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REPORT OF THE BOARD

FOR 1884.

"O GOD of mercy, our prayer to Thee is this, that the curse may be removed from the women of India. No one has turned an eye on the oppression that we poor women suffer, though with weeping and crying and desire, we have turned to all sides, hoping that some one would save us. No one has lifted up his eyelids, or inquired into our case. Thou knowest our impotence, our degradation, our discomfort. For what sin have we been born to live in this prison? Hast Thou no thought for us women? Oh Lord! inquire into our case."

Such is the "piteous prayer from behind the lattice" of a grown-up child-widow of high position in Calcutta. Would that its soul-moving petitions might be wafted behind the doors of every happy home in America. Who can doubt the mental force and natural capacities of the women of India when the bondage and degradation of a thousand years finds such eloquent expression.

Side by side with this prayer let us place this significant despatch, which appeared in the London Times of September last:

"At a meeting of the Senate of the Bombay University on Monday, it was proposed by a Brahmin that, in the regulations, the pronoun 'he' and its derivatives should be deemed to denote either sex. An Englishman seconded the motion, which was carried without a division.
Many Hindoos, Parsees and Mohammedans were present. This will have the effect of throwing open the learned professions to women in the Western Presidency."

Could there be a more striking proof that God hears the cry of the oppressed; that He has inquired into their case, and that the curse is being removed from the women of India? Well may Dr. Warren say in comment: "The knell of the zenana (that is of women's imprisonment) has evidently been sounded, not only in India, but the world over." Gradually, but most surely, the still small rills of missionary influence have been undermining the prison walls. God has worked with us in the events of history and the progress of civilization, and we rejoice to think how many a prisoned soul already sees the dawning light of the Sun of Righteousness.

No words could more fully introduce us to our work which takes its shape from the "Doremus Home" in

CALCUTTA

than these of Miss Hook, who says: "I write that our friends may see us in our daily life. Our staff consists of fifteen lady teachers, eleven of whom live in the Home, three reside near us, while Mrs. Page presides over the Orphanage, which is about ten minutes' drive from here. We have ten native teachers who live with us and teach in the schools and zenanas. Of this number, six are girls trained in our Orphanage, four are widows, two of them converts from Hindooism. Each missionary superintends a school, and our teachers, and all have at all times as much as they can do. When the Rajpore station is visited, the entire day has to be taken from Calcutta. There is a pundit there who is responsible for the work, but still he must be watched over by a visit once a month to each school. All depart at eleven for five hours' teaching; at five o'clock they meet again at dinner; at seven, the gong
summons them for evening prayers. Each one who joins us has to pass two examinations in Bengali every year for four years, which requires hard study. On Tuesday evening we have our prayer-meeting, when all the native teachers meet with us in the drawing-room. It is led by each one in turn, and is both in English and Bengali, as a few of the natives do not know English. At these meetings all bring their requests, some hopeful, others, most discouraging. Whatever the cases are, all are presented to the Throne of Grace. We have had most precious answers to the prayers of this meeting, and all, I think, find refreshment and strength.

Some evangelistic work has been done during the year; one of the ladies has been very successful in collecting the women in small companies in the zenanas to listen to Scripture reading, exposition and prayer, who express great pleasure in her visits and manifest much interest. The Gospel is given daily to a very large number of Hindoos, to grown women of all ages, and to children, and a vast amount of truth is spread abroad throughout the city.

These figures represent our work: 126 zenanas; 19 schools; total number of pupils, 1,207; evangelistic houses, 37, with 157 pupils; Sunday-schools, 3.

We have day-schools for Hindoo girls all over the city, which are the means of bringing hundreds of little girls under Christian teaching and influence. They do not stay very long with us, for, according to their Hindoo customs, they are married when still children, generally under ten years of age, and after that they are kept at home.

I wish you could see one of our schools on the prize-giving day; the children form a very gay company in their bright-colored sarees, and you would enjoy seeing their happy faces, and hearing their intelligent answers.
Their love for the things of God is wonderful in many instances. The first thing they ask about a story-book that we give them as a reward is: "Is it about God?" and it is valued accordingly. In the scrap-books they like the Scripture pictures best, in which I have often been surprised, and have learned that it lies with those who have the charge of children whether they grow up in the love of God or not.

Miss Marston gives us some striking incidents in connection with her work:

"I think we have great cause for rejoicing in the fact, that while there is so much to excite and disturb the mind of every thoughtful person in India at present, the work does not languish, but is steadily spreading day by day. The people are much more easily reached now, as many of their prejudices have yielded to Christian teaching. The advance in the education of women is most remarkable. The sanction to the marriage of widows and the growth of public opinion against child-marriage are sure indications of an onward movement among the people generally.

"One incident, which I heard related at the last quarterly meeting of the O. M. S., greatly interested me. In one of the villages adjacent to Calcutta, a Hindoo Babu had become so impressed with the power of religion among the people of his village that he had come forward with a sum of money out of his own pocket to build a new chapel for the increasing numbers. This was a wonderful testimony for a Bengali who was not himself a Christian. 'Why,' he said, 'these "coarse fellows" have been made gentlemen; there must be a power in this teaching we do not find in ours.' The Babu was right. God grant there may be many more to feel this power, until it shall become the living energy of India!

"Lately I met a Babu in one of my houses, who is a
professor in the General Assembly's Institution. He asked me if I would like his wife under my charge, and appointed the next day for me to make the arrangements. He was watching for me at the appointed hour, and conducted me to a room which had been fitted up where we could sit undisturbed. The Babu told me his wife had been greatly touched by what she had heard of our devotion to her people, and was very anxious to be taught by one who had given up home and friends to instruct 'benighted women in the truth.'

"In most of the twenty-one houses which I visit every week, there is a deepening interest in religious instruction, and I turn to my work as an unfailing source of comfort and hope.

"I have often written of a dear pupil, who I firmly believe is at heart a Christian, for daily she manifests the fruits of the Spirit, and longs to live so that she can serve and follow Christ always. Often she says to me: 'Oh, Mem, take me to your house, where I can be with those who love Jesus!' and I do, indeed, long to take her away from these debasing surroundings. Once, while telling in the rich Bengali language what she remembered of the Last Supper, as she spoke of the beloved disciple who sat next to Jesus and laid his head upon the Saviour's bosom, her beautiful face seemed lighted with a like love and devotion."

We learn from Miss Hook the effect of "the International Exhibition, the excitement of one season in Calcutta. The desire to see it has been strong enough to overcome all scruples, and the Bengali ladies went there in crowds. Numbers of Babus took their entire families. Any day there might have been seen large groups of Bos tightly clasping hands, the foremost holding the hand of a Babu, a man servant carrying a child bringing up the rear. They drew their veils closely about their heads and
faces, and more timid ones looked quite alarmed, while others quite forgot themselves in their excitement and surprise that there was so much in the world that they had never dreamed of before. The effect will do good; they have been in the presence of men of all nations, and are none the worse; the sharp edges of caste have been a little rubbed down, their minds are a little enlarged, their views of life wider, and they have taken a good step forward."

Miss Marston adds: "This exhibition has been an education to India in many ways, and I do not think we can limit the advantage it has been to the women of the zenanas. In a most unexpected way thousands upon thousands have heard the story of Jesus and His love. One of the first objects we saw, on entering the Exhibition, was a group of figures, some of them of life size, representing our Saviour and some other New Testament characters. One representation of our Saviour on the cross portrayed the awful act of suffering, and as the spectators explained to one another its meaning, the story of Jesus dying for sinners was told over and over again. One of the women, speaking to a zenana visitor of it, said: 'As I looked at it, and thought how Jesus had suffered for us, I could not keep back my tears.' Many of my own pupils spoke of it to me with keenest interest, one of them with trembling lips and tearful eyes describing the scene to me, for it made the death of our Lord a very real thing to them."

Mrs. Page writes thus of our ORPHANAGE:

"Do you feel a little curiosity about our Calcutta Orphanage, and want to know what sort of a place it is? Imagine a two-storied brick house, covered with sand-plaster and white-washed; the doors and outer windows
are painted green, and the inside ones pale brown; the house faces the south, and there is a broad balcony in front, which is a great convenience on sultry days. This balcony overlooks a pretty flower garden, full of fine shrubs. The garden is my pride and joy; but it is not the only garden I have. The other is like the one spoken of in the old nursery rhymes with

"Maidens all in a row,"

from seventeen down to the age of five months. All capacities and dispositions are here, too, so that I, the gardener, must be constantly on the watch against the weeds of carelessness, the slugs of sulkiness, the hot-blasts of temper, the unlooked-for rainfalls of showers of tears, the sandy soil of unstable purpose and the hard stones of selfishness! I am thankful to say that peace is preserved in this large household to a wonderful extent, considering that there are a hundred persons dwelling here—eighty-three pupils, besides teachers and servants.

"The school is divided into seven classes, the first-class girls being trained as zenana teachers.

"For my helpers there is a matron, whose special duties are to look after the children's food and clothes; a work-mistress, who teaches them to sew and to make up clothing for the Calcutta native police, for which we have an annual contract; then I have a native teacher for one of the classes; three Bengali professors or pundits, and two young pupil-teachers. I teach a class daily in order to assure myself of the progress of my pupils. On Saturday I have a special Bible-class, and on Sunday I take a Bible-class in English with eleven older girls. Three of these have lately joined the Church, on profession of their faith, and are trying henceforth to lead a new life to the praise and glory of God. We have a prayer-meeting on Friday evening in which the girls also take part. Soon after my return from England I was somewhat sur-
prised to hear one of my girls pray thus: 'O Lord, who rulest the earth and sea, we thank Thee for bringing our mother back to us in peace. We were told that three vessels had been wrecked, and our hearts grew very sad, and we were much alarmed, but thanks to Thy name our mother's ship was not one of them.' As she came to these words she burst out crying, and I am not quite sure that I did not too.

"I have been asked if any of the girls who go from here relapse into heathen ways. I am very thankful to be able to say that I do not know of a single instance where such has been the case, and I trust that many of those who have once dwelt here with us on earth are living eternally in the Father's better mansions yonder. In many cases the pupils who have married from here have also taken up mission work. I had a visit from one the other day, who came with her husband and little child. They were on their way to a village where two schools have lately been established—one for boys and one for girls—so each will have an appointed work. The girls who leave us are examples to the heathen around them, to whom their cleanliness, their frugality, their knowledge of good things—the whole of their practical Christianity, in fact—often preach a more powerful sermon than words could ever do. I took thirty-two of my older girls to see the Great International Exhibition, and was much surprised to find the notice they attracted; many of the native gentlemen or Babus who passed by made remarks about their neat appearance, saying: 'Just see how well off those Christian children are; they are not dirty, slovenly, uncared for like those of the heathen communities.' These men did not know that I was the mother of all these children, so they made their comments freely in my hearing. Several ladies and gentlemen also stood aside to let the girls pass, and said pleasant things about them,
giving them such kind and friendly looks that I could not help feeling how even a Christian's personal appearance may speak wondrous words in favor of Christianity and thus become a power for good. Every little hint of this sort is of value to me in my work; so when we came home I spoke a few words to my children about the true adorning, 'not of plaiting of the hair' and 'wearing of jewels' and 'costly apparel,' but 'the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.'

"Some weeks ago I had an unexpected visit from some native gentlemen belonging to the court of the Niyam of Hyderabad. They had read the word 'Orphanage' on my gate, and were very anxious to know what a native Christian orphanage was like. So I took them all over the school, and showed them everything, even its large bath, or tank, and our sewing-machines. They went away 'very much obliged,' they said, and I thought no, more about them; but a day or two after a letter came wishing for a few particulars concerning this school. I wrote a brief history of it, in five pages, for my answer, and was surprised to receive in return a cheque for five hundred rupees, for the use of the orphanage. As this prince is a Mohammedan, and as such entirely opposed to the Christian religion, his present to a Christian school was all the more surprising, to my manner of thinking.

