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The fourteenth annual meeting of the New Haven Branch was held in Middletown, Tuesday, May 12, 1885. The suggestive motto, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters," greeted more than seven hundred earnest Christian women who assembled in the North Church.

A devotional meeting was held in the Sabbath School room at 9.45, led by Miss Merwin. Our attention was called to the ever fresh thoughts of Christ's wonderful love to us and the response which it should awaken in our hearts and lives. Surely the petitions "for communion with God," and "that the mind of Christ might be in us," were heard and answered; for, during the exercises of the entire day, it was manifest that the God of peace was in our midst.

At 10.20, the ladies had gathered in the audience-room of the church and the meeting was called to order by Miss Daggett, who presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Hart. After the singing of the hymn, "One in Christ," the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mrs. Cady. Miss Tracy then spoke a few words of welcome in behalf of the Middletown ladies. Mrs. Smith, of New Britain, replied, expressing the regret of all at Mrs. Hart's absence, saying that if she were present she would doubtless urge upon us the
thought, "The women of all lands for Jesus." Miss Daggett read a few lines of greeting from Mrs. Hart.

The Scripture selections for the day, which were especially choice and impressive, were read responsively from the desk and by a reader in the audience, inspiring a solemn tender feeling of love and consecration which was deepened by the reverent prayer that followed in which Mrs. Prudden asked for "the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost," and for "the influence of the Spirit upon every one in every department of our work."

After the singing of "Joy to the world," Mrs. Cady read the reports of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, through both of which ran a strong undercurrent of praise and trust. The Treasurer's report showed a decrease of about five hundred dollars in the receipts of the past year.

The singing of "Sow in the morn thy seed," prepared us to welcome Mrs. G. C. Knapp, who for so many years has been sowing the good seed of the kingdom in and around Bitlis. She said that "the Turkish government talks much of their reforms in Asia Minor, but the reforms have been accomplished by the Gospel," and illustrated this statement by vividly contrasting the ignorant degraded people of Bitlis, twenty-five years ago, with the Christian community there to-day. A Protestant church has been self-supporting for more than fifteen years and has a domestic missionary society. The boarding school for girls and the High School for boys testify to the growing desire for education. The Christians have petitioned for various political and material improvements and have obtained them.

The missionaries feel that very little of what has been done in Bitlis is due to them. When the first im-
important revival came they were humbled as they saw
the Spirit of God doing, in one short hour, the work
which they had for years been trying to accomplish.
Conversions resulted in the "bringing forth of fruits
meet for repentance." Mrs. Knapp said, "We felt that
the Lord had signed our notes." She also gave an
account of several young ladies who had left homes of
comfort to give themselves to the foreign work, "endur­
ing everything for the Master ;" but, she added, "the
testimony of all young ladies is 'It is a beautiful work.'"

Some years since, in a time of general massacre of
the Christians in all the villages around Bitlis, the peo­
ple of that place were unmolested by the Koords. The
missionaries had refused to leave, although urged to do
so; and were much surprised to be told afterward that
they had saved the city by remaining there. Upon
making inquiries they found that it was because they
were American citizens. Mrs. Knapp closed by re­
minding us that since all Christians had one Father,
there could be but one family, and asked if we were
taking an interest in our Father's affairs in His mis­
sionary work. She besought us to be loyal, loving
daughters of the Almighty.

Mrs. Whiting, of the Baptist Board, spoke very
earnestly upon the subject of prayer for missionaries,
saying that their constant message is, "Pray for us." She
urged more faithful and believing prayer for them,
and then, with loving fervor, carried our missionaries
and ourselves very close to the throne of grace.

A few suggestive items were then read, among which
were these :

A thousand millions of the human race have never
heard the gospel message of love and mercy.

While Bibles are sent to the heathen sparingly, the
arch-adversary sends his appliances freely. In a single vessel sailing from Boston for Western Africa, were stored 132,000 gallons of rum.

There are forty millions of Mohammedans in India alone, making a larger number ruled by Queen Victoria than by the Porte in Turkey.

Yet in spite of the unfed multitudes, this Christian nation of America expends annually $1,400,000,000 upon intoxicants, and less than $3,500,000 for evangelizing the heathen.

The ordained missionaries of the American Board are less than one hundred and twenty; and these labor under constant retrenchment.

But money for some purposes is not lacking; the internal revenue tax on tobacco in New York City amounted to $7,000,000 in one year.

There are 200,000,000 of heathen women in China; and 250 missionary ladies, each one standing as the sole female Christian teacher for 800,000 heathen women.

In pleasant contrast to this is reported a gift of land valued at $100,000 by a Chinese lady, Mrs. Wai, for the erection of a hospital.

This year, 1885, the first Mongol convert is reported from that race, which numbers over 2,000,000.

But we can hardly expect rapid progress in China when there is but one missionary to each million of its inhabitants.

The three Woman’s Boards of the Congregational Church have contributed over one and a half million dollars in fourteen years.

This does not seem a large sum when we know that the native Christians of Madagascar gave in one year $20,000 for missions; and in the last fourteen years have built seven hundred churches free of debt.
In Madagascar there are 1200 native Christian churches.

5,000 converts have been gathered into the churches of the Madura mission since its commencement.

Ten years ago not one in a thousand girls in India were taught to read; now the proportion is about eight in one thousand.

Ten years ago there was but one Christian Church in Japan; now there are twenty-two in the Kobe field alone with 2000 members.

The Word of God has been translated into over 230 languages; and in no country now is the reading of the Bible prohibited by law.

It had been urged that the plan of a basket collation, so successfully tried in some Branches, should be adopted at this meeting. The Middletown ladies had acceded to this request, and, at the close of the morning exercises, assured us, in a very happy manner that they did not bid us, "Depart, be ye not warmed and filled;" but placed all their rooms at our disposal. Their quiet, Christian hospitality was everywhere felt, surrounding us throughout the day with an atmosphere of restfulness. The usual social intercourse seemed in no wise diminished by the basket lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Always with us," after which came the report of the nominating committee and the election of officers for the following year. Mrs. Mather, of the Hartford Branch, offered prayer, asking for these leaders the Divine wisdom and guidance.

Reports from societies in Litchfield and Middlesex Counties were given by the Vice-Presidents, indicating progress at most points. Special encouragement was found in the growing work among young ladies and
children. Mention was made of one church which had recently revived its monthly concert. "A church meeting to pray for missions is a tremendous power back of the Woman's Board."

Miss Stanwood brought a message from the Woman's Board. While we are interested in the spirit of inquiry so generally manifested in this and other lands, yet it is a relief to turn from theories and speculations to look upon the representation of so much solid work. The fact was emphasized that the great call now is not simply for money but for new workers, especially for young women as teachers in the schools of several countries. Twenty are also needed to enter immediately upon specific work among the women of Japan. In Southern India there is an annual feast called Tool Day, when each class worships its own tools. We do not worship our tools, but is not this anniversary of the New Haven Branch a good day in which to consecrate all our gifts to the Master? Miss Stanwood closed by reading extracts from a recent letter from Dr. Holbrook who writes: "There is a broad, grand place for single women in this work, which is trying, head-trying, soul-trying, body-trying; but the reward is more than the promised hundred fold."

Mrs. Harriman of the Episcopal Board greeted us with words of fellowship, speaking of our common interest in the success of the Gospel in the heathen world and of the similarity in our methods of work. "We ought not to rely upon what we give or do, but seek to move the arm that moves the universe."

An unexpected pleasure was given to the audience when Mrs. Titus Coan was introduced. With loving touch she sketched the portraits of some of the heroes and heroines of the early mission to the Sandwich
Islands, and briefly alluded to her own experience. Do not these affectionate, impressive words merit a serious consideration? "You who are young, who are longing to know what the Master would have you do, listen to my testimony. It is a blessed work. Give to it your prayers, your means, your lives."

Mrs. Ransom, of Colchester, offered a prayer of thanksgiving for what this Branch has already done and invoked the blessing of God that it may accomplish yet more.

The solo, "Oh heavy laden, come to me," was finely rendered by Mrs. Camp.

The reports from Fairfield and New Haven counties, prepared by the Vice-Presidents, were read by Mrs. Fairchild. Among the auxiliaries, earnest efforts to please the Master have been rewarded by an increased readiness to devise and execute plans for study and work. In a number of new mission-circles, several members have become Christians. The benefits derived from thank-offering services have been quite marked.

A paper by Mrs. Prudden entitled "Patchwork" was read. The whole-souled devotion and enthusiasm of some home-workers were shown as sparkling bits of color against the neutral tints of half-heartedness and indifference on the part of others and the dark background of sin and heathenism. The incidents given were fitted to stimulate our zeal. Is there not need of greater exertion in view of the fact that thousands of women and children within our limits are not yet working with us?

Mrs. S. W. Howland, from Ceylon, was the next speaker, dwelling upon the pleasures rather than the discouragements of missionary work. She had yet to hear the first word of complaint from the workers.
After an earnest appeal to young ladies to consecrate themselves to this cause, Mrs. Howland told of the energetic manner in which the native Christians enter into active missionary effort. She also related a striking story of the power of Christianity in touching the hearts of that people.

Miss Gilman, of Norwich, summed up the influences of the day in parting words of helpful inspiration and offered the closing prayer.

It was announced that the subject of continuance of basket collations would rest, for decision, with the County meetings.

Delegates to the next Woman's Board of Missions meeting were appointed and a vote of thanks offered to the ladies of Middletown for their thoughtful kindness.

We then separated, after a day of such privilege as cannot fail to result in deep and extended blessings, if we but heed the charge given in the closing passage of the Scripture reading: "Finally—: think on these things."

CARRIE E. McCALL.
REPORT OF
THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

A modern writer has said that with a single drop of ink for a mirror the Egyptian sorcerer undertakes to reveal far-reaching visions of the past. So with this drop of ink will we, aided by our pen, call forth and present to your mental vision the year's record of the New Haven Branch.

Acknowledging our dependence upon God shall we not first "Thank him for the year that's done, and trust him for the opening one."

From some of our societies faithful workers have been called to join that "cloud of unseen witnesses," whose song of redeeming love, it is our pleasure to believe, will make still sweeter our songs to-day. May the benedictions of their lives fall on the auxiliary society or mission circle from which they have gone!

We count among our mercies no change in the executive department of the Branch. Zealous efforts been made by personal letters to those churches where no organization exists, with the hope of arousing an interest which shall result in organized effort. Two new societies only have been formed, but we hope that another year the fruit of these efforts will appear.

A variety of leaflets have been distributed by the aid of the County Vice-Presidents, throughout the Branch. The Bureau of Intelligence has responded to the usual demands made upon it with the "good news from a far country." Our sincerest thanks are due to the many
ladies in the New Haven auxiliary societies who have assisted year after year, in the copying of these missionary letters. We are also grateful for the new papers which have been added to our list for distribution. The monthly letter to the county Vice-Presidents has been continued, as in the previous year.

From the Secretary of the Mission Circle Department we learn that there has been an addition of twenty-three new circles, although the net gain is less owing to the fact that five of last year's circles have apparently become wholly inactive. There are young ladies' societies now working with us in Canaan, Litchfield, New Hartford, Center Church and College Street Church New Haven, Portland and Norwalk. Whitneyville has a fine start in a circle of mixed ages. The children have been brought together for a share in our work in the Kent Children's Circle; Greenwich "Little Neighbors;" Stamford "Tiny Helpers;" the Wilton and Bridgeport "Morning Stars;" the Bridgeport "Juniors," and Bridgewater "Cheerful Givers;" the "Torch Bearers," United Church, New Haven; the East Hampton "Humming Birds;" the "Coral Workers" and "Cheerful Workers" in the College Street Church; the Milford "Rosebuds;" Bethel "Willing Workers;" the Roxbury Children's Circle; the Watertown "Young Workers," and in a little family circle called the "Little Links," consisting of three members and two honorary members who meet monthly on Sunday afternoon.

Two meetings, of two hours each, are held by the Executive Committee monthly to devise ways and means for the successful carrying on of the work, to arrange for the regular monthly meeting or to transact any necessary business.

The Branch meetings, which are held the second Tues-
day of the month, are interesting and usually well attended. At the October meeting, Mrs. Barakat, a converted Syrian, thrilled us with the story of her conversion and education and the marvelous escape of herself and husband with their child from Alexandria during the late dreadful massacre of the Christians. The County Vice-Presidents were with us in November and through them we heard directly from the home field. Miss Talcott, from Japan, spoke to us at the December meeting, and at the April meeting we had Dr. Judson Smith, one of the Secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M. The letters from our own missionaries which are read at the monthly meetings, and the reports given by our Foreign Corresponding Secretary, serve to keep us informed concerning the work abroad, and we trust awaken a personal interest in the workers themselves.

It may not be out of place to venture the hope that the suggestion of our President, made at the June meeting was not lost, that in our summer leisure we encourage and comfort our missionary sisters by sending them reading matter—gifts of books, periodicals and papers.

