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The Ninth Annual Meeting of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in Waterbury, Tuesday, May 11th, 1880. There were in attendance a large number of ladies, thus testifying their continued interest in this work. The meeting was held in the First Congregational Church, which is a new and elegant edifice, where everything that could be done for the comfort of their guests, the busy hands and loving hearts of the ladies of Waterbury and vicinity had done. Rich and rare flowers most tastefully arranged lent their fragrance to the air.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by Mrs. G. P. Prudden of New Haven, who spoke regretfully of the absence of the President, Mrs. Burdett Hart, on account of ill health, and in behalf of the Executive Committee, invited Mrs. O. P. Hubbard, the first President, to preside at this meeting. She also welcomed the delegates from the numerous auxiliaries of the Branch, from sister organizations, and all friends of missions present, saying that she would like to take them each by the hand. She added, "From an area covering two thousand miles we have come here, as representatives of eighteen thousand Christian women. We have come to speak and hear of our common cause, to receive and impart helpful influences. We need but the presence of Jesus to make this a spiritual feast in the strength of which we shall work for His glory."
Mrs. John Dutton of Waterbury gave warm welcome to all present, in behalf of the ladies of that city and vicinity. The rallying hymn, “Stand up for Jesus,” was sung, and Mrs. Hubbard read appropriate Scripture. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Backus of Rockville. The Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Curtis of New Haven, as also the Annual Report of the Recording Secretary, which contained facts of great interest.

The Treasurer's Report followed, which showed encouraging increase of funds the past year, as compared with the year previous, and that the money raised came not so much from legacies, or large sums, as from the collection of widows' mites and children's pennies.

The Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Hume, being detained at home, her paper was read by Mrs. Hubbard. It contained the latest news from the missionaries supported by the New Haven Branch, and others, and was so full of interest that I quote from it freely. "Mrs. Chapin, writing from Tung-cho, China, says, 'I wish I could have the ear to-night, of some ten or twenty young, earnest, Christian men or women, who are asking, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? They could not wait long for an answer; they would surely come into this work, for it is an enviable one. I never had such joy before.' Such are the feelings of hundreds of our beloved missionaries to-day. Their longing for souls, and the story of their disappointment as one open door after another is closed for lack of laborers, they can only tell to Jesus. I have selected a few extracts from these letters, trusting that in this assembly they will reach more than twenty earnest Christian workers."

Miss Newton, Foochow, China, writes of a Chinese Christian woman, who came to her in great distress, because her husband was anxious to sell their little daughter
for a future wife to a heathen man twenty years her senior. This father had contracted debts to sustain a heathen festival, and pressed by his creditors, offered to sell his daughter to pay them; and she writes, "Think, dear Christian mothers, when you caress your darlings in your Christian homes, under the influence of gospel light, what the love of Christ means to your heart. And then contrast what the lack of this love means to the millions of your sisters in China. Surely the reason Christians are not more interested in Foreign Missions must be because they know so little about them." Miss Andrews, writing from Kalgan, says, "The work never looked so delightful, and full of promise as now."

Mrs. Williams, Principal of the Constantinople Home, while away for a little needed rest, writes, "I have just received the most precious news of all the year. A number of our girls have recently found peace in accepting Christ as their Saviour. They are girls for whom we have had great anxiety, and many others seem very near the kingdom. There is no excitement, but all the year we have noticed a deepening interest in religious truth, a growing conscientiousness, and we have been looking for this very blessing. How the hearts of all the praying ones in America will rejoice to know that God is answering their prayers."

Mrs. Schneider of Constantinople writes, "Our city covers a large area, and contains more than a million of people. Moslem bigotry and misrule will interpose every obstacle to missionary work, but I beg you not to be disheartened, dear sisters, for Christ has souls to win even here in this worldly city. I realize that the battle is not mine, but the Lord's."

Mrs. Bond from Bulgaria says, "To our delight the Turkish Commissioner is urging us to open schools, to
educate and convert the Bulgarians to Protestantism, claiming that it is the only hope for them. Protestants are being chosen for all offices of trust, by the government, because of their acknowledged honesty. From every mission station there is report of progress."

Mrs. Edwards, writing from Inanda, South Africa, says, "Our school numbers forty-eight, only two are Christians. Fourteen graduates are successful teachers, and living as consistent Christians. I take the girls with me into destitute places, and they help me in teaching these ignorant people."

Mrs. Bissell in Ahmednuggur, India, tells with great satisfaction of our good Bible women. She says, "In our tours we find villagers of all classes invite us to come and read, and sing, and tell about 'the new way.' Even in Brahmin houses I am welcome, and many of these women seem to be groping after the light. My time and strength are the only obstacles to the work."

Mrs. Robert Hume's health has prevented her from the service of the boarding school, but her hope has not failed. A letter just received, says, "please read Ps. 31, 32, 33, and see if with all these promises we have reason to be discouraged."

Mrs. Leonard of Marsovan, Turkey, says, "Our native church has five hundred members, and has formed a missionary society, each member to pay one dollar and a half annually to carry the gospel to the destitute. The boarding school never had a more promising set of pupils."

Mrs. DeForest in Japan says, "The government have taken up the educational work, and we are now free to go from place to place with the gospel." Mrs. Hume adds in conclusion, "many encouraging signs of progress come from every mission, and the work, through native agencies, is being doubled in every heathen land. Oh
that the Lord's people were ready for a greater consecration, and a more generous support."

Miss Abbie Child, of Boston, brought greetings from the parent Society, saying that they depended much upon the New Haven Branch for aid and sympathy, as they were only three years younger than themselves. Since Jan. 1st, fourteen young ladies have offered themselves for foreign work; thirteen were sent out last year. How shall they all be cared for? Are we responsible for the breaking down in health of so many choice laborers, whose field is larger than they can occupy? Her earnest words made us think that it might be true—and when she gave an illustration of one young lady, strong, and gifted, who returned after five years of service abroad, worn and enfeebled to a painful degree, we realized that there is responsibility somewhere. "The harvest truly is plenteous, and the laborers (or those who support them) are few." She closed with this earnest advice for another year: "Work a little harder, pray a little oftener, and give a little more."

The Eastern Connecticut Branch sent a letter of greeting through their President, Miss Gilman, and the Hartford Branch, representing Hartford and Tolland counties, was reported by Mrs. Terry. They had gained the last year five societies, and five mission circles. Mrs. Lathrop, of Providence, brought loving sympathy from the Rhode Island Branch. She spoke chiefly of boys' mission circles, and methods of interesting the boys in this work. Mrs. Hubbard gave greeting from the Presbyterian Board in New York, of which she is a member.

A sprightly poem from Mrs. G. B. Willcox, of Chicago, in response to a note of invitation to this gathering, was read by Miss Hubbard, and gave a hint of the many who might be looked for, if "all interested" should
appear. The work in Litchfield county was reported through its Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bonar and Miss Hinsdale, showing efforts made and results following.

By request, Mr. Stebbins came into the church, and sang a hymn, written by Mrs. E. N. Horton, commencing,

"Oh, haste to the work! 'tis the Master's call!
On each listening ear must the message fall;"

while the audience joined in the chorus of "'Tis an open door, an open door, Behold before thee an open door!"

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins then sang together, with thrilling effect, "They are gathering home from every land—one by one," until we seemed to see the crossing of the river, and entrance into glory.

Miss Emma K. Ogden, M.D., was then introduced to the audience, and gave some of the details of her experience in Sholapoor, India, which is one of the oldest mission stations in that country. She went out in 1876, and has now returned to rest for a season from her exhausting labors as a physician. To show the position of woman in that country, she took her audience with her on a professional visit to the house of a high-caste Brahmin. Everything in the husband's apartments denoted wealth and luxury. Passing through room after room, where were many costly ornaments, she was guided to a mud hut, not far removed, and surrounded by a high wall. Through passages of filth she entered, and found the wife and mother; alone, in darkness, and without comforts, she lay dying. She met one morning in her dispensary two patients; one of them was a high-caste Brahmin and priest, and the other a poor man, of Mahar caste, who had been sent to her by the missionary, Rev. Mr. Gates. The latter had a bad hand. She sent for the surgeon from the city to examine it, and after doing so, he said that it must be amputated. She determined
to save it if possible, and taking her lancet, opened it, cleansed the wound and dressed it. He stayed three months near her, and at the end of that time was fully healed, and not only in body, but was changed in heart, and asked to join the church. She said: “I put him off for several months, but just before I sailed from India, he and his wife and eight children were baptized. I need not say how deeply grateful he was for my efforts in his behalf. The Brahmin priest was also healed, and went his way. I met him afterward, and he wished to show his gratitude by making a feast for me! This was all he could do. I have been asked by hundreds of medical students if it paid to send a medical missionary to India, and I answer, ‘Yes, four-fold.’ A letter inviting me to return has been sent me, signed by fifty high-caste Brahmins and Parsees. In that city of 75,000 inhabitants, there are only two missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Gates! It gave me a heavier heart to leave India and my work, than it would to leave my own dear mother, now seventy-eight years of age, to return to it. The time has come for a change of religion, so the Brahmins themselves say, and women must have a large agency in the work.” She closed with an earnest appeal for helpers in India and elsewhere.

At 12.80 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the parlors above, where a bountiful collation had been prepared. Nearly seven hundred ladies enjoyed a social hour around the well-filled tables, where the cheer of Christian fellowship and hand-clasps added great zest to the occasion.