"The present is a time of great stirring of heart among the natives; you would think so, too, could you see them flocking to the 'Out-door' and other 'Services' that are held especially for them by the members of the churches in this city, twice during the week, in the church grounds. They have a small harmonium and a few benches placed around it, then a table on which tracts and Testaments in different languages are attractively displayed. One of their number begins some
pretty hymn, and the others stand around and sing. This draws the attention of the passers-by, who stop to listen. They are immediately invited in, and as soon as a few have collected preaching begins. A few days ago I was asked to give an address in Bengali, at this place, and the novelty of a lady speaking in public always draws a good audience. I spoke as simply as I could, taking for my text our Saviour's words: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.' Some of the native gentlemen were returning home from their offices, a motley crowd, East Indians, Bengalis, Mohammedans and Arabs, but stopped to hear, and remained till the end. Just before the meeting a very respectable looking Hindoo came up to me and said: 'Madam, can you give me a copy of songs, God's songs, for children? My little daughter has set her heart on such a book, and has begged of me to try and procure her one.' A little child shall lead them. Ah! we must pray earnestly that the book the father has asked for to gratify his daughter may, under God, be the means of opening his eyes also. A few days ago, two young men came forward at one of these meetings and said they wished to find a Saviour able to take away their sins, and they desired the earnest prayers of God's people; one of them was deeply affected, and spoke with tears."

A significant fact is clothed in the words of a native as reported by Mrs. Page:

"At the time of the Exhibition, as I walked along with my school-children, I overheard a man say: 'What more is wanting? All these have become Christians, and many others are quite ready to follow their example, they only await a favorable moment; the door is on its hinges, one touch, one turn, even from a little child, and it will open wide.'"

A dark picture of the needs of the women of India is
given us by Miss Lathrop, the superintendent of our Mission at

ALLAHABAD.

"We find ourselves face to face here with the great fact that there are millions of our fellow-creatures, as good by nature as ourselves, deprived of almost every thing we think necessary to our well-being in this world, and with minds darkened by a system of cunningly-devised fables, so that they perceive no hope for them of any thing better hereafter. They are in a perfect treadmill; to live, die, and be born again—as they think, perhaps in a higher form, perhaps in a lower, is about all there is of existence for them. More than one woman has said to us, that before we began to teach her, her time was spent in sleeping, cooking a little and eating—caring for nothing and hoping for nothing. Some are happy enough in this unthinking, careless state, but many are not. I remember a widow I taught in Calcutta years ago, who had many trials to bear, as do all widows in India, whether high or low. I had occasion to ask, during the lesson, if she knew the meaning of the word prison. She said, earnestly: 'Yes, I do. All Bengali women are prisoners, shut up, and not allowed to go out to breathe the air and see the beautiful things about them.'

"The longer I live here, and the more I know of the real life in the homes of the people, the greater the wonder is that these long-closed doors are opened to Christian influence. We are now allowed to go freely into the very hearts of the homes, with our Bibles in our hands and the truth which is able to regenerate on our lips. To many the truth has given liberty from slavish fear, and hope to cheer the heart and brighten the life. One woman said to me: 'You have made me happy all the week, thinking I had not to be born again and again, living on forever in"
just this way, or may-be a worse one.' She was one who from the first allowed the truth to influence her, for she often said she loved Jesus and trusted Him.

"I esteem it a great privilege to be here, and I wish many Christian women saw the way open to come and help us. We have in this city of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants 253 zenanas, of which 158 are Bengali houses; 92 Hindoo; 3 Mahommedan; 21 schools, containing in all 415 pupils; 11 Sunday-schools, containing 223 pupils, to whom we can freely go with the Word of Life. There are many more places where we would be gladly received if we had time to go. So far as openings for work are concerned, there is no lack here now. It has not always been so; and again doors may be closed to us, and this thought makes us doubly anxious to improve every opportunity. The zenana and school teachers number 14.

"Looking at the small number who have come out from the zenanas and openly professed Christ, one might think this a work with few results. We who are engaged in it see a work going on silently but surely, which bears fruit now, and will, we believe, much more abundantly in the future. It is a slow process warring against the errors of many centuries' growth, and it requires patience and a faith that will not be dismayed.

"A woman who reads in a school said to me, a few days since: 'It is like heaven in my heart when I read or hear of Christ,' and her countenance beams with light. She tells me that her two sisters also believe, and together they read and talk over these things. Another bright young woman tells me she reads with her husband and children. She seemed to feel a great victory was won recently, when her husband recovered from a severe illness and made no offering to the gods nor feasted the Brahmins, but simply thanked God. She has three dear little
girls in our Bengali girls' school. One began coming when she seemed too young to learn any thing, but I found that she remembered the Bible verses and hymns, which the children repeated in concert, and at home entertained her father with them. Perhaps the truth, which he is beginning to regard, may have first entered his mind through this little teacher. We often know of the school-children speaking to their parents and others, and our hearts are encouraged and strengthened by this evidence that good is being done.

"A station master said, about the spread of Christianity: 'We want ladies and gentlemen to come and stay among us, who will teach and help us to live rightly.' The place where this man dwells is away from all Christian influences, and the poor women are longing for the light."

Miss Roberts pictures a touching scene:

"A woman from Cashmere was talking to me about her mother-in-law, who has been dead several years, and said sorrowfully: 'I do not know where her soul is now! she was so devout and good, can it be that she has not been received in heaven?' I tried to explain how God, ever merciful, though just, reckoned according to the light we had, and not according to that which had not been given. She looked at me and said in a subdued voice: 'I have heard of Christ. Out at the river-side melas, I used to mingle in the crowds while the Christians preached'; she meant that she knew of Him, but did not receive Him. Think of the scene, dear Christian friends! out in the crowds, trying to keep from being observed, yet drawn, as it were, by a spell, to hear the word of God, yet it was impossible to satisfy herself as to the truth of the Gospel. Satan, ever ready, filled her mind with doubts she could not refute, and no Christian woman had then been admitted in her home to quietly and gently tell her of our Lord, and so she did not accept Him. The
same woman remarked: 'Ten women out of every hun-
dred in India love to hear of the Lord Jesus.' Time was
not very long back when ten out of every ten hundred
had not even heard of Him!"

Miss McIntosh gives this hopeful incident:
"We had some Bengali tracts given us to distribute,
and I took some to a pupil, and before she commenced
her lessons I handed her one. She seemed pleased to get
it and very soon asked the price. When I told her she
had it for nothing, she said: 'You must have bought it
yourself to give it to me.' I told her how the tracts were
for free distribution, so that those who might never have
a chance of hearing the Gospel, might be able to read it
for themselves. I told her, too, that many good people
gave money for the tracts to be printed. She seemed
satisfied and put it aside, promising to read it at some
other time. She began reading her lesson, and when she
was in the middle of it she put her books on the ground
in great haste, and said: 'Just wait, I am coming back in
a few minutes.' She went to a room opposite, and un-
locking it went in, and soon came to me, and said:
'Take these two rupees and buy some tracts to give
away; I wish I had more to give.' I was taken by sur-
prise, for this is a thing one least expects from the
Bengali women, because the Bengalis, as a rule, 'are not
very liberal.'"

Miss Roderick narrates thus an attempt at wayside
preaching:
"One day I made up my mind to go out and speak to
the people. I was alone, and when the time came for me
to speak, a sudden fit of nervousness seized me. In front
was a woman with a vegetable stall. I knew the longer
I waited the harder it would be, so I went and stood by
the stall, hymn-book in hand, and began singing in a
very tremulous voice. I gathered courage as I went on,
and was gratified to find, when I commenced to speak, that many women had seated themselves on the ground to hear me. A group of men gathered round us; one man wanted to argue, but a woman bade him be quiet or else go away, for I was speaking to them. I spoke until my voice gave out, and was going, when a man asked me if I would not go farther up the road and speak. One never lacks opportunities of sowing seed by the wayside.

Miss Westropp gives us this glimpse of seed broadcast:

"Two constables have interested me, who have been hearing the Gospel taught in a small Hindoostani school which I hold on the roadside of a village near the district jail. Often, after I have finished with the children, they have asked me questions regarding salvation. One man asked me for a Hindoo Testament, while the other has professed before quite a number of natives his belief in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of mankind. He said he had heard the Gospel preached only on two or three occasions, and longed to hear more, but dared not because of his aged mother, who, finding out his views of religion, had fallen weeping at his feet, imploring him not to break her heart by accepting the Christian's God, and since then, he said, he feared to avail himself of opportunities of hearing more of that way."

In a letter from Miss Ward, who directs our mission at Cawnpore, we find the year's record: "As we look over the last year, we find we have made some increase in zenanas and schools, although not in as great a proportion as in the two or three years previous. We had one hundred and forty-eight zenanas; two hundred and thirty-one pupils; a school, one-half Bengali and half Christian, contains twelve Bengalis and twelve native Christians and Eurasians; mixed, Hindoo and Moham-
medan schools, nineteen, pupils, three hundred and two; ten Sunday-schools, besides visiting regularly the ghats, hospitals and prison. All this can be put in few words, but it represents a great deal of work, as we who are in it know. We have many doors open to us, but I cannot say we have many conversions, although we hope and believe some women, in their homes, are trying to follow the teachings of Jesus. Still we believe in seed-sowing, hoping that when some falls by the wayside, in stony ground, or among thorns, much may fall on good ground and bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred-fold. One of my pupils, a girl about eighteen, is quite far advanced in the study of English, reads and translates a little each week from Shakespeare, also a chapter in the English Bible. While she does not believe in Christianity, she has given up the worship of idols. She is of high caste, and if truly the Lord's would be a great light to her heathen sisters. One of my pupils read Longfellow's 'Psalm of Life,' this week, in English. Her depth of thought is rather wonderful, when we consider her advantages. Just now she is quite ambitious, and I often think: 'Oh! if I only had her out of the zenana what a comfort and help she would be in our work.' Sometimes I think she is very near the kingdom. Last week we were comparing religions, and her interest grew more and more intense until her eyes fairly glowed with the light from within. We had been reading the fifteenth chapter of John, and I said the religion of Jesus can all be put in one word. 'One word,' she said, 'I do not understand; how can it be?' I told her the word was 'Love.' Christ loved us, we love Christ and our neighbors, and it all springs from the love in the heart. "Now come with me to my little Bengali school, and I am sure you will feel it to be a real treat to have so many bright eyes looking up into yours with trust and confi-
dence. We go over the regular week's examination, and then take up the 'Peep of Day.' I read and talk about the wonderful miracle of the five thousand. The wonder and love of the little ones is drawn out to the Giver of all good, and we leave them feeling some seed has fallen into good ground. I call each Bible verse committed to memory by our pupils in the schools and zenanas, a seed, which, in its own time, must spring up."

Miss Gardner asks us this earnest question: "What can I say to bring this far-away land, this land so full of sin and ignorance and superstition, so full of sad-faced, kind-hearted women and uncared-for little children, nearer to you, so that your hearts will go out toward them and you will think tenderly of them? I used to think, when I first came out here, if I could only bring my friends here for one day and put them face to face with some of the sights, with some of the people, with whom I come in contact nearly every day, that it would never again be necessary to urge upon them the necessity of thinking of their wants, of the great need this people have to be taught and helped upward; nor would it then be difficult to make them see and understand the importance of that great command: 'Go ye into all the world.' But heathen lands are a long way off, and it is not easy to bring their needs near enough to make our impressions upon minds already absorbed in other things.