The annual county meetings were held in the autumn and, as heretofore, were most admirably arranged and successfully carried forward by their respective Vice-Presidents, and were made interesting by the reports from the auxiliary societies, by missionary speakers, thank-offering services, original papers upon practical topics, and the general interchange of thought and Christian experience.

As an instructive and Christian effort we may consider Mr. Leitch's illustrative lecture upon India and Ceylon as having been remarkably successful. He has visited fifty-eight places and must have had in his audience individuals representing one hundred of our socie-
ties. He has himself attended largely to the practical
details of his tour, has brought his gases from New
York at frequent intervals and large expense, and dur-
ing the eleven weeks of continuous effort at the most
inclement season of the year, he has not failed in a
single instance to keep his appointment. This success
is the more remarkable as fifteen of the above men-
tioned places are among those which are the least acces-
sible of any within our limits. We learn that this
effort has largely increased the knowledge of missions
specifically, and has awakened an interest generally.

The children's Fast Day service, now one of the regu-
lar Branch meetings, was held "Good Friday" afternoon
in the Center Church. There were children from nearly
every Sabbath School in the city and about eighty from
the Orphan Asylum, besides a large audience of grown
people. Rev. Erastus Blakeslee presided. Prof. Jepson
conducted the singing, of which the double quartette of
boys deserves special mention. Mr. Blakeslee gave a
most interesting account of the Morning Star Mission,
explained the need of the "New Morning Star," and
gave a brief description of the wrecking of the old
vessel. At the conclusion of Mr. Blakeslee's address,
Mr. Leitch threw upon the screen a picture of the beau-
tiful New Morning Star under full sail. After which
by pictures and explanations he gave us glimpses of
missionary life in India and Ceylon, and the homes and
occupations of the people. As the children left the
church many expressions of gratification were heard.

Saturday afternoon, April 11th, the mission circles of
New Haven County held a union meeting in the lecture
room of the Church of the Redeemer. The meeting
was ably planned and conducted by the mission circle
Secretary and was an occasion of deep interest to all
present. Being largely attended there was a good
degree of enthusiasm in its spirit and tone. Some of
the questions which were presented and more or less
exhaustively answered by members of the mission cir-
cles represented, were: Why should young people be
interested in Foreign Missions? Is it a good plan for
boys to be associate members? How can we interest
boys and young men in the work? How can we make
the members of the circles attend the meetings? How
shall we get information about mission fields? Is there
any rule by which members of young ladies circles
graduate into the ladies' circles? What are the duties
of those who are not officers in the circles? Why is it
so difficult to find young ladies who will sustain prayer
meetings or offer prayer in the circles? What is there
to be done with a boys' circle? Is there any thing new
for the devotional part of the meetings?—Is not the
report of such a meeting inspiring? Surely our daugh-
ters may be "corner-stones polished after the similitude
of a palace."

With the development of such an element all anxiety
concerning the future growth of the New Haven Branch
should be dispelled, for looking to our junior forces we
may say: "The king's daughter is all glorious within;"
"the virgins, her companions that follow her shall
be brought unto thee." "Instead of thy fathers
shall be thy children whom thou mayest make princes
in all the earth. I will make thy name to be remem-
bered in all the generations, therefore shall the people
praise thee forever and ever."

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

In a quiet village near Ratnagherry on the south-west coast of India is a small community of Jews. In their synagogue upon a quaint old desk lies a well-preserved manuscript Hebrew Bible some two or more feet square. The village people claim that it has lain there hundreds of years. The sacred book is kept carefully wrapped in a soft quilted cover which no uncircumcised Gentile is allowed even to touch. The thick leather cover is dry and cracked, but the corners are protected by firm pieces of metal and the parchment is preserved by strong clasps attached to the covers. This inspired volume is seldom opened, and then by an old Rabbi, who after certain forms of purification opens it, and in a sing-song tone repeats or reads from it the Law given by Moses, the Psalms by David, or the Prophecies by Isaiah, not one word of which the devout listeners can understand, nor probably the reader himself.

The waiting souls in this little village are a fitting type of three-fifths of the human race to-day. Century after century one generation after another of Jews, as well as millions of heathen around them, have been looking for One, who could open to them the Book of Life, and teach them its mysteries. In His own time and way God has repeated to His followers of our day, the command He gave to His disciples eighteen hundred years ago: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Slowly, but universally, the church has awakened to this duty; and among the many work-
ers, the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions has been allowed a place. Having completed another year, we seem to hear the master calling for an account of our stewardship. With gladness, and in obedience to our Lord's commands, some of the members of the New Haven Branch have gone to sow the good seed in Africa, some in China, and others in India; while the larger part have been sowing, gathering, and praying in the home land. But we are all workers together, whether abroad or at home, and co-workers with our Lord. With grateful hearts some may be able to say, "th' pound hath gained ten pounds," some only "five," while many have cast in only the "widow's mite." But all the year the Master Himself has been taking count of our gifts and labors, and He will bestow His blessing upon all who, for His sake, have done what they could.

You have already heard from the home workers, and we would gladly give as correct an account of what has been done in foreign lands. But, as one of our missionaries has said: you cannot possibly know from anything written, what heathenism really is; neither can you realize fully, what being washed "in the blood of the Lamb," and made "whiter than snow" mean, without seeing for your own selves, what the transforming power of grace can do for a degraded heathen.

All our missionaries and native helpers have been spared another year, and kept at their posts in usual health, save one Bible Reader, Subabai, who died recently in Ahmednagar. Mrs. Bissell wrote of this good woman that "she was honored and mourned by the whole Christian community." Twelve years or more she had been employed in going from house to house reading the Bible or singing sweet hymns, and teaching those who could be persuaded, to read. Hundreds of heathen
women heard from her the sweet story of Jesus. No service, we are sure, at the same cost, will accomplish more in extending the kingdom of our Lord than the loving service of our twenty-one Bible Women.

Our beloved missionaries, seven in all, have sent us accounts of their work, except Mrs. Williams, of the Constantinople Home, who had expected to be with us to-day and tell her own interesting story. But to our great disappointment, her health would not allow her to come. We support four teachers in important schools, who are discharging many of the duties belonging to a missionary; we maintain also thirteen day schools in different parts of India, Ceylon, China and Turkey; besides contributing largely towards the support of the school for children of native Christians in Bombay. Among our most promising beneficiaries are seventy-seven pupils of boarding schools in Turkey, India, Ceylon, China, Africa, Spain and Austria. Forty shares were taken this year by our Young Ladies' societies in the new Dispensary to be erected for Miss Dr. Holbrook in Tung-cho, China; while the children paid for two thousand shares in the Morning Star, and $300 for her running expenses. The coming year our Young Ladies' societies are expected to contribute $500 towards the erection of a Home in Kioto for the single ladies who are sent as missionaries to Japan.

Africa, the nearest heathen country to us, seems in this review to claim our first attention; partly because no other portion of the world is stretching forth such pleading hands to-day, nor with such effect as this dark continent. The powers of Christendom are heeding this call, aided by commerce, philanthropy and Christian enterprise. The thirty-four Missionary Societies that have entered Africa have only just fringed the continent
with actual work, yet a dozen, at least, are established in the interior, and much preliminary work has been accomplished. We are particularly interested in the Zulu mission, which just closes the fiftieth year of its history. The missionaries waited ten years, for the first convert, a Zulu woman; but the work has advanced until they have sixteen churches, thirty-seven preachers, and a Christian community of real power and influence. The past has been a bright year for the mission, as the completed Bible has roused a general study of the holy Word, which has been followed by a marked religious interest. The beautiful and blessed work of the New Haven Branch in this mission centers in the Inanda Seminary, which was begun by our own missionary, Mrs. Edwards, just fifteen years ago with nineteen unpromising pupils and very little encouragement, in days when reading and writing were not considered by Zulus a necessary part of a girl's education. But the school has grown in character and numbers until two hundred and five girls, besides day pupils, have received its advantages for a period of from one to six years. Sixty of these have been received into the church and fifty-eight employed as teachers. Those who complete the course of five years receive diplomas. The girls perform all the manual labor of the institution including the care of garden, kitchen and grounds. They are taught to cut and make their own clothing, also garments for sale. After an absence of a year Mrs. Edwards has returned to the school with improved health, a matter of great importance, as no one else secures the same respect and obedience from the scholars. There are forty-six pupils at present, fifteen of whom are Christians. Each year some advance is made toward self-support. All provide their own clothing, and those who are able pay their
board. Within six years £736, 8s., 6d., have been received from the parents or friends, and the government allows £100 a year. This year the school has sent out its first missionary, Dalita Isaac, who went with Mr. and Mrs. Richards to commence the East Central African Mission. Fourteen of the scholars have made themselves stockholders in the new Morning Star, having saved the money for this by accepting inferior food.

Each mail from Japan brings word of new openings and calls for instruction in Christian doctrine. A gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit has rested upon this mission for two years in succession. The fruits of this blessed work seem a surprise even to the missionaries, and is the theme of all their letters. One writes: "we are daily filled with gladness, as we enter the crowded chapel, and hear the tender words of the newly awakened, or join the company of women who take delight in telling about Jesus." It is very inspiring to hear of grandmothers, who have just learned to read, opening a school, because no younger teachers could be found, and when their skill was exhausted sending for a missionary "to teach more from the Bible." The zeal of the Japanese to assume the support of their Christian and educational institutions, has no parallel among nations just emerging from heathenism. They give of their incredibly small earnings, and count their contributions for schools as nothing, because, that is what they "ought to do." The Girl's High School at Kobe is entirely under Japanese Trustees, and among the fifty-four pupils, seventeen are Christians.

The girl's Boarding School, at Osaka, to which the New Haven Branch gave largely for the erection of a building, has become self-supporting. This institution has been greatly blessed; fifteen pupils were baptized
last year. Some of these young converts have organized and carried on Sabbath Schools in destitute places, besides giving valuable assistance in church work. Only a small margin is left for us in mission work in Japan; but, possibly, there is the more need of our prayers.

We support one missionary, Mrs. DeForest, located at Osaka, whose labors are mostly among the women in their homes and in their meetings. We hope that many of the poor Japanese women, crushed and overburdened by labors in the fields and markets will listen to her sweet translation of the Saviour's invitation to "come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and will find true "rest" for their souls.

The readiness of the women to pray and their success in conducting meetings is remarkable. Miss Barrows tells of our prayer meeting where two hundred from different churches united for a common service, which they conducted in a most dignified and profitable manner. Many of the Japanese girls who have accepted Christ show a beautiful devotion to Him and His service. They are not heard saying, they are not interested in things that interest their Saviour, the Lord Jesus.

The vast country of China with its antiquities and superstitions, is beginning to brighten with the sunlight of God's truth. The late Dr. S. Wells Williams claimed, that "the leaven is at work, and a few years will show great changes in China." The unrighteous war in that country is calculated to prolong their hatred of foreigners and retard the progress of truth; but the missionaries have, in many places, overcome this national prejudice. The number of converts is comparatively small, yet Christians are not despised as they once were, and even the Chinese officials manifest a more respectful consideration of our missionaries. The work in China
is so vast, the language so difficult, the people so peculiar, and the number of converts available for associate or detail work so small, that burdens too heavy to be borne have rested on our missionaries. More workers are needed, both men and women, especially in view of the openings in North China. The Chinese women are usually ignorant, and unable at first to understand more than simple truth, but by prayerful, personal labors the missionary ladies have reached one after another, until now many interesting and some extraordinary Christians are found among them, showing what God's Word and the Holy Spirit can accomplish.

Our Miss Andrews, located at Tung-cho, has been seventeen years in China, with only one vacation, always applying herself with untiring devotion to her work. She is a remarkable Christian and always receives the most deferential respect from the Chinese. Her labors consist largely in teaching the Scriptures (for which she has a remarkable gift) to Theological Students, and to classes of women or boys. She is too much engrossed in her work to take time for telling us about it; but we have received many testimonies to the blessed influence she exerts upon her associates.

The Tung-cho Dispensary, under Miss Dr. Holbrook, is one of the most promising specialties of our work in China. The Young Ladies' Circles of the New Haven Branch raised $500 for a building for Dr. Holbrook's medical work last year, and from no part of our contributions do we expect better results. Hundreds of mothers and children who come for medicine hear about the Great Physician and the wonderful remedy for sin. A room for instruction is provided in the Dispensary where the poor women, while waiting, are taught Bible verses, and some who come often are taught to read.
The poor sufferers frequently carry home the blessed truth they have found, and as a result, there have been earnest inquirers and some true conversions.

In the Foochow Boarding School, one of the most promising in China, we support six girls. Miss Newton, who is in charge, has been overtaxed; but she worked on alone, bravely discharging her responsible duties until her pupils were moved to send pleading words to Boston for help. The missionaries with all other foreigners were ordered to leave Foochow at the time of the French invasion, and on the way out of the city Miss Newton heard the soldiers say: "Seize and kill the foreigner." But they were unmolested and all returned in safety. The mission property was found to have been protected, and all the regular services sustained by the native Christians.