At 1.30 p.m. a brief prayer meeting was held, led by Mrs. W. H. Smith, of New Britain, after the close of which, the afternoon session began. A select choir rendered the anthem, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.”
The following resolutions were then read by Mrs. Adam, of New Haven:

1. Resolved, That it is with unfeigned sorrow we learn of the cause, which is to separate us from our beloved President, and that with our sympathy we unite a hope that she may speedily be restored to health.

2. Resolved, That we record our full appreciation of all that Mrs. Hart has been to the Branch; that we recognize how valuable her labors and influence have been in every department of the work, in executive and public meetings, in so ably representing us before the Board, and among the Branches, and in extending and strengthening our auxiliary forces.

3. Resolved, That we give active expression to the sense of loss we sustain in the retirement of our President, by each and all of us doing and giving more for the work than ever before.

4. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Hart.

Remarks on these resolutions being called for from the audience, Mrs. Backus, of Rockville, said a few earnest and tender words, fully endorsing all that they contained. She was followed by Mrs. Bonar, of New Milford, in a similar strain. Mrs. Hubbard, from the presiding chair, added, that Mrs. Hart possessed "great wisdom, great zeal, and a lovely way of doing everything." The resolutions were most heartily adopted, by a rising vote by all the ladies in the house.

The list of officers for the ensuing year was then read by the chairman of the nominating committee, and voted upon. The office of President remains unfilled, as more thought and prayer seemed necessary to bring forward the right person. Most of the former officers were reelected. We missed the name of Mrs. Wyllys Peck, who has filled the office of Recording Secretary ever since the formation of the Branch. Some other changes were made, and a cooperative committee was added. Miss Child, of Boston, offered an earnest prayer for all the newly appointed officers, and asked God to guide in the selection of a President, in His own good time.
Mrs. Fairchild, of New Haven, read a letter from Mrs. Hart, which was her farewell, written for the occasion, and must have gone to every heart. It was one of her characteristic letters, suggestive, thoughtful, graceful in expression, and full of tenderness, ending with the wonderful words of Paul the Apostle, which suit so many circumstances.

The Reports of the work done in Middlesex county were then read by Mrs. McCall, which showed great efficiency and growth, and those of the Vice-Presidents of Fairfield county were read by Mrs. Hershey and Mrs. Cady.

A paper prepared by Mrs. G. P. Prudden, of New Haven, upon the question, "Shall we unite home and foreign work?" was read by Miss Prudden. Conclusive arguments were brought forward to show that this could not be done advantageously, and some statistics were added, showing the comparative giving to Home and Foreign Missions.

The Report from New Haven county was omitted for want of time. Mrs. Cady read a letter from the New Britain Societies, who have for six years been connected with this Branch. Singing by a bright little mission circle of the hymn, "He that goeth forth and weepeth," was a pleasant relief at this hour.

Miss Ogden was again introduced to the audience, and spoke with great earnestness of her life in India. She said, "Let me give you a sketch of part of one day's work. I rise at 4 o'clock A.M., and after my hour for devotions, attend to the grooming and feeding of three horses. To do this, I go to the stable, accompanied by my assistant, see the grain measured out, and remain while it is eaten; otherwise the servant would grow fat, and the horses lean; and they are too important a part
of a physician's outfit to be carelessly treated. After my breakfast, which consists of a cup of coffee, a slice of bread, and sometimes a soft boiled egg, there follows, perhaps, a call from some English resident. I enter my carriage at 7 o'clock, and ride several miles, visiting patients. The Dispensary (which is the church) is open from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock A. M., where my attendant serves the people who throng thither. He gives them with the medicine, a good gospel sermon each day—and perhaps tells the story of his conversion. I go into the Dispensary—all are shouting together about their ailments, and those of their friends, at the top of their voices, hoping to attract my attention. I divide them off into different parts of the church, and as there are six different dialects, I find difficulty in making them all understand, not taking time to study the language much from books. I make some ludicrous blunders, but the people are too polite to laugh at them. For instance, when I wished to tell a woman to take two pills at night, I said to her, 'eat two horses,' and when I meant to say, 'What is the matter?' I really said, 'Clear out!' My good assistant notes the blunder, tells me of it, and then tells the people the right thing. The English surgeon says to me, 'You are the busiest person inside the city; how do you stand it?' I have the names on my books of 20,000 persons whom I have reached in two and a half years. Miss Norris, in Bombay, carries on the same work as myself, except that she does not go from house to house, as Bombay is another place from Sholapoor. The people often ask, 'What makes the difference between you and me?' and thus give me a chance to tell them about my sacred book, and compare it with their shasters. They also say to me, 'Why is it that you are here alone?' I have felt that the Lord would
send some one to aid me, and waited for their coming, until I grew so weak and weary that I had to be held up by my assistant. Then I knew that He had work for me in America, and perhaps if I came home I could tell of this work in India, and He would put it into the hearts of some young ladies to study medicine, and go out to heathen lands.” She closed her remarks with returning thanks for kindness received everywhere, and an earnest plea for more helpers.

Mrs. Cady, of New Haven, then moved a resolution of thanks to the many who had contributed to the joy and profit of the occasion. The concluding prayer was offered by Mrs. Palmer, of Bridgeport, and the farewell hymn sung. We parted with many a heart-throb and hand-shake, and I doubt not with new resolves of service for our Master, as also new earnestness in the heart-cry, “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” “To whom much is given, of them will much be required,” and these yearly gatherings are truly mounts of transfiguration, to fit us for future service, where we can say with Peter, “It is good to be here.”

Mrs. Lottie A. Gallup, Madison.
ANNUAL REPORT.

Before entering upon the tenth year of our history as a Branch, with its possibilities of labor, of self-denial, of defeat and of victory, let us pause for a brief moment, and look back over the way in which we have been led in the year just past. Each year brings not only the added blessings of another year in time, but richer and deeper heart experiences, greater love for the work and for the Master. Are not these alone rewards worth striving for?

And first, what has been done at home, within our own borders of Litchfield, Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties?

The County Branch meetings where, perhaps, as well as at any point, may be felt the pulse of interest in the counties, were all well sustained, good meetings.

From New Hartford, Litchfield County, one writes that there was a unanimous hospitality from the townpeople, that special prayer had been offered that a blessing might be left with them. The noon meeting for prayer was a truly solemn and blessed gathering. The power of these meetings is felt in each little society. Even auxiliary reports are not considered tedious. All like to know what the others are doing.

That of Middlesex County, held in East Hampton, was a meeting of much interest. Mrs. McCall presided. Several interesting papers were read. Miss Sisson, formerly a missionary in India, addressed the meeting, contrasting a death-bed scene in a heathen home with one illumined with the Christian’s hope. The collation was a pleasant time of social converse as well as of abundant hospitality. It was, in every respect, a good and successful meeting.
The Fairfield County meeting, at Stamford, was largely attended and full of interest. Earnest addresses were made by Mrs. Schauffler and Mrs. Hume, and a few words were added by Mrs. Parsons, of Manissa, Turkey. Mrs. Gleason, in behalf of the county, expressed their sense of loss in the removal of their Vice-President, Mrs. Willcox, and their appreciation of her successful work among them.

The good received in these gatherings is communicated, and from auxiliaries and mission circles scattered over the hillside or hidden in the valley, the response comes back in cheering words like these: "The morning cometh, I have faith to believe it is coming; the only question is are we ready for it?" From another—"We begin our third year with bright prospects, and it is pleasant to feel that the prejudice against our undertaking a mission circle in a feeble church is wearing away. We have just sent fifteen dollars, a third more than we sent last year. And this from Bridgeport strikes the key-note of all the success which has been achieved, and shows where our strength lies. "Our half-hour prayer meeting has become an important part of our exercises, a very important part, and more than the usual number of our ladies have participated in it the past year." Another, "I am confident that love for the work is increasing."

There have been a few accessions to the number of auxiliaries and mission circles during the year. Colchester and North Woodstock, owing to geographical position, have been transferred to the Eastern Connecticut Branch, while Greenwich, Stratford, New Canaan, Essex, North Cornwall and Plantsville, six in all, have been added. Of Mission Circles during the year we welcome from Prospect "The Gleaners;" Bridgeport South Church Mission Circle, "Little Missionary Work-
ers of Higganum;" Fair Haven, Second Church, "Infant-
class Mission Band;" in Fair Haven, First Church, one
Boys' and one Girls' Circle; East Haddam, "Phenix
Band;" East Hampton, Union Church, "Children's
Band;" Meriden, "Boys' Mission Band;" Middlebury,
"Hillside Gleaners;" Middletown First Church, "Glean-
ers;" West Haven, "Missionary Sunbeams;" Bethle-
hem, "Willing Hands;" Wallingford, "Mite Gather-
ers;" Kent, "Mission Circle;" and one at Middle Had-
dam; Greenwich, "Bearers of Light;" and Sunday-
schools at Norwalk, Orange, New Milford, New Britain
Center Church, and Goshen, making seventeen new cir-
cles and five Sunday-schools. We number in all one
hundred and twelve auxiliaries and eighty Mission Cir-
cles and Sunday-schools.

The year has not been without its losses; that of Mrs.
Willcox, Vice-President for Fairfield County, was no
common loss. We miss her zeal, her hearty cooperation,
her enthusiastic service, and though that has found an
altar we miss its warmth and glow.

The copying of missionary letters and original papers
for maintaining an interest among auxiliaries and mis-
sion circles has become an important part of the work
devolving upon your committee. Of these there have
been during the year more than eighty-eight multiplied
till the number has exceeded five hundred.

The missionary library, though small, contains a num-
ber of books of much interest to those who wish to be
well informed on the work of missions in all lands.