"In going to a school, it is necessary to pass through a large open square or market-place, and I find a large number of women, who have been carrying heavy loads on their heads, seated on the ground, taking their noon-day meal. These poor women and I have become very friendly, and I have grown to love them very much. Now I must sing a hymn to a crowd, who, passing by, have recognized me and asked for it, and I try to say something that may touch the weary ones. It is always
easy to touch the heart of a Hindoo woman by telling her of the love and mercy of our Saviour, in such contrast to the severity of their gods, whom they are constantly obliged to propitiate in some way to keep them from being angry."

We condense an incident, written by Miss Gardner, as she states:

"To show one of our methods of teaching, in which I have great faith, the committing to memory of Bible verses, often thoughtlessly, but bound to come to the mind in some day of need. Then the utility of Scripture pictures, which almost unconsciously make an impression on the mind for good that nothing else would. In one house I visit, after stooping under the low doorway, my eye rests on a picture of the Good Shepherd feeding his sheep. One wonders how it came to be in the home of a Hindoo widow, whose two children were among the first pupils in one of our schools. One day the teacher had said many things to set the eldest girl thinking. The mother greets the children pleasantly as they enter the house, and says: 'Well, my beloved ones, what did the Meme say to-day?' Gungo answers her mother's question by asking another. 'Amma, what's the use of going to the Ganges? The Mem Sahib says it can only wash our bodies, and it is our souls that are sinful.' The mother made no answer. Many a time she had been told the same thing by her old teacher, and in her heart she felt there was no use, and she glanced rather longingly at the picture of the Good Shepherd fastened on the wall, and then thought how much pleasanter it was to think of Him than of all the gods whom they were always trying to propitiate, but who were always angry. But their simple meal was now ready and nothing more was said. Tulsie's mind was full of the thoughts which the child's words had stirred and the meal was a silent one. When it was
finished they prepared for their noonday nap, for it was now midday and the whole land quivered and panted under the noonday sun. The mother vainly strived to put away the thoughts which the morning’s question had fastened in her mind. She shut her eyes to shut out the pictures and the thought of the Good Shepherd. There He stood plainly before her, and she knew that the gods she had been worshiping were nothing, and that there was only one God, and He the gentle Shepherd, the dear, kind Father. What if she should answer Gungo’s question, would she be able to face the disgrace for herself and children that would follow? She must not think of it, and turned resolutely on her mat and tried to ‘go to sleep. Still there was the picture, and try as hard as she could to think of something else, this was uppermost, and with it came swarming into her mind all the texts of Scripture she had learned in the Mem Sahib’s class: ‘God is love,’ ‘God so loves the world,’ ‘He that believeth in Me,’ and hosts of others that she had learned thoughtlessly, simply to please the Meme. Now they flash back to her mind freighted with meaning, the Spirit sealing them. Her determination is taken, Gungo’s question shall be answered. ‘There is no use,’ she said to the child, when she awoke; ‘the waters of the Ganges can never make the heart clean. Mem Sahib will teach you about the Good Shepherd, and I will go, too, for the words she says are the only true words.’ The next day Tulsie sat among the children of the little school, an attentive learner of those things which to know is to know life everlasting.”

Miss Gardner closes one of her letters with these words:

“Another generation, and what a change! and still another! I almost want to jump over the years at a single bound, because I know the difference between the
now and then will be so marvelous. The little thoughtful girl who sits by my feet to-day, looking into my face with her big, earnest eyes, will be married to the boy who has been educated over there in the mission-school, or in the government-school, where a liberal education has rooted from his mind all the old-time superstition of his fathers, and they enter into life with very different views of things, and it will be the easiest thing in the world for their children to accept Christianity, because there will be no prejudice to combat on the part of father or mother. This is what is going on even now. What may not the future bring of glory and blessing to this land, and what a privilege to be allowed to help on toward this end."

The hopeful aspect of our Mission in

**CHINA**

is told succinctly by Mrs. PRUYN: "The work in this mission thus far has been *foundation* work. The house was opened for scholars the last week in February, 1883, and such a period is not the time to look for *results* in any place, especially in China, where everything moves slowly. We find ourselves now with a house to a great extent renovated and repaired, extensive alterations made, and some additions erected; our chapel, so beautifully fitted up, that it is the admiration of all, and has been made a model for other buildings; the grounds cleared and laid out, a pleasure to look upon. A building has been put up for one of our Bible-women and the day-school. A boarding-school, numbering forty, has been gathered, a growth with very few parallels, if any, in the same period in China. We have regular preaching every Sunday morning to a chapel full of interested hearers, and a large Sunday-school in the afternoon. Besides this we employ four women, who assist in the school and work as Bible-readers.
“Already it is quite apparent that our opportunities here for doing good in this country will only be limited by our resources. The Christians at home must decide by their liberality and faith what shall be accomplished through this agency. The long period of self-sufficiency and exclusiveness in China is coming to an end, the barriers that have kept out the blessed Gospel of light and peace are giving way, and Christ's kingdom is already established in many hearts.”

Miss Burnett thus notes the progress made by our pupils:

“The forty pupils in the school are bound to the mission until they are eighteen or nineteen years of age, and all who receive support entirely from the mission have 'unbound feet.'

“For some weeks past a group of girls have been coming very quietly after study hours to my room 'to hear more about the religion of Jesus.' They have learned to pray; they love to read and sing and hear of Jesus better than they love their plays. Some of these dear girls, we believe, have become Christians. But they have yet to be tested, for in the Home there is comparatively little to contend against, while without there is poverty, sickness and sin all about them. I hope that these little messengers may brighten the homes of their heathen friends by carrying some knowledge of Him who is the true 'Light of the world.'

“Mrs. Sae, the Bible-reader, looking quite delighted, said: 'What do you think your pupils are doing in their vacation? You should happy be, for they are now working to get their friends to give up idolatry, and worship the true God. One says: ‘Mother, now I love Jesus, and must depart from you, if you do not believe and love Him too.’ Another, who is staying with a neighbor, says: ‘Why do you bow down before this tablet? It is only
wood. It is dead—cannot hear, and cannot help. Take it away, and worship only Jesus. I want all my family to become Christians, that they together with us to heaven can go." With like words they are trying to convince their mothers and friends of the folly and sin of heathen customs.'

"You would feel gratified to hear the expressions of interest and pleasure from strangers who visit our day-school. While we cannot employ as many Bible-readers as we would like, we might increase the number of day-schools, if we had the means. Would not some friend in America like to take the support of one school under her own especial care?"

In November we were privileged to send Miss MARY J. BENNETT, of Pittsburgh, as an assistant for our school, hoping thus to lighten some of Miss BURNETT'S responsibilities.

Of our MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL we learn from Dr. REIFSNYDER that "the administration building is of red and gray brick, and is good as well as very substantial. The name 'MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL' is cut in the large stone which arches the gateway; the Chinese characters for 'Hospital for Women and Children' underneath. On either side of the gateway the Chinese characters for the year in which it is built, the year of our Lord, and the year of Emperor's reign.

"We have rooms in the Chinese city for a dispensary: one room where the patients can wait, and the other to suit my various needs.

"In three months three patients were operated upon at Dr. BOONE'S (St. Luke's) Hospital, who had diseases of long standing, but have made good recoveries, for which
we are very thankful. At the Dispensary and here, during three months, we registered 459 patients; prescriptions filled, 947; visits made, 106; teeth extracted, 12.

"I feel that God will bless this work, for scarcely a drop of medicine is given but a few words for the Master accompany it. Only this morning Mrs. Day, our Chinese helper, went with me to see a sick woman, and while I was attending to the patient, Mrs. Day told the people in their own language of God and Christ Jesus, and of how they ought to render thanks to God as well as to us. So it is every time and everywhere we go. While we help the sick, we try to care for souls."

Miss McKechnie, our medical assistant, who reached China in March, adds of this work:

"Dr. Reifsnnyder and I go into the native city three times a week. The dispensary has been crowded lately, and we have been kept very busy. Every morning after prayers we have quite a troop of our own scholars to look after whose health is delicate. Besides these scholars, we have from twelve to twenty outsiders, who come to the dispensary in the Home connected with the Doctor's study. They usually come in time for prayers, so that they hear the Gospel as well as receive medical aid. This is only a part of the medical work, as many others come through the day. The Doctor has opened dispensary work in Nantziang, and intends to go there every two weeks.

"We have just come from the city dispensary and have heard of a little word of encouragement. The Doctor performed an operation on an old lady which was a success, and to-day she told us she had given up her idolatry, destroyed her idols and was going to accept the Christian religion."

She writes of "a noisy time at the temples next us, on
the celebration of the birthday of the god of thunder. On Thursday afternoon our gate was opened, the chapel organ taken out on the lawn and some of the seats. Dr. Reifsnyder, our native Bible-reader, Mrs. Day, and a few of the girls sang some of our sweet hymns. It began to rain, and we adjourned to the chapel, which was soon filled. After singing, Mrs. Day spoke to them, taking the first chapter of Genesis as her text. Our Doctor sang for them again, and showed them some large pictures of Christ and His disciples, explaining each one as she proceeded. As soon as the sick ones found out that she was a physician, they were anxious to be healed. Altogether, it was a very busy afternoon for her, and we hope it was not in vain, but that some of them, at least, may be led to a knowledge of the true God."

Our Missionary Link thus tells the story of the great trial our mission in China was called to pass through in Mrs. Pruyn's severe and dangerous illness:

"By the imperative order of physicians Mrs. Pruyn left Shanghai in June, sailing for Japan, accompanied by our medical missionary, Dr. Reifsnyder."

Miss McKechnie thus speaks of her farewell:

"'When Mrs. Pruyn left us, the scholars all gathered on the verandah, and the servants in the yard, to see her off. Tears gathered in the eyes of many of them as they bade her good-by. Just as the carriage started, the servants set fire to some firecrackers for good luck, they said, this being a Chinese custom.'

"Mrs. Pruyn writes, through the pen of a Japanese pupil, of her stay in Yokohama:

"'I can truly say it has been a very Bethesda to both soul and body. It is a blessed rich compensation for whatever of toil or self-denial I was ever called to in former years, to be permitted to come back and see what
God has wrought during the interval since I left this work in Japan, and find what strong, intelligent, sanctified Christians have been developed among our pupils.'

"'After spending the summer at Yokohama, enjoying the loving Christian care of the ladies and Japanese girls in the Home, Mrs. Pruyn sailed August 15th, arriving in California Sept. 2d. Although very ill, the desire to reach home was so strong, that on the 20th they started for the long journey across the continent, arriving at her home in Albany, in weakness and suffering, but filled with praise and gratitude for the loving kindness of the Lord. Many supplications from the East and from the West have mingled and gone up for the recovery and prolonged usefulness of this dear servant of the Lord. Thanks are now due for the preservation of her life.

"'And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.'

"Costly stones are needed to underlie every stately and enduring edifice. Mrs. Pruyn has given herself a costly offering, and aimed to build well for the Lord's work in China."

**JAPAN.**

Mrs. Pierson touches the keynote which gives tone to our mission in Yokohama when she writes:

"The Lord has given me an interesting, absorbing work, which never wearyes me, but is ever full of the richest experiences. There are many reasons now, more than we have ever had, for gratitude and praise. And first, for the work wrought by the Holy Spirit in this land, during the past year, for the revival of true religion in the hearts of native Christians, and for great numbers of new converts. About sixty women were brought into the fold, in my field of labor in Yokohama, not connected with our
Home or school. The Lord has given us a great blessing upon our work: The faith of our dear girls has been strengthened, their holy desires and aspirations increased and intensified, and the lives of many transformed by the coming of the Holy Ghost in His power. The new Jennie McGraw Fiske Home for Bible-women is another cause for thanksgiving to God, and also for heartfelt gratitude to those who have co-operated in this blessed work, thus consecrating their treasures to the service of the Lord. There are now four occupants of the Home, all worthy of our confidence and love. Our Bible-readers are thoughtful, earnest and faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. They are diligent students of the Word, praying in and for the Holy Spirit. They are superior to the native women generally, and I feel deeply attached to them.