Ceylon, called by the Hindus "the dwelling of the gods," is one of the oldest mission fields. The converts although, with few exceptions, very poor, have made remarkable progress in education and self-support. They have raised the last year nearly $5,000 for education, and over $3,000 for benevolence, in addition to the support of their pastors. With the aid of government grants Jaffna College, a High School, and the Uduville Seminary which contains eighty-nine girls, are supported by the natives independently of mission funds. Schools, moonlight meetings, Bible readings and teaching from house to house are important agencies for the spread of the truth; and being carried on largely by women, are very little expense to the mission.

Mrs. Smith writes: "We have four hundred women and girls studying the Bible in the villages near this station, at a cost of $10 per month; and this work might be increased indefinitely, if the means were provided."
The openings often seem so important to our missionaries that they feel obliged to take up labors for which they have neither time, nor money; and their plea for increased allowance for such providential work is very touching. One missionary wrote recently, what many are often ready to say, "I cannot stay here, if we are denied the means to take up the work the Lord lays before us." The missionaries in Ceylon as well as India, tithe their incomes just as they expect the native Christian to do to carry on the work. And often the remainder is tithed again to meet pressing calls. Ten thousand children are in the Ceylon mission schools, besides the hundreds of women who are taught in their homes.

Mrs. Hastings writes of her delight at the contrast in the lives, dress and manners of Christian and heathen women. The Christian women, in teaching the Bible, conducting meetings, and efforts among the heathen, give precious evidence that they have been taught of the Holy Spirit. Their grateful tears, at the opening of the year, when recounting their mercies, showed the depth and sincerity of their feeling. Like the women of our own country, they show remarkable skill in their efforts to build Christian institutions, liquidate church debts, and fill the treasury of benevolent societies.

The New Haven Branch supports in this mission seven girls in the Udupitty Boarding School, three Bible Women, one assistant, and one day school at Tillepally. The reports concerning them all are very encouraging. One of the Bible Women reports three hundred and sixty houses visited in one year, and three thousand hearers, many of whom have become much interested in the Bible.

In India the chaotic condition of politics, religion, and society, makes it difficult even to outline a general re-
port of Christian work. But it is safe to claim progress, and in some localities marked progress, especially in all that pertains to the condition of woman. More missionary work has been done there and with more tangible results than in any other heathen country. Yet the twenty-five missionary societies now laboring in that land have hardly reached a tithe of the two hundred and fifty millions of its people. Education has made rapid strides in the last decade; but higher education, which is conducted largely in English, is lifting the influential classes out of their own religions faster than Christians are giving them the Bible. Hence infidelity or atheism settles upon multitudes who have lost faith in their old belief. Ten thousand young men present themselves annually for the government university examinations. Sixty colleges, besides lower grades of schools, in all the presidencies are supported by government. In all these no religious instruction is given, a fact which the better class of natives deplore.

One of the government Hindu high officials said in a recent public speech upon education: "Complete toleration . . . need not exclude from our public schools those truths of natural religion and morality which are common to all religions. . . . Would it not be a grand and heart-cheering spectacle, if, for half an hour at least in a day, our youths could be seen pouring out their hearts in thanksgiving and adoration for the millions and millions of blessings which the Almighty daily showers like the sunbeams on them, and join in a chorus of praise and glory to the Universal Father."

Large grants in aid are made by the government to such mission schools as consent to the state requirements, and almost all the missions are increasing the number of their schools, especially for girls, and receive this aid.
The Maratha Mission is the oldest mission of the American Board, and in view of the obstacles overcome, among the most successful, with its twenty-three self-sustaining churches, its valuable Christian literature, a superior Theological Seminary, and a large Christian community. In the first twenty years the number of converts in this mission was less than the deaths of missionaries. Last year one hundred and sixty-one were received into the churches. The largest church has three hundred members, many of them educated and valuable citizens. At the annual meeting nearly eight hundred sat together at the Lord's table.

One of their valuable institutions is the Boarding School in Ahmednagar under Misses Fairbank and Harding, in which we support seventeen girls. Here a thorough education in the vernacular is given to all the pupils, and English is taught to a few. Much faithful labor has been bestowed upon this institution, and the graduates form a valuable portion of the Christian community. There were one hundred and forty-seven pupils last year; ten were received into the church and eighteen were married. They have a mission band, the "Standard Bearers," with the funds from which one of the girls, who had no friends, has been supported, and the remainder of their money was sent to America for the Morning Star. Two Parsee girls, the first from this interesting people, were admitted recently as day scholars. One of Mrs. Bissell's day schools in Ahmednagar has eleven Brahman girls; in the fine face of one of these, though only fourteen years old, there is a cast of sadness, bearing evidence that the curse of widowhood has already blighted her life. These scholars have opened the way for Mrs. Bissell into high caste families, where she has been delighted to find fruits of the instruction given to
the daughters. The mothers learn from their children sweet Christian hymns such as "Hush my dear," "Mother is mine," and Luther's Cradle hymn, "Away in a manger no cot for His bed," which they sing together with great delight. Mrs. Bissell has fifteen Bible Women in her care, of whom we support eight.

The school in Bombay for the children of Christians was opened eight years ago by Mrs. Edward Hume with fourteen pupils; the present number is one hundred. This year for the first time a class of two completed the full course, and passed the government University examination. They were Christian girls and their success reflects honor upon the mission institution in which they were taught. Three from this school were added to the church during the year and several others are inquirers. The school has separate boarding departments for girls and boys, and the latter is attached to the mission house, the other farther away. Mrs. Hume, without any lady missionary associate, conducts this large school, edits the "Balbodh Mewa," a Maratha monthly for children, and does much Christian work among the young people and women of the church. Such arduous labors have almost overwhelmed her, and the mission urgently ask for more laborers.

The Madura Mission in Southern India has thirty-five churches with nearly three thousand members, and the Christian growth, attainments, and efficiency, reported for last year, especially among the women, give great encouragement to the missionaries. In this mission we support two Bible Women; and two assistant Bible Women in Mrs. Capron's care; ten pupils in the Girls' Boarding School; and one day school under Mrs. Chandler. Mrs. Capron's account of the faithfulness of our good Bible Women Gnanaperhasie and Vesuvasum
and their power in the use of the inspired Word is cause for devout thanks. Proud Brahmins, who would scorn to speak to a Christian a few years ago, and would not permit their women to learn to read even heathen books, now allow Mrs. Capron with her Bible Women to visit and teach the women as they please. Thus in their homes hundreds of Brahminees, life-long exiles from the outside world, have learned to read and understand the vital truths of Christianity, and not a few refuse to call upon their heathen gods in times of trouble. Mrs. Capron gave an instance of one Bible woman who on her round of visits, in passing a house thronged with people was impelled to enter and found a woman apparently dying of cholera. She was covered with ashes and her friends were waiting for her death. Although a stranger, the Bible woman drew close to the sufferer saying: "Amma, it is the living God who gave you life. It is He alone who can take it away; now trust Him with all your heart to give you your life again." The listener answered, "I will." The next day the Bible woman found the patient recovering and attributing it all to the Christian's God. Mrs. Capron entreats our prayers for all these earnest workers who feel strengthened for each duty by the assurance that Christians are praying for them.

The Madura Boarding School for girls has been temporarily in the care of Mrs. Jones; but Miss Swift who went out recently for this purpose, will take the school as soon as she acquires the language. This is one of the oldest schools of the kind in India; and its efficiency is to be increased next year by the addition of a Normal Department, to meet government requirements. The present number of scholars is seventy-three; eleven of these united with the church during the year, and others
will be received soon. The girls in this school remain several years and thus obtain a thorough education which qualifies them for teachers, Bible women, or pastors' wives. The New Haven Branch has for years supported ten girls through their entire course in this school, taking up others when one class graduates.

The wretched government of Turkey, the Moslem hatred of Christianity, and suspicion of foreigners, have prevented our missions from making the rapid progress that had seemed almost certain each year. The colleges, high schools, and seminaries established by the missionaries provide nearly all the means of higher education in Turkey. The exorbitant taxation impoverished the people to such an extent that they cannot sustain these institutions as they wish, but they are doing more and more. Governmental restrictions and persecutions have been increased of late; but the Protestants have been harmonized, and a true religious awakening experienced in many places. We support in Turkey one missionary, Mrs. Schneider, in Constantinople; and still count Mrs. Williams, now resting in this country, but long the principal of the Constantinople Home, our missionary; three teachers, Miss Anna Felician, in the Marsovan School; Salveen in the school at Bitlis; and Melek, at Hadji Keouy. Ten pupils in the Marsovan Boarding School under Miss Fritcher; four in the Constantinople Home; five in the Harpoot Seminary under Miss Bush; four in the Broosa School under Miss Twiehell; nine day schools at Andiaman, Killis, Keller, Sert, Kulleth, Arabkir, Egin, Vizier Kupri, and Hogh, and four Bible Women, Sultan at Hadji Keouy, Excipet at Vizier Kupri, one at Nigde, and one at Lucy.

The Marsovan school is larger this year than usual, having seventy scholars including twenty-two day pupils,
many of them Christians. Marked progress is seen in the efforts of the people to meet the expenses of their daughters in this school. The parents of one, though very poor, by great sacrifices had paid her expenses for one year, but were unable to send her longer. She had made very commendable progress, and was so anxious to return that she opened a school in her own village taking scholars for one cent a week, and at the end of two years had saved enough to return and pay her own tuition. At last accounts she was studying with a delight unknown to those who have all expenses paid for them. Miss Fritcher has given twenty years of faithful service to this school and we are not surprised to hear that she is feeling the need of rest. Miss Anna Felician shares the labors with her and proves herself invaluable in both housekeeping and teaching. She has also opened two Kindergartens which are supported by the people themselves. These are proving a great blessing to the mothers, as well as the children, to whom the gentle persuasions of love and kindness appear a new and blessed method of parental government.

The school at Broosa for Greek girls has numbered forty-seven including ten Armenians who are so anxious for the privileges that they pay full tuition. Four of these Greeks are supported by our society. Ten from this school were received into the church in the year.

Harpoot College has two hundred and ninety-six pupils, ninety-six of them young women, of whom five are our beneficiaries. The history of this institution is full of incidents of self-denying perseverance among the scholars, and faithful service for Christ among the graduates.

Our hearts are always full of interest in the beautiful Home at Scutari on the Bosphorus; and this year we
have much pleasure in the fact that the class of five just graduated and the present senior class of seven are all Christians. The school now numbers ninety-seven, fifty of them boarders. Most of the nationalities of the polyglot city of Constantinople are represented among the pupils here daily studying the Bible together, thus exemplifying the beautiful adaptation of the Word of God to the needs of all men. The fear of Moslem persecution keeps many from this school; but they have had some Turkish girls each year, who have been faithful and satisfactory scholars. The outlook for Turkey is very dark, but the Spirit of God is working in different parts of the country, and in this lies our hope.

In Gadik Pasha, in the heart of Constantinople, there is a lone family composed of two missionary ladies, Mrs. Schneider and Miss Gleason, who, with unceasing faithfulness, work just where the Lord opens to them the way. Our beloved Mrs. Schneider’s long missionary life, and the peculiar strain of the last five years, entitle her to a furlough; but we hope she may have strength to hold on a little longer in the work for which she has special fitness. Turks, Greeks, and Armenians, old and young, men, women and children are always welcome at her door. At some of the gatherings in her hired house, art, law and medical students, merchants, and mechanics meet together. At one time it is for a concert they come, at another a Bible reading or religious service, and again for a “Social.” The last has been the means of drawing in young men for whose entertainment and improvement illustrated books, games, attractive papers, etc., are provided. Many who have never been inside a Protestant church come to this private house and listen to gospel truth, prayer, and sacred song, with evident delight. The two coffee rooms opened by Mrs. Schneider
are prospering; in one of them there has been an average of one hundred and ten callers daily, many of whom read more or less of the Bibles, tracts, and books that lie upon the table. Mrs. Schneider rests with unbounded confidence upon the prayers of God's people. Can we ever disappoint her?

Mrs. Bond, our missionary in Bulgaria, expresses the wish that we could go and see for ourselves what has been accomplished by our missionaries in a country where "woman is an accursed thing." Mr. and Mrs. Bond are beginning to feel at home in Monastir, their new station. The Christian women are making progress in reading, also in conducting meetings, and in the care and training of their children. The medical work brings many mothers under her influence who receive not only healing for the body, but they acquire also an ambition to order their own families after the well ordered Christian homes of the missionaries. Mrs. Bond gave us recently a thrilling account of a young man, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, employed by the British and Foreign Bible Society as a colporteur, who was carried off by a company of brigands and held in confinement as a hostage in the hope that £500—which they demand—will be given for his release. He understands several languages and will no doubt use this unforeseen opportunity to preach Christ to the people among whom he is confined. No clue had been found to his place of confinement; but much prayer has been offered for his release.