The monthly meetings have been held regularly, with
a good attendance. The interest in these is maintained
chiefly by letters from our missionaries. A few original
papers have been contributed and twice the meetings have
been enriched by the presence of the living missionary.
Miss Payson, of Foo-chow, South China, was with us in November, and Mrs. Sheffield, of Tungcho, in December. The December meeting was also of especial interest in furnishing much valuable information upon Africa by means of original papers, giving results of recent explorations and reasons for making Bihe the centre of the new missionary enterprise. March 26th, a Childrens' Missionary meeting was held in Center Church. This was addressed by Mrs. Caswell, formerly a missionary among the Indians, who sang some of the hymns and tunes that most pleased Indian children, and if we can judge anything from the bright faces of our children they were no less pleased.

Whatever of discouragement may be felt in the work is found here at home. If we look towards the heathen, everywhere the "white fields" are beckoning the reapers.

Mrs. Edwards, Inanda, South Africa, writes: "We have the largest number of boarders in the school that we ever had. Last year we received from the parents for board one hundred and six pounds. All except three clothe themselves. One unclad Zulu ran away from her kraal and came begging us to receive her into school. I went with her back to her people and our united entreaties secured the permission." These schools are working great changes among the Zulu people.

Our dear Mrs. Leonard writes hopefully of her work and says, with accustomed modesty, "We feel that it is, in great measure, in answer to your prayers, that the Lord has so greatly blessed us and permitted us to gather in such precious harvests. Blessings so rich and abundant have been bestowed as to convince even the most unbelieving among our opposers, that the work is of the Lord." Of our Bible reader, Zahouhi, she writes: "She is loved
and respected by all and finds more open doors than she has strength to enter.” Miss Fritcher writes of the Marsovan school, “We have forty-two scholars, twenty-eight are boarders. A good school.” It may be said of all our Bible readers they are doing a good and acceptable work.

Of the Constantinople Home, in charge of our Missionary, Mrs. Williams, Miss Parsons writes:—“Will you not give thanks with us that we have had God’s blessing on this dear school in all outward prosperity? The house is filled to overflowing and they are still coming from the north, the south, the east and the west. Even Moslems have brought their daughters to sit side by side with Christians. We fall on our knees in wonder and praise.”

Miss Bush, of the Harpoot Seminary, where we have five pupils, writes:—“I am truly grateful to report success in our department. It seemed to us as if the summing up of the year’s work was as satisfactory to the missionaries and large concourse of native pastors, preachers and students as we could possibly hope to have it.”

Mrs. Bond, Philippopolis, finds her medical knowledge of great value in gaining access to families as well as “in helping these poor people who know so little what to do when sickness comes upon them.” Our new missionary, Mrs. Schneider, new in the sense of having been recently assigned to us, widow of the lamented Dr. Schneider, herself long a faithful missionary, has reached Constantinople and entered upon her work. She writes, “I am hard at work, going to distant localities, exposed to snow and sleet. My work is sometimes excavating among fossils, where I cannot even find tracks of missionary work, so our progress must be slow.”
Our new school in Bombay is one of great promise. Many of the children of Christian parents have been educated in heathen schools or government schools, with only heathen associates. Our school provides for a limited number of these children and is to train them up, partly at their parents' expense, for mission work. When a new building is secured it will be placed upon a system largely of self-support. This year they have had fifty-four children, several of whom are orphans. Four of these have been received into the church.

We write with regret of our valued missionary Mrs. Robert Hume, whose health for the present compels her to relinquish the work she so much loves. The girls' boarding-school of Ahmednuggur, which has been her charge, is now in care of Mrs. Bissell, who writes of it: "The native teachers have been very faithful and have nobly tried to make up every deficiency. The school numbers about one hundred, and last Sabbath eight were received into the church on profession of their faith, at the same time, seven boys from the Normal School united also; all except three of these were children of Christian parents. It is very encouraging to us to have the children of converts thus educated and converted, and prepared for Christian work."

Of schools in Madura and Mandaposalie, South India, in both of which we have pupils, we hear good reports. Mrs. Capron, Madura, says: "I am indeed very thankful if my letter has increased among any of you interest in your precious Bible woman, Gnanaperahasen. Somebody's prayers are being answered in abundant blessing. Her work during the past year has been glorious, my heart safely trusts her."

The boarding-school in Oodooville has had unparalleled success, and a new building is being erected. Miss Townsend, Udupitty,
Ceylon, in writing of the work in that mission says: "The preparatory sacrifice has not been in vain, we know! And what if the blessing of the spirit for which we long is tarrying because God's people have not prayed enough. Shall this sacrifice of precious lives, and strength and time and money go on, while our brothers and sisters of America refuse to watch with the suffering Saviour one hour? For myself I see nothing so discouraging as my own unfaithfulness. All our schools are very encouraging. The girls who go out from them send constant requests back to us that we pray for their friends and families."

From Miss Andrews, of Tung-cho, China, we learn that hundreds of hearts have been opened by the aid extended by Christians during the famine.

Miss Newton, who has charge of our pupils at Foochow, says: "We cannot, from our field, write home such glowing accounts of rapid progress as you receive from other lands, but solid work is being done that must tell sometime. We have a large lump to leaven, and progress is slow."

Nor should Japan be omitted, where good work has been done by Mrs. DeForest, and progress made during the year.

Nor in recounting the blessings of the year would we omit those of the land we love the best. Among the Indians the work is deepening and many a dark-skinned woman tells now, for the first time, in lisping accents, the story of a Saviour's love. Miss Paddock, writing from Santee Agency, says: "On Saturday afternoon the preparatory service was held, and three men presented themselves for admission to the church, and four infants were baptized. Sabbath morning the church was very full, and it was a touching sight to see so many of these peo-
ple who had turned from their savage ways, partaking of
the sacrament and desiring to lead a Christian life."

With this glance, retrospective of the wants of a
world, can we withhold any of the gifts which God has
bestowed upon us and asks again from us, whether of
time, effort or money? The present is full of glorious
possibilities and most blessed will be even the earthly
lives of those who live to Him, who has called to this
service.

Mrs. WYLLYS PECK,
Rec. Secretary.
COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.

Fairfield County—Northern Division.

Another year has passed, and with it its work; we have gathered to-day to gain new encouragement and thought.

We report with sorrow the departure during the past year of one of our efficient workers, Mrs. G. B. Willcox, and while we miss her earnestness and zeal, we know that her busy hands and heart are not idle in her new field of labor. We very cordially greet her successor, Mrs. Gleason, of Darien, who has been a co-worker and a strong help to Fairfield County.

We have had two meetings during the year, one at Georgetown, the other at Stamford. At Stamford Mrs. Dr. Schauffler told us of her life on missionary ground, and we felt our own inertness by the story of her activity.

Bethel reports interesting meetings. They have studied China, with its missions, and some original papers have been prepared and read. Articles from "Life and Light," and other missionary intelligence, have added greatly to the interest of the meetings.

Danbury reports an increase in attendance. Missionary letters have been read with profit, particularly two letters from Mrs. DeForest. They have studied carefully the China mission, gathering also other missionary intelligence.

Georgetown is alive and active. They gave us a cordial greeting last June. Original papers were read. The "Buds of Promise" gave some exercises, and the little church was quite well filled with those interested.

Monroe has not reported.
**Newtown.** The people are so widely scattered that their meetings have been somewhat irregular. They have received letters monthly, which have been read during the intermission Sabbath noon.

*Redding* mourns the loss, by death, of their efficient secretary, who endowed with intellectual qualities was an active and interested worker in this little circle. Their meetings have been thinly attended during the winter.

*Ridgefield* regrets the irregularity of their meetings. With a membership of nineteen, have contributed $36. The Secretary writes of her class of boys in Sunday School, ten in number, “I have persuaded them to save their pennies, and hope soon to call them a mission circle.”

*Sherman.* Interest in the work is maintained, but with a membership scattered over an area of ten miles of hill country, frequent meetings are impossible.

*Trumbull.* “Though our growth has not been as rapid as we might wish, yet we trust the true missionary spirit is with us, and we have no inclination to doubt the willingness of our Heavenly Father to bless our feeble efforts.”

Mrs. T. E. Hershey.

**Fairfield County—Southern Division.**

In reviewing the work of the past year we find so much cause for rejoicing and gladness in the reports of the Auxiliaries that were it not that the other counties might be a little envious of their Fairfield sister we should be inclined to keep all the discouragements to ourselves.

We rejoice in being able to report an Auxiliary just organized in Stratford and another in the “hill country” of New Canaan. The latter has long been hoped for.
Some of these sisters have been, as individuals, faithful in prayer and gifts; now we expect to feel the warm sympathy and hearty cooperation with the Branch which comes with organization.

**Bridgeport** is the stronghold of this Southern Division. The secretary says that at their monthly meetings a half hour is spent in prayer for missions.

The "Earnest Workers" consists of young ladies and is in a flourishing condition. Occasionally a meeting is held to interest the children. The South Church Mission Circle, recently started, has a very promising beginning. Thirty young ladies are enrolled and are hoping to become efficient workers in this blessed mission work.

**Darien** reports a steady and constant interest in their work and meetings held regularly every month throughout the year. They were favored with the presence of Miss Ogden, from India, in the autumn, whose pleasing way in telling of her medical work among the women there, did much to quicken their sympathies for their degraded sisters. Though their secretary is still on a bed of suffering, her suggestions and interest in all that relates to missions are very helpful. Through their president and others they are still doing good work for the "monthly concerts." The "Sunbeams" still continue their work, though their meetings have not been held regularly through the year. The "Busy Bees" had their Harvest Festival in the autumn, when they realized fourteen dollars. The "Wide Awake Club," a circle of boys, are faithfully doing what they can in extending the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

**Stamford** auxiliary has more than doubled their contributions this last year. Their secretary writes that they are looking forward to a larger harvest this com
ing year. They realize fully their great loss in the re­moval of their president (Mrs. Willcox), yet feel that they are beginning to see some little gain, as now every one finds the necessity of contributing her share for the good of their meetings, whereas in former times each one relied on their strong leader who was always ready for the work.

