward such conversions as this one.

Mrs. Lucius R. Hazen, Vice-Pres.

Middlesex County—Southern Division.

Of this group of auxiliaries, at least four date their organization so early as to be identified with nearly the whole of the twenty-five years of the New Haven Branch.

Those at Haddam, East Haddam, Saybrook and Centre Brook were formed in ’73 or ’74 by the aid of Mrs. Hume and her associates. Chester followed closely in ’75, and others so soon that they may share fully in the spirit of this occasion.

Centre Brook has doubled its contributions, and now, by the growth and development of the village of Ivoryton, with which it is joined by a common church organization, finds the time favorable for making two
auxiliaries of one. Ivoryton will this year be counted as a separate auxiliary and hopes to continue and, if possible, increase the share it has had in the work of the auxiliary of Centre Brook, while Centre Brook hopes to realize still a vigorous activity.

Clinton auxiliary, formed in '76 with 82 members, still has 68, and sustains the work with interesting meetings and liberal gifts. The society in Chester in '75 entered upon its existence with "ten ladies, who met at the parsonage." These ten were soon twenty-two and now forty-three. The average attendance at meetings is reasonably proportionate to membership—a rare achievement, is it not?

Deep River, our youngest auxiliary, formed in '94, aims, with its fifteen members, to promote a general interest in missions; they inspired the Christian Endeavor society to missionary effort, which resulted in a contribution of $60 for foreign missions.

The East Haddam society, formed in '73, though sometimes almost relinquishing formal organization, yet reports contributions every year, varying from $10 to $100. Its present condition is one of renewed interest and activity.

Haddam shows a real zeal and perseverance and is conscious of a "love for the work and workers," which accords well with report of increased contributions the present year.

Essex holds on its way, substantial in work and interest.

Killingworth has conditions of discouragement peculiar to the hill towns. But they say, "Some of us are coming more and more to feel loving acquaintance with the dear workers, and we trust to have the privilege of responding, as best we may, to the calls for contributions for carrying on the work of the Master."
For Millington ten members and ten dollars tells a story which many of us cannot parallel.

The Saybrook auxiliary, formed in '74 with 91 members, "naturally sifted," says their report, "to smaller proportions," has a strong life. Original members have all these years given their hearts to the work and rejoice in it. And well sustained and interesting meetings have drawn others to cooperate.

Westbrook has this year realized a renewal of interest through the faithful endeavors of a few members. Meetings of interest promise well for future work.

In all the auxiliaries of this group there is loving acknowledgment of the work of the executive committee of the Branch. The indispensable aid of missionary literature, the stimulating suggestions from headquarters and the object lesson of self-sacrificing work on the part of the officers of the Branch have much to do with the success of the auxiliaries.

Mrs. L. S. Griggs, Vice-Pres.

New Haven County—Naugatuck Valley and Vicinity.

The total membership of the thirteen auxiliaries that constitute the Naugatuck Valley division is now 389. There has only been a small gain in membership in the twelve organizations that were reported last year, but we are glad to mention one new society formed in October in the Third Church, Waterbury, with a membership of 22. This auxiliary has held monthly meetings, and one month accepted an invitation to conduct a Sunday evening service. We are gratified to find that when the New Haven Branch was organized that we were represented among those original members by Southbury, an auxiliary now small in numbers, but one
that has continued to retain its interest during this quarter century, and reports for the past year regular monthly meetings and literature circulated.

Birmingham, too, is one of those mentioned in the first Branch report, and although we now know her by the new name of Derby Second, still we congratulate her on such a long life. Derby First is the next in age and is still reported this year as thoroughly interested, with meetings well attended. Before five years had passed, South Britain, Waterbury Second, Prospect, Waterbury First, Naugatuck and Ansonia were enrolled. Three of these societies mention for the past twelve months an increase of interest, while one secretary speaks of the interest that continues to be awakened by the annual missionary tea. From the remaining three of our number, Middlebury, Bethany and Naugatuck Ivy Leaf, have come some echoes of discouragement on account of scattered membership, need of a leader and because the educational interest is not as great as the financial.

Several of the societies report that the prayer program was used with deep interest, while many testimonials have come in regard to the helpfulness of the one new feature of our work for the year—union meetings. These have been held in two different parts of the division, by from four to six societies that are located near to each other geographically. In almost every instance careful programs have been prepared, and the meetings largely attended. The giving and receiving of hospitality has proved a very helpful factor in arousing interest, and we gladly report it as a suggestion to other auxiliaries that may be favorably located for adopting such a plan of activity.

While we have by no means attained to our ideal, yet
as we look backward over the year, we rejoice at the interest manifested by the large attendance from this division at the county meeting in Meriden, the well attended union meetings, the increase of thank-offering meetings and the faithful carrying on of the usual methods of missionary work among auxiliaries.

MRS. W. H. PHIPPS, Vice-Pres.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY.—EASTERN DIVISION.

Of the ten auxiliaries of this division all are hopeful. Aggressive work is slow, but there have been incursions among the uninterested with good results.

One auxiliary reports the number present at meetings doubled, and another is asking every lady in the church to join them, with already an addition of fifty-five to their list. One society reports exultantly "a very prosperous condition," while its neighbor with one hundred and ninety members keeps in step with the work, meets its pledges and something more.

The youngest says "our society is a success"—another with a few scattered members hopes to do better—while the most discouraged one of all shows its vitality by reaching out after more light, and hopes to learn new methods at the May meeting.

Still another notes large advance in interest and contributions, and feels assured that the hearts of their women are growing larger, and more full of love to Christ.

One courageous leader, resolved to advance her outposts among the young ladies, sent out invitations for a meeting to talk over a course of missionary reading. Three appointments were met by just one response—one young lady at each, but the fourth brought four,
and the four brought interest and earnestness, and a world of promise to the persistent leader, who sees new recruits equipped for vacancies that sooner or later are sure to come.

Contributions have on the whole increased, and the growing individual interest in individual missionary work shows the intelligent, loving sympathy that comes only from an intimate acquaintance with our missionaries, and a hearty appreciation of their work.

Libraries lately started are doing good work, and must be profitable when such a book as John Paton's Life is in constant demand.

The service of prayer recommended by the Branch was responded to very generally, and is spoken of as of great interest and profit.