Mission work in the land of the Inquisition makes more encouraging progress each year. Clerical hostility is never silenced in Spain, but is newly revived with each Lenten season, when the annihilation of Protestantism is loudly threatened. The Liberals and the growing
Protestant church, however, are no longer intimidated. In thirteen years the mission has gradually established itself in fifteen stations, having six churches, five of them with native pastors, and a membership of nearly four hundred. Thousands of Bibles and Testaments, beside Christian books and tracts, were sold last year, and over three hundred children taught in the mission schools. Many of the pupils were hissed at, and pelted in the streets, yet they endured their persecutions with surprising fortitude, counting their privileges more than a compensation. Mrs. Gulick’s school for girls in San Sebastian is the department in which the New Haven Branch is specially interested. The school year just closed has been very encouraging. The public examination was held on the anniversary of the birth of Ignatius Loyola, which is a great “feast day” in that part of Spain. Mrs. Gulick wrote: “We could not honor the hero of the day, but we had a most successful exhibition of the school, and our hearts were thrilled at sight of one and another in the audience, attracted by the music, whom we never expected to see within these walls.” A new and commodious building has been secured, and the school has proved itself a necessity in the mission, by providing a thorough Christian education for the children of the Protestant congregations, and also serves as a basis of practical work for those preparing to be teachers. At present there are fourteen day and twenty-two boarding pupils. Among them is one Basque girl about sixteen years old, a fact of special significance, as it opens the way to this enterprising race. Several of these scholars are members of the church. Mrs. Gulick writes: “We thank all who by prayers or gifts have aided us. We are but your representatives in this our common work, and we feel deeply the responsibilities laid upon
us. God has answered your prayers and granted us many blessings. We have therefore taken for our watchword 'Forward!' and with bright hopes shall begin the new year."

The darkness that had long rested on the people of John Huss and the churches of Bohemia and Moravia had well-nigh crushed out all spiritual power previous to the commencement of the mission of the American Board in Austria in 1872. There was little spiritual life even in the Reformed churches, but Pastor Schubert, a man of extraordinary power, had been awakened to realize the spiritual destitution of his people and with a few others had begun to prepare the way for a real reformation. He welcomed the missionaries with devout gratitude and has always aided and cooperated with them. All the schools at that time were so completely under priestly control that the children of even evangelical parents were imbued with irreligion and immorality. Pastor Schubert conceived a plan for teaching at least a few children in his own house, and in spite of opposition and persecution from government officials and the priesthood, almost too great to be endured, he succeeded in carrying out his plan. As the needs and success of the school became known, aid and partial support were secured, mostly from foreigners traveling in Austria. In 1873, through Dr. Charles Ives, who had visited the Kraabschitz school, and urgent letters from the missionaries, an interest was awakened in America, and $4,000, mostly from New Haven, was sent to Pastor Schubert. This enabled him to enlarge his house so as to accommodate forty pupils and make the school a permanent institution. It has since become a true spiritual lighthouse for Bohemia and most valuable to the Reformed church, providing educated evangelical teachers for day and
Sabbath schools. Pastor Schubert and his good wife have given all their earthly inheritance to build up this school and with most faithful effort have trained the girls and young women in their care. With few exceptions the scholars have all been converted, and are filling important positions. When this school was opened there was not one school for girls in Bohemia under evangelical influence and no Sabbath Schools. Now in one hundred and thirty churches the children are gathered on each Lord’s day to study the Bible and in many homes the good seed is sown by the young women educated in the school at Kraabschitz. The New Haven Branch supports four pupils in this institution, and there is the fullest assurance that they are all being prepared for practical work and Christian service. The recent death of Pastor Schubert is felt to be an irreparable loss to the school and to the church. Thousands gathered at his funeral, proving the high esteem in which he was held. His beloved institution in this affliction calls for our tenderest sympathy and prayer that the Lord in His great wisdom and mercy will provide a godly leader for the Kraabschitz Home.

In concluding this report let our hearts unite in thanks for the privilege of a share in such a blessed service for our Lord. And in view of the peril of the waiting millions, the urgent calls for more laborers, and the grand results of the past, shall we not close the year with holy purpose to re-double our diligence in the year upon which we are about to enter?

Mrs. H. D. Hume.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

Fairfield County sends from her Northern Division a record of sustained effort and earnest hope. We note more regular meetings and an increasing membership, improvements in the methods of home work and greater interest in the foreign field.

The day in November chosen for the Fairfield County Annual Meeting proved not altogether fair. Perhaps it was as well for a company greater than that which assembled could, not have been gathered with comfort into the large church in Norwalk. One hundred and sixty-eight delegates were present and twenty-four societies were thus represented. An hour in the morning was given to the secretaries to report their year's progress. One little secretary, only eight years old, came forward and told of the Willing Workers with evident pride in her missionary society.

Rev. Edward Anderson stopped over three days in his journey west to be present and was invited to speak. He gave us sweet messages from his aged mother whose life has been a long devotion to the foreign missionary cause.

A praise service occupied the half hour before noon. Thank-offerings were brought and their accompanying Scripture verses read—the gifts came from auxiliaries and circles; from the mite-boxes of the poor; thanks poured forth from those recovering from sickness, and one gentleman in the audience could not withhold his thanks for his "good wife from the Lord."
Almost the entire afternoon was given to Mrs. Layyah Barakat the Syrian. She recounted her pathetic story and pleaded for her people and the numberless other Layyahs in heathendom. We felt after listening to her as if we had been “touched with a coal of fire from off the altar.”

The hospitality extended to us at this meeting was refreshing and perfect in its arrangements. Entertained and entertainers seemed mutually pleased.

Bethel.—The members “have been blessed in meeting together each month to pray for the coming of Christ’s kingdom,” and the contributions this year are larger than ever before. The young ladies have had a band of “Willing Workers” for a year connected with the American Missionary Association. Now a foreign missionary spirit has been developed and they send their first gift to our Branch this spring. Their meetings are held for three hours every other week. A portion of the time is spent in devotion and the remainder in sewing.

Brookfield Center.—The “two or three” who for a year kept up the monthly meetings are now increased to six. The auxiliary numbers eleven members. The Mission Day Spring has been circulated among the children and is now subscribed for by ten families.

Danbury.—An irreparable loss has been felt by the whole county in the death of Mrs. Chas. F. Starr, the president of this auxiliary. The January meeting was a memorial service, Mrs. Starr having died the week previous. The band of “Willing Workers” has been left without a leader, and is therefore dispersed. Will it not be some one’s pleasure to collect them into a circle again?

Easton.—Last summer a reorganization took place
with larger membership and more enthusiasm. Monthly meetings are held at members' houses: the hours are spent in home missionary sewing while listening to accounts of the foreign missionaries' labors. Mr. Leitch gave his lecture on Ceylon at their request, which opened a new avenue of thought to them.

**Georgetown.**—The officers of the older society have endeavored to stimulate the "Buds of Promise" the past winter and in so doing have doubtless strengthened their own hands. The secretary has been absent and we have not received the encouraging report that was hoped from them.

**Monroe.**—A fresh start was made last spring—the community being canvassed for members. Regular monthly meetings have been held at the parsonage. The envelope system has been adopted for this year and is thought to be a success.

**Newtown.**—No regular meetings are held, but the yearly contributions are sent and the intention is not to lose interest in Foreign Missions.

**Redding.**—The gatherings have not been held as frequently during the past year but have been of unusual interest and profit. "Mission Studies" is used as a textbook. The amount of money contributed shows a little gain upon previous years. The Ready Folks send very encouraging news of themselves. They voted this year to elect officers from among their own members and to carry on their circle without the supervision of a lady. Their members are both boys and girls, twenty-five in all, with ages ranging from four years to seventeen. They meet monthly and make their gatherings interesting to all. Mr. Leitch made them further acquainted in Ceylon where their chief interest centers and they are now making up articles for the Misses Leitch to distribute in their schools.
Ridgebury.—A society for mission work was started in this place last autumn. Its membership is small but the community is not a large one. We add their names to our list, although they have not pledged themselves as an auxiliary but will labor with us according to their ability.

Ridgefield.—The tenth anniversary has been celebrated. During the year eight meetings have been held at houses of members. The ladies have portioned out the world-wide field, and each person feels responsible for a monthly report of the advanced work in her allotted part of it. A personal interest is thus awakened. The meetings are held the first instead of the last Friday in the month "so as not to interfere with Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Trumbull.—Quarterly meetings are held which are well conducted and well attended. This is the eleventh year of work as a society. They sustain a scholarship in Marsovan.

Cordelia Sterling.

Fairfield County—Southern Division.

Bridgeport.—This society shows as ever a good record,—foundations well laid, work well planned, constant growth and increase in her many Mission Circles—two new ones since last May. The South Church "Young Ladies' Circle" has had during the year many pleasant gatherings, among them a visit from Miss Clarkson when fifty were present. The "Junior Circle" was organized in September last. The "Dewdrops" composed of the younger children have shown new interest in work, and have helped to prepare articles for
the box sent to the Misses Leitch of Ceylon for their Christmas tree. The North Church "Young Ladies Circle" holds weekly prayer meetings which are well attended and full of interest. They are planning for extra gifts for a ward in the Tungcho dispensary. The "Cheerful Workers" completed their second year in April. Each member besides her monthly gifts has a little jug at home for voluntary gifts. They too have a prayer service, and seven of them have connected themselves with the church this spring. The "Morning Stars" whose officers are all under thirteen years have commenced to shine since our last annual meeting, and send their gifts to speed the good ship (for whom they are named) in her useful mission among the islands of the Pacific. The Park Street Mission Circle has an average attendance at their meetings of one-third of their membership. Many seem more willing to give money than their time and sympathy. The "Pearl Seekers" of the same church continue their efforts and gifts.

_Darien._—Increased interest in their meetings is reported. The young ladies join in efforts to make these gatherings profitable. The society met with a sad loss in December in the death of their treasurer, who many years ago gave her heart and efforts to the missionary work and ever delighted to help the cause forward. Mr. Leitch's lecture did much to awaken new interest in the work in some not hitherto connected with the society. The "Busy Bees" have held their meetings regularly through the year, some of which have been marked by a tenderness that betokens the presence of the Spirit. Thank offerings and self-denials have been made which indicate the ever to be desired growth of love in the heart. They held a festival in the winter which was a great success financially.
Greenwich.—More members than ever before is the very encouraging report from this society. Monthly meetings have been made very interesting by appointed readers who have kept them well informed of the progress of the work in the many fields. Miss Knapp from Wellington Seminary, Africa, and Miss Howland of Ceylon they have had face to face with them and have been led to see that these native Christians set them an example of zeal in reform work in the church. Their “Bearers of Light” have during the year met with the loss of one who for several years was their president, and for more than three years encouraged them by an absorbing interest in their work. The secretary of the “Little Neighbors” says, “At our monthly meeting we have an average of twelve; each gives five cents per month. At our meetings we have prayer and singing and missionary articles read. And we have a question box in charge of two members.”

New Canaan.—Their meetings have been called regularly during the year but through the severe winter months were not fully attended, although none are missing from their number, but there is rather an increase. At the October County meeting they sent a thank offering of $15. Their interest is in Kraabschitz, Bohemia, and they are hoping and praying that God will raise up another laborer to take the place of Pastor Schubert who has finished his work and been called up higher.

North Stamford.—The members of this society are so scattered that it seems impossible to get more than one-fourth of their number together. The meetings are interesting and those who attend feel that the hour spent together is very profitable. One of their number, nearly ninety, shows much zeal and activity in their work. Two of their number attended the county meet-
ing and brought with them thankful hearts and their thank offering to the praise meeting.

**Norwalk.**—The secretary says, the "Young Ladies' Branch" have united with our association this year. The visit of Mrs. Barakat in October served to excite a fresh interest among our young people particularly. The "Junior Circle" at once determined to raise a special sum for at least one scholarship, and one joyous young Christian receiving ten dollars as a birthday gift gave it all towards this object. The "Sunbeams" are still sending their rays into the dark corners of the earth. The older society has made a special feature of the thank offerings, the amount being larger than usual. Though their home work has assumed larger proportions they still trust that more than ever they shall realize the preciousness of the great truth "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth."

**Sound Beach.**—Only one year has this society been in existence yet their growth has been most remarkable, from ten to fifty-eight. They now count about all that can be obtained from the ladies of their church. One determined woman bent on doing what she could for the extension of Christ's kingdom has made this object a hand to hand and house to house work. The Secretary says we have all learned to love the work and are willing to make sacrifices for it. One delightful outcome of their zeal is the awakening a desire in the hearts of the children to do some missionary work.

**South Norwalk.**—The secretary says our record is one of slow growth but of patient continuance. Their president has been laid aside from active effort, still their work has gone on and their interest is deepening, having an attendance of from fourteen to twenty-five at their monthly meetings. The county meeting was an
inspiration and blessing to them. Their collectors are doing good work for the cause which will be owned and blessed by the Master. A work has been begun among the children which we hope will grow into a mission circle.