"This is a rich and fruitful department of the work for the natives. It is even now bearing blessed results; but we need special supporters for these women, who, while constantly occupied with study and teaching, have no means of maintenance. The cost of one such helper does not exceed five dollars and a half per month, or sixty-six dollars annually. Are there not some in free, liberal, happy America who will aid us in this work, and come to our help against the opposing influences of sin, degradation and misery which still prevail in this land?

"Three of our Bible-women, during the summer, went to their distant homes and friends, to tell what great things the Lord hath done for them, and what He hath wrought in our midst. They have labored most faithfully during the past year, and not without results. One has also gone to Kanagawa, intending to labor there for several weeks. Through this woman a Buddhist priestess was recently converted to Christianity. She had been
addicted to the use of wine and to many other sinful pleasures, for the Buddhist priests do not always obey their own precepts. But her conversion wrought a very apparent change in her life; the old habits were abandoned and new ones formed, the result of the new principle of life instilled into her heart by the Holy Spirit. She has ample means of her own, and is now residing temporarily in a neighboring town, where she is exerting her influence for Jesus, who had saved her with His precious salvation. A few weeks ago I went to Totska, accompanied by two Bible-women, for the purpose of holding a meeting there, as we had been invited to do. Although the season was most unfavorable, there were many gathered together to hear the words of life, and impressions were made which, I trust, will never be eradicated.

"I have, for years, held a woman’s meeting in my room on Monday evenings, and it has been greatly blessed by the Master. There is an effort being made by some of the missionaries to form a native women’s Bible alliance, and, beginning in a small way, we hope to accomplish our purpose through the blessing of God. One meeting was devoted to conversation on the Scripture-readings of the past week. The women spoke beautifully on different subjects connected with those portions of Scripture which they have been reading as members of the alliance. They surprise me with their correct exposition of texts and their deep and earnest convictions on many subjects. They are also pursuing a course of Scripture history, in which they have a lesson every day. The students are indeed worthy the name, for more persevering, patient, faithful ones could not be found. Their lessons are perfectly learned and well recited. But the book they love the best is the Bible, whose precious teachings they desire to understand and to obey. Twice every week all the Japanese
girls assemble to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon their own hearts and upon all the native Christians, and that this empire may be filled with the glory of God and with the fruits of His salvation. Last year there were great and glorious answers to these prayers, and we trust that there will be greater things wrought in the name of Jesus than have been yet accomplished.

Miss Crosby speaks thus encouragingly of an outside school called "Kashidori," from the name of the street on which it is situated, and which numbers seventy pupils:

"The school was one which Miss Fletcher became interested in several years ago. It was then quite small, numbering only eleven scholars, and was taught by the brother of one of our pupils. Gradually more scholars were brought in, and as the place was very small and dirty we helped the teacher in renting a better place. Soon it out-grew that and we had to remove to a still larger room, and made arrangements by which our Mission should have full control of the school. In this way we are at liberty to have daily prayers and Bible-teachings, also, once or twice a week. Miss Fletcher and several of our pupils gave singing-lessons and held a Sabbath-school there every Sunday afternoon. The school-room is also used for prayer-meetings on Sunday and one evening in the week. One of the teachers is a most earnest Christian, and cannot but have a great influence for good. Of course all this growth involved increase of expense, but we felt the Mission could not draw back when such an opportunity was so providentially opening before it, but only go forward and appeal to friends at home for means to carry on the work. It is thought that a church may grow out of this school."
From the pen of Toki Yeguchi, one of our pupils, we learn—"There are seventy scholars in our Home, which is built on the top of a hill just above the town. Every Sunday evening we have an interesting prayer-meeting in our school-room, which is always full of attentive listeners. Many people have joined the Church, and last Sunday six persons received baptism."

Let us look at a pleasant picture of our school-closing, sketched for us by Mrs. Pierson:

"Examinations on various studies were conducted through some days.

"The Bible-class of Monday afternoon has been under the care of the post-graduate, Hisa Saraki, one of our Japanese girls. The members of the class were examined in Genesis and did credit to the instruction received. That of Tuesday afternoon was a class in the Book of Joshua. Their lessons were all in English, recited intelligibly and correctly. The audience asked many questions which were answered without hesitation. The Bible class of Wednesday were examined in Paul's Epistle to the Romans and showed a good understanding of its important doctrines and principles. The history class of Tuesday morning has been taught by one of our post-graduates, Kinowaki Sono, and reflected much credit upon their young and faithful teacher, who has entire charge of the Primary Department of our school. She also, being our finest musician, teaches singing during Miss Fletcher's absence.

"The Commencement exercises were largely attended by an appreciative audience. There were four poems recited and two original dialogues, the first between three graduates on the subject "The True Source of Civilization"; the second—"Discipline"—between two others of the senior class. There were essays on Courage, Books and Punctuality. These exercises were interspersed with
anthems, choruses, solos and duetts. The valedictory was delivered by Sudzuki Shin. The graduates then came forward and received their diplomas. After this there was another presentation, which was new and pleasurable, and with which there is connected an interesting incident. Last year Mr. McKEIGE, of Shanghai, visited our school and was so much surprised and delighted with the progress of the students that he sent me a sum of money to be appropriated to the purchase of gifts for our graduates.

"There was nothing so encouraging to me as the dependence of the girls upon the Holy Spirit for strength and wisdom to perform their duties. When one was on the platform the others were praying for her. This was the secret of their success. There was not one thing we could have wished changed, and it was prayer that prevailed."

In the last month of the year Mrs. VIELE returned to Yokohama, where reinforcements have been sadly needed, and we look for rich blessings on her labor.

Our Society is still represented in various fields of other Boards as follows:

**Four Schools**—In Athens, Greece; Sirur, India; Rangoon, Burmah; Maulmain, Burmah. **Five Bible Readers**—In Jaffa, Syria; Cairo, Egypt; Vellore, India; Amoy, China (2). **Seven Children**—In Nellore, India; Kohlapur, India; Vellore, India (2); Midnapore, India; Rangoon, Burmah (2).

We have, also, forwarded nearly $500 to the McCall Mission in Paris, and sent some special personal remembrances to other stations.

And now we come to the record of our laborers at home, and thoughts of loss and grief come surging over us as we note the ravages death has made in our ranks.
Two of our Vice-Presidents have passed beyond the vail, Mrs. Horace Waters and Mrs. S. B. Chittenden, in whose beautiful and hospitable homes many of our most attractive parlor meetings were held. With Mrs. Chittenden is especially connected our Mission Band Fairs in Brooklyn in the feeble days of our existence as a Society. Her energy and enterprise resulted in the "Messenger Reserve Fund" which has so often proved a blessing to us in times of financial pressure. We feel conscious in these losses that a part of our past happy experience is blotted out forever.

A loud call came to us in the death of our Manager, Mrs. W. P. Powers, whose "liberal heart devised liberal things" for us. We trust the little ones she educated in India by her generous contributions, will be permitted to meet her in the great hereafter, where giver and recipient shall unite together in the great song of the redeemed.

Our sympathy is called out for our Branches who have been greatly bereaved. Our Philadelphia Branch thus lovingly writes of their Vice-President, Mary Anna Longstreth, representing the Society of Friends:

"A long life of uninterrupted activities has peacefully closed. By her extended personal influence she was for many years our great stay and support, and in far distant heathen lands her name is loved and honored by many just waking from the deathly sleep of ignorance and sin. * * * * * "

"No benevolent philanthropic or missionary work escaped her attention and sympathy; her large hearted charity was ever on the alert, and even in the retirement of her declining years her activities never ceased. * * * * * "

"Loving in manner, tender in sympathy, wise in counsel, ready in liberality, and wide in personal influence, her death is a loss almost irreparable."

The Princeton Branch tells us it has been greatly bereaved by the death of its revered and beloved President, Mrs. Sarah A. Brown, who was one of the founders of the Princeton Branch in 1870:

"Thoroughly identified with the Society, her heart has been ever warm toward its work, and her clear mind and sound judgment ready to promote its interests. * * * * * "
Our New Brunswick Auxiliary records the death of Mrs. SARAH C. ELMENDORF, President, who entered our Woman's Union Missionary Society in its early days, and with almost *prophetic faith* joined her efforts with those of Mrs. DOREMUS and a few others to establish a mission for women:

"After the death of her husband, Rev. Dr. ANTHONY ELMENDORF, of the North Ref. D. Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y., she removed to New Brunswick, N. J., and connected herself with our Branch. Her unflagging zeal, ardent attachment to the cause, her patience and quiet energy under discouragements, sustained and gave vitality to the Branch, whose bereaved members now accept the work she has laid down as a sacred legacy."

The Wilmington, Del., Branch has also been bereaved of its head. A friend writing—

"Our late President, Mrs. A. Foote, died of a sudden illness on the day that a stated meeting of the Society was to have been held at her house, and a little group of members who arrived at the door from different points first knew of their loss by seeing crape on the door. She was advanced in years and feeble in health, but full of love to Christ and much impressed by the call to do with her might what her hand found to do, and is sadly missed in our little Society."

Many other dear members who have passed from our sight have left us remembrances of their devoted love. From the estate of our Vice-President, Mrs. WILLIAMSON, who last year left us, we received for the Margaret Williamson Hospital, in Shanghai, China, $5,000 00

From Miss Sarah J. Bush, Bellona, N. Y. - - - 100 00
Miss Mary E. Beatty, Allentown, N. J. - - - 100 00
Mrs. Amelia C. Hincks, Baltimore Branch, - - 487 50
Miss Isabella Johnston, Washington Hts., N. Y. - - - 200 00
Miss Sarah Oliphant, Rochester, N. Y. - - - 696 01
Miss Lucretia Latimer, New London, Conn. - - - 100 00

A glance into our Mission Room at the time our boxes are being sent to our various stations, would suffice to tell the story of perseverance, energy and love amid our Bands and home workers. Let us hear what a glad reception
the boxes meet, from the words of our missionaries:

**THE GIFT DAY.**

Miss LATHROP writes: "I have just finished the distribution of koortas in our Allahabad schools, given only to those who actually were in attendance and learning to read. If you could have seen the evident pleasure with which the garments were received, you would have been amply rewarded I am sure."

Miss WARD adds: "One of our last home boxes contained the dolls and patchwork so kindly sent, and all will be of use here: the patchwork in teaching the little dark fingers to go over and over with needle and thread, and the dolls as an encouragement in learning to read. The little children here find it harder to get through the Primer and First Reader than our children at home, as we have so many more letters, and then the long lines of compound letters. We offer as a prize to any child who can pass a good examination in the First Reader one of these dolls, and many a little girl has been made happy. It is only because our friends at home help us that we are able to do this, so I want to pass on to you the thanks which have come from the dear children themselves. The scrap-books were invaluable to entertain the husbands and sons, who, coming only once a year, are shy and need a little help."

Mrs. PRUYN thus speaks of the First Christmas at the Bridgman Home:

"We all feel most grateful for the beautiful and welcome gifts sent us, and I only wish it were possible for me to tell you just how we disposed of each article, and the pleasure and delight of all the recipients. The larger part of all the box contained was appropriated to the children of our Home, day-school and Sunday-school. They, together with our servants and some of the Chinese
friends invited, made a company of seventy, to receive presents and enjoy our Christmas services. All the kind donors have contributed to make our Christmas a very happy one, and have our fervent gratitude. I could not have anticipated that our first Christmas in China would have brought such proof of God's blessing upon this work as we realized now."