This division rejoices to-day that it is part of the New Haven Branch, and that the strong, true heart of that organization sends its life-giving impulses coursing through its veins, stimulating and urging to noble work, until we attain with them "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Mrs. F. E. Hinman, Vice Pres.

New Haven County.—New Haven and Adjoining Towns.

The membership in this district has been increased by the addition of about one hundred and twenty names. These figures represent much loving service, which required a willing sacrifice of time and often of personal feeling. How strange it is that we find it so hard to approach others on this subject of carrying out the Master's great command.

These figures illustrate, however, but one line of work,
and while much might be said of those who hold office, prepare programs, plan and carry out the details of work, and of those whose prayers are constantly ascending like sweet incense to God, another class of workers deserves especial mention, since on them depends a principal source of bringing in the silver and the gold. These are the collectors, who often serve year after year, gladly rendering a service by no means easy or pleasant. Beside collectors, a number of societies use mite boxes to catch the stray pennies or "'Tis buts." The society of Branford uses a subscription card for raising money.

The thank-offerings are increasing, and the thank-offering meeting is becoming the most interesting of the year. That of the Church of the Redeemer last winter was especially helpful and pleasant, being a joint meeting of the senior auxiliary and the young ladies' mission circle. The former brought in seventy-seven dollars, and the latter sixty-five dollars. In some cases the money given has been earned by sewing, cooking and in other ways by those who could not otherwise give.

The ever-ready, quickly-acting, self-convincing, never-failing method of drawing in those who have not yet shown an interest has not been discovered. One secretary says that constant urging generally succeeds in her church. This society is one of the number which have a yearly missionary tea, which promotes a friendly sociability. In this church also it is well known that every woman is expected and welcomed at the missionary meeting. The United Church auxiliary attributes much of their interest to having adopted a missionary. They are supporting Miss Bosshardt, who is Mrs. Montgomery's assistant, and each month a letter goes to her from some one of the ladies. They consider "Life and Light" also a potent means of increasing interest.
In another auxiliary an advisory committee of six assist in preparing the programs, paying special regard to utilizing and bringing in new workers. A growing interest and many new faces at the meetings is a result.

We also hear of meetings with "shut ins," and neighborhood meetings, first in one part and then in another more remote part of the village. Knitting, fancy work or sewing is carried to make the meeting seem less formal. How much easier it is to contribute our mite of interest to a meeting, if we do not have to wear hat and gloves.

One woman at least finds inspiration in the Branch Report. To her it is not a sealed book, for she reads it from cover to cover. This devoted woman from her scanty earnings last year made herself a life member of the W. B. M.

Missionary letters, lesson leaflets, original papers on missionary topics, sketches of lives of missionaries prepared by members of individual societies, reports of the Woman's Board, American Board and County meetings have been the subject matter for many programs.

The prayer service has been quite generally used and in one meeting every person in the room, both young and old to the number of about thirty, took part.

The memory of many of those whose labors gave these societies birth is very precious, and every society has had its faithful officers and helpers. The secretary of Yale College Church has served for twenty-four years, as has also the treasurer of one of the Fair Haven churches. Another secretary served twenty-two years, and another treasurer twenty-one years.

The keynote of this whole question was struck in the report of a president who wrote, "Our women are roused up spiritually, and there is among them much loving interest for missions."

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

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

If we were birds at this moment, hovering over that part of our state known as Fairfield County, and with one eye at a time could take in the picture of that part of it which constitutes membership in the New Haven Branch, we should see, as we ought to discover in every good picture, one brightest spot, then lights and shadows intermingled and interwoven until we receive an impression of something with a lack of snap to it; a picture too monotonous; not high lights enough, it wants to be "keyed up." What is the matter with it! In the first place those dark spots all over the canvas are too prominent; they are not atmospheric; they are solid with some substance that almost casts a shadow! Let us fly a little nearer and look with our other eye now. Ah! there is the trouble—the shadow is thick with clubs! History clubs—literature clubs—musical clubs—current topic clubs!—all so crowded that the missionary work is jammed underneath, and well nigh out of sight. How bright and sunny that little spot is way over there! Oh, yes, that is where we held the county meeting (Wilton) and the enthusiasm spread and made brightness all around. See that spot where the light is brightest, fairly standing out in relief! Oh! that is a new mission circle (Park St., Bridgeport), running over with life and energy, so eager to work that they wanted to hold their meetings every week—and so promising for the future, that we can hardly restrain ourselves from telling what they are planning to do, but that would be "taking our green corn to market." Now, do you see those light
places here and there, very restful and refreshing to our eyes? Those are where the C. E. societies have opened their eyes and got up and started to dress themselves for missionary work; they could not sleep because the New Haven Branch officers and Student Volunteers made such a noise about the need of young people to work for foreign missions. See! they are waking up all over the canvas! Some are only rubbing their eyes, some are ready for action, and others have already entered on the day’s work. This is something to be thankful for; let us bless the Lord and take courage. Do you see all those half-lights dim and shadowy in the middle-distance? Those are places where a cradle-roll was formed, but where no woman could be found who had time enough to spend one afternoon in the year collecting the money.

Taking the view as a whole, what shall we say? How much better it might be! What depths of richness and what heights of glowing color we might paint, if only more hearts could be found on which were written the words—"This one thing I do!" As our wings weary with this sustained flight—and as nearer comes the view, a soft, dreamy haze overspreads the whole, golden gleams of radiance beautify the scene—it is the memory and prayers of the great cloud of witnesses whose saintly lives we now commemorate; it is the shining of the day-star of hope and trust; it is the atmosphere of light and confidence pervading the heart that knows of no such word as "discouragement in the dictionary of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Mrs. W. B. Cogswell,

Sec. for Miss. Circles and C. E. Societies.
LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

Mission Circles.

The mission circle department comprises eight young ladies' societies, nine children's circles and four cradle-rolls. The Cradle Rolls of Goshen, Salisbury and Washington have been formed during the year. The last named has a membership of some 96, includes children ten years old, and only waits the magic word of a leader to be transformed into two organizations. In the early autumn, the members met on the parsonage lawn,—with their mothers and nurses, as we suppose. There was a varied entertainment and a scene—beyond description in a three minutes' report, certainly, but one which may be left to be imagined and—imitated.