North Stamford is near the close of its second year and its secretary writes, "We have gained in numbers and contributions this second year." Though their attendance is small they feel their meetings result in blessing and help to themselves. Their community is so scattered that it is difficult getting their members together. One old lady almost eighty is so alive to the work of missions that she does much to deepen the interest among the rest.

Easton mourns the loss of their pastor's wife, whose heartfelt interest and labors have been such a stimulus in the past. Their members are so widely separated that their attendance at the regular meetings is small. Yet they rejoice in their faithful few, who love the cause and are willing givers in helping on their work.

Greenwich, which has recently joined us, celebrated its tenth anniversary in February. In its first report to the Branch it numbered one hundred and six members, and has had a steady increase in numbers and interest since its organization. Their mission circle "Bearers of Light" is in a flourishing condition and is under the special care of two young ladies. The monthly meetings of both are well attended.

Norwalk is strong in numbers and reports meetings well attended. They have arranged a plan for regular subjects connected with missionary work. Their manner of conducting their mission circles seems eminently worthy of imitation.
Stanwich.—The "Young Folks' Mission Circle" report that this third year of their organization has been the most prosperous. They have added much to the attractiveness of their meetings by holding them in the evenings and by introducing more of a social element. They feel that they have demonstrated that a feeble church sustains no loss from a mission circle, and that though they cannot do a large work they at least will be faithful in what they do.

The Mission Band of Wilton writes they commenced the year somewhat discouraged by their small numbers, but found, as they always have found, that the Master helped them in their work for Him. With only nineteen members they sent the sum of one hundred dollars to the treasurer of the Branch. Seventy-eight of this was the result of a fair held, without much outlay of either time or money. They feel the need of more earnest workers and wish that a larger number of copies of "Life and Light" might be taken, thus securing a more perfect understanding of the wants of the laborers in the field and a knowledge of what they are accomplishing.

Westport.—The secretary says, "Though we cannot report much progress, still we are looking forward with great encouragement." They are intending to make greater effort to interest the young, as they have no mission circle among them.

Mrs. N. E. Gleason.

Litchfield County—Northern Division.

The reports of the societies in Litchfield County will only commend themselves to such as are longing and praying for the growth of missions all over the land. The reports come from hard-working and in many cases
over-burdened women. Their letters tell of prayer and work, of regret that so little is done, and invariably with gratitude that God has called them to such work in such a cause. In our part of the county only four churches remain to be gathered in to the Branch.

Canaan.—The meetings during the winter have not been largely attended, and have lacked enthusiasm.

Colebrook.—This society does not hold regular meetings, but they have a mission circle of twenty-five members called the "Cheerful Givers," who earn the money they contribute.

Falls Village.—The interest of this society is unabated, although it is a great effort to sustain and quicken the few that can meet. They have a mission circle called "The Little Seekers."

Harwinton.—The Secretary writes: "The meetings are very well attended, and are profitable as well as interesting. It does us good to meet together and hear what the missionaries are doing, and we feel a stronger desire to work on and pray on for the spread of the Gospel."

Morris.—The children in this place are so few and so widely scattered that the formation of a mission circle seems impracticable. They join with the auxiliary, and during vacation attend their meetings, and each repeat a passage of Scripture, as do all present, at the close of each meeting.

New Hartford.—The meetings continue quite as interesting as at the first, and an encouraging feature is the greater number who take part in them. The "Valley Wide Awakes" have an average attendance of twenty, and are full of interest in the work.

Norfolk.—The President writes: "Our monthly meetings have increased in interest and numbers by the
studying of a special mission field each month. We feel more encouraged than we did a year ago. The 'Home Jewels' and 'Mountain Wide Awakes' are both well sustained."

Northfield.—A faithful few attend the meetings and feel it a privilege as well as duty.

Salisbury.—The contributions have increased during the year. The "Lakeside Workers" are full of interest in their work, and the "Resolutes" only need a leader to enable them to go on with the same zeal as before.

South Canaan.—The members are glad to do the little they can for the cause dear to all their hearts.

Sharon.—This auxiliary does not hold regular meetings, but the "Busy Bees" have just re-organized for work.

Torrington.—The society is slowly advancing in numbers and money gifts. The manuscript letters are sent to some members unable to attend the meetings, and are much enjoyed.

Thomaston.—The Secretary regrets their small meetings, but a good degree of love and interest is manifested. The once flourishing mission circles are both disbanded.

Watertown.—The year has not been one of marked progress in the work, and the meetings have been thinly attended, but those who have regularly been present have found it good to be there. The Young Ladies' Mission Circle is still active, and have made three life members this year. The "Boys' Mission Circle" report that the ladies who originated and for a while managed the society have abandoned it, and the boys have run it alone for the past year.

Wolcottville.—Interest is maintained in the work, and at the quarterly meetings special efforts are made to interest the members.
Winsted.—The contributions are somewhat increased, and the attendance small but uniform. The "Mountain Daisies" are a most hopeful working mission class.

Litchfield County—Southern Division.

The reports that have come from the southern part of Litchfield County, with but few exceptions, are full of hope and cheer; more so than ever before. Some of the auxiliaries have made an advance. Some have commenced monthly meetings, where heretofore they had considered this impossible. A new desire has been awakened in many for a more thorough knowledge of the work; one new auxiliary has been formed and two new mission circles. There remains but one church in the southern division of Litchfield County without a missionary organization. This one we hope to report next year. On the whole, we are greatly encouraged to hope for a permanent though gradual growth of the true missionary spirit in all our churches.

Bethlehem.—The society has made rapid advance this past year, having an addition of twelve new members. Monthly meetings have been held with pleasure and profit, and an effort will be made during this year to interest more of the ladies. Through the influence of the pastor's wife a mission circle—"Willing Hands"—has been organized, and meets every two weeks.

Bridgewater.—The attendance at their monthly meetings averages half of their membership. These meetings are interesting, and a heart-felt sympathy in the work is manifested.

Cornwall.—The Secretary writes: "We hold monthly meetings. They are not largely attended, but a good degree of interest is manifested, and although we mourn the loss of several of our most devoted members we feel
that there is some encouragement to hope for better things in the future.” The mission circle, “Hillside Workers,” have been obliged to disband on account of the scattering of their members.

*North Cornwall.*—This society has recently joined our ranks, with a roll-call of eighteen names. With an enthusiastic leader we shall hope for good, faithful service in the cause we all love.

*Ellsworth.*—Their Secretary says: “The past year has been a very unsatisfactory one to us, but we hope for better things in the future. Our ladies mean to become better acquainted with missionary work by taking papers devoted to the subject. We have resolved to try to have monthly meetings, and to put our mites into the treasury at every meeting.”

*Goshen.*—They sustain a monthly meeting, and though they have no mission circle, so-called, the Sabbath school contributes thirty dollars for a scholarship in Inanda, South Africa.

*Kent.*—The Secretary says: “While I cannot report a rapid growth in either numbers or contributions, yet we are alive, and I hope the day is not far distant when our little band may be a more useful instrument in God’s hand for this noble mission work.” A mission circle has just been organized, beginning with fourteen children. Their leader is one who accepts the charge as a precious responsibility, as opening up to her a field of usefulness, such as she has long coveted. Can any doubt what the result will be?

*Litchfield.*—They have sustained an unflagging interest through the year, manifested by their large contributions. The “Daisy Chain” have missed their leader, who has been absent several months. Nevertheless, they have done well.
Milton.—Their membership has increased and they have held ten meetings during the year, with an average attendance of thirteen. When we remember how scattered the people are, and the difficulties in getting together in the winter months, this attendance denotes an earnest love for the missionary cause.

New Preston.—Their Secretary says: "There is surely a deeper interest and a wider-spread knowledge concerning the work at present here than ever before, which is shown in a more cordial response to the call of the collector than formerly, though not in an increased attendance at our monthly meetings. These, however, have a good attendance, and are seldom omitted; never, except for a severe storm."

New Milford.—In closing this our eighth year we can report no advance, yet we do not feel that we have lost anything in love for the work. We certainly have a more intelligent interest in all that pertains to the cause of missions. Our monthly meetings are interesting, and average an attendance of twenty. The "Star Mission Circle" greatly enjoy their monthly gatherings. A missionary meeting is held in the afternoon, with tea at 6 o'clock, which they provide and serve themselves and to which the boys are invited, and a sociable in the evening. The bank system which was tried last year worked well. The "Golden Links," numbering about forty, all little children under ten years, by their weekly giving contributed fifteen dollars towards a scholarship in Madura.

Roxbury.—This auxiliary has had such a good record in the past, we dislike to quote the words of their President when she says: "They are not in a flourishing condition." They have suffered from the loss of some of their most interested members, but hope to secure a
leader who has time and strength to give to the work. They have contributed as usual. We feel sure that in the year to come they will regain all they have lost. The "Centennial Mission Band," having grown up to manhood and womanhood, think that they must disband. The young girls will graduate into the ladies' auxiliary.

Washington.—They have commenced holding quarterly meetings regularly, from which they hope for good things. The children's mission circle, "Willing Workers," are wide awake and ready for work in the year to come.