**Stamford.**—The secretary says, Our meetings are made better by the “Mission Studies,” of which ten copies are taken. The “Tiny Helpers” organized in June from the infant class in Sunday School has grown from a membership of six to fifty. Some of these are honorary. “A more enthusiastic crowd of little workers it would be hard to find,” so their leader writes. On one of the very coldest days of last winter twenty-two of these brave little people climbed the hill to the leader’s home to attend their meeting. Last December they held a fair and had missionary recitations and other exercises with a breaking of the jugs which contained their pennies. They have also made and sent a quilt to Mrs. Walker’s home at Auburndale for which they received a delightful letter. The leaders of this interesting band have learned that to make efficient workers and givers to the cause they must begin with the tiny ones. We would add that it is the enthusiastic leaders that communicate the enthusiasm.

**Stanwich.**—The secretary says it is encouraging to see how many new names are added to our list of members. Some of the young men are showing their interest in missions by joining our circle. The assistant secretary of the county is doing much by her helpful letters to interest us in our work.

**Stratford.**—We go to our monthly meetings feeling that it is a good thing to be there. That these meetings tend to secure our interest and extend our influence in mission work we cannot doubt. We have a member-
ship all pledged for various sums monthly. The annual meeting, including their two mission circles, was sustained by home talent alone, and was helpful to all. At one of their monthly meetings they were addressed by Mrs. Blanchit of Japan. Their "Young Ladies Circle" and the "Alpha Band" are both doing nicely, the young ladies proving themselves efficient helpers at our county meetings. The "Alpha Band" through their earnest leader is doing good service in many ways, sending seventy-five bags for the Christmas trees in Ceylon.

Westport.—A healthful growth still develops. Meetings have been held regularly, using "Mission Studies." A Bible reader in Tungcho, China, is supported by their contributions.

Wilton.—They are still at work but sickness and other obstacles have made it impossible to meet regularly. The young people and children are putting their hands to the work that the older ones cannot do. The "Light Bearers" from a membership of nineteen last year now number forty, from one to three joining at each meeting, and their interest in the work is constantly increasing. Fifteen of these "Light Bearers" are to connect themselves with God’s people at the next communion. Last summer when the call came for more money for the "Morning Star," the infant class of the Sunday School responded so cheerfully that their teacher decided to form them into a circle to be called the "Morning Stars." They devote a part of one Sunday in each month to talks of missions and missionaries.

Mrs. N. E. Gleason.
Litchfield County—Northern Division.

The progress of the work in the northern part of the county is specially noticeable in the formation of three societies of young ladies. The deepening interest in missionary work among all classes, is apparent to every thoughtful person.

Canaan.—The interest in the monthly meetings continues. They sustain a Young Ladies' Mission Band, which is both enthusiastic and successful, and in raising money far outstrips the older auxiliary. They sustain a scholarship in Marsovan.

Colebrook.—No regular meetings are held, but there are a few who have an interest in the work and desire to sustain it.

Ellsworth.—The interest continues as usual. They try to do all they can. The "Golden Links" have been very active during the year.

Falls Village.—The numbers continue the same, and although great efforts need to be made for their own church, they sustain their contributions to the foreign work with unabated interest.

Harwinton.—The Secretary writes: "Our meetings have been wonderfully sustained for such a scattered population. All who attend feel interested, and take part in prayer, reading, singing, and recitation of scripture."

New Hartford.—The chief source of encouragement is found in a Young Ladies' Band, recently organized. They have eighteen members and meet once in two weeks for work and prayer.

Norfolk.—No town in Litchfield County sustains with such unabated energy the work of missions among the
young. Beside the usual auxiliary society, there are three mission circles, all flourishing and hopeful. The Young Ladies meet once in two weeks, with an occasional evening sociable, when gentlemen are invited. They take "Life and Light" and "Mission Studies," and have them read at the meetings. The "Hillside Gleaners" meet every Saturday afternoon, and the Secretary writes, "they enjoy it ever so much." Twenty-two boys are the number of the "Mountain Wide Awakes." They meet once in two weeks and work in brass, copper and German silver, making candle sticks, wall pockets and match safes.

Sharon.—The interest in the work remains the same. The "Busy Bees" raise from $80 to $100 annually, and the Secretary writes that the meetings are well attended and all the members enjoy them.

South Canaan.—This society holds its meetings as usual with the Falls Village auxiliary, and the meetings are sustained with interest.

Salisbury.—The Secretary writes, "the meetings are held alternately in Lakeville and Salisbury, and much interest is manifested in the missionary intelligence always read."

Thomaston.—The Secretary writes, "I think I can safely say, that there is at the present time a revival of missionary spirit in the society, and the outlook is very favorable.

Torrington.—The monthly meetings have been well attended and the interest sustained. The "Highland Workers" find their interest increasing and the meetings well attended. They sustain a scholar in Harpoot.

Torrington, First Church.—The Secretary writes, "our average attendance has been larger than at any time since our organization. The devotional meeting is
followed by a social hour and tea. We have found it very pleasant and profitable. New voices are heard from time to time, praying for the spread of the gospel. Special prayers are offered for special workers and their work. God has verified his promises, has been with us, and blessed our little gatherings."

Torrington, Second Church.—The meetings are held on the Sabbath. The Secretary writes, "we have been strengthened and encouraged in our work and inspired to seek for larger blessings for ourselves and for the foreign field."

Watertown.—The meetings are regularly continued, with interest and profit. The "Merry Workers" have asked to become contributors through the Branch to Foreign Missions.

Winsted.—The meetings are regular, but the attendance small. Many contribute from year to year who do not attend the meetings. The "Mountain Daisies" exist, although their meetings have been interrupted this winter. Miss M. P. Hinsdale.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

Bethlehem.—Meetings have not been held regularly during the winter on account of sickness and absence of members. They hope now to hold meetings semi-monthly, continuing their studies on topics suggested in the "Life and Light." The "Willing Hands" circle is in a flourishing condition, holding monthly meetings with an average attendance of ten and twelve, and have done a good deal of work.

Bridgewater.—There has been an increase in attendance and interest at the monthly meetings, the average
attendance being thirteen. The mission circle "Cheerful Givers," has been lately organized. "The children seem interested in their meetings. We are agitating the question of a young ladies' circle, and hope we can report one next year."

Cornwall.—The President writes, "some of our young ladies are quite interested and we hope for additions to our society from them." Then she urges every Christian to remember that while works are necessary, prayer is the first and fundamental thing, for out of a full heart, deeds will spontaneously spring.

Goshen.—Monthly meetings are held by this society, which labors zealously for the good cause. The "Buds of Promise" are very active and work nobly.

Kent.—Meetings are not largely attended, but there are zealous workers. The president is taking great pains to interest the ladies of the congregation who have not been in the habit of attending the meetings. The president of the "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" writes, "our monthly meetings are well attended and largely devotional. Not many take part, but we have prayer, Scripture reading and singing, and I think all would be very unwilling to dispense with the opening exercises. Six of our number have recently become Christians." There is also a Children's Circle.

Litchfield.—The quarterly meetings have been held regularly and have been well attended. A commendable interest is shown in all departments of mission work. The young ladies especially have responded in a most cheering and encouraging manner to a request for distinct organization, and an increasing number are being enrolled. They hold semi-monthly meetings, and a part of the winter have met on Sabbath afternoons for devotional meetings and reading concerning mission fields.
The "Daisy Chain" and its leaders are always active and do well their part. They gave a box of useful and fancy articles each to the school at Harpoot and one to Japan.

Milton.—Monthly meetings are held as regularly as may be through the year.

Morris.—The president writes, "we do not see as many at our meetings as we could wish. We know our sisters are 'cumbered with much serving,' but we are sure if they would 'come aside' 'and rest awhile' in our pleasant meetings listening to the cheering reports from the wide world, they would depart with an increased faith that the uttermost parts of the earth shall be given to Christ for a possession."

New Milford.—We made our last meeting a prayer-meeting except reading the report of the annual meeting of the W. B. M. At our regular monthly meetings, from eight to twenty are present. Many members never come, but they pay their dollar to the collector. The Excelsiors are much interested in basting work and in making picture scrap-books for a school in Marsovan. The lady who has them in charge is striving to make them real missionary girls. There is also a band of little ones, "Golden Links," in the infant department of our Sunday School. One Sunday in the month is mission Sunday. This band consists of boys and girls. We all enjoyed the county meeting, and we think it did us good."

New Preston.—"The attendance at the monthly meetings has been larger the last year than formerly, and I am sure the interest in missions is deepening. It is impossible that it should not be so when we meet often to read about the work, to talk about it and to pray for its success. The young ladies sustain a prayer meeting."
North Cornwall.—The only organization in this place is a mission band of young people which is strengthened and encouraged by the help of the older ladies.

Northfield.—“Much interest is felt in the work. The last year we have passed the contribution box at each meeting to gather up the pennies saved by the reduction of postage from three to two cents. By so doing we have gained three dollars.” The “Steadfast Workers” report, “we have added eight new members the last month and intend to do at least a little good by giving what money we can, and to learn something of the work which is being done all over the world for the spread of the gospel.

Roxbury.—A good attendance at the monthly meetings is reported and interest much increased. A mission circle has been formed this year.

Sherman.—Special efforts have been made the past year resulting in regular monthly meetings and increased contributions.

Warren.—The scattered community prevents frequent meetings, but the members are interested in the work.

Washington.—Since the county meeting last fall regular monthly meetings have been well-sustained. Two members who were ever deeply interested in the work have been removed by death during the year.

Woodbury, First Church.—The Secretary writes, “we are pushing along.” Another writes, “we have been stimulated to think of organizing a young ladies’ circle and when next you hear, I hope we shall have done so, including the children of our church.”

Woodbury, North Church.—“The ladies have been raising funds for repairing our church, so that this year money for missions comes in slowly.”

MRS. D. D. T. McLAUGHLIN.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY—NORTHERN DIVISION.

Cromwell.—This society has voted to continue the "missionary teas." The secretary writes "we enjoyed the County annual meeting held with us and its quickening influence was felt by all, while some were led to double their contributions. We sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Dudley, Oct. 26, who had been our president only three weeks, when called home.

East Hampton, First Church.—The Saviour has graciously visited this people, and seventy-five have accepted His invitation to partake of the Bread of Life. We may look for reapers in the world's harvest from this field. While rejoicing, they also sorrow. In the death of Mrs. Chauncey Bevin, one of the founders of the auxiliary and one of its strongest and most constant supporters is removed. The special work of the year has been the gathering of a children's mission circle, called "Humming-birds." This circle was organized last October with fifteen members, and now numbers fifty. The children are interested and working earnestly. Thirteen of them have recently given their hearts to the Saviour and are anxious to work for Him.

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

Middlefield.—"Our ladies are interested and rejoice in mission-work." It has been their custom for some years to send a box to the Zulu children in the schools under the care of Miss Hance for their Christmas festival, also to baste patchwork for her sewing school. This has been done as a memorial of a beloved missionary, who helped establish these schools and for more than ten years labored in them.
Middle Haddam.—At the regular monthly meetings India, Japan, Ceylon and Africa have been subjects of study. Financial troubles necessitate small offerings, but there is increased interest in the cause of missions. The secretary of the auxiliary writes, "Our hope for the future work here is in the mission band. Its members are bright, active girls, eager to do something in life. If consecrated Christians they would have great power for good." Within a month four of these girls have given themselves to Christ. In the early part of the year the secretary of this band enrolled herself with the church below, but was soon called to the church above. Since January seven meetings have been held with the usual attendance of fourteen members.

Middletown, North Church.—Twelve papers have been prepared and other material collected for the ten meetings of the auxiliary which have been held during the year. At the October meeting Miss Talcott gave interesting descriptions of Japanese homes. In February, Miss Martha White, recently returned from a journey around the world, gave a short account of her visit in Japan, and the vice-president reported the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board. A paper on the best methods of reaching the churches was read in the March meeting. Increased individual effort was urged and a plan suggested whereby every woman in the church should be personally addressed in regard to the obligations resting on her for mission work. The Gleaners give encouraging signs of growth. At the annual meeting eighteen mite-boxes were distributed, and hearts have been quickened for new work. They are making jackets for children in the Misses Leitch school in Ceylon and scrap-books for Marsovan.

The "Ten times One" circle is making good progress,
nine meetings have been held during the year in which the boys have studied the history of China, Japan, Africa, the Sandwich Islands, and Micronesia. They still bring the birthday pennies. In March they entertained Mr. Leitch and their interest was much stimulated by his descriptions and pictures of life in India.

_Middletown, South Church._—The meetings have been very regularly attended during the past year with no diminution of interest. The envelope system is in use.