We are glad to report a new circle at Kent, the "Busy Bees," in the north part of the town. The "Willing Minds" of Warren have voted to disband for lack of available members. One circle is not, owing to the prolonged illness of its leader. Two or three others are on the brink of dissolution for similar reasons. The question of leadership is a grave one. There is a farmer's wife in our county who does her own housework and sewing, and does them well, too; cooks for the hired men, cares for two children and an invalid mother,—and yet has gathered to her home the children for two miles around, perhaps twenty in all, has taught them missionary hymns and poems, superintended scrap-books and other hand-work, collected pennies which represent a real sacrifice (for the children are poor), and with the help of some young ladies, managed a very successful missionary entertainment. Her aim is to teach those children a Christian altruism, and to give them social religious influences from which most of them are de-
barred. With a like devotion throughout our churches should we longer lack leaders?

We have space for special mention of only one other circle, that of the "Junior Workers," Winsted, managed with rare tact, and a wise mingling of good times, careful instruction, hearty devotional services and consecration of funds. The boy-president has written me how some of the members earned money. Mabel wiped dishes and made a cold cream for the hands. Several, both boys and girls, picked and sold berries: Ruth, besides picking berries, denied herself candy and soda-water. The president sold his postage stamps at a parlor bazaar,—a veritable alabaster box for an enthusiastic stamp collector.

Our circles have followed the topics in "Life and Light," for which we have sent out the monthly leaflets and letters. Many have consecrated social talent and business energy, which have yielded good returns in money and sympathy with the cause. While we cannot report expansion, we feel that there is a growing sense of the spiritual importance of the work which we have undertaken with the young people.

C. E. Societies.

Of the thirty-nine Societies of Christian Endeavor which we approached, tentatively, with reference to a report of their missionary work, twenty-eight have been heard from, and upon these the following statements are based:

Twenty-one have a missionary committee. The new society at Litchfield expects also to fall into line with its missionary work and some definite pledge as to giving. These committees arrange for the missionary meeting, which is held, in most cases, as it comes in the topic
card of the U. S. C. E.,—in some instances monthly, or bi-monthly. In at least four societies, the missionary meeting takes the place of the Sunday evening church service. At Winchester, the committee, besides conducting its own meeting, which follows the topic card, arranges the program and provides literature for the monthly concert of the church, which, however, it does not lead. The committee at New Hartford has put up a book-case for its accumulating missionary library. A society in a very small church has sent out barrels of clothing, old and new, besides contributing to our own treasury and boxes.

Twenty-one societies contribute to foreign missions, most of them to the New Haven Branch, several to both "home" and "foreign," two to home only.

Thirteen societies have a system of pledged contributions from individuals. They range from two cents a month to twenty-five cents a week. The society at Ellsworth has all its members pledged to a small sum weekly. The chairman of our missionary committee, besides securing money pledges, has influenced members of his society to pray for missions daily, when the whistles blow at noon. We know of three missionary chairmen who are observing the noon hour in this manner.

This report would be incomplete without a recognition of the services of the Yale Student Volunteers, who have quickened the missionary impulse in our societies and secured a good many pledges for our treasury. They held two successful rallies in April in West Winsted and Torrington.

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

It is a pleasure to report this year the formation of two new mission circles, one in East Hampton, the "Helping Hand Society," with twenty-three members, and the other a circle of boys in Portland who have taken the name of "The Builders." This makes ten circles now in the county.

In the reports from the older circles there is much of hope for the future, in increased knowledge of missionary work, a greater interest and more hearty participation in devotional meetings, and in some cases a large gain in membership.

The most successful circles are those in which the members are of different ages, young women, girls and little children; and these will also be most permanent because of a yearly addition of younger members.

Several circles have prepared articles for missionary boxes. More work of this kind might easily be done. One circle has held a thank-offering service with gratifying results, and two have joined with the Ladies' auxiliary in union meetings. Another, in the absence of the pastor, led the monthly missionary meeting in the church. One has made good use of missionary letters by circulating them outside, after having used them in the meetings.

The officers of one circle, feeling that the members were not being trained as they should be in systematic giving, have introduced pledge cards for monthly offerings. The plan has met with a hearty response, nearly every member having pledged a definite sum, the total amount being largely in excess of that raised in previous
years. This circle has ninety-one members, seventy-nine of whom have been more or less regular in attendance at the meetings.

The County Home for children in Haddam was visited last summer by an epidemic of diphtheria, of which there were thirty cases. The first to prove fatal was that of the little president of the circle which was formed among the Home children about a year and a half ago. Meetings were discontinued but the children kept their interest in the work, and saved in their mite boxes nine dollars and a half from money which they had earned.

The six Cradle Rolls are going on prosperously, in some cases with a marked increase in membership. Mite-boxes are largely used and Cradle Roll parties add to the interest of the little ones and their friends.

This work among the children is most promising when we consider the results of early training.

When our Branch shall come to its fiftieth anniversary it may be found that among its most efficient workers and cordial supporters will be those whose education in missionary work was begun in Cradle Rolls and Mission Circles.

MARY A. BRADLEY,
Sec. for Miss. Circles.

Christian Endeavor Societies.

Middlesex County has been abundantly blessed the past year in her Junior Endeavor work. The number of societies have doubled, all hold mission services and have given from four to fifteen dollars for foreign missions, but statistics give no adequate idea of real accomplishment.

These skilled, consecrated junior superintendents are
digging deep and building well when they train the little people (with their mite boxes) to systematic giving.

The Y. P. S. C. E., unlike our auxiliaries and mission circles, has countless demands made upon them for money from our other denominational organizations. With the small country societies there are their own parish expenses. In several societies the Endeavorers are mostly members of the mission circle, and their foreign mission tithes are given through the circle mite boxes. The men contribute at the monthly church collection, and their foreign obligations are met.

The only way the Y. P. S. C. E. can be made to assume definite responsibility will be by means of a one year pledge solicited by the county secretary. The frequent change of officers and missionary committees makes this imperative.

Then western sufferers, their church builders, the negro and Indian, the man who wishes to establish a university or secure a library will receive the extra offering, and the Branch a stated amount for her missionaries.