Thus we have gathered up, mostly in the words of our own gifted and devoted missionaries, some records of the year's work.

Our embarrassment has been, from the great mass of interesting material before us, to select that which should most fully and vividly set forth the results in the various fields. It has been a year of faithful service and of abundant blessing. We have rejoiced over the widespread influence and growing recognition of our missions in India, over the eager reception which the truth has met in zenana and prison, in the bathing-places and by the wayside; we have received with pride the letters testifying to the bright intelligence of our Japanese pupils; we have watched with intense interest the rising walls of the Margaret Williamson Hospital and the brave beginnings of our medical mission in Shanghai. As the cabinet at home keep anxious watch in the council chamber, while the battle rages, for advices from the front, so we scan the reports which come to our Mission-room week after week and our hearts burn within us as we hear of positions bravely held, of strongholds taken and advances made into the enemy's country. But all along the line comes the cry for reinforcements—send us more workers, for our strength is failing. "Are the churches at home growing cold toward foreign missions," writes Miss Hook, "that our ranks are not reinforced? Are there not those who will fit themselves to come and help us? Never
was there a time when the way was so cleared for successful work. Come to us those who are fully persuaded in their own minds, who can give up the world and be nothing, who can give themselves a willing sacrifice, not in words only, but in very deed—yea, those who can give their bodies to be burned if need be. With such to strengthen our hands the work will go forward."

Surely, woman's work for India is just begun, when out of every thousand girls only eight are as yet receiving religious instruction. And what shall we say of China, where two hundred and fifty missionary ladies confront two hundred millions of Chinese women?

We are at the dawn of our quadra-centennial, the twenty-fifth year of our existence as a society—a fateful quarter of a century in missionary enterprise. It has seen in the great mission fields—India, Turkey, China, Syria—Christianity crystallizing into permanent institutions: into churches, schools, colleges, hospitals, and so intrenching herself against the hoary battlements of superstition. It has seen Japan born in a day, and, with the new Gospel light in her eyes, already standing tiptoe to stretch out her hands toward her neighbor, Corea. It has seen the opening of the Dark Continent, and, in literal fulfilment of prophecy, kings becoming nursing fathers and queens nursing mothers to the infant enterprises of philanthropy and religion. And last, but, perhaps, greatest of all, though coming without observation, it has seen the answering swell of the great tides of Christian womanhood responsive to the bitter cry of sisters in Pagan bondage, so that now a great sisterhood of societies like our own are carrying to their deliverance the Gospel of the Son of Mary.

Reviewing the past, shall we not thank God and take courage, resolving that this quadra-centennial year shall
be marked by greater things than the past has visioned; that the "angels of our charity shall go forth under the whole heaven to bring righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost, among all nations."

By order of the Board.
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

The chapel of the Reformed Episcopal Church, corner of Fifty-fifth Street and Madison Avenue, was hospitably opened for the celebration of our Twenty-fourth Anniversary on the 21st of January.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. LE ROY, our Vice-Pres., Mrs. HENRY JOHNSON presided during the Morning Session.

After devotional exercises, and the reading of extracts from the Report, the meeting was addressed by Mrs. LEE (formerly Miss ADA JONES our missionary in Allahabad).

Mrs. JOHN NEWTON who, after the death of her husband, continued for some time in charge of a leper hospital in India, pictured the work of our ladies, who, with a small musical instrument, carried in the hand, attract the attention of people in the street by singing a Christian hymn, and thus gathering an audience to whom they can tell the new story of redemption. Mrs. NEWTON also depicted the wretched lives of the 21,000,000 of widows in India, and pleaded for these despised and cruelly-treated children. There are no such things as homes in heathen countries, and the appeal was most earnest that sympathy and continued prayer might be given to these miserable and Christless women.

Mrs. GARDNER, from Tokio, spoke of our Yokohama Home as a delightful centre and attractive resting-place for missionaries coming into or leaving the country, where abundant fruit has already resulted from the faithful Christian work of our ladies stationed there.

Mrs. R. R. PROUDFIT made an interesting statement regarding the Invalid's Auxiliary, which, about fifteen months ago, became attached to our Society, through sympathy for the sick and suffering in heathen countries,
particularly in Shanghai, where the MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL is in process of erection, and Dr. REIFSNYDER, our physician, is already hard at work in relieving the cruel and unnecessary sufferings of ignorant and superstitious heathen women. The Auxiliary already numbers ninety-six members, scattered throughout the union, and themselves associated through sympathy and correspondence in the "Shut-in Society." Most of these, Mrs. PROUDFIT stated, were not only very ill, but very poor—yet many have sent self-denying offerings to aid in the hospital work. One invalid, who had been confined to her bed many years, and who earns with her own hands every penny that she spends, had been saving her earnings to buy a new bedstead, the one on which she was lying being so old as to be unsafe; yet from these savings she sent her offering for those whose plight was worse than her own. One of the most touching contributions came from a man in Kansas who had been an invalid for fifty years. His heart having been stirred by reading one of our little leaflets, entitled "Peter's Gift," wrote: "I truly, like Peter, have neither silver or gold to bestow; but, like him, give such as I have." The offering consisted of Christmas cards, which had evidently been greatly prized and carefully handled, bearing his own name and the names of the givers. Having read that pictures were serviceable in missionary work, he sent these as all that he had to offer.

During intermission, a social hour was most agreeably passed, the ladies of New York furnishing the entertainment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Our Cor. Sec., presided, and after reading selections from Ephesians iv., and Cor. ii., 10, called upon Mrs. WRIGHT to offer prayer.

Miss FLETCHER, from Yokohama, was then introduced
and gave an address crowded with interesting and instructive points. She spoke of the founding of the Mission Home in Yokohama, and of the devoted and consistent lives of many of the pupils there trained. One of them had recently gone with her Christian husband to do missionary work among the women and children of a colony in Yezo, a bleak, inhospitable island lying to the north of the Japan group. She manifested as high aims and as great self-sacrifice as any Christian missionary who goes to foreign lands. Many others were filling positions of usefulness and trust. Woman's position in Japan was not so entirely isolated and abject as in India. Girls were allowed to attend school until about their twelfth year, but marriage bound them in virtual slavery. After that their mental and moral training was confined to the "Book of Woman's Study," which inculcated, first, obedience to parents, then to the husband, afterwards to the eldest son of the family. She spoke of Mrs. Pierson’s prayer meeting among the lower class of laborers, and the rich harvest reaped after years of patient sowing and watering. The banner of Japan is a yellow sun emblazoned upon a red ground. The name Japan in the original signifies Great Sun Source, a seeming prophecy of what is hoped for Japan, that she may be a light-bearer to the surrounding nations.

Mrs. Lee, of Ohio (formerly Miss Jones, our missionary at Allahabad), then addressed the meeting in behalf of India—a land full of natural beauty, and full, also, of moral degradation. She described the mode of life in Allahabad, and a day spent in zenana visiting. When the birth of a child is expected in India, a boy with a conch-shell is stationed at the door of the zenana, and a band of musicians near by. If word comes, "a boy is born," he blows loud and long, and the happy father receives the congratulations of his neighbors. If
"a girl" is whispered, the conch is dropped, the father tears his hair and there is universal sorrow. It is not thought worth while to educate her; at five, she is taught to pray for a husband, and at eight, or sooner, is married, happy if she escape the curse of widowhood.

Nevertheless, the experiences of Mrs. Lee in missionary work inclined to the sunny side, and all hearts were touched by her narrative of the conversion of Shorah, and of a Bengali widow among her pupils. She closed with an appeal for more helpers for India, reading extracts from letters of Miss Ward and Miss Lathrop, and describing from her own knowledge the pressure of the work devolving upon them. Mothers were urged to consecrate their children, and the speaker could desire nothing better for herself or for her two children than the privilege of devoting their lives to the work of foreign missions.

Mrs. Stephen Smith was the next speaker, and her opening words, found in the Bible of a priest: "My blessed Rabboni, how sweet it will be to die in the hope of a welcome from Thee," seemed fitly to carry out the deep and tender impressions left by Mrs. Lee. She gave a brief account of the self-denying labors of a missionary couple in Siam, who had given themselves to the translation of the Bible into one of the Siamese dialects.

Miss Fisher, a former teacher in the school in Beirut, Syria, spoke briefly of her work there, and made an urgent appeal for medical missionaries.

Miss Wallace then moved that a telegram be sent from the meeting to our dear Mrs. Pruyn, now lying near to death at Albany, in the words of 2 Cor. i., 7.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting adjourned at the close of the hymn, "Jesus shall reign," etc.
Missionaries in the Foreign Field.

Missionaries in the Foreign Field in 1884.

CALCUTTA, INDIA.
Miss Hook, Miss Sunder, Miss B. Phukan,
" Marston, " Hamilton, " A. W. Smith,
Mrs. Page, " Wischam, " A. O'Dell,
Miss Caddy, " Dutt, " A. Miller,
" Hatchell, " Mrs. Bagley, " I. Young,
Miss Lathrop, Miss F. M. M. Green,
" Roderick, Miss Peter, " Watson,
" M. Roderick, " Leslie, " Smith,
" McIntosh, " H. Roberts, " Webb.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.
Miss Ward, Miss Emerson, Miss Peters,
" Gardner, Miss F. M. M. Green, " Watson,
" Harris, " Leslie, " Smith,
CAWNPORE, INDIA.
Miss Roberts, Miss Archer, Miss E. M. McKechnie,
" Luce, " Looch,
" Drane, " Shircore.

SHANGHAI, CHINA.
Mrs. Prayn,* Miss Peters, Mrs. Pierson,
Miss Burnett, Miss Archer, Miss E. M. McKechnie.
Miss Crosby, Mrs. Pierson.

Sums Received at Mission Stations in 1884.

CALCUTTA, INDIA.
Government grant ........................................... 9,024 rupees
School fees ....................................................... 827
Miss Fendal’s Rent ........................................... 120
Miss Graves, for teachers’ Christmas and clocks .... 120
Miss Marston’s friend, as a thank offering ........ 100
Sale of a doll .................................................. 8
Dr. Seelye, for a happy Christmas ......................... 100
Excess of freight refunded ................................... 44
Mrs. Cobb, for teacher ........................................ 4
For a teacher, per Mrs. Pool ................................ 40
Mrs. Cobb, for teacher ........................................ 4

ALLAHABAD.
Mrs. Knapp, Auburn, N. Y. .................................. 24
Mrs. Mackay, Simla .......................................... 20
St. Andrew’s Church collection .......................... 109
Donation .......................................................... 4

CAWNPORE.
Subscription from Cawnpore friends ....................... 33
Mrs. Winters, Dayton, Ohio .................................. 357
Mrs. Mackay, towards repairs .............................. 50

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.
Board of pupils for 1883, in part ......................... $466.00
" " " 1884 .................................................. 1,545.50

SHANGHAI, CHINA.
-From Mrs. A. T. Lansing, per Mrs. Prayn ............ $9.80
" Marcy Jackson ............................................... 1.00
" " Wee Bits,” Albany, N. Y. .............................. 5.25

*A part of the year.
Treasurer's Report.

The Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for

Dr.