_Portland._—We are happy to report the most prosperous condition of this auxiliary since its organization. The meetings have increased in interest owing to the home-coming of Miss Martha White from a five years' journey around the world. She has spent much time with the missionaries, often in their families for weeks, visiting schools, going out with Bible readers and making herself a useful and profitable guest, while acquiring valuable information by observation and experience for home use. The secretary writes "with the Master's blessing on our efforts, the coming year will mark a new era in the mission work in Portland. A 'Work and Win' mission circle has been formed composed of ten young ladies with promise of more. They organize with the purpose to win for Christ."

_Westchester._—The meetings have been held as usual but with diminished numbers owing to much sickness and the death of two of the most active members. They "hope to rise from these afflictions to greater consecration to the Master's service."

The Willing Workers have held fourteen meetings with increasing interest. They have various devices for raising money. A missionary concert in June was prepared by the circle.

_Mrs. J. Webster Tuck._
While our record of the year past shows no remarkable advance, yet we may say that we are striving to hold on our way in patient well-doing, though we fear the commendation "she hath done what she could" can hardly be applied to us all.

The County meeting last October was full of interest. It being our tenth County meeting the societies were invited to contribute tithe offerings. The amount received from this source was nearly one hundred dollars. A review of the missionary work of the women of this county was given, revealing facts not known to all of us before.

Mr. Leitch visited twelve of our societies last March and was cordially received by all. Many expressed the belief that the result of his visits would be for good, increasing the interest among all, old and young. To not a few his pictures and words gave a new view of missionary work and new ideas of the destitution and degradation of the heathen world.

Centerbrook.—This society greets us to-day with these words of cheer: "During the year, nearly every family in the village has been visited by collectors. They report their pleasure at the very cordial reception given them by the people who seem to have been only waiting for an opportunity to contribute, and though our meetings have been few, our membership has considerably increased and our contributions more than doubled those of preceding years."

Chester.—Meetings have been held regularly every month. The attendance is small in comparison with the number of members, one-third of whom are life-
members. The interest in and love for the missionary cause remains with a few who are working steadily and quietly wherever an opportunity presents itself.

Clinton.—“Our society is still in operation; but we regret that so little interest is manifested by our ladies in the foreign missionary work. Only a small proportion of our members attend the meetings. These faithful few feel that they have been blest in the work.” Missionary letters, general missionary intelligence and home talent furnish material for the meetings.

Deep River.—For two years past, meetings have been suspended, but a plan has recently been proposed which it is hoped will produce a revival of interest among them.

East Haddam.—Eleven meetings have been held the past year, with increased attendance and interest. The topic for several meetings was a review of the work of the Woman’s Board from its beginning to the present time, noting the cause and circumstances of its formation, the gradual growth of each department of labor, number of missionaries, schools and homes. This course of study brought before our members a clearer view of the magnitude and importance of the great work to which so many hearts are now consecrated, both at home and abroad. Africa is at present the topic for study. Special efforts are being made to increase membership and attendance at meetings. The Phoenix Band has recently been reorganized and with a reinforcement of younger members their future looks more hopeful.

Essex.—This society sends “no word of discouragement. Our meetings have been well attended and are kept up with interest. We have taken up India for study and find the plan works well. Our membership has increased more than one-third during the year and
more copies of Life and Light are taken. We hope to increase our contributions the coming year, having adopted the plan of every member paying ten cents at each meeting. At our last meeting, a number of young ladies were present, which was an encouraging feature, and we are hoping to go forward in the good work.”

**Haddam.**—This auxiliary has nothing new or marked to report, simply holding its own with a good degree of courage. Meetings have been held regularly. Some of the members make it a point always to be present if possible. General information from the various mission-fields has been furnished, those of Maratha and Ceylon having received special attention. “Our acquaintance with the Eastern and Western Central missions of Africa has been continued with undiminished interest since their commencement.”

**Higganum.**—The usual number of meetings is reported with a small increase of attendance. “Spain, with a history stained with cruelty, rich in fine arts but weak in Christian life and progress, has engaged much of our attention. These studies of past sufferings for the faith and present intolerance should at least foster the precious graces of contentment and gratitude to Him who has made us to differ.” The secretary also speaks of a charming afternoon spent with Mrs. Osgood, a late missionary to China. The Shining Stars at present hold their meetings on Sabbath afternoons. They study the different mission fields by topics, as suggested in the Day-Spring. These are assigned to different members and original papers are prepared by them. Extracts from missionary papers and recitations of poems add interest to the meetings. The Secretary adds, “One pleasant feature of the opening exercises is the offering of prayer by the members of the circle. We
have found this very helpful to us all. After a mission field has been thoroughly studied, a missionary concert is held in the church at which the officers of the circle preside, and the whole subject is presented to the people, interspersed with singing and recitations. One method we used for raising money the past winter was by holding a Chinese tea-party. Some of the members of the circle were dressed in Chinese costume. The entertainment consisted of recitations, singing and representations of different Chinese costumes and customs. A large number of Chinese articles were on exhibition.” This circle was especially interested and benefited by Mr. Leitch’s lecture and illustrations, as Ceylon had been a recent subject of study.

**Killingworth.**—Increase of interest in the work and also of contributions is reported; but, owing to the scattered population, no meetings are held.

**Millington.**—The secretary writes: “Our membership is not large, but we have held our meetings regularly during the year. The attendance has been small; not due, however, wholly to lack of interest, but partly to the long distances our members are obliged to go in order to be present at the meetings.”

**Saybrook.**—“We still hold our meetings quarterly, with a larger attendance than when held monthly. The meeting in October was one of special interest. Ceylon was the subject. The history, geography and leading missionary events were given by different members, with the aid of a map and “Mission Studies.” The other meetings have also been of interest and well-attended.” The Sea-side Mission Band “has raised the amount for pledged work by the individual efforts of its members. They have shown more of the real missionary spirit than ever before, although they have not
raised as much money as in some previous years. The regular meetings are well attended."

Westbrook.—This auxiliary is sustained by a few who enjoy the meetings; but the home talent so necessary to add to the pleasure and success of the meetings, sadly needs development.

Mrs. S. McCall.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY.—EASTERN DIVISION.

In reviewing the past year, looking at the lights and shades, we are impressed with the feeling that in many of our auxiliaries there is an earnest and growing effort to please the Master in this work, which has already borne fruit in increasing love and service for the cause.

Cheshire.—"The meetings are not largely attended, but the usual contributions are freely given. We hope the interest will grow and deepen until every lady in the church may be interested in this work."

Guilford, First Church.—The secretary writes, "We hold our meetings regularly every month, with a good attendance and increasing interest in mission study. We hope for still greater blessings in this year upon which we have entered."

Guilford, Third Church.—"We have had no missionary with us the past year and but few attend our meetings, but the few who are regular in attendance are still hoping and praying for a large increase and earnestness in the work."

Madison.—This auxiliary still reports a large number of members who go steadily forward in their work, sustaining their teacher in Marsovan. They have frequent
testimony of her efficiency in the work, and occasional letters from her, which help to bind their hearts together. Items of interest are brought before their meetings. The "Willing Hearts," are doing their work well.

Meriden.—The "Woman's Missionary Society" of the First Church in Meriden held its fifteenth annual meeting in April and reports a year of prosperity. The monthly meetings have been well attended, and the willingness of all to assist in them according to their various gifts, shows how deep and true is the interest in the object of these meetings. The mission lessons have called out much research that results in an increased intelligence in regard to missions, and better appreciation of the work accomplished. We rejoice greatly in our mission circles. Advancing in age and strength they honor every draft made on them with promptness and fidelity—giving abundant promise of future years of faithfulness in the Master's work.

Meriden, Center Church.—"Several of our reliable workers have been prevented, by sickness and bereavement in their families, from attending our meetings during winter, but an increase of money given shows that interest in the work is not lessened. We have followed mainly Miss Pollock's course in 'Mission Studies.' Many instructive papers have been written, one, 'Progress in 1884,' showing conclusively the 'coming of the Kingdom,' was listened to with interest and profit. One result of our work is, the support of a Bible woman in India. The 'Willing Workers' are giving the blessings of an education to a heathen girl in Miss Twichell's school in Broosa."

North Branford.—The members of this circle still keep up their annual contributions. The secretary writes: "We wish we could report more in numbers,
but we trust more interest has been awakened by studying the mission fields, and hope our feeble efforts to advance this blessed cause of Christ will not be in vain."

Northford.—"The ill health of some of the officers, and unfavorable weather and traveling, have prevented many from attending the meetings, and our progress has not been as great as we could wish. Mr. Leitch's lecture was well attended, and we sincerely hope his coming here may result in an increase of interest in mission work."

North Madison.—The secretary says: "We feel greatly the loss of our president, Mrs. Gidman, who organized our society and has been most helpful to us, she having been called to another field of labor. The winter has been so cold and our members living so scattered, our meetings have been discontinued the past few months. We hope now to resume them with fresh zeal with our new pastor's wife as our leader. Mr. Leitch with his illustrated lecture awakened great interest, and gave us much valuable instruction in regard to missions and missionary work."

Wallingford.—The members of this society contribute now through the weekly pledge system and in that way the receipts have been increased. The Young Ladies' Society report few in numbers, but pecuniarily they have done well. They have been particularly interested in Japan, and have prepared interesting papers upon that country for their meetings.

Mrs. F. E. Hinman.
New Haven County.—Western Division.

Ansonia.—Monthly meetings have been held regularly through the year. "A deep interest in missions cannot be reported. We hope to do more the coming year." The "Ruby Circle" are still at work.

Birmingham.—This society has held no meetings during the year, owing to the removal of their president and sickness among other officers. With a new pastor and his wife, who have labored themselves in the foreign field, they are hoping to do better work in the year to come.

Derby.—No report of work is made. The pastor's wife, who for some years had been president of this society, has left for a distant home. A new president has taken her place.

East Haven.—A small increase in the membership of this society is reported. Since the annual meeting in October two quarterly meetings have been held which were quite interesting. The Young Ladies' Circle send no report. Mr. Leitch gave an address and exhibition of pictures in this place which was much enjoyed.

Middlebury.—This auxiliary has a name to live and draws a feeble breath. The reasons for this manifest weakness may be many, but the real and sufficient one must be spiritual declension." The "Hillside Gleaners" delay their report.

Milford.—The secretary writes: "There has been no abatement of interest in our work the past year, but as we have grown in knowledge its roots have more deeply fixed in our hearts. Our topic of study has been Ceylon. Mr. Leitch gave us in November a delightful address regarding the work of his sisters there. We have held
several miscellaneous meetings and learned much, regard­ing the work of other boards, and what is being accomplished in the many fields of the mission world. Considering that the weather on the days of our meet­ings this winter, has been severely cold, and that the religious interest in the church has made many extra meet­ings, our attendance has not failed, but has given ev­i­dence that the very abundance of God's blessing has not hindered or withdrawn from our work, but rather given us more delight in the privilege of being laborers with God." The Ivy Vine Mission Circle has disbanded and a young ladies' missionary society has been organized, whose plan of work is to hold meetings once in two weeks, devoting one meeting to foreign and the next to home mission work. There are separate committees in charge of gathering information in each department. This society gives promise of activity and real earnest work. The Rosebud Mission Circle is a band of bright and interesting little girls and boys, who are now start­ing out on their second year with much enthusiasm. A faithful leader has the superintendence of these little ones, who are thus led in early life to do some work for Jesus.

Mount Carmel.—This society cannot report much progress but is not discouraged, as meetings have been held once in two months, and all have been meetings of interest. "Missionary letters, items gathered from Life and Light, and various missionary papers, have kept us well informed." The society has lost one of its number the past year. They send the usual amount to the treasury.

Naugatuck.—The county meeting was held in this place in October and was very much enjoyed by the members of the auxiliary. A season of special religious
interest in the church encourages the hope that new zeal in missionary work may be manifested during the coming year.

**New Haven: Center Church.**—A gain of twenty-four new members during the year is reported, which shows a growing interest in the work. As this society has adopted Mrs. Edward Hume as their own missionary, it is believed that the feeling of interest will continually increase from year to year. Last summer a few ladies of this auxiliary sent a box of needed articles to Mrs. Hume for her own use. The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" auxiliary to the New Haven Branch was in the autumn formed from the Madura Band, for many years an active society in this church. Meetings of the Circle have been held every two weeks at the Chapel, on Saturday afternoons, a few interested ones coming together. It is hoped soon all the young ladies of the church will join, and become an association of enthusiastic workers for foreign Missions.

**Church of the Redeemer.**—The quarterly meetings instituted last year have been a success, and through them some have become interested in foreign missions who before were indifferent. Most of the members who attend the meetings have a special mission field with whose history they have made themselves familiar, and concerning which they report from time to time the latest intelligence. The two mission circles of this church still maintain their position. The young ladies have sent less money than in previous years, but it is due to the fact that they have had no entertainment. They have made a trial of the plan of holding meetings alternately, one at the church on Sunday and the following month at a private house of a semi-social character. The children are a bright set of little people, who enjoy having a
society of their own. One boy ten years old expresses his appreciation of the benefits of organization by which they become more parliamentary in their meetings.