Woodbury.—The President says: "I am happy to speak more cheeringly of our society than we could have done last year. Though we cannot say that we are as alive as the thrilling calls from the front would seem to demand, yet we feel that there is a slight increase of interest, and some new names have been added to our number. Two or three of our most active members have been laid aside from active work by sickness, yet we are sure of their prayers. We find that those most interested in the good cause are those who read the *Life and Light* or *Missionary Herald*, or both." There is great reason to hope not only that this society will grow in usefulness and numbers, but that the children will be gathered into a mission circle before long.

Warren.—The Secretary says: "I think I can truly say the interest in the glorious work in which we are engaged is not lessening with us, although but few ladies are members of our band. I do think that each and all of them are willing to do what they can by their prayers and by their means to extend Christ's kingdom. Though we do not come often together, it is because of the difficulties in the way, not from lack of interest or enthusiasm."
Gaylordsville.—"Earnest Workers." This little circle exists independent of any church. There is no Congregational church in the place. It is the offspring of loving hearts who longed to do something for the Master.

Middlesex County—Northern Division.

The general report of the seven churches which are in this division, is certainly favorable. Though the results seem small, in most instances, they are the reward of much hard work and patient waiting, and I doubt not there is a record kept whose pages show a far higher figure than ours to-day. The words, "Well done," will greet many a timid soul, in all these churches.

One sick woman, by the strictest economy, for several months, saved two dollars, and she gave it all. Mothers bring offerings across the graves of dead children. Happy mothers smile in bringing thank-offerings for children's faces about them. Those who suffer, bring their mites for the women far away, who suffer and are without hope.

In October, our county meeting was welcomed most hospitably by the First Church in East Hampton. The day was fine, and the attendance large, and there were many expressions of interest in the exercises.

Miss Elizabeth Sisson, from India, gave an earnest, inspiring address; Miss Gilman, of Norwich, conveyed her own enthusiasm for the missionary work, to the audience, in a charming manner; Mrs. C. J. Hill, of Middletown, read a paper on "The Individual Responsibility of Women," which awakened deeper thought in all minds present. One of the Vice-Presidents brought courage and sympathy from the Executive Committee in New Haven. Miss Strong, from Mexico, has done much
good work in the county this year. The children are being organized into mission circles.

New auxiliaries are projected. Westfield is taking the first step. The Middlefield ladies propose making another move. In Durham, some hearts are already enlisted, and there is hope of a concerted effort.

*East Hampton, First Church.*—The Secretary writes, “We received an inspiration from the county meeting, which was held with us, and from that time a more constant and earnest attendance has been manifest.” “Our President has prepared several papers, which have added much to the interest of our meetings.”

*East Hampton, Union Church.*—With much to discourage, in the sickness of workers and in members scattered, they report an increase of one-third over the receipts of last year. A ladies’ prayer meeting has been established, and a “Children’s Band” organized. “One little boy earned a dollar by doing errands, and a little girl, three years old, raised a chicken, which sold for one dollar.”

*Middle Haddam.*—Here the interest does not wane. Severe sickness prevented several meetings. A children’s “Mission Band” has been formed under the leadership of Miss Strong.

*Middletown, First Church.*—The past year completes its first decade. The average contribution for each of the ten years has been nearly two hundred dollars. The last year has been one of decided gain. The attendance has increased twenty-five per cent, and the contributions have been more general. The children have long been organized for home work, and now, as the “Gleaners,” promise something for foreign missions. They have cut out two hundred pictures to send to Mrs. Hume, in Bombay. Mrs. E. H. Goodrich, one of the first members of
this auxiliary, bequeathed fifty dollars to the Woman's Board, which was sent to Boston early in the year. By the weekly pledge system, twenty new members have been gained for the coming year.

*Middletown, South Church.—* No item of especial interest reported. A part of their work has been for an object not directly in the channel of the Woman's Board. They hope to send better word next year.

*Portland.—* The crisp and hearty report shows an advance in all directions. The contributions are fifty per cent. larger than last year.

*Westchester.—* Meetings have been held every month, but the auxiliary has suffered from the loss of Mrs. Hutchins and several other members. The mission circle holds on its way. 

**Mrs. A. W. Hazen.**

**Middlesex County—Southern Division.**

*Centerbrook.—* Increased life and a reorganization of their society is reported.

*Chester.—* Returns indicate progress in interest and numbers, with a larger circulation of "Life and Light." They hope for still more activity during the coming year.

*Clinton.—* The Secretary speaks of prosperity in numbers, and adds, "The interest taken in missions here is not what we could wish." The April meeting was unusually interesting, giving hope for the future.

*Deep River.—* The work seems to be quietly but steadily progressing. The Secretary writes, "Though we cannot report great increase in numbers, or unusual zeal in missionary work, there certainly has been no relaxation of labor or decrease of contributions."

*East Haddam.—* A large increase of numbers, and interesting and well attended meetings are reported. The
work in this parish has been much strengthened by the formation in September last of a young ladies' circle, the "Phoenix Band." Their meetings have been well-sustained, and their success thus far is very gratifying. A Union meeting of the two societies was held in April; the subject was "Africa," with a map exercise by one young lady, interspersed with readings, at various points, by different individuals. The occasion proved one of great interest and profit.

Essex.—This is a new name on our list of auxiliaries. The eighth of last month was a red-letter day in our calendar, for on that day we were made joyful by the following message: "We have, at last, in great weakness, organized a missionary society. Only seven ladies were present, but we all felt that we ought to do something for the Master in this department of Christian work, and we have taken the first step. Though we have not raised the ten dollars necessary to become an auxiliary, we trust, in the course of the year, to be able to assume that name, and we think you may report us as willing to help stay up the hands, and cheer the hearts of missionary workers, by our prayers."

Haddam.—The Secretary reports a decrease of members and contributions. "Not from lack of interest, but from unavoidable causes. During the year four of our active members have been removed by death; though they are not with us, their good example remains." The "Young Ladies' Mission Band," have held pleasant and profitable meetings. The "Mission Workers" began the year with little enthusiasm, but a decided improvement has been manifested.

Higganum.—The missionary year closed with an increase of interest and a good prospect for the coming year. The "Dark Continent," with its prospect of coming
up to take a new place among the nations, has engaged our attention most of the year. We hope, with increased experience, to improve in methods of awakening interest. A mission band, "Little Missionary Workers," has recently been formed. They have already sent eight dollars for work in India.

Killingworth.—They have been reported as apparently dead, but we think signs of life are beginning to appear, as thirteen dollars have just been received with the request that they may still be recognized as an organization.

Millington.—We are still cheered by its increasing numbers, though its meetings are small. The members of the "Mission Band" entered upon their second year with zeal, if we may judge from the fact that several of its members walk five and six miles to attend its meetings. Of their last gathering, the President writes:—"Could older friends have listened to the responsive Bible readings and marked their manifest interest in both the geography of and mission work in Ceylon, heard their intelligent answers and seen their quiet demeanor through all the exercises, they could not have doubted that the fervent prayers of faithful Christians here, had been cherished in heaven and were beginning to be answered."

Saybrook.—The workers have, at times, been depressed, but with the opening spring the outlook brightens. The last two meetings have been very interesting and now there appears to be as much real interest as last year, if not more. The "Seaside Mission Band" have not forgotten their share in the work.

Westbrook.—The Secretary writes, "But few attend our meetings, yet these few have warm hearts in the Master's cause, and labor and pray that Christ's
Kingdom may come. The "Seaside Gleaners" are much discouraged by the loss of their President, but still hold on their way.

With the addition of one auxiliary and five mission circles, with a decided increase of members, we feel that the work in Middlesex County is deepening. It is pleasant to see individual members planning ways by which they may increase their contributions and also add to the interest of the meetings. The plan adopted by some of our auxiliaries of having for each meeting a passage of scripture to think of, study and pray over, during the month, has been productive of good results.

Mrs. S. McCall.

New Haven County—Eastern Division.

Cheshire.—The society reports a scattered membership, but an increasing interest in the work. They continue the support of a Bible reader in India, and have sent a barrel of bedding to the Dacota Mission. Three ladies have been made life members.

Madison.—The meetings have been regularly attended and full of interest. Some of the ladies come two miles and enter joyfully into the work of sustaining them. More general information of mission work has been brought in, with the hope of awakening a deeper interest in the cause. Very touching incidents of sacrifice have come to our knowledge among us. "Willing Hearts" support a scholar in Miss Rendall's school, Madura, and receive interesting letters from her.

Meriden.—The annual meeting held with them last May, is felt to be a blessing. Interesting meetings have been held during the year, with a greater willingness of
the ladies to prepare and read papers, on the several countries studied. The ladies of the Center Church finding it difficult to maintain an organization, will unite with us in future. The "Cheerful Givers" held a Festival in February, and raised money for the support of a girl in Harpoot. A new mission circle of boys has been formed, called the "Boys' Mission Band."

North Branford.—Their report is not cheering, as their numbers are diminished, but they intend to keep up their pledged contribution.

Wallingford.—They report their standing the same as last year. They have added to their interesting society a new mission circle with thirty-five members.

New Haven County.—Western Division.

Of the thirty-five auxiliaries of the western part of New Haven County, we have heard from all but two. We wish we could have the pleasure of saying all.

Ansonia.—The Secretary reports an increased attendance at the meetings, which have been held regularly during the year.

Birmingham.—There is no increased interest to communicate. Meetings have been held as usual, and a few additions have been made to the membership.

Derby.—"If our contributions are not as large this year as they have heretofore been, I think it may be attributed more to the frequent calls that have been made on the people than to a lack of interest in missions. We have not held as many meetings as usual during the year on account of the removal of our much-loved President, Mrs. Vorce."