1884. To support of 13 Missionaries in Calcutta, India, native teachers, 33 children in the orphanage, 19 schools, out-station at Rajpore, repairs of Home, taxes, conveyances, physicians' fees and repairs $7,420 54
To support of 13 Missionaries in Allahabad, India, 21 schools, 14 native teachers, repairs of Home, taxes, physician, conveyances and special work 5,908 00
To support of 9 Missionaries in Cawnpore, India, 19 schools, repairs and enlargement of Home, conveyances, and special work 4,734 39
To support of 4 Missionaries in Shanghai, China, 4 Bible-readers and 12 children, boarding and day-schools, repairs of Home, insurance, books, physician, erection of "Margaret Williamson" Hospital, 3 dispensaries, medical work and homeward passage of Mrs. Pruyn 14,607 35
To support of 2 Missionaries and assistant in Yokohama, Japan, 32 Bible-readers and girls, schools, repairs of Home, taxes, ground-rent and insurance 4,733 76
To support of Bible-reader and 2 children under Mrs. J. W. Scudder, Vellore, India 135 00
To support of child under Rev. David Downie, Nellore, India 30 00
To support of child under Mrs. M. K. Phillips, Midnapore, India 25 00
To support of girl under Rev. J. M. Goheen, Kolhapur, India 30 00
To donation for school under Mrs. M. C. Winsor, Sirur, India 100 00
To donations for school under Mrs. S. J. Higby, Maulmain, Burmah 500 00
To gift for Miss S. Haswell, Maulmain, Burmah 25 00
To support of 2 children under Mrs. Cephas Bennett, Rangoon, Burmah 50 00
To support of Bible-readers under Mr. Talmadge, Amoy, China 50 00
To support of girls under Mrs. Kalopothakes, Athens, Greece 40 00
To support of girl under Miss J. W. Arnott, Jaffa, Syria 50 00
To support of Bible-reader under Mrs. S. B. Lansing, Cairo, Egypt, for two years 192 00
To donations for McAll Mission, Paris, France 471 00
To donation for work in Mexico 100 00
To partial outfit of Miss E. McKechnie, and her passage to Shanghai, China 584 12
To outfit of Miss Mary J. Bennett, and her passage to Shanghai, China 600 79
To salary of Mrs. A. Viele, in this country, and her passage to Yokohama, Japan 977 75
To salary and expenses of Miss N. Fletcher, in this country 582 68
To printing Missionary Link, Annual Report, leaflets and notices, binding Missionary Link, and lithographing certificates 1,546 03
To rent and expenses of Room, 41 Bible House, also incidental expenses, postage, stationery, expressage, mailing Missionary Link, telegrams, expenses of delegates and public meetings, purchases for Missionaries, and engrossing certificates 1,585 36

$44,778 77
REPORT.

Heathen Lands, in account with John E. Johnson, Treas.

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The Society also holds a fund for Sanitarium, with interest, $1,579.09. Interest on other funds is included in the above.

John E. Johnson, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. Paton, Auditor.

CONCORD (N. H.) AUXILIARY.

Secretary's Report.

Standing on the threshold of a new year, and looking back upon the events of the one just gone, we see on all sides evidence of progress and much to cheer and encourage us as Christian workers. The Lord is still, as of old, "mindful of His own." Some have lain down their burdens and gone to their reward; many more are still toiling, watching and praying for the day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth "as the waters cover the sea."

The little company that we represent in that great army of workers, has been able to do something toward the good cause in the year past, and, in addition to the money reported by the Treasurer ($60.00), a box was despatched last summer to the Mission House at Shanghai, filled with the results of busy winter afternoons, and laden with the loving thoughts and prayers of the workers. May the Lord stay the hand of war and watch over the little band gathered there, looking for His special blessing.

One sultry morning in June a few ladies met at the house of one of our number to pack the box for shipment. The dolls, dainty maidens in silk or chintz, were stowed carefully away in their places; fancy work in all stages of development; books, pictures, scrap-books and substantial articles for the home; and stockings knit in New England homes, by New England firesides, for the little distorted feet that know neither home nor fireside—made up the list. How it would add to our zeal and quicken our hearts in Christian work could we see the joy that one box can bestow.

M. H. Woods, for Sec.

BOSTON BRANCH.

Treasurer's Report.

*Mrs. C. V. R. Thayer, for the support of Miss Roberts at Cawnpore, .... $400.00
*Mrs. Wm. Appleton, for the support of Miss Harris at Cawnpore, 400.00
*Trinity Church, for the support of Miss Marston at Calcutta ........ $600.00
*Other contributions from Trinity Church for Zenana work .......... 77.50

*Previously reported in the 'Link.
HAVERHILL (MASS.) ZENANA SOCIETY.

Our Annual Meeting was held November 15th. Much increased interest was shown, both in attendance, zeal and offering. Seldom have we had so enthusiastic a meeting, and so good a contribution so easily raised.

The old board of officers was re-elected, save that Miss Helen Chase was made Collector in the place of Miss Rhoda Everson, who is out of town.

Mrs. Moses George and Mrs. E. J. M. Hale were made life members of the W. U. M. S.

Voted to continue the assignment of the money raised to Miss Ward.

The work of the parent Society was dwelt upon, and the favorable returns from India. The new religious movement there by the Brahma Somaj was brought up for explanation and discussion.

It was suggested that each present member of the Zenana Society try to add one new member for the coming year.

M. F. M. RAYMOND, Sec.

The Treasurer, Miss Sarah N. Kittredge, reports $126 as the receipts of the Society, appropriated for Miss Ward's work in Cawnpore, India, and $1.20 for *Links.*

*Mrs. G. Wait .......................... $1 00
Miss F. A. Hall ........................ 1 00
Miss Hattie Dunbar .................... 1 00
Mrs. Henry Safford ..................... 1 00
Mrs. Phoebe Pratt ........................ 1 00
Mrs. Ambrose Loris ........................ 1 00
Mrs. F. A. Chase ........................ 1 00
Miss A. M. Gregory ...................... 1 00
Mrs. G. O. Lamphear ........................ 1 00
Mrs. H. A. Temple ........................ 1 00

*Miscellaneous collections through Mrs. E. Crosby, Mrs. Burr Porter and Mrs. Henry Johnson, 160 57

Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

Henry Johnson, Auditor.

*Previously reported in the *Link.*
Report of the Providence Branch.

PROVIDENCE (R. I.) BRANCH.

Secretary's Report.

The parent Society in New York has kept steadily at work following the leadings of Providence in the loving discharge of its self-assumed duties. Its many friends scattered over different sections of the country have maintained their loyalty to its interests and have cheerfully contributed of their time and their money to promote its interests.

Communications received from the missionaries who are laboring for the Master, bring us the encouraging intelligence that the influence of heathenism is slowly but surely being undermined, and the clouds which have so long rested upon millions of our race, are scattering before the light of Christian civilization.

In the Spring it was proposed by Miss Waterman that another box should be sent to India, to arrive there at Christmas. This proposal met with a hearty response, and in June the box containing dolls, children's clothing and toys was forwarded to the parent Society.

We have received an interesting and encouraging letter from Rebecca Day, the Bible-reader, in Calcutta, supported by the ladies of Grace Church.

One sad event has broken in upon the uniformity of our work, an event caused by the hand of death, which for the second time has removed from us a beloved officer of our Society, Mrs. Anna A. Ives, who, overcoming her natural dif­fidence, cheerfully went forward in the discharge of her duties, her interest in all that affected the welfare of the Society continuing without abatement to the close of her life. Her beau­tiful character and her noble life will be an inspiration and a benediction to us in our toil for the Master.

Miss Mary S. Stockbridge.

Officers for 1885.

President—Miss E. Waterman.
Vice-President—Mrs. Geo. I. Chace.
**Report of the Providence Branch.**

**Secretary and Treasurer**—Miss Mary S. Stockbridge.

**Managers**—Mrs. C. E. Green, Mrs. A. L. Chesborough, Mrs. J. W. Angell, Miss Mary Randall.

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Cash on Hand: $1 00

Miss Peckham, 3 00

A Friend, 2 00

Links, 2 00

Retained for Expenses: $48 00

**Total:** $72 10

Forwarded and ack. in May, $85 50

" " June, 15 00

" " Jan, $85 50

**Total:** $101 00

**Links:** 1 00

For Cawnpore, Mrs. F. W. Seabury, 5 00

**Total:** $75 10

**Total:** $87 10

**Total:** $67 10
1883:
Dec. 11. From Ladies of the Congregational Church, through Mr. E. L. Mallory, viz.:
Mrs. David Newland .................. $1 00
" C. E. Burton .................. 1 00
A Friend ........................................ 1 00

Dec. 18. From the "Temple Grove Seminary" Band, Saratoga Springs, for the support of "Chiao Endo," in the "Home" at Yokohama, through Miss Helen W. North, Secretary ............. $3 00
Dec. 31. From Miss Van Schaack, through Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing .................. 10 00

Jan. 5. For Link for 1884, from Mrs. John G. White .................. 50
Jan. 17. For Link, from Miss Phelps, through Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing .................. 50
Feb. 13. From Ladies of the First Reformed Church, through Miss J. Anna Lansing, viz.:
Miss Egberts, for Egberts Band .................. $20 00
Mrs. M. E. Viele, for "Cross Bearers" .......... 20 00
The Misses Sumner ......... 20 00
Mrs. Isaac Fondyet .............. 10 00
Miss Nash .................. 2 00
Miss J. Anna Lansing .............. 5 00
Feb. 16. From Miss Lucy Plympton, as her annual subscription .............. 2 00
Feb. 16. From Miss M. W. Witt .................. 1 00
Feb. 16. From Mrs. D. K. Bartlett .................. 50
Feb. 16. From Miss E. Mayell, as annual subscription .................. 2 00
Feb. 16. From Miss E. Mayell, for Link .......... 1 50
March 4. Through Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing, viz.:
Mrs. E. G. Spoor .................. $5 00
Miss A. G. Fairfield .................. 5 00
March 18. From friends in Water-vliet, for the support of "Ah See" at the "Bridgman Home," China, through Miss M. A. Vandenbergh .............. 50 00
March 26. From Miss S. W. De Witt, for Link .................. 50
March 26. From Mrs. A. E. Morgan, for Link .................. 50
April 2. From Mrs. Catharine Smith, for the support of "Katie and Sarah Savage Smith" in the "Home" at Yokohama .................. 15 00
April 3. "In memory of Susan Gansevoort, by her husband, Peter Gansevoort," continued .............. 25 00
April 17. From the "Augusta Melville Memorial" Band, Gansevoort, N. Y., through Miss F. P. Melville .................. 14 00

December 1st, 1884.

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April 26. From the Mission Band, "Workers for Jesus," of the First Reformed Church Sunday School, for Mrs. Pruyn's hospital connected with the "Bridgman Home," China, through Miss Louise Dunscomb, Treasurer .......... $100 00
April 26. Mission Band, Saratoga, N. Y. (second contribution) .............. 14 23
May 17. From Miss V. T. Smith, by Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing .................. 5 00
May 30. Annual subscription from Mrs. S. V. Talkett .................. 2 00
June 23. From the "Woman's Missionary Society" of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, for the support of a Bible reader in the "Bridgman Home," China, through Miss J. A. Douw, Treasurer .................. 50 00
July 26. From the "Temple Grove" Mission Band, Saratoga, N. Y. (third contribution, making total $38.50) .......... 8 67
Oct. 27. From Mrs. Charles Fenton, through Miss D. M. Douw .................. 50
Oct. 29. From Mrs. Catharine Smith, for the support of "Sarah and Katie" at Yokohama (second contribution) .................. 10 00
Nov. 3. Annual subscription from Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing .................. 10 00
Nov. 13. Annual subscription from Miss J. A. Douw .................. 10 00
Nov. 15. Annual subscription from Mrs. Howard Townsend .................. 25 00
Nov. 24. Annual subscription from Mrs. Leander Stickney .............. 10 00
Nov. 24. Annual subscription from Miss D. M. Douw .................. 10 00
Nov. 26. Annual subscription from Mrs. William Wendell .................. 10 00
Nov. 26. Annual subscription from Miss Roberts, for "Ellen's Band" .............. 20 00
Nov. 26. Annual subscription from Mrs. Geo. D. Miller .................. 10 00
Nov. 26. From the Clinton Square Presbyterian Church Sunday School, for the support of "Kame," in the "Home" at Yokohama, by Mrs. Robert Strain .............. 75 00
Nov. 26. Annual Subscription from Mrs. Frederick Townsend .................. 20 00
Nov. 26. From Mrs. LeGrand Bancroft, collector .................. 5 00
Nov. 26. Annual subscription from Mrs. B. R. Spelman .................. 1 00
Nov. 26. From Mrs. L. U. Kennedy .................. 5 00
Nov. 26. From Miss Waddell, for the "Home" at Yokohama .............. 5 00
Sent in June last to "Bridgman Home," China, a box of Christmas gifts, through the Madison Avenue Reformed Church Sunday School, valued at .............. $35 00

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Mrs. FREDERICK TOWNSEND, Treas.
Report of the Poughkeepsie Auxiliary.