*College Street Church.*—This auxiliary has had more contributors this year—hence more money raised. Committees have been appointed who prepare papers giving intelligence from the different foreign fields, which are read once a month at the sewing society, to the interest of all. They are encouraged with the prospect of much increased life in the auxiliary. "The Young People's Missionary Society" is reported by its secretary. She says: "We had our doubts whether we could have a society for foreign missions; but we have organized and the girls seem interested. Our prospects are very encouraging and we say to ourselves 'Oh, ye of little faith.'" The children have a mission band called the "Coral Workers." Two young ladies have charge of the band and are very faithful and fertile in devising ways and means to interest the children. They meet once a month on Saturday afternoons. The first hour is given to the study of some missionary field. Then after the study work begins in the making of scrap books and patchwork to be sent out in missionary boxes. The money from these Coral Workers is collected in two ways; the children are requested to bring with them four cents, or one cent for each week; the money to be earned by themselves if possible; also each child has a missionary box in which to deposit the rest of the money earned for this purpose. After some months it is expected to have a grand opening of these boxes, of which there are about forty. Many of the children have subscribed for the Mission Dayspring. There is still another society, made up of a Sunday school class called the "Cheerful Workers."
Davenport Church.—The interest in this society increases every year. Its members attend the meetings and offer their gifts with a better feeling. The Mission Circle has been alive all winter.

Dwight Place Church.—This society has recently sent in its regular subscriptions which do not amount to quite as much as last year. This, however, is not attributed to any lack of interest in the work. The Fairbank Mission Circle holds meetings every week and is doing more and having a larger attendance than heretofore. On February 14th they celebrated their second annual meeting by inviting all their members to supper. Mr. Fairbank was with them and talked to them about India.

Fair Haven: First Church.—This auxiliary has experienced some important changes during the year by removals to other places and death. Meetings commenced early in the autumn have not been continued, as the members prefer to give and receive from the monthly meetings of the Branch. This society is particularly favored in its very efficient and helpful collectors. The Young Ladies' Circle is doing a good work, and was one of the societies which cheered and surprised Dr. Holbrook by their prompt and generous gifts. The boys' circle is awake; one of their number has taken charge of the meetings since their leader left them last summer.

Second Church Auxiliary.—Monthly meetings are held which are made very interesting by the reading of selected articles on missionary work. Their interest in the cause does not wane. There is a young ladies' society in this church, and also a mission circle composed of young misses. Both societies are active and doing good work.
Howard Avenue Church.—No report from this auxiliary has been received.

Humphrey Street Church.—This auxiliary was reorganized October 10th. Meetings are held every month for prayer and to gain knowledge of missionary work. These active members hope, during the year to come, a larger number may be interested to join with them. It was proposed, independent of the annual subscriptions, to take a collection at each meeting, and the amount collected is very encouraging. The "Splinters of the Board" are doing well. They meet once in two months.

Temple Street Church.—This society reports an increase in its membership and a growing interest in missionary work. Their meetings have been interesting and very well attended.

The United Church.—The North and Third Churches having become one—under the name of the United Church—the auxiliaries were disbanded and a new one formed under the name of the United Church Auxiliary of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions. As this has been the first year of the united work, not all has been realized that the friends of the cause hope for and expect in the future. A good beginning has been made and it is proposed to have regular quarterly meetings of the society. The first has already been held, and the number present and the spirit of the meeting were very encouraging. The ladies' weekly prayer meeting is also once in the month a missionary meeting. The Young Ladies' Circle have been very successful in their years' work. Their missionary meetings held the first Sabbath evening of every month in the place of the Young People's meeting have been well attended, the room being always full and often crowded. A young gentleman always takes the charge of the
meeting, but the papers are read by the young ladies of the circle. They have made a study of Prague, Broosa and Bombay, of the countries in which they are, and the habits of the people. The young ladies' prayer meeting on Saturday afternoon of alternate weeks has been well sustained. Sociables have been held once a month, at which some missionary topic has been presented in carefully prepared papers. The circle intend taking two shares in the Japan Home in place of the one taken last year in Miss Holbrook's dispensary. So their work is enlarging. A children’s mission circle by the name of "Torchbearers" was formed during the last winter and now has a membership of about thirty boys and girls. They have had five monthly meetings, three of which consisted of missionary exercises by the children and an address by an older person, and two of work, filling scrap books with pictures and basting patchwork for Mrs. Hume's school in India. Both boys and girls show much interest in the work and the circle promises great success.

Yale College Church.—The removal of some members of this society makes its contribution smaller this year. The Mission Circle holds its meetings once in three weeks. The children earn all the money they contribute.

Orange.—The usual contribution is sent to the treasury and the membership of the society is unchanged.

Prospect.—After a vacation during the severe weather of the winter months the Prospect Gleaners seemed pleased to come together again. Two of the members walked two and a half miles to be present.

South Britain.—This society has been inactive but is soon to reorganize.

Southbury.—The number of members of this society
remains the same as last year. The missionary spirit is alive here though the wish is expressed for more faithful, earnest workers.

**Waterbury: First Church.**—Nothing new reported.

**Second Church.**—Monthly meetings are sustained with a small attendance. Something of interest has been added to these meetings by letters received from China by an officer, whose brother has recently gone there as a missionary.

**West Haven.**—The secretary reports “meetings held regularly—very few have been present, but the gatherings have been marked by an excellent spirit. Our president, to whom we owed so much for the life and vigor she imparted, has gone to China, and no one has been appointed to fill her place.” The Young Ladies’ Circle has prospered during the year. “In October, when we came together after a long holiday, there was an increased interest, and although it has flagged at times this has been the most blessed year of our work. We have succeeded somewhat in overcoming the reluctance to offer audible prayer; now our meetings always open with several brief prayers. The past year we have found out more about our own and other mission stations and that also has added considerable interest.” “The Missionary Sunbeams” meet semi-monthly.

**Whitneyville.**—This auxiliary still holds on its way glad to be numbered as one of the twigs of the Branch and includes in its membership interested workers. An interest developed among the young ladies has resulted in organization for mission work.

**Woodbridge.**—This society gratefully reports a slight increase in membership.

**Westville.**—The Young Ladies’ Mission Circle has for the past year continued the plan of devoting the
monthly meetings to gaining information about mission work. Although there is no increase in numbers, the interest in the cause is not less than a year ago. "We have been able to send fifty dollars in addition to our usual contribution."

**New Britain: Center Church.**—The year 1884 completed the twelfth year since the organization of this society. The secretary says: "We began with sixteen members; we have now over seventy. We have contributed an average of $263.41 a year. We have been addressed at different times by nineteen missionaries, and I think we all feel that though we fall far short of our privileges we are on the whole gaining in general interest and better grace. So far this year we have averaged a larger attendance than last year. As old members leave us new ones come in to take their places, and so far as I know no one has ever refused to write a paper or do anything which either the president, or in her absence the secretary, has asked. Last fall in connection with the South Church we sent a box to Mrs. Schneider, and her loving grateful letters, sent to us monthly, far more than repay us for anything we do for her.

**South Church.**—The interest in the monthly meetings of the ladies' society continues unabated. The average attendance has somewhat increased the past year. This society was favored in hearing the thrilling story of Layyah Barakat from her own lips. The impression made by her words will not be easily effaced—perhaps contributions received from some unaccustomed to give before, may be thus accounted for. Four mission circles are connected with this church. The "Little Links," a family society has already existed many months, and although they have not contributed the amount required to secure a membership with the Branch, they are a live
society and all doing a good work. The "Standard Bearers" have good meetings and the leader aims to develope them so that as they grow older they may take care of themselves. For manual work the making of puzzles and jackstraws to send abroad is found to be a sure way of interesting the boys in the foreign field.

Mrs. C. C. Foote.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

_New Haven, May 12, 1885._

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* Actual receipts for the year, $10,886.40.
RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Ansonia, ................................................................. $48.00
For scholarship at Foochow.

Bethel, ................................................................. 76.50
$5.50, thank offering, for Bible reader, Sagunahai,
and to constitute life member Mrs. Frank W. Smith.

Bethlehem, ............................................................ 32.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.

Bridgeport, ........................................................... 509.79
For Miss Andrew’s salary, $50 towards scholarship
at Santander, Spain, $25 each from Mrs. W. Minor
Smith and Miss Mary F. Kensett, to constitute
themselves life members, $25 from a friend to con­
stitute life member Miss Mary J. Minor.

Bridgewater, ......................................................... 50.00
Towards Mrs. Edward Hume’s school, Bombay.

Brookfield Center, ................................................... 4.00

Canaan, ................................................................. 20.00
Towards scholarship at Foochow.

Centerbrook, .......................................................... 65.00
Towards Mrs. Bond’s salary.

Cheshire, ............................................................... 40.00
For Vesuvasum, Bible reader in Madura.

Chester, ................................................................. 30.00
Constitute life member Mrs. S. W. Clarke.

Clinton, ................................................................. 45.43
Constitute life member Mary Elliot Hull.

Colebrook, ............................................................. 20.00

Cornwall, ............................................................... 20.00
Towards scholarship at Marsovan.

Cromwell, ............................................................ 105.81
For Gnanaperhasen Bible reader at Madura, $25 to
constitute life member Mrs. Wm. E. Hulbut, $25
to constitute life member Miss Sarah M. Savage, $8
from some young ladies, $3.85 for Morning Star.

Danbury, .............................................................. 182.00

Darien, ................................................................. 66.00
Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

Deep River, .......................................................... 20.50
Derby, .................................................................  $51.00
East Haddam, .....................................................  36.20
East Hampton, First Church, ..............................  38.00
East Hampton, Union Church, .............................  10.15
East Haven, ..........................................................  53.40
Easton, .................................................................  1.00

A thank offering.

Ellsworth, ............................................................  25.00
Essex, .....................................................................  14.50
Falls Village, ........................................................  10.00
Georgetown, ..........................................................  11.50
Goshen, ...................................................................  31.50
Greenwich, ............................................................ 188.50

For scholarship at Constantinople Home. $5 a
thank offering.

Guilford, First Church, ...........................................  40.00

For Bible reader in India.

Guilford, Third Church, .........................................  24.12
Haddam, ...............................................................  30.00

Complete life member Miss Martha E. Brainerd.
$17 towards another.

Harwinton, ............................................................  27.00

Towards Mrs. Edward Hume's School, Bombay.

Higganum, .............................................................  57.63

Constitute life members Mrs. D. M. Pratt and Mrs.
R. J. Gladwin.

Kent, ......................................................................  56.00

Constitute life member Mrs. Levi Stone.

Killingworth, ..........................................................  29.00

Constitute life member Miss Mary A. Lane.

Litchfield, ............................................................... 135.89

For Drupatatai Bible reader in India, $25 constitute
life member Mrs. Charles F. Baldwin, $25 from
Mrs. Adams to constitute life member Mrs. F. M.
Sandford.

Madison, ............................................................... 110.00

For support of Miss Anna B. Felician.

Meriden, First Church, .......................................... 135.00

$60 for scholarship at Madura and Ahmednuggar,
$40 for Szu-ma Bible reader in China, $25 towards
salary of Mrs. Bond, $10 for expenses of New
Haven Branch and constitute life member Mrs. J.
I. Butler.

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<td>For two schools near Aintab, one scholarship each at Marsovan, Ahmednuggar and Inanda, a Bible reader Gungabai in India, two shares in Japan Home, $50 constitute life members Miss Elizabeth F. Patten, Miss Addie A. Russell, $25 from Miss Marianne Clarke to constitute life member Mrs. Kate P. Hale, $20 a thank offering, $20 for Deacon Selah Goodrich in memory of his wife, $24.75 General Fund.</td>
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New Haven, Center Church, .................................................. $525.00
For salary of Mrs. Edward Hume, Bombay, and constitute life members Mrs. Henry Farnam, Mrs. Dexter Alden, Miss Fannie B. Thomas, Miss Adele H. Baldwin, Miss Sarah A. Clark.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, .......................... 162.80
$50 from Mrs. H. B. Bigelow for school in Bombay.

New Haven, College Street Church, .......................... 36.70

New Haven, Davenport Church, .......................... 37.00
Morning Star Mission.

New Haven, Dwight Place Church, .......................... 64.50

New Haven, Fair Haven First Church, .......................... 150.00

New Haven, Fair Haven Second Church, .......................... 84.40
$11.05 from Junior Department for Holbrook Dispensary.

New Haven, Howard Avenue Church, .......................... 26.00

New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, .......................... 19.00

New Haven, Temple Street Church, .......................... 10.50

New Haven, United Church, .......................... 308.00
$50 from Mrs. Eleanor Shepard and Mrs. Pierce N. Welch to constitute themselves life members, $60 from Mrs. Ives for Bible reader at Vizier Kupree, $20 from Mrs. Richard Rice towards life member.