When the juniors become seniors they will have learned, "If we do at all neglect His work abroad, we have no warrant to expect Christ's blessing upon us at home."

The North Church society at Middletown, the Ivyton, Essex and several others have received such a training through pulpit or mission circle in the past that they give systematically, without solicitation from the Branch officer.

One report received from the president of a small society, that was among the first to adopt the pledge system, is the report of many others and shows the
advantage of the pledge over the free-will offering. She writes, "At times there seems to be a lack of missionary spirit, but perhaps from duty each one tries to do his best, and our meetings are interesting and well sustained. Sometimes we have extra music, so if the meeting should be dull to some, they might enjoy the music if nothing more. We collect in our missionary envelopes more than double what we do at our free-will offerings."

The Endeavorers of East Hampton for several years have held missionary services and given to foreign mission work. Last December, for the first time, they voted to give the Branch ten dollars. Westbrook has this year contributed to Mrs. Sibley's support.

A special effort has been made during the last half of the year to bring the work of the Branch before the societies recently admitted to this union and those who have contributed one special offering.

Ill health has compelled this work to be done by pen alone, where doubtless a personal visit would have been more effective. Results there are, nevertheless, that will be known only when all shall be made plain at the last great day.

MRS. F. H. HURLBURT,
Sec. for C. E. Societies.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY.

Mission Circles.

The report of the work done in the circles of New Haven County must suffer somewhat this year from the fact that Mrs. Day, who for so long has come before you with its interests at heart and its facts at hand, has
been obliged to take up other and less extended work on account of her frequent and prolonged absences from the city. Those of you who have come to regard Mrs. Day as a helpful friend will miss her and her quiet, unobtrusive ways of working.

The circles this year have in the main met their pledges. The treasurer's figures show the amount raised by mission circles to be $1,087.46; Cradle Rolls $43.86, making a total of $1,081.32. This money has been raised in various ways. Some still find an entertainment, a lecture or sale the surest way of raising money to carry on their work.

One circle of little girls recently held a flower sale at the home of the leader. It was a marked success, financially and aesthetically, and six new members were added.

Two circles report that cheering success has attended the adoption of the plan of the voluntary offering, each member pledging herself to raise a certain amount; in one circle it was two dollars over and above the pledges. More money was raised and with so much less expenditure of time and strength. Surely if we who are older could give without putting forth the other hand to receive, we should take a step in advance of our present methods of giving.

Almost every circle reports a study of missionary work and workers. One circle devotes the entire monthly meeting to that end, emphasizing it by substantial gifts to a number of different fields. We have this year added to our number three new circles. The first, a Young Ladies' Mission circle, was started in March, in the Taylor Church. They are taking an interest in Dr. Bower's work in Africa.

The second circle was formed by ten little girls in the
Grand Avenue Church; since December they have raised $8.31. A flourishing little circle is the third, started in March in the Plymouth Church. Forty little boys and girls are learning under careful guidance to take care of themselves and carry on a meeting with due respect to order and parliamentary rules.

These children's circles are a beautiful pledge of workers in the future. Shall we not be far-sighted enough to start in each church these beginnings of great things? There are children in each church, it only needs a few to make a start; as in the case of the "Busy Bees," they are bound to swarm. We are losing circles all the while; the safest, surest way to build is to make a good beginning.

MRS. HERBERT A. SMITH,
Sec. for Miss. Circles.

C. E. Societies.

In our work among the C. E. societies of New Haven County we cannot feel too grateful for the help we have received from the Yale Student Volunteer Band, whose members have ever been ready and anxious to speak whenever we could make an appointment for them. Their very enthusiasm is contagious, and wherever they go their earnest words of exhortation to activity in missionary work seem to make a deep impression upon their hearers. Quite a number of C. E. societies use the pledge cards and envelopes which we furnish, and contribute regularly to a specified object assigned by the Branch. Then, as letters are received concerning that special work, they are forwarded to those societies interested.

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, our missionary at the hos-
pital in Aintab, Turkey, belongs particularly to the Christian Endeavorers of our country. Her frequent letters, so earnest and entertaining, often containing short sketches of individual patients, are a constant stimulus to those societies so fortunate as to contribute towards her salary.

In November, a box packed with articles that would be of use in the hospital was sent to her, and, despite the disturbed condition of that country, reached her safely.

Jennie P. Payne, Sec. for C. E. Societies.

**SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.**

The giving of the Morning Star Mission to the children, from its very beginning a generation ago to the present time, has this advantage among others, that it is the best known mission of all. Everybody has heard of the Morning Star, though possibly some have not yet learned the interesting story of its development; how the little craft that became a necessity to work in Micronesia in 1856, has increased to a vessel three times its size, with auxiliary steam power, requiring the assistance also of the two schooners, Robert W. Logan and Hiram Bingham. With their aid the Star, which is post-office, store, doctor, highway, market, now attempts to give these very desirable conveniences twice a year instead of once, as at first.

Of the running expenses of this mission the Woman's Board assumes $1,100, and of this sum $300 is paid by the New Haven Branch. The first pledge of the Branch was in 1883 for $100; in 1884 it was increased to $200, with a donation of $500 for the new Morning Star; in 1885 $300 was pledged, which amount has been contrib-
uted annually since that time. At first this was secured from the children in mission circles, but in 1893 was given to Sunday-schools and made a separate department in the work of the Branch.

There are at present about forty contributing schools, most of which aid the Morning Star Mission, though a few have become interested in school and kindergarten and continue their offerings there.

Since the organization of the Sunday-school department four years ago it has paid into the treasury of the Branch a little more than $1,500, of which $1,000 has been for the Morning Star Mission.

Sunday-schools have not yet, however, come up to the standard of redeeming the entire $300 of pledged Morning Star work; there is further need of the encouragement of Alpheus Hardy's words to the children: "You are missionaries to all the islands to which you send the Star. . . . . She is doing your work, conveying supplies for body, mind and soul to a multitude of human beings, each of whom will have occasion to say to you: 'I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; naked and ye clothed me; I was in prison (in my lonely isle), and ye came unto me bringing Christian knowledge and civilization and hope.'"

M. S. Dickerman,
Sec. for Mission Work in Sunday-schools.
**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH JULIA TWINING, TREASURER,

NEW HAVEN, CT., MAY 12TH, 1896.