POUGHKEEPSIE (N. Y.) AUXILIARY.

Secretary's Report.

In submitting the report for the closing year, we mention regretfully that our meetings have been irregularly called; three have occurred, however, but not one at the prescribed date. While these irregularities have existed, we are glad to notice and welcome the increased attendance. Our interest in this exalted work must not subside; let the fact arrest our attention—though it is possible to become indifferent to the demands of the heathen, the condition of myriads is quite as pitiable and deplorable as ever.

To preserve the financial standing of our auxiliary, there seems but one suggestion to offer—that every member endeavor to influence an additional subscriber. Effort in this particular line of action must bring success. The command, "Go ye into all the world," was not circumscribed to the favored twelve, whose listening ears and ardent souls drank in every desire of their blessed Lord, but was transmitted as a legacy to all of Christ's followers. It has been truly written, that "Christian life is action; not debating, but doing; feelings pass, resolves change, but what is done for Jesus lasts through eternity." Is there not a higher possibility for each one?

For twelve years Miss Crosby has been doing, in Japan, the work we could not do individually. Let us not relinquish our interest; we may give our sympathy, we may give our prayer, but let our deeds testify to the deeper and living devotion of our hearts.

Truly we live in the dawning fulfillment of those prophetic words, among the last that fell from the lips of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Blessed are our eyes, for they see, and our ears, for they hear what prophets and many righteous have desired. But every awarded privilege gives birth to new responsibility. We cannot change the decree, "where much has been given, much will be required." Is it rendering generous tribute to dwell in homes made beautiful and blessed through Christian mercy,
and be content that the less favored heathen receive only a pass-
ing thought? When God *gave* His Son—His only Son—shall we quietly calculate how meagre our offerings may be?

Upon the work in China, commenced under such favorable auspices, and carried on with so much promise, a heavy shadow has indeed fallen. After fourteen months of unremitting labor, the unselfish leader, Mrs. Pruyn, rests from her scheme of love, while the echo of those decisive words, that for the second time ratified her consecration to the work, are yet in our ears.

The faith that discovers

> "The clouds we so much dread
  Are big with mercy,"

silences every inquiring thought.

From our "Home" in Yokohama Mrs. Pierson writes: "There has been a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Last year about sixty women were brought into the fold in my field of labor here, not connected with our home or school. We have sixty-nine scholars, and expect nine graduates this year."

A passing notice is due the work that has so recently engaged our hearts and hands. The pledge given by the Auxiliary in June last, authorizing the adoption of Mrs. Pruyn's protégé, and of which the ladies in China were apprised, was redeemed on the 12th inst. by a "sale" of fancy articles, etc., that netted a sum beyond the amount required. For the marvelous success that crowned the undertaking, we are greatly indebted to the young ladies of both churches, who, by their generous spirit and liberal gifts, contributed to the favorable result. We offer them honest thanks, till their full reward shall come in the avowal, "Ye have done it unto Me."

MARY L. MORGAN, Sec'y.

*Treasurer's Report.*

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Report of the Morristown Auxiliary.

MORRISTOWN (N. J.) AUXILIARY.

Secretary's Report.

In reviewing the past year we feel encouraged, both on account of increased membership and of the work which we have done. We commenced the year with eighty-five members and have added seventeen to our numbers. But although we have a membership of ninety-nine, our largest attendance at the meetings has been but thirty-two. We urge attendance on the meetings, as it gives increased interest in the work, for we are in constant correspondence with our Missionaries, Miss Ward and Miss Luce, and are frequently addressed by those who have been in the foreign field, and who, by describing what they have seen, can help us to realize something of the life and work of those to whom we send our contributions.

The salary of our Missionary, Miss Luce, which was last year $240.00, has been raised this year to $270.00. This amount we have raised by including our last years' surplus of $70.50, which the Society voted to appropriate in this manner. At our June meeting it was suggested that during the summer a box might be filled to send to the Missionaries at Cawnpore, in whom we are especially interested. Miss Maury consented to receive and forward all articles which should be sent to her by August 1st. This she did, with the following very gratifying result: Ninety-five koortas and thirty-two dressed dolls were sent, and various other articles.

Two of our ladies, Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Vernon, kindly consented to value the articles, and, including the five dollars in money, they amounted to $87.97. Is it not true, as Miss Maury said in her report of this box, that "to use thimble and scissors, time and thought, gives one a more realizing sense of a worthy object than merely contributing an annual dollar." And may we not hope that this is but a beginning of many such contributions to our workers in India.

During the summer the Secretary received a letter from Mrs. Dr. Kulm, the Secretary of the St. Louis Society, asking for a copy of our leaflet, "You will help us, will you not?" which
she proposed to use in that Society. This leaflet was prepared by some of our members for distribution among our own ladies at a time when we were making a special effort to raise a certain sum, and it is gratifying to know that its good work has not stopped with ourselves, but that the little leaflet, like a good seed, has been wafted away to bear fruit perhaps a hundred fold.

The Master has been walking among us during the year just closing, and has taken three of our number from their labors—which were abundant—to their sure reward. Two of them, Mrs. Leffens Ward and Mrs. Gordon Burnham, passed into His presence after three weeks of patient suffering, thus bearing a final testimony for their Lord; and one, Mrs. Hampton Marsh, was called with a sudden call, but being ready she went in with her Lord to the marriage supper. "By their fruits ye shall know them." May we listen to the voice of our Lord, who has so plainly spoken. May we do what our hands find to do with our might, remembering that "the Son of Man cometh."

C. B. Buxton, Sec.

Morristown, December 15th, 1884.

### Contents of Missionary Box and Names of Contributors, August 1st, 1884.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE "DROP IN THE BUCKET" BAND.

Morristown, N. J.

To-day, our fifth anniversary, we number fifty-six members, making six over our limit—twenty-four boys and thirty-two girls. Our boys are catching up to the girls, we see. Our
Report of the Morristown Auxiliary.

gifts were sent in July, numbering forty-seven packages. In 1880, we sent $13.40; in 1881, $17.39; in 1882, $30; in 1883, $50; in 1884, $55—Total, $165.79. And we have sent, mostly to India, 170 packages, some containing more than one gift.

Many are watching our band with interest. It is conducted on an original plan; I never knew of one like it. It has a social and missionary character. Our gifts and money are voluntary, except twenty-five cents a year, the membership fee.

To have you all, now and then, step out of your busy life of study, work or pleasure, to look at the work to be done for others in this great world, or to listen to the far-off cry from India and China, “Come over and help us,” has been one object of our meetings. As you step upon the bridge which separates childhood and youth from manhood and womanhood, I look with tender solicitude for the course each one will take. Will you have moral courage to go on working for your Lord and Master? Will you give a little portion of your time always to extending His message of love to the dark corners of the earth? and so receive in that day, which will surely come, the precious assurance, “Inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

Mrs. Geo. Wetmore Colles.

Officers and Committees of the “Drop in the Bucket” Band, for 1885:

Director—Mrs. Geo. Wetmore Colles.
Secretary—Morris C. Sutphen.
Treasurer—Richard B. Lyon.
Caller of the Roll—Frank J. Mather, Jr.
Committee on Gifts—(To receive, credit, arrange and send the gifts for India and China)—Anna G. Bushnell, Alice C. Erdman.
Committee on Notices—(To assist the Secretary)—Grace Babbitt, Hattie T. Buxton, Wm. G. Beatty.

Ushers—(To arrange seats, pass and collect the books, etc.) Ridley Watts, Harry A. Mather, Geo. W. Colles, Jr., Albert W. Erdman.

Amount contributed for the year ending January 3d, 1885, £38.64, of which £30.00 is for the annual support of Virginia Loyall Farragut, at Calcutta Orphanage; the remainder, £8.64, for some special use in the Hospital at Bridgman Home, Shanghai, China, at Dr. Reifsnyder's discretion.


NEWARK (N. J.) AUXILIARY.

Secretary's Report.

The passage of another year bring us to the Thirteenth Anniversary of the Newark Auxiliary. We miss to-day two whom we numbered among us a year ago. One, our esteemed Vice-President, Mrs. J. Howard Smith, whose removal to Brooklyn necessitated her resignation from our Society. The other, prevented by much ill health from taking an active part in our meetings, yet whose heart was ever in sympathy with us, has been called to those high countries "where the inhabitant shall no more say 'I am sick.'" We all sympathise most truly
Report of the Newark Auxiliary.

with the ladies of Calvary Church in the loss they have sustained by the death of Mrs. Hopwood.

At our last Annual Meeting, we were addressed by Mrs. McGrew, from Cawnpore. In May we had a pleasant talk from Mrs. Viele, of the Home in Yokohama.

The ladies of Calvary Church report that their work has been carried on as usual. In July they sent a small box to Calcutta, valued at $36.00.

The Band of "Snow Birds" held their fair as usual. They are now supporting O Sei San, a Japanese eighteen years old, and a Christian, although from a heathen family.

The "Little Leaf Blades," from the Jay Street Chapel Infant Class, still have charge of Mary in the Calcutta Orphanage, and sent her a handsome doll last summer, bought with their own pennies.

The Zenana Society of the Second Presbyterian Church in May sent a box valued at $150.00 to Miss Lathrop, at Allahabad, and are now busy for the Home at Yokohama.

The Young Ladies' Zenana Band, of Woodside, has contributed $190.00 to support a Bible-reader in Calcutta.

Letters from Miss Roderick have come regularly through the year.

Our Treasurer reports $800, and so ends the chronicle of the outside work of our Society for the past year. Its inner history is set down in the chronicles of the "high lands beyond the stars."

E. Fiewsmith, Sec.

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By Miss J. W. Acket, North Reformed Church.

Mrs. W. H. Lyon...................... $1.00
Miss Kate Duncan..................... 1.00
Mrs. S. H. Condit, subscription and Link...................... 1.50
Miss H. K. Steele .................... 1.00
" Mary Polhemus, sub. and Link .... 2.00
Mrs. Joseph Pienovi .................. 1.00
Mr. J. L. " ................................ 1.00
Mrs. Wilbur Smith ................... 1.00
" John Leverich ........................ 1.00
" F. F. Fredlinghuyssen, sub. and Link ...................... 5.00
Mrs. Morgan L. Smith, sub. and Link $5.00
" Fayette Smith, " " " 5.00
" Frank R. Van Nest .............. 1.00
Miss Bessie Clark, for "Ito Yuwasa" 50.00
For "Ito Yuwasa," from friends, through Miss Bessie McIvaine... 10.00
Mrs. George Brown, sub. and Link. 2.00
Miss Elizabeth Howell, " " " 3.00
Mrs. John H. Ballantine, sub. and Link...................... 5.00
Mrs. C. R. Wagner, sub. and Link. 3.50
" Robert Ballantine, " " " 15.00
" R. B. Symington, " " " 5.00
" David Depue ......................... 2.00
NEW BRUNSWICK (N. J.) AUXILIARY.

Secretary's Report.