New Haven, Yale College Church, .......................... 172.00
For Constantinople scholarship.

New Milford, .............................................................. 109.39

New Preston, .............................................................. 30.00

Newtown, .............................................................. 15.00

Norfolk, .............................................................. 50.00
Towards Mrs. DeForest's salary.

North Branford, .............................................................. 30.00
For a scholarship at Ahmednuggar.

Northfield, .............................................................. 35.00
For Bible reader in India Bhagubai.

Northford, .............................................................. 31.00
For a scholarship at Madura.

North Madison, .............................................................. 10.80
Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

North Stamford, .............................................................. 12.00
$1 a thank offering.
Norwalk, .......................................................... $129.30
  Towards salary of Mrs. Williams.

Orange, .......................................................... 34.00
  Towards a scholarship at Marsovan.

Portland, .......................................................... 37.50
  Towards a scholarship at Marsovan.

Redding, .......................................................... 34.00
  Constitute Mrs. T. M. Abbott life member.

Ridgefield, .......................................................... 41.00
  Towards support of Tsangunabai Bible reader at Bombay.

Roxbury, .......................................................... 38.50
  Towards Mrs. DeForest's salary.

Salisbury, .......................................................... 126.00
  Towards school at Kalgan, China.

Saybrook, .......................................................... 88.47

Sharon, ............................................................. 42.50

Sherman, .......................................................... 34.20

Sound Beach, .......................................................... 31.00
  $6 a thank offering, $25 towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

Southbury, .......................................................... 16.00
  Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

South Canaan, .......................................................... 12.00

South Norwalk, .......................................................... 65.00
  Towards salary of Mrs. DeForest.

Stamford, .......................................................... 60.20
  Towards salary of Salveen, Bitlis.

Stratford, .......................................................... 98.31
  $25 constitute life member Miss Cordelia Sterling,
  $10 thank offering for Morning Star Mission, $40 scholarship at Foochow, $20.86 for Branch expenses.

Thomaston, .......................................................... 25.00

Torrington, .......................................................... 21.00

  First Church, .......................................................... 30.25
  $35 to constitute life member Mrs. F. F. Jorden,
  25 cents from Hattie Hayes for Morning Star.

Torrington, Third Church, .................................................. 45.00

Trumbull, .......................................................... 25.00
  Constitute life member Mrs. Nelson French.

Wallingford, .......................................................... 156.09
  For scholarship at Santander, Spain.
Warren, .......................................................... 16.00
    Complete life member Mrs. Lydia C. Calhoun.
Washington, ................................................. 45.00
Waterbury, First Church, .................................. 53.70
    Towards salary of Mrs. Bond.
Waterbury, Second Church, ................................ 80.00
Watertown, ................................................................ 50.00
    For support of Sultan and Melek.
Westbrook, ................................................................ 45.00
    $20 from Mrs. Nancy Perry for scholarship at Ahmednuggar, $25 towards a Bible reader.
Westchester, ...................................................... 19.00
    Complete life member Miss Sarah J. West.
West Haven, ......................................................... 48.38
Westport, .......................................................... 40.00
    For Bible reader Wang-nai-nai, Tungcho, China.
Whitneyville, ....................................................... 50.00
    For a scholarship at Marsovan.
Wilton, ............................................................. 50.00
    $40 for scholarship at Foochow, $10 for Inanda.
Winsted, .......................................................... 273.71
    $50 from Miss Martha E. Beardsley to constitute life members Mrs. Adelaide L. Dickerman and Miss Eva Mather.
Woodbridge, ....................................................... 20.00
    For a scholarship at Ahmednuggar.
Woodbury, First Church, ....................................... 25.00
Woodbury, North Church, ...................................... 25.00
    For scholarship at Oodoopitty, Ceylon.

RECEIPTS FROM MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
Ansonia, “Ruby Circle,” ..................................... $10.00
    Morning Star.
Bethel, “Willing Workers,” .................................. 5.00
    Towards life member Mrs. Frank Smith.
Bethlehem, “Willing Hands,” ............................... 6.40
Bridgeport, North Church Sunday school, ............... 30.00
    For scholarship at Inanda.
Bridgeport, North Church, “Cheerful Workers,” ........ 89.00
    $30 for a boy in Miss Andrews’ school, $20 for
Morning Star, $14 for Bible reader under Miss Leitch, $25 towards support of S. Parkium, Bible reader in India.

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Meriden, First Church, "Boys' Mission Band,".......... 25.00
   For school at Bombay.
Meriden, First Church, Young People's Missionary Soc., 40.00
   For a Marsovan scholarship.
Meriden Center Church, Young Ladies' Mission Circle, 15.00
   For two shares in Holbrook Dispensary.
Middlebury, "Hillside Gleaners,"...................... 5.00
   Japan Home.
Middle Haddam, "Whatsoever Band,"..................... 20.00
Middletown, First Church, "Gleaners,"................... 50.00
   $40 for Marsovan scholarship, $10 Japan Home.
Middletown, First Church, "Ten Times One," ............ 19.10
   $3.25 for thirteen shares in New Morning Star,
   $1.40 for Morning Star Mission, $14.45 for Bible
   reader under Miss Leitch.
New Britain, Center Church, Primary department of
   Sunday school............................................ 32.32
New Britain, South Church, Young Ladies' Mission
   Band.......................................................... 62.57
New Britain, South Church, "Little Links,"............. 2.00
   Morning Star Mission.
New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers,"......... 25.62
New Britain, South Church, "Standard Bearers,"..... 24.12
New Haven, Center Church, Young Ladies' Mission
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New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, Young Ladies'
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   For a scholarship each at Ceylon, Inanda and Har­poot.
New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Acorn Band," ... 5.00
New Haven, Davenport Church, Mission Circle, .......... 40.00
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New Haven, Davenport Church, Sunday school.......... 60.00
   For scholarships at Marsovan and Ahmednuggar.
New Haven, Dwight Place Church, "Fairbank Mis­sion Circle,"................................................. 25.00
New Haven, Fair Haven First Church, Young Ladies'
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   For support of Rebecca, Bible reader at Madura.
New Haven, Fair Haven First Church, “The Helpers,” $10.50
New Haven, Fair Haven Second Church, “Quinnipiac Mission Circle,” 15.00
For Morning Star Mission.
New Haven, Humphrey Street Church, “Splinters of the Board,” 55.00
For scholarship at Madura and Morning Star.
New Haven, United Church, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle, 130.00
$40 for scholarship at Broosa, $30 for Bombay, $30 for Kraabschitz school, of which $30 from Miss Cady.
New Haven, United Church, Mrs. Cady’s school Mite Box, 11.61
New Haven, Yale College Mission Circle, 10.00
For Morning Star Mission.
New Milford, “Excelsior,” 50.00
$30 for Kraabschitz school, $20 for Japan Home.
New Milford, “Golden Links,” 14.00
Morning Star Mission.
Norfolk, “Hillside Gleaners,” 55.00
For Constantinople Home and Ceylon.
Norfolk, “Mountain Daisies,” 55.00
For Constantinople Home and Ceylon.
North Cornwall, Mission Bank Society, 18.20
$8 for Morning Star.
Northfield, “Steadfast Workers,” 3.00
Norwalk Sunday school, 10.00
A Christmas gift.
Norwalk, “Sunbeams” 10.00
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Norwalk, “Senior Circle,” 5.00
Norwalk, Young Ladies’ Mission Band, 108.00
$8 for Morning Star, $30 for Kraabschitz school, $30 for Inanda, $40 for Foochow.
Prospect, “Gleaners,” 35.00
$5 Morning Star Mission.
Redding, “Ready Folks,” 30.00
For scholarship at Oodoopitty.
Saybrook, “Seaside Mission Band,” 20.00
For Ahmednuggar scholarship.
Sharon, “Busy Bees,” ........................................................ $50.00
For school at Bombay.
Southport, First Church, Sunday school, ....................... 30.00
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Stamford, “Tiny Helpers,” ........................................... 40.00
$5 for Morning Star, $25 Bombay, $10 Japan Home.
Stanwich, Mission Circle, ............................................ 11.25
$1.25 a thank offering.
Stratford, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle, ...................... 25.00
$5 a thank offering and two shares in Holbrook Dispensary.
Stratford, “Alpha Band,” ............................................. 13.05
$8.05 for Morning Star.
Torrington, “Highland Workers,” ................................ 42.40
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Wallingford, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle, ................. 35.00
$10 Holbrook Dispensary, $10 Japan Home, $15 Morning Star.
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Westville, Young Ladies’ Mission Circle, ...................... 90.00
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Whitneyville, “Sunshine Circle,” .............................. 40.00
For Japan Home.
Wilton “Light Bearers,” .............................................. 70.00
For scholarship at Constantinople Home.
Winsted, “Mountain Daisies,” .................................... 30.00
For scholarship at Talas.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For Missionary Fund.
Legacy of Mrs. Louisa M. Parker, ...................... $200.00
Middlesex County meeting tithes, ....................... 98.50
Offerings at Fairfield County meeting from unknown persons, 29.02
A former member of the Third Church for Holbrook Dispensary, $10.00
Mr. Dwight Williams for Morning Star, 20.00
A friend, to constitute life member Miss Lilian E. Clarke, and for support of Baizabad Bible reader in India, 40.00
A friend, 50.00
Winchester, Mrs. Theron Brown, 2.00
Edith B. Carrington, Astoria, Long Island, for Morning Star, .15
Amy L. Stone, Yonkers, New York, for Morning Star, .15
Mrs. J. C. Foss, Harry B. Moore, Edith Moore, New York, for Morning Star, 1.50
Wilton, a little girl, for Morning Star, .50
Sale of Morning Star certificates, .50

For Branch Expenses.
Collections at Branch monthly meetings, 106.39
" Fairfield County meeting, 29.84
" Litchfield " 22.56
" Middlesex " 7.30
" New Haven " 6.65
Advertisements in thirteenth annual report, 122.00
Sale of reports and leaflets, 6.67
Donation for expenses, 10.00

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

Attest, ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

New Haven, May 29, 1885.
## BENEFICIARIES.

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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 an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be holden by said society at any one time.

Sec. 3. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold money given by voluntary contributions, donations, bequests, or otherwise, to be exclusively expended for the christianization of women and children in foreign lands, by supporting such missionaries, teachers, bible-readers and schools and such other missionary work as may be selected by the board of officers, with the approbation of the Woman's Board of Missions located in the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.
SEC. 4. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure; it may appoint such officers as may be deemed expedient, and may make, ordain and put into execution such by-laws and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of the same, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, the laws of this State, or the laws of the United States.

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

CONSTITUTION.

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

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

ART. 2. The Executive Committee shall have full power to do all that is necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this society, and may fill vacancies in office during the current year.

ART. 3. The object of this society is to spread the
knowledge of the pure gospel among women and children in heathen and nominally Christian lands. It seeks the union of many societies having a common center, and to awaken interest and raise money throughout its limits by the diffusion of missionary intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall write to missionaries and to the parent society, preserve copies of important letters, conduct other correspondence outside of the home work, warn meetings and provide information and speakers for the same.
Art. VI. The Home Secretaries shall present a report of the home work at the monthly meetings, correspond with the county Vice-Presidents and with Auxiliary Societies and Mission Circles, keep a careful record of interesting facts and items gained during the year, including change of officers and names of new societies with the names of their officers, from which record material may be gathered for the annual report. They shall furnish societies and mission circles with missionary letters and papers from the Bureau of Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

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

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

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

ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Woman's Board of Missions is auxiliary to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Twenty-five dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member of the W. B. M.; if given by one person, it it may also be applied for a Beneficiary. This may be paid by installments, mention being made with each installment that it is intended for that purpose. One hundred dollars given by a society during the year may constitute a Life Member, and may also be applied for a Beneficiary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We call attention to the fact that the New Haven Branch is an incorporated body, and we request all members of the Branch who intend to make bequests to Foreign Missions to use the form of the bequest on page 123 of this report.

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

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

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"Our Mission Field." Published monthly by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Address, Miss Parsons, 20 N. Washington Square, New York. Sixty cents per annum.


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OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH, MAY 12, 1885.

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53. Need of perseverance in the work. Vermont Branch.
54. Oceanica.
55. Our friends in Ceylon. Miss Stone.
56. Our missionary meeting. Mrs. Mead.
58. Prayer. Dictated by Mrs. Eastman as her last message to co-workers in Foreign Missions.
59. Promises relating to the kingdom of Christ. Mrs. McCall.
60. Sandwich Islands. Mrs. S. E. Champion.
64. Story of our mission circles. Mrs. E. B. Mead.
67. The Children. What more can be done to enlist them in the missionary work? Mrs. Mead.
68. Translation of letter to missionaries in Harpoot from an Armenian whose daughter had been educated at the Seminary.
69. Wanted, leaders for Mission Circles. Miss Eastman.
70. What are you doing for Jesus? Mrs. Curtiss.
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