**Dr.**

**FOR WORK OF THE W. B. M.**

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**Total** $659.25

**Balance in Savings Bank, May 14th, 1895** $646.03

**Balance to account, May 14th, 1895** $2,599.12

**Total** $17,796.85

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**Total** $686.58
Balance in Savings Bank ............................................. $315.11
Balance to account .................................................... 1,094.15

Total ................................................................. $17,796.85

Total Receipts for Permanent Fund ......................... 3,203.34
Invested ............................................................. 3,000.00
Receipts for 1895, 1896, exclusive of Memorial Fund ........... 14,551.70
Receipts for 25th Anniversary, Memorial Fund ................. 2,111.16

RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Adana ............................................................................... $11.84
For school in China.
Ansonia ...................................................................... 100.00
$50 Miss Andrews ; $30.25 thank offering ; $17.50 Leitch lecture ; $5 Branch expenses ; constitute life members, Mrs. J. T. Osborne and Mrs. Chauncey Leach.
Bethel ........................................................................ 85.49
Mrs. Edwards, $14.80 thank offering ; $5 debt.
Bethlehem ................................................................... 20.00
Branford ....................................................................... 64.86
Madura school ; $10.36 Leitch lecture ; $20 for Dr. Karmarkar.
Bridgeport, North Church ............................................. 171.25
Miss Barnum ; $25 from Mrs. Eli C. Smith to constitute life member Miss Beatrice Smith.
Bridgeport, Olivet Church ............................................. 81.72
Miss Barnum.
Bridgeport, Park Street Church .................................... 156.93
Miss Barnum.
Bridgeport, South Church ............................................. 101.00
Miss Barnum.
Bridgeport, West End Church ....................................... 15.41
Miss Barnum ; $5.41 Leitch lecture.
Bridgeport Union .......................................................... 13.10
Thank Offering.
Bridgewater ................................................................. $ 80.41
Bombay ; $6 thank offering; $1.00 Leitch lecture.
Brookfield Center ......................................................... 24.45
$1 thank offering; $4.75 Leitch lecture; $0.70
Branch expenses.
Canaan ................................................................. 25.00
Mrs. Karmarkar; $8 thank offering; $2 Branch
expenses.
Centerbrook ............................................................... 16.49
Mrs. Bond; $5.67 thank offering; $2 Middlesex
County School.
Cheshire ............................................................... 152.18
Sultan; Madura school; $25 Hasquey; $43.43
thank offering; $4.25 Leitch lecture; $5.50
Branch expenses.
Chester ............................................................... 94.80
Rahibai and Varter; $37.50 thank offering; $5
Branch expenses.
Clinton ............................................................... 50.00
Constitute life members Mrs. Henry C. Hull, Mrs.
Sylvester P. Hull; $5 Middlesex County School.
Colebrook ............................................................... 15.71
Cornwall ............................................................... 10.00
Marsovan.
Cromwell ............................................................... 126.63
Gnanapirikasi; $2.20 Middlesex County school.
Danbury, First Church ................................................ 185.85
Wai; Chihuahua; $11.85 thank offering; con-
stitute life member Mrs. Martha A. Brown.
Danbury, Second Church ........................................... 11.00
Changunabai.
Darien ................................................................. 62.00
$60 Mrs. Edwards; $2 Branch expenses.
Deep River ............................................................... 28.00
Inanda; $2 Middlesex County school.
Derby, First Church ................................................... 76.25
Derby, Second Church ............................................... 15.00
$5 thank offering.
Durham ............................................................... 34.00
Saminabai; $1 Branch expenses; $2 Middlesex
County school.

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East Haddam................................................................. $ 31.80
   $10.30 thank offering; $8.50 Middlesex County School; $1 Branch expenses.
East Hampton ............................................................. 47.83
East Haven ................................................................. 52.22
   $5.89 Leitch lecture.
Easton ........................................................................... 21.00
Ellsworth ............................................................ 15.00
Essex ............................................................................ 43.24
   $12 Mrs. Karmarkar; $2 Branch expenses.
Falls Village ............................................................ 10.00
Goshen ........................................................................... 82.50
   Mrs. Bond; $40 thank offering.
Green's Farms ............................................................ 17.00
   Mrs. Muttu.
Greenwich ................................................................. 245.14
   Constantinople Girl's College; $57.40 thank offering; $13 Branch expenses; $2.10 Mrs. Logan; constitute life members, Mrs. Daniel Peck, Mrs. George Ray, Mrs. Fred. A. Hubbard, Miss Ella K. Peck, Miss Maria Tenney, Miss Hannah H. Mead.
Guilford, First Church .............................................. 55.00
   Ramabai; $5 Miss Wheeler, Harpoot; $5 for India; $4.40 Leitch lecture; $5.60 expenses.
Guilford, Third Church ................................................ 29.70
   C. Parkiam; $7.40 thank offering; $4.30 Leitch lecture.
Haddam ................................................................. 88.60
   Madura school; $12 debt; $2.50 Middlesex County school; $2.50 Branch expenses.
Harwinton ...................................................................... 9.00
   Mrs. E. Santhea.
Higganum .............................................................. 102.45
   $33.50 thank offering; $3.50 Leitch lecture; $2.25 Middlesex County school; $2.20 expenses; constitute life members Mrs. Charlotte Richards, Miss Katharine Kelsey.
Ivoryton .............................................................. 80.71
   Mrs. Bond; $9.46 thank offering; $3 Middlesex County school; $3 Branch expenses,
Kent........................................................................................ $150.00
Zanabai; Foochow; $25 Mrs. Edwards; $30 thank offering; constitute life members, Mrs. John Roraback, Mrs. Annette Chamberlain; by Mrs. Flora Edwards, Miss Margaret Berry.

Killingworth........................................................................ 30.60
Miss Annie Graham; $4.60 thank offering; $2 Middlesex County school; $2 Branch expenses.

Litchfield............................................................................. 142.60
Kashibai; $88 thank offering.

Madison............................................................................. 122.00
Miss Anna B. Felician; $7 Leitch lecture; $5 Branch expenses.