East Haven.—This society has not been very active this last winter, though the contribution for the cause has been sent to the Treasurer as formerly.
Fair Haven, Second Church.—At the beginning of the year but little interest was felt in the cause of missions or in the meetings, only four members being faithful in attendance. A special effort was made to make the meetings more interesting. Letters and papers were obtained, special mission fields studied, talked about and made familiar by the aid of maps. This effort was successful in increasing the attendance, so that more than once twenty have been present. To our President, who is constant and unremitting in every good work, is due in a large degree the present missionary interest among our ladies.

Middlebury.—A new mission circle, the "Hillside Gleaners," is reported. Meetings of the auxiliary are not held regularly on account of the members being scattered, living several miles apart, but the earnest ones are confident that love for the work is increasing.

Milford.—The Secretary says: "There is no striking change in the aspect of our meetings, but it seems to me there is a deeper under-current. At the request of our former President, laid aside by illness, we gathered around a new leader, a most efficient and well-chosen one, and since June we have been in good working order."

Mount Carmel.—This society reports no increase, and contributions nearly the same as last year.

Naugatuck.—The society is again in working order, and a report of good things is expected in the future, both in increased membership and love for the cause.

New Haven, Centre Church.—This society has fallen off in its regular subscriptions, though the sum total is nearly the same as usual, on account of a large gift from one person. We have lost recently one of our most faithful workers, and shall miss her prayers and free gifts.
Church of the Redeemer.—A few names have been added to the list of paying members, and perhaps we may note a slight increase of interest evinced by the new faces seen at the regular meetings in the chapel. Our mission circles are both at work. The "Aurora" is a society of young ladies. The "Morning Star Circle" has averaged eight in its attendance at its fortnightly meetings.

College Street Church.—They have lost two members the past year, and report less receipts in consequence of no new life memberships. It has an active mission circle of twenty-five members.

Davenport Church.—We may consider it a favorable sign that we have gained five new members. The mission circle of ten members support a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Dwight Place Church.—They feel hindered in foreign work by the necessary work at home. But in spite of the efforts required to raise money pledged to church interests, the contribution to the Branch is a trifle larger. The mission circle is at present dormant, waiting for a leader to awaken new life.

East Church.—This society has labored at a disadvantage the past year, having no President. Their annual meeting has just occurred, and with a newly-chosen and enthusiastic head they hope to accomplish more.

Fair Haven, First Church.—The Secretary says: "One hopeful feature with us in this good cause is the interest manifested by some of our young ladies." The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle" has had a number of full and interesting meetings. There are two other new circles, one of little boys, another of little girls. The "Boys' Mission Circle" was started in Class 17 of the Sunday School, which has been giving a weekly mission
contribution since January 1st, and whose members have a few minutes missionary talk each Sunday. Besides this there have been monthly meetings, to which the members of other classes are invited.

Howard Avenue Church.—At the annual meeting held in April they reported a gain of five members.

North Church.—Has lost somewhat in membership and has no mission circle.

Temple Street Church.—Increasing interest is reported, and they pledge themselves to do all they can for the furtherance of the work.

Third Church.—The Secretary writes: "The cause of foreign missions is dear to many members in this church, and a larger contribution has been made than ever before. The 'Faithful Workers' have not made good their name this year, but are not willing as yet to be dropped from the list of mission circles."

Yale College Church.—Few auxiliaries can tell as this does of an average of five dollars yearly from each member.

Northford.—That there is no lack of interest is shown by the fact of enlarged contributions this year.

Orange.—The report is much the same as last year in respect both to numbers and contribution.

Prospect.—There is no auxiliary, but the cheering account of its mission circle, "The Gleaners," lead us to expect much in the years that are to come. Their meetings are held at the parsonage, where an hour is spent in devotional and literary exercises, an hour in sewing, fancy work, etc., and the remainder of the time is given to recreation in any way chosen.

South Britain.—"We regret that so meager and uninteresting a report must be sent each year. No meetings are held on account of the neighborhoods being remote from each other."
Southbury.—The members are in correspondence with Mrs. Hartwell, of Foochow, China. The society has been weakened by the removal of some by death and otherwise, but those that remain feel it to be a blessed privilege to help in this great and all-important work.”

Waterbury, First Church.—Though having a comparatively small membership, they sustain monthly meetings except during the summer.

Second Church.—The Secretary writes that their meetings have been well sustained, and they have grown in knowledge and interest, if not in numbers. The Young Ladies’ Mission Band report steady progress. The contribution in money is not quite as large as formerly, but a valuable box containing fancy work, manufactured goods and a variety of useful articles has been sent to Constantinople for the benefit of the Home.

West Haven.—The cheering news is sent that the contributions have increased more than fifty per cent. The Missionary Seed Planters, a circle of eleven young misses, have had regular fortnightly meetings, and are quite interested in their work. Another circle of smaller children are learning how to labor and pray for the neglected little ones far away.

Whitneyville.—“We regret that the interest of our members does not manifest itself in more frequent gatherings and in disseminating missionary intelligence. Our failure in this respect is due partly to our scattered residences. But our interest and desire to share in the work is shown by our cheerful contributions.”

Westville.—The auxiliary has fallen off in contributions, but the “Mission Circle” continues active as ever.

Woodbridge.—No advance is reported. The members depend largely upon the monthly meetings of the Branch for help and encouragement.
For six years the New Britain societies have been connected with the New Haven Branch, and during this time have done much good work in the missionary cause. The following is gleaned from a full letter written by the Secretary of the First Church auxiliary: "I am very glad to have received the intelligence that Mrs. Schneider's support has been assumed by the New Haven Branch and offered to us. I do believe and hope that the ladies will take hold of the matter with renewed zeal, and that we shall raise more money this year than we have for the past three years. We all love Mrs. Schneider so dearly that I feel sure of an increased interest. Our numbers at the regular monthly meetings have grown somewhat this year. We have had papers prepared on Turkey, Japan and China, which have been so good it has seemed a pity more should not have been present to hear them."

Great encouragement is felt in the auxiliary of the South Church. Again I quote from the Secretary's own report: "Our President is untiring in her labor for the interest of our monthly meetings, consequently we have 'a feast of good things' each month, and an increasing attendance. While we have one topic for each meeting, we hear several voices, and always one that we have not heard before, and this is often one of our young ladies. We study the different fields with our large new mission map before us. Sometimes we take trips from one station to another, noting the surroundings as we pass along, accompanied by some one with a pointer at the map. The summary of fresh intelligence is always interesting. It is a real loss to lose one of these meetings."

Plantsville.—This society was organized for home missionary work, but have decided to do something also for foreign missions, and have recently joined the Branch.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

_New Haven, May 11, 1880._

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_New Haven, May 17, 1880._

I have examined the above account and compared the items with the vouchers therefore and find the same correct.

_Roger S. White, Auditor._

* Actual receipts for 1879–80, $9,077.36
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Ansonia, ................................................................. $50.00
For scholarship at Foochow.

Bethel, ................................................................. 40.00
For Saganabai in W. India.

Bethlehem, ............................................................. 37.00
Towards scholarship at Marsovan.

Birmingham, ........................................................... 60.00
For scholarship at Madura and Inanda.

Bridgeport ............................................................ 352.33
Towards salary of Miss Andrews: $50 from Mrs. Mary E. Hatch to constitute life member herself and Miss Clara Belle Hatch; $25 from South Congregational Church to constitute life member Mrs. R. G. S. McNeille; $25 from Mrs. Chas. H. Russell, to constitute herself life member; $25 from Mrs. John W. Hincks to constitute life member Miss Lizzie Worden. Additional from Mission Circle and Sunday School, $79.

Bridgewater, .......................................................... 35.00
For Mrs. Edward Hume’s school at Bombay.

Canaan, ................................................................. 32.22
For scholarship at Foochow.

Centerbrook, .......................................................... 25.00

Cheshire, ............................................................... 77.00
For salary of Vesuvasum: $25 from a friend and Miss Chipman’s class to constitute life member Mrs. Norman S. Platt; $15 from Mrs. Paddock’s class towards life membership of Mrs. Alfred Brown.

Chester, ................................................................. 25.00
To complete life membership of Mrs. J. P. Hawley.

Clinton ................................................................. 32.51
To constitute life member Miss Marietta W. Hull.

Colebrook, ............................................................ 11.20
Towards support of Helena, Marsovan.

Cornwall, .............................................................. 44.00
For scholarship at Marsovan. Additional from Mission Circle, $7.

Danbury, ............................................................... 155.50
Towards Mrs. DeForest’s salary.
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Litchfield, ..................................................... 146.90
For scholarship at Harpoot and support of Drupatabai, W. India; $25 to constitute life member Mrs. George C. Woodruff. Additional from Mission Circle, $22.

Madison, .......................................................... 110.00
For salary of Anna Bedroscian, Marsovan.

Meriden, First Church, ........................................ 60.00
For scholarships at Mandapasalie and Ahmednuggur. Additional from Mission Circle, $30.

Middlebury, .......................................................... 24.00
Additional from Mission Circle, $10.

Middlefield, ...................................................... 15.00

Middle Haddam, .................................................. 8.89

Middletown, First Church, .................................... 221.25
For scholarships at Marsovan, Inanda, Ahmednuggur; village schools at Aleppo and Andianum, Turkey; for salary of Gangabai; $30 for general fund; $25 from a friend to constitute life member Mrs. Lucius R. Hazen; $25 from a friend to constitute life member Mrs. J. Webster Tuck.

Middletown, South Church, ................................... 25.00
Towards scholarship at Dakota Home.

Milford, ........................................................... 24.00

Millington, ......................................................... 11.28
Additional from Mission Circle, $4.