Meriden First Church....................................................... 211.50
Madura; Ahmednagar; $25 Mrs. Bond; $40 China; $65 Mexico; $65.50 Leitch lecture; $10 Branch expenses; $5 Mrs. Logan; constitute life members Mrs. O. L. Hatch, Mrs. H. K. White, Mrs. J. H. White, Mrs. E. A. Boardman, Mrs. Aaron Pratt, Miss Mary Benham, Miss Carrie Macy, Miss Ellen Hough.

Meriden, Center Church.................................................... 86.02
Kasubai; Bombay; $26 thank offering.

Middlebury........................................................................ 25.00
Middle Haddam and Cobalt.............................................. 15.00
$2 Middlesex County school.

Middletown, First Church................................................ 569.94
Egin and Arabkir; Inanda; Marsovan; Chihua-hua; Chandrikabai; $60 Mrs. Bond; $50 Miss Andrews; $81.28 thank offering; $31.50 Middlesex County school; $6 deficit; $12 Branch expenses; constitute life members by auxiliary, Mrs. Chas. Gilbert; by Mrs. Southmayde, and Mrs. Elmer G. Derby, Miss Helen Goodrich Derby; by Rev. W. C. Foster, Miss C. T. E. Sill; by Miss F. C. Russell, Miss Edith Newton; by Mrs. James H. Bunce, Mrs. Alla Minor.
Middletown, South Church $160.00
  Scholarship at San Sebastian; $35 Middlesex County school; constitute life members Mrs. Clara S. Ward, Mrs. Isaac Spear, Mrs. Geo. Deming, Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mrs. Fred. W. Green.
  Mrs. Spear.
Milford, First Church 10.50
  Mrs. Sibley.
Milford, Plymouth Church 50.00
  Mrs. Sibley.
Millington 10.25
  $1 Middlesex County school.
Milton 18.00
  Sarah Seymour.
Monroe 8.50
Morris 29.00
Mount Carmel 57.00
  Ahmednagar ; Bombay ; $2.50 Leitch lecture.
Naugatuck 127.60
  Baizubai; $35 thank offering; $12.60 Leitch lecture.
New Canaan 62.00
  Kraabschitz; $11.50 Leitch lecture; $5.50 thank offering.
New Haven, Center Church 677.86
  Mrs. Edward S. Hume ; $37 thank offering; $18.20 Leitch lecture, $5.83 expenses, $16 Permanent fund.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer 202.50
  Miss Andrews; $80 Mrs. Karmarkar ; $80 Bombay.
New Haven, Davenport Church 121.50
  Parell; Sagunabai; $2.50 Leitch lecture.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church 135.00
  Mrs. Edwards; $33 thank offering.
New Haven, English Hall 5.00
  Ahmednagar dispensary.
New Haven, Fair Haven, Second Church 70.00
  Miss Fensham; $10.79 thank offering; $8.65 Leitch lecture; $5 expenses.
New Haven, Grand Avenue Church 161.85
  $75 Constantinople Girls' College; $75 Foochow; Madura; Marsovan; $6 Adana; $7.50 Leitch lecture.
New Haven, Howard Avenue Church ......................... $ 60.07  
M. Parkiam; Sert; $7.07 Leitch lecture.

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church ....................... 102.00  
$50 Mrs. Karmarkar; $28 thank offering; $5 Leitch lecture; $5 Permanent fund.

New Haven, Plymouth Church ................................. 86.16  
$50 Miss Fensham; $22.88 thank offering; constitute life members Mrs. W. M. Parsons, Mrs. George R. Chamberlain.

New Haven, United Church ......................................... 448.51  
Miss Montgomery; $50 special for Miss Belle Nugent, Ahmednagar; $5 for Mrs. Montgomery; $1.70 expenses; constitute life members Miss Helen D. Bradley, Mrs. Sarah E. Champion, Mrs. Katharine Hume Miller, Miss Sarah W. Foote.

New Haven, Yale College Church .............................. 298.00  
Constantinople College; $32 expenses; $5 thank offering.

New Milford ........................................................ 128.83  
Mrs. Edwards; $15.83 Leitch lecture.

New Preston ................................................................ 40.00  
Madura.

Newtown ............................................................. 36.50  
Yegsha; $2.50 Leitch lecture.

Norfolk ............................................................. 147.82  
Mrs. DeForest; $15.10 thank offering; $12.50 Leitch lecture.

North Branford ........................................................ 26.00  
Scholarship at Ahmednagar.

Northfield ............................................................ 67.00  
$30 Madura; $36 thank offering; $1 Bombay.

Northford ........................................................... 37.75  
$30 Madura; $6.75 Mrs. Sibley; $1 expenses.

North Haven .......................................................... 35.00  
Miss Fensham; constitute life member Mrs. Helen S. Lathrop.

North Madison ........................................................ 20.38  
Mrs. DeForest; $7.28 thank offering; $1 Leitch lecture.

North Stamford ........................................................ 9.20  
$1 thank offering.
North Woodbury...............................................................$ 55.11
Surpoohi ; $3.86 Leitch lecture.

Norwalk .............................................................. 135.50
$55 Mrs. Eaton ; $25 Bombay ; Mrs. J. W. Wilson,
constitute life member Mrs. Harriet Glines ;
$29.50 thank offering ; $10 Leitch lecture ; $11
debt ; $5 expenses ; constitute life members Miss
Georgie W. Taylor, Mrs. Wm. E. Marvin.

Orange............................................................ 38.70
Miss Andrews.

Plymouth................................................................. 44.00
$40 Mrs. Karmarkar ; $4 expenses.

Portland ............................................................. 46.65
Madura ; $10.15 thank offering ; $5 Middlesex
County school ; $1.50 expenses.

Prospect ................................................................. 17.00
$8 Branch expenses.

Redding ............................................................... 19.25

Ridgefield ............................................................. 38.00
Paripuvanum and Mrs. Edwards.

Roxbury ............................................................... 5.00

Salisbury .............................................................. 115.70
Mrs. Sibley ; $36.80 thank offering.

Saybrook ............................................................. 61.00

Sharon ................................................................. 122.25
$50 Mrs. Edwards.

Shelton ................................................................. 10.00
B. W. school at Foochow.

Sherman .............................................................. 26.84

Sound Beach .......................................................... 27.05

South Britain ........................................................ 10.50

Inanda.