Milton, ............................................................... 10.00

Morris, ............................................................. 25.00
To complete life membership of Mrs. Robert Treat and towards another.

Mount Carmel, ..................................................... 51.00
For scholarships at Ceylon and Ahmednuggur.

Naugatuck, ......................................................... 42.00

New Britain, Center Church, .................................. 172.66
Towards salary of Mrs. Schneider. Additional from Sunday School, $15.84.

New Britain, South Church, ................................... $259.50
$12 a thank offering; $25 from Miss Catharine A. Stanley to constitute herself life member; $25 from Miss Jennie E. Case to constitute life member Miss Jennie M. Williams of E. Hartford. Additional from Mission Circles, $125.60.
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$60 from Mrs. Wm. Ives to support school and teacher at Vizier Kupri, Turkey; $25 from Mrs. R. S. Chidsey to constitute herself life member. Additional from Sunday School, $45.

Yale College Church, .................................................. 200.00
For scholarship at Constantinople Home.

New Milford, .................................................. 137.84
Towards Mrs. Abbie Hume's salary. Additional from Mission Circles and Sunday School, $80.

New Preston, .................................................. 40.00
For scholarship at Madura.

Newtown, .................................................. 10.00
Norfolk, .................................................. 50.00
For scholarship at Dakota Home. Additional from Mission Circles, $60.

North Branford, .................................................. 30.00
For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Northfield, .................................................. 32.20
For support of Yesabai.

Northford, .................................................. 30.10
North Haven, .................................................. 12.00
North Stamford, .................................................. 10.00
Towards life membership of Miss F. E. Scofield.

Norwalk, .................................................. 400.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Williams. Additional from Mission Circles and Sunday School, $55.

Orange, .................................................. 46.50
Towards scholarship at Marsovan. Additional from Sunday School, $8.

Plantsville, .................................................. 10.00
Portland, .................................................. 37.00
For support of Fulig, Marsovan.

Redding, .................................................. 20.00
Ridgefield, .................................................. 37.50
For scholarship at Madura and towards support of Helena.

Roxbury, .................................................. 30.00
Salisbury, .................................................. 74.17
To constitute life members Mrs. S. D. Holley and Mrs. M. H. Williams; $15.75 for famine sufferers at Van.
Saybrook, ............................................................. $38.58

Additional from Mission Circle, $50.20.

Sharon, ............................................................. 19.00

Sherman, ........................................................... 13.00

South Britain, ......................................................... 18.00

Southbury, ............................................................. 36.00

$10 from Mrs. Maria L. Perry, and Mrs. J. M. Perry towards life membership of Mary Jane Perry.

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

Stamford, ............................................................. 97.00

For salary of Salveen and to constitute life member Miss Lulu Willcox.

Thomaston, ............................................................. 63.00

Towards Constantinople Home scholarship. Additional from Mission Circle, $2.22.

Torrington, .............................................................. 24.00

Trumbull, ............................................................... 50.00

$25 to constitute life member Mrs. Birdsey B. Plumb, the remainder towards another.

Wallingford, ............................................................. 112.24

For scholarship at Santander, Spain, and towards a life membership.

Warren, ................................................................. 24.00

To complete life membership of Mrs. Burton Gilbert.

Washington, ............................................................ 41.00

Waterbury, First Church, ............................................... 36.00

Towards Mrs. Bond's salary.

Waterbury, Second Church, ............................................. 91.00

Towards Mrs. Abbie Hume's salary. Additional from Mission Circle, $150.

Watertown, .............................................................. 75.00

For support of Zahouhi; $25 from Mrs. Eli Curtis to constitute life member Miss Abbie Woodward. Additional from Mission Circles, $94.

Westbrook, ............................................................. 40.00

For scholarship at Ahmednuggur and towards salary of Pritabai. Additional from Mission Circle, $5.

Westchester, ........................................................... 20.00

Additional from Mission Circle, $10.
West Haven, ........................................... $70.55
  $5 to constitute "Missionary Sunbeams" a circle. Additional from Mission Circle, $15.

Westville ................................................... 20.00
  Towards scholarship at Marsovan. Additional from Mission Circle, $40.

Whitneyville ............................................... 44.50
  For scholarship at Marsovan.

Wilton ....................................................... 100.00
  For scholarship at Dakota Home, and Foochow: $10 for general fund.

Winsted ...................................................... 191.10
  Additional from Mission Circle, $30.

Wolcottville ............................................... 41.00
  Additional from Sunday School, $5.40.

Woodbridge ............................................... 20.00
  For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Woodbury .................................................... 35.00
  For scholarship at Ceylon.

MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bridgeport, "Earnest Workers," .......................... 49.00
  For Mrs. Chandler's school at Pulney, $30.

Bridgeport, North Church Sunday School . .......... 30.00
  For scholarship at Inanda.

Cornwall, "Hillside Workers," ............................ 7.00

Darien, "Sunbeams," ........................................ 50.00
  $30 for scholarship at Ahmednuggur; $10 for Miss Payson's school, Foochow; $10 for Mrs. Edward's school, Inanda.

Darien, "Busy Bees," ...................................... 19.00
  For village schools in Turkey.

Darien, "Wide Awake Club," ............................... 17.84
  $9 for village school at Sert.

Derby, "Forget-me-nots," ................................ 4.25

East Haddam, "Phoenix Band," ........................... 65.00
  For scholarship at Ceylon and towards two shares in Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.

Gaylordsville, "Earnest Workers," ....................... 20.00
  For village school at Kulleth, Turkey.
Georgetown, "Buds of Promise," ........................................ $7.00

Goshen, Sunday School of Congregational Church, ................... 30.00

For scholarship at Inanda.

Haddam, "Young Ladies' Mission Band," ................................ 9.00

Towards Mrs. Abbie Hume's salary.

Haddam, "Willing Workers," ............................................... 10.00

Towards salary of Juhan Enfijian.

Higganum, "Little Missionary Workers," .............................. 8.00

Towards a scholarship at Madura.

Higganum, Young Ladies' Sunday School class, ....................... 10.00

Towards salary of Helena.

Litchfield, "Daisy Chain," ................................................ 22.00

Meriden, "Cheerful Givers," .............................................. 80.00

For scholarship at Harpoot for 1879 and 1880.

Middlebury, "Hillside Gleaners," ........................................ 10.00

Millington, "Little Belle Allone's Mission Friends," ............... 4.00

New Britain, South Church, "Little Helpers," ....................... 113.60

For scholarships at Mandapasalie, Ceylon and Inanda.

New Britain, South Church, "Banyan Seeds," .......................... 12.00

New Britain, Center Church, Primary Department of Sunday

School, ........................................................................... 15.84

New Harford, "Valley Wide Awakes," ................................... 25.00

For a share in Mrs. Edward Hume's school, Bombay.

New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, "Aurora," ....................... 63.19

For a scholarship at Harpoot and towards a scholarship at

Ceylon.

Church of the Redeemer, "Morning Star Circle," ..................... 6.25

Church of the Redeemer Sunday School, ............................... 30.00

For scholarship at Ceylon.

College St. Church, "Cheerful Workers," ............................... 28.00

Towards salary of Excipit.

Davenport Church Mission Circle, ....................................... 20.00

For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.

Davenport Church Sunday School, ....................................... 20.00

Towards scholarship at Marsovan.

Fair Haven, First Church, Young Ladies Mission Circle, ........... 57.41

North Church, "Young Twigs," ............................................ 5.00

North Church, West End Institute, Mite Box, ......................... 7.00

Third Church Sunday School, ............................................. 45.00

$20 for scholarship at Ahmednuggur; $25 for Africa.
New Milford, "Golden Links," .............................. $15.00
New Milford, "Star Circle," .................................. 40.00
   Towards scholarship at Dakota Home.
New Milford, Congregational Sunday School, ..................... 25.00
Norfolk, "Home Jewels," ........................................... 30.00
   For scholarship at Madura.
Norfolk, "Mountain Wide Awakes," .................................. 30.00
   For scholarship at Ceylon.
Norwalk, "Young Workers for Jesus," ............................... 10.00
Norwalk, "Sunbeam Circle," ....................................... 20.00
Norwalk Sunday School, .............................................. 25.00
   For share in Mrs. Edward Hume's school, Bombay.
Orange Sunday School, .................................................. 8.00
Prospect, "Gleaners," .................................................. 40.00
Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band," ................................ 50.20
Southport, Sunday School, ........................................... 30.00
   For support of Badashan Peribosian at Harpoot Seminary.
Stanwich, "Young Folks," ............................................ 15.00
   Towards a share in Mrs. Edward Hume's school at Bombay.
Thomaston, "New Bearers," .......................................... 2.22
Waterbury, Second Church, "Young Ladies Mission Band," ....... 160.00
   Completing payment for Constantinople Home scholarship
   for 1880, and $75 to constitute life members Miss Lucy
   Treadway, Miss J. A. Markham, and Miss Hattie M. Peck.
Watertown, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ........................ 75.00
   To constitute life members Mrs. Charles Bidwell, Miss
   Ruth M. Atwood, and Miss Minnie M. Atwood.
Watertown, "Boys' Mission Circle," .................................. 19.00
Westbrook, "Seaside Gleaners," ...................................... 5.00
   Towards salary of Pritabai.
Westchester, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ....................... 10.00
West Haven, "Missionary Seed Planters," ......................... 15.00
Westville, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," ........................ 40.00
   For two scholarships at Ahmednuggur.
West Winsted, "Mountain Dasies," .................................. 30.00
   For scholarship at Talas; Miss Closson's School.
Wolcottville, Sunday School classes of Miss Calhoun and Miss
   Lyon, ................................................................. 5.40
MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections at Branch monthly meetings, $69.29
Collection at Litchfield county meeting, 12.29
Collection at Middlesex county meeting, 6.70
Mrs. Beers, of Fairfield, 2.00
Mrs. Charles F. Leete, of Guilford, 5.00
Mrs. O. P. Hubbard, of New York, 5.00
Entertainment for Branch expenses, 545.31
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**East Haddam:** *Phænix Band*—Miss Carrie E. McCall, Pres.; Miss L. M. Spencer, Vice Pres.; Miss Jennie M. Parker, Sec.; Miss Lilla J. Alexander, Treas., .................................................. 20

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Members.

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College Street Church: Cheerful Workers—Mrs. Luman Cowles, Pres.

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Dwight Place Church: Willing Hearts.

Fair Haven: First Church—Young Ladies’ Missionary Society—Miss May A. Hart, Pres.; Miss Helen L. Rice, Vice Pres.; Miss Etta E. Sanford, Sec.; Miss Flora Thompson, Treas.

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Third Church—Faithful Workers—Miss Lilly Landfair, Sec.

New Milford: Golden Links—Mrs. A. S. Rogers, Pres.

Star Circle—Miss Minnie Leavitt, Pres.; Miss Susie Netleton, Vice Pres.; Miss Daisy Jennings, Sec.; Miss Addie Star, Treas.

Norfolk: Home Jewels—Mrs. Ada Curtiss, Pres.; Mrs. Annie Johnson, Vice Pres.; Miss Sarah B. Bigelow, Sec.; Miss Lottie Seymour, Treas.

Mountain Wide Awakes—Mrs. A. L. Curtiss, Pres.; Walter Collar, Sec.; Plumb Brown, Treas.

Norwalk: Mission Band—Miss C. E. Raymond, Pres.

Young Workers for Jesus—Miss C. E. Raymond, Pres.

Sunbeams—Miss C. E. Raymond, Pres.

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Salisbury: The Resolutes.

Lake Side Workers—Miss Sadie L. Robbins, Pres.; Miss Hattie E. Wells, Sec.

Saybrook: Seaside Mission Band—Miss Amelia Clarke, Pres.; Miss Leila Ward, Sec.; Miss Annie Chalker, Treas.

Sharon: Busy Bees—Miss Hattie Hotchkiss, Pres.; Miss Hattie Hamlin, Vice Pres.; Miss Fannie Gillette, Treas.
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

BRIDGEPORT: North Church.
CHESHIRE: Classes of S. S.
GOSEN: Sunday School.
HIGGANUM: Young Ladies' Class.
NEW BRITAIN: Center Church.
NEW HAVEN: Church of the Redeemer. Davenport S. S.
Third Church S. S.
NEW MILFORD.
NORWALK.
ORANGE: Sunday School.
SOUTHPORT: Sunday School.
WOLCOTTVILLE: Miss Calhoun's and Miss Lyon's Classes.
CONSTITUTION.

A rticle I. This Society shall be called the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions. It shall have a Board of Officers, a Coöperative Committee, and an Auditor, elected annually.

A rt. II. Its officers 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, and a Treasurer. The Coöperative Committee shall be represented by its chairman or her substitute, who with the Board of Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

A rt. III. Its object is the conversion of heathen women and children by means of its missionaries, native teachers and Bible readers. To accomplish this it seeks, by the systematic coöperation of many societies having a common center, to cultivate a missionary spirit and promote union and harmony.

A rt. IV. 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.

A rt. V. Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually, may form a Society auxiliary to the New Haven Branch, by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute a local Executive Committee, the terms of membership to be fixed by each Society for itself.

A rt. VI. This Constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, notice of the intended amendment having been given at a previous meeting.
BY-LAWS.

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

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 Honorary and Advisory Vice-Presidents shall be invited to become acting members of the Executive Committee.

ART. IV. One of the Vice-Presidents shall take the place of the President when absent, and in case of a vacancy in that office, perform its duties until another election. Vice-Presidents shall hold themselves ready to do what is necessary to promote the well-being of the Branch. Those having special work in the counties are expected to encourage and stimulate Auxiliaries and promote new organizations in their respective fields, to make monthly reports to the Executive Committee in person, or through the Home Secretaries, prepare county reports for the annual meeting, and convene a meeting in their own counties once a year.

ART. V. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Branch and Executive Committee, presenting them at each succeeding meeting, take charge of letters and papers, transmit votes to whom they may concern, and prepare a report for the annual meeting.
Art. VI. 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. VII. The Home Secretaries shall perform such duties as tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Branch. One of them shall furnish the societies with manuscript letters, and one shall correspond with the Vice-Presidents and auxiliaries from time to time as circumstances may require, report at the monthly meetings, and gather during the year material for the annual report.

Art. VIII. 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. IX. The duties of Assistant Secretaries are to be defined by the Executive Committee.

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

Art. XI. Auxiliaries are expected to send their annual reports to the Vice-Presidents of their counties the first week in April. These reports are to 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 one book, 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.

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

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

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

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

ART. V. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ——— annually.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

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

ART. II. The officers of this Circle shall be ————.

ART. III. The object of this Circle shall be to learn more about the heathen, and to do more than we have done to send them the Gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.
ART. IV. We promise to come together at stated times to hear and read about missions, or to work in some way for the cause, and through our own Treasurer to send our contributions, amounting to not less than five dollars, to the Treasurer of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Note.—An association of youth, remitting annually not less than five dollars to the Treasurer of the N. H. B. of W. B. M., constitutes a Mission Circle.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AUXILIARIES.

We bespeak patience on the part of our youthful friends in the matter of seeing their gifts reported in "Life and Light." On account of early type-setting, contributions cannot be acknowledged the same month they are received.

Make special effort to secure frequent meetings, with full attendance. Cultivate, as much as possible, home talent, which will thus be strengthened. Endeavor to secure original essays, or histories of missions, to be read at your 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 a monthly meeting. Obtain manuscript missionary letters to be read. Select beforehand suitable hymns and music.

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. It is for the interest of our
entire membership that "Life and Light" should be put upon a permanent basis.

We are happy to see added to the old "Missionary Herald" a Children's Department, which so far has been very attractive.

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

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

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"Woman's Work for Woman." Published once a month by the Presbyterian Woman's Board. Address Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Price, sixty cents per annum. "Children's Work for Children." Five copies or more to one address, post paid, each twenty-five cents. Single copies, post paid, thirty cents.

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The "Helping Hand." Baptist Board, W. G. Corthell, Missionary Rooms, 28 School street, Boston. Forty cents.
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"Historical Sketches of Missions" in Africa, Turkey, India and Ceylon, China, Japan, Sandwich Islands, Micronesia and Marquesas, North American Indians and Papal lands, each, excepting the last, having a map of its field, can be obtained for six cents for a single copy, or the set for thirty cents.

"Pamphlet of Missionary Maps" will be sent on receipt of ten cents.

Both of the above will be sent free to ministers in charge, on request. Address Charles Hutchins, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

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Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
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Minutes of last meeting by Recording Secretary.
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Discussion.
Business.
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ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Missionary Library Association has about one hundred and fifty volumes, mostly choice and valuable books, and subscribers can draw them at the close of each monthly meeting. Persons from out of town can obtain books at other times by application to Miss McAlister, 154 Crown street.

The importance of such information as will keep the friends of missions familiar with the progress of the missionary work cannot be over-estimated.

An occasional book or a monthly pamphlet will not do it. This Association proposes to provide such books as those who love, support and pray for missions want to read, and hope this library will eventually comprise all the popular and standard books on missions, missionaries, and the countries in which they are located, and they invite the patronage and coöperation of all friends of the cause.

We invite, from our auxiliaries, manuscript missionary letters, original essays, papers and poems.

The Woman's Board of Missions acts in connection with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Twenty Auxiliaries united may form a Branch.

Twenty-five dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member; if given by one person, 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.

Copies of fresh Missionary Letters, from all of our fields, may be had on application to Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, 25 Trumbull street.
Requests for Beneficiaries are to be addressed to Miss Julia Twining, Prospect street.

Information about other departments of the Branch can be obtained from Mrs. S. L. Cady, 99 Howe street, to whom it is earnestly requested that each society should send, yearly, an account of its annual meeting immediately after it is held.

A highly successful effort has been made in some of our societies during the past year, by the distribution of simple and inexpensive boxes among all who will receive them and promise to place something in them weekly. We not only recommend, but earnestly urge our societies to test the merit of this or the envelope system, to increase interest in this work and enlarge contributions.

The difficulties in 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 Circle may desire.

Missionary meetings are held in the Chapel of the Center Church, on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception of July, August and September.

A general meeting will be held in each of the four counties once a year.

It was early resolved by the New Haven Branch that some hour of each Sabbath be devoted to special prayer for a blessing on all missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and on all concerned in promoting the work of missions. We earnestly commend to all our societies the observance of the hour from five to six p.m., that being the time chosen also by our sisters of the Presbyterian Church.
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What Missions have done for Africa.
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Benefits of Self-denial.
Bulgaria.
Cesarea. Mrs. Farnsworth.

China Papers.

China.
The condition of China.
The Bridgman School.
Woman's Work in China.

Christ in the person of His children.
Constantinople Home.
Correlative Bible readings.
Experience of a worker.

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The H. family.

What the Bible has done in India.

Influences on character.

Japan.

Lord, is it I?

Love service.

Marsovan. Mr. Tracy.

Marsovan. New Britain.

Missionary prayer-meeting forty years ago.

Missionary work in Litchfield county during the past century.

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