Southbury .............................................................. 16.00

South Canaan ........................................................ 17.00

South Norwalk ...................................................... 100.00
$75 Constantinople College ; $25 Wai.

Stamford ............................................................... 156.89
$100 Mrs. Bond ; $31.89 thank offering.

Stratford ............................................................... 154.09
$35 Miss Fensham ; $25 Chihuahua ; $20 Foochow;
Rahimabai ; $43.92 thank offering ; $4 Leitch
lecture ; $5 Branch expenses.
Thomaston ............................................................... $ 41.18
  $8.18 Leitch lecture.
Torringford .............................................................  32.00
Torrington, First Church ..............................................  10.00
Torrington, Third Church ............................................... 102.50
  $30 Mrs. Edwards; $30 Kashibai; $2.50 Mrs. Logan.
Trumbull ...........................................................................  34.00
  Mrs. Elbert E. Edwards, life member.
Wallingford ........................................................................  25.00
Warren .............................................................................  36.75
  $18 Mrs. Karmarkar; $20 thank offering; $8.75 Leitch lecture.
Washington ..........................................................................  50.60
  $25 Miss Andrews; $25 Mrs. DeForest; $0.60 Branch expenses.
Waterbury, First Church ................................................... 105.00
  $100 Mrs. Karmarkar; $5 expenses.
Waterbury, Second Church .................................................. 160.00
  Mrs. Sibley; $50 special gift for Rev. Mr. Hubbard; $5 expenses.
Watertown .............................................................   70.00
  $30 Salubai.
Westbrook ............................................................................  18.75
Westchester .........................................................................  24.85
  $5.18 thank offering; $2.62 Middlesex County school.
West Haven .................................................................  119.00
  $50 Rev. Mr. Hubbard; $10 Rev. Mr. Peet, $5 Leitch lecture; constitute life members Mrs. Joseph Andrews, Mrs. W. L. G. Prichard, Mrs. Jenette Doolittle, Miss Helena Hall.
Westport .................................................................................  51.00
  Chao-nai-nai; $8 thank offering; $8 expenses.
Westville ............................................................................  36.25
  $5 Leitch lecture.
Whitneyville ........................................................................  42.00
  Marsovan; $5.75 thank offering.
Wilton ......................................................................................  97.04
  Inanda; Foochow; $2.04 thank offering; $2 expenses.
Winsted ..................................... $145.32
   $30 thank offering; $11.50 Leitch lecture.
Woodbridge ..................................... 28.50
   $20 Ahmednagar; $8.50 thank offering.
Woodbury, First Church ....................... 21.60
   Gaubai.

RECEIPTS FROM YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETIES AND MISSION CIRCLES.

Ansonia, Hopeful Mission Band .................... $20.00
   $10 Bombay; $5 Ahmednagar Dispensary; $5 Ireland Home.
Bethel, Young Ladies .............................. 30.00
Bridgeport, North Church, Memorial Circle .... 75.00
   $30 Foochow Dispensary; $25 Bombay; $15 Miss Barnum.
Canaan, Young Ladies .............................. 15.00
   $10 Foochow Dispensary; $5 teacher in Mexico.
Cornwall Second Church, Mission Bank Society ... 21.00
   Mrs. Eaton.
Cromwell, Young Ladies ............................ 28.91
   $8.91 thank offering; $20 Mrs. Eaton.
Darien, Earnest Workers .......................... 16.90
   $10 Madura Dispensary; $5 Madura school; $1.90 Morning Star.
Derby, Earnest Workers ............................ 10.00
   Ireland Home.
Essex, Mission Workers ........................... 10.00
Greenwich, Bearers of Light ...................... 32.00
   Mrs. Eaton.
Haddam, Little Helpers ......................... 10.00
Kent, Young Ladies .............................. 32.00
   $20 Mrs. Eaton; $10 Foochow Dispensary; $2 Leitch lecture.
Kent, Busy Bess .................................... 15.00
   Smyrna Kindergarten.
Litchfield, Young Ladies ......................... 140.00
   $30 Ceylon; $30 Inanda; $30 Marsovan; $50 Miss Bower.
Litchfield, Daisy Chain .................................................. $ 80.00
  $30 Bombay; $40 Miss Bower; $10 Morning Star.
Meriden, First Church, Missionary Cadets .................. 25.00
  Bombay School.
Meriden, First Church, Cheerful Givers ..................... 30.00
  $10 Ireland Home; $10 Smyrna Kindergarten; $10 Foochow Dispensary.
Middlebury, Willing Minds ............................................. 15.00
  Smyrna Kindergarten.
Middletown, First Church, Gleaners ......................... 50.00
  $25 Marsovan; $10 Smyrna Kindergarten; $15 Madura Dispensary.
Middletown, First Church, Mission Helpers.................. 25.00
  $5 San Sebastian; $20 Madura Dispensary.
Middletown, South Church, Good Will ......................... 5.00
Naugatuck, Ivy Leaf ..................................................... 12.00
Naugatuck, Mission Band ............................................... 5.50
Naugatuck, Helpers ..................................................... 5.50
New Haven, Center Church, Young Ladies ..................... 185.00
  $30 Mrs. Eaton; $30 Inanda; $25 Bombay; $20 Foochow Dispensary; $20 Madura Dispensary; $5 San Sebastian; $5 Branch expenses.
New Haven, Center Church, Junior Circle .................... 28.28
  $25 Dr. Bower; $8.28 Branch expenses.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, Young Ladies ........... 165.00
  $65 Miss Andrews; $40 Mrs. Eaton; $40 Dr. Bower; $20 Madura.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, Busy Bees ............. 25.00
  Smyrna Kindergarten.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church, Fairbank Circle........... 25.00
  Ahmednagar.
New Haven, Grand Avenue, Young Ladies ..................... 105.00
  Mrs. Eaton.
New Haven, Grand Avenue, Self-Denial ......................... 80.00
  $30 Inanda; $20 Smyrna Kindergarten; $20 Foochow Dispensary; $10 Bombay.
New Haven, Grand Avenue, Helpers ............................. 42.12
  $18 Madura Dispensary; $19.12 Smyrna Kindergarten; $5 Ireland Home.
New Haven, Grand Avenue, Little Workers .................. 7.31
  Smyrna Kindergarten.
New Haven, Humphrey Street, Young Ladies .......... $25.00
New Haven, Taylor Church, Young Ladies ............ 5.00
New Haven, United Church, Young Ladies ............ 165.00
   $35 Adana teacher; $30 Bombay.
New Milford, Young Ladies................................ 50.00
   $25 Dr. Bower; $25 Madura Dispensary.
New Milford, Golden Links ................................ 19.00
   $10 Smyrna Kindergarten; $9 Morning Star.
Norfolk, Young Ladies ..................................... 10.00
   Mrs. Eaton.
Norwalk, Door Keepers ...................................... 25.00
   San Sebastian; constitute life member, Miss Kate
     Bartram.
Norwalk, Sunbeam Circle ................................... 15.00
   $5 Kindergarten.
Norwalk, Senior and Junior Circles .................... 40.00
   Morning Star; constitute life member Mrs. F. J.
     Curtis.
Norwalk, Whatsoever ........................................ 7.00
   Kindergarten.
Portland, Work and Win .................................... 35.00
   $30 Madura; $5 Middlesex County School.
Prospect, Gleaners .......................................... 25.00
Redding, Wide Awakes ...................................... 5.00
   Ireland Home.
Roxbury, May Flowers ...................................... 4.25
Salisbury, Children's Band ................................ 5.00
Sharon, Busy Bee ........................................... 60.00
   $40 Mrs. Eaton; $10 Madura Dispensary; $5 Ire­
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Stamford, Young Ladies ..................................... 25.00
   Ahmednagar Dispensary.
Stratford, Alpha Band ...................................... 8.45
   Bombay.
Stratford, Pearl Seekers .................................. 60.00
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Stratford, Whatsoever ..................................... 52.00
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Torrington, Highland Workers ............................. 15.00
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Trumbull, Young Ladies ........................................... $30.00
   Tungcho Dispensary; constitute life member, Miss Lena Nichols.
Warren, Willing Minds ........................................... 12.35
West Haven, Young Ladies ........................................ 10.00
   Kate Woodhull.
West Haven, Helping Hands ...................................... 10.00
   Smyrna Kindergarten.
Westville, Young Ladies ........................................... 49.75
   $25 Mrs. Eaton; $20 Ahmednagar Dispensary;
   $4.75 thank offering.
Whitneyville, Young Ladies ..................................... 12.00
Winsted, First Church, Young Ladies ............................ 3.00
Winsted, First Church, Junior Workers .......................... 8.20
   Madura Dispensary.
Woodbury, Valley Gleaners ....................................... 15.00
   Mrs. Eaton.

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

Ansonia, Senior .................................................. $53.31
   Miss Trowbridge.
Ansonia, Junior .................................................. 3.42
   Miss Trowbridge.
Bethany ............................................................. 17.79
   Miss Trowbridge.
Bethel, Junior .................................................... 2.00
   Smyrna Kindergarten.
Black Rock ........................................................ 25.00
   $20 Constantinople work; $5 Miss Chapin.
Branford ........................................................... 22.50
   Karmarkar Dispensary.
Bridgeport, Olivet Church, Junior .............................. 9.21
   Madura.
Bridgeport, South Church ........................................ 25.00
Colebrook .......................................................... 1.00
   Mrs. Sibley.
Danbury, First Church ........................................... 30.00
   $20 Mrs. Sibley; $10 B. W. at Wai.
Durham ............................................................. 2.00
   Mrs. Sibley.
East Haddam .......................................................... $10.00
   Capron Hall.
East Hampton ....................................................... 10.00
   Mrs. Sibley.
East Haven .......................................................... 76.89
   Karmarkar Dispensary.
Essex ............................................................... 7.00
   $5 Mrs. Sibley; $2 Middlesex County School.
Goshen ............................................................. 5.00
   Mrs. Sibley.
Guilford, Third Church ........................................... 50.00
   Mrs. Eaton for two years.
Harwinton ........................................................... 10.00
   Mrs. Sibley.
Higganum, Junior .................................................. 4.00
   Smyrna Kindergarten.
Ivoryton ............................................................. 30.54
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Kent ................................................................. 18.98
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Kent ................................................................. 1.02
   A friend, Mrs. Sibley.
Killingworth ........................................................ 6.41
   Mrs. Sibley.
Madison ............................................................. 25.00
   Karmarkar Dispensary.
Meriden, Center Church .......................................... 4.00
   Leitch lecture, Bombay.
Middlefield ........................................................ 11.15
   Mrs. Sibley.
Middletown, First Church, Junior ......................... 11.00
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Nepaug ............................................................. 10.00
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New Hartford, Penny-a-day Band ............................. 36.50
   Mrs. Sibley.
New Haven, Center Church, Young People ................. 14.54
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer ...................... 45.00
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New Haven, Davenport Church ................................ 25.00
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**Receipts from Sunday Schools.**

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Prospect ........................................................................... 5.00  
Redding ........................................................................... 5.00  
Southport ......................................................................... 30.00  
Torrington ...................................................................... 1.50  
Waterbury, First Church ................................................ 30.00  
Whitneyville ................................................................... 8.00

**Receipts from Cradle Roll.**

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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 12, 1896.
**Receipts from the 25th Anniversary Offering for an Addition to the Bombay School Building—A Memorial of the Missionary Work of Hannah D. Hume.**

The sums given by certain societies cannot be specified in this report, because their envelopes were handed in unmarked. This accounts for the absence of the names of some societies which probably contributed. In other cases, where the sum marked evidently did not represent the full contribution, the name of the society is given without any specified amount.

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LIFE MEMBERS.

ADDED SINCE MAY 14, 1895.

## SOCIETIES AUXILIARY TO THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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

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

Resolved by this Assembly:

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 8. The annual meeting of this society shall be held on the second Tuesday of May, and at such place as the Executive Committee shall appoint, at which the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected. Regular public meetings of the society for suitable religious exercises, the communication of intelligence and for business, shall be held at New Haven on the second Tuesday of 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.
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 Coöperative 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 excused from attendance at executive meetings. The Chairman shall communicate to the members any information 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.

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CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

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

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

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

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