Our annual report this year is necessarily a brief one. Only three regular meetings have been held, owing to the illness of our President, Mrs. Anthony Elmendorf. Two informal ones were held in the early part of the year to make arrangements for the reception of Mrs. Viele, who had recently arrived in this country. We had the pleasure of listening to an earnest and interesting address from her, February 8th, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church. We trust her words will bear fruit in the hearts of her many listeners.
Our average attendance during the year has been about the same as in previous years. We can report no new work done, but we trust that the interest of our members has not flagged.

The event that in importance has overshadowed all others, has been the removal of our dear and honored President to a higher service in heaven. We have so recently made allusion to her life and work, and her memory is still so fresh in our hearts, that it is not necessary to enlarge further in this report. May the Lord, who has taken her to Himself, give to each one of us as large a share of enthusiastic devotion to the work of foreign missions as she possessed.

E. N. COLLIER,
Secretary of New Brunswick Branch.

The Union Mission Band has now forty-five members. Nine social meetings have been held during the year, and a box of dolls, garments, etc., prepared for the Calcutta Orphanage. As no entertainment has been given, the sum of $110.45 contributed by the members is entirely a free-will offering, and as such may be considered as significant of true interest and effort in the missionary cause as the larger returns of the previous year.

Mai L. ELMENDORF,
Secretary Union Mission Band.

New Brunswick, Dec. 12th, 1884.

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Treasurer's Report.

| Mission Band | $110.45 |
| Collection of First Presbyterian Church, by Mrs. A. S. Howell | 23.00 |
| Collection of Second Reformed Church, by Miss Woodbridge | 18.00 |
| Collection of First Reformed Church, by Mrs. Spader | 7.00 |
| Collection of St. John's Episcopal Church, by Mrs. Ives | 3.00 |
| Miss Van Rensselaer, for support of "Hope Leighton" | 35.00 |
| Mrs. A. B. Garretson, to make Josephine B. Garretson a life member | 25.00 |
| Bethel Mission, for a child in India | 15.00 |
| Hannah Hoyt Memorial | 13.50 |
| Links | 4.70 |
| Second Reformed Church prayer meeting | 3.75 |

paid Parent Society.

May 8th, 1884 | $69.00 |
December 11th, 1884 | 189.40 |

Total | $258.40

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MARY A. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

PRINCETON (N. J.) AUXILIARY.

Treasurer's Report.

Towards establishing the Woman's Hospital at Shanghai, under the care of Dr. Elizabeth Reifsnyder, from a friend to missions through Miss Esther B. Stevens $1,000.00

Also towards establishing the same Hospital, and through Miss Esther B. Stevens, from L. D. L. 100.00

Mrs. David Brown 20.00
" Arnold Guyot 20.00
" Link 50
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Mrs. Charles S. Olden 20.00
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" Frederick Vinton 10.00
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Miss E. B. Clarke 2.00
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" Schanck 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Anderson 1.00
" Charles Young 1.00
" Link 50
Miss Sue C. Allibone 1.00
" Phoebe Maclean 1.00
A friend, by Mrs. Conover 50
Miss Moffat 50
" Link 50
Mrs. Brenton Greene, Link 50
" Fine, Link 50

$1,354.50

ELLEN L. A. BROWN, Treas.

WILMINGTON (DEL.) BRANCH.

We send a draft for forty-nine dollars from a few friends of the W. U. M. Society in Wilmington. Every year we wish more and more that this “mite” could be increased. However, we are encouraged to know that this lack of increase is not from lack of interest in missionary work, but every denomination is making such efforts to extend its work, both at home
and abroad, that many feel that all their interest must be centred in their own church. We love the Woman's Union Missionary Society, and pray that the dear Father in heaven will continue to bless it in the future as He has done in the past.

S. E. Johnson, Treas.

Baltimore Auxiliary.

Secretary's Report.

With the close of another year, and with the sending of our little offering, so much smaller than in years gone by, we have to report the withdrawal of several managers since the last Annual Report was closed. Most of them are now working diligently in their own denominational societies; one and all having the same end in view—the extension of the dear Redeemer's kingdom upon the earth.

Our "Bishop Cummins" Band continues a steadfast friend, while our "Ministering Children" have brought their usual amount for the support of Katsu Chundo, in Yokohama, Japan.

In July, a large box, containing 169 dolls, was sent to Calcutta for the Rajadanga and Punchannantollah Schools, fifty-one of which were contributed by the "Bishop Cummins" Band.

The sad privilege has also been ours of forwarding during the past summer, to New York, a bequest of nearly five hundred dollars, the gift of Mrs. Amelia C. Hinks, who had loved our Society from its beginning, and who wished in this way to continue to help on the good work, even after her earthly pilgrimage was finished. She "being dead, yet speaketh."

Who will fill the vacant places?

Treasurer's Report.

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Report of the Pittsburgh Branch.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Branch.

The tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, Zenana Branch, and McAll Mission, was held at the rooms of the Society, No. 301 Penn Avenue, at 10:30 A.M., on May 14th. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. F. R. Brunot, who occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Mrs. J. K. Moorhead. After devotional exercises by the Rev. Wm. McKibbin, the Report of the Society for the year ending April 29th, 1883, was read by the Secretary,

Miss Kate Oudry.

Mrs. J. E. Grammer .......... $1.00
Miss Emma Cowman .......... 1.00
" Julia Warner .......... 14.00
By Miss Lily Graves.
Mrs. Dr. Warfield .......... $5.00
Miss Melissa Baker .......... 5.00
Mrs. Wm. B. Graves .......... 5.00
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By Miss S. E. White.
Mr. Francis White .......... $5.00
Mrs. Francis White .......... 5.00
Miss Sallie E. White .......... 10.00
By Mrs. C. F. Bevan.
Mrs. A. E. Rolando .......... 10.00
By Mrs. A. M. Carter.
Miss Bainbridge .......... $1.00
" M. Bainbridge .......... 1.00
" Mary Robinson .......... 1.00
Mrs. M. B. Richardson .......... 2.00
" Alex. M. Carter .......... 10.00
Fines for non-attendance .......... 51.00
Link subscription .......... 60
Mission Bands.
" Bishop Cummins" Band of the Church of the Redeemer (R. E.), per Mrs. T. C. Peebles :
Mrs. Pearson .......... $1.00
" Levy .......... 1.00
" Ely .......... 1.00
Mrs. Wright .......... $1.00
" Tottle .......... 1.00
" Tillson .......... 1.00
" Hatch .......... 1.00
" Johnson .......... 1.00
" Miss .......... 1.00
" Cummins .......... 3.00
" Peebles .......... 2.00
Miss Cummins .......... 2.00
" McClellan .......... 1.00
" Wright .......... 1.00
Maude Peebles .......... 1.00
Florence Peebles .......... 1.00
By Mrs. James W. Campbell, Treas., reports for McAll Mission at Paulin, Paris .......... $162.50
For support of Miss Bennett, Shanghai, from Mrs. Brunot, 100; Mrs. Phillips, 20, .......... 110.00
From "Torch Bearers," for child in Japan, .......... $50.00
Also from "Orphan Asylum Band," through Mrs. Oudry, for child in Japan, .......... 20.10
$342.60

Total .......... $261.60
Tu Rec. Sec., Postal expenses and Express on box of dolls to New York .......... 2.50
Balance .......... $259.10
Remitted to Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Treasurer, December 31st, 1884.
Bequest of Mrs. Amelia C. Hinks, remitted September 4th, 1884 .......... $487.50

Mrs. Alex. M. Carter,
Cor. Sec. and Treas.
As the close of the year draws near, in accordance with our usual custom, we record what we have been enabled to do. We are gratified and grateful that we have gained, and not lost, numerically and financially. Including bands, we number one hundred subscribers and eight life memberships.

We will this year realize one of the long cherished desires of our hearts, in being able to aid in sending a lady physician to the suffering women and children in heathen lands. A hospital has been established in Shanghai under Dr. Reifsnyder, and Miss McKechnie, half of whose salary we defray, will be her co-worker.

We have organized one new mission band, the "Clifton," led by Mrs. Alexander McDonald, to educate a Bible-reader.

This band is a striking instance of the reflex benefit upon leader and children engaged in such noble work, as here many of them learn to confess their Saviour in the presence of others, in offering the sweet incense of prayer. The "Shining Lights" Band—who support their Bible-reader in Japan, educate a little girl in India, and contribute to the McAll Mission in France—have doubled their contributions this year. They also filled and shipped a large box of presents to Mrs. Page, in Calcutta, for distribution at Christmas.

The visit of Miss Beach to our city inspired many of our members with an earnest desire to aid in her mission in France. Her bodily suffering, and sad, mysterious death, call forth our most tender sympathy—for her faith, courage and zeal had won our respect and love.

Two of our members gave a lunch and realized $59.00, which they appropriated to the McAll Mission.

Last, but not least, the "Doremus" Band continue their zeal in good works. They are filling another box with gifts, have undertaken the support of a child in China, in addition to one in Japan and one in India.

During the past year three of the band have married, and
one removed to another city. The latter has exemplified the great benefit and good results of such religious work by starting a band of her own. May the former do likewise, though in a different way, as all must sow the seed who wish to reap the fruit.

This concludes our record for this year. Our ranks are unbroken, though some have been separated by sea and by land, by sickness and affliction. While we regret not to lay more trophies at the feet of Jesus, we can with one heart and one mind 'crown Him Lord of all.'

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY WALLACE NEFF, Cor. Sec.

December, 1884.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

President—Mrs. Dr. Foster.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Spence, Mrs. G. Fox.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Wm. H. Neff.

Recording Secretary—Miss Jane Carson.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. M. White.

Managers—Mrs. S. J. Broadwell, Mrs. Dr. Kemper, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Stambach, Mrs. D. Rice Kemper, Mrs. Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Theresa Davis, Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Mrs. White.

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" Oliver Perin .................... 1 00

By Mrs. S. J. Broadwell.

Mrs. Jacob Burnet ................. $3 00
" E. J. Miller .................... 5 00
" E. H. Pendleton ................. 10 00
" W. W. Seeley ................... 5 00
" S. J. Broadwell ................. 5 00
" A. S. Winslow ................... 5 00
" Robert F. Leaman ............... 5 00
" Murray Shipley .................. 5 00
" Charles T. Dickson ............. 5 00
" J. P. Spence .................... 5 00
" B. Storer ......................... 2 00
Miss Clara B. Fletcher ............ 5 00
Master Nat Wilshire ............... 7 00
The "Doremus" Band ................ 107 00

By Mrs. M. D. Stambach.

Bible Reader in Japan ............. $40 00
" Shining Lights" Band ............. 30 00

By Mrs. Wm. H. Neff.

Mrs. John Davis .................. $5 00
" Alexander McDonald ............. 5 00
" Wm. H. Harrison ............... 5 00
" Dr. John Murphy ............... 5 00
" Wm. Broadwell, 2 years ....... 20 00
" George A. Pritchard .......... 10 00
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" A. R. Johnson ................. 4 00
" Wm. Worthington ............... 3 00
" Wm. Hart ............ 1 00
" Lydia Moore ........................ 2 00
" Davies Wilson ................... 2 00
" M. Milner ........................ 2 00
" E. S. Wayne ..................... 3 00

Expenditures.

Expenses .................................................. $5 00
July. To J. E. Johnson, Treasurer, New York .......... 279 80
Dec. .......................... 314 20
By balance .................................................. 4 40

Total .................................................. $634 00

McAll Mission.

By Mrs. Dr. Rice Kemper.
The "Humphrey Memorial" Band ...................... 30 00

By Mrs. M. D. Stambach.

"Shining Lights" Band ..................... 30 00

By Miss Therese Davis.

Mrs. Dr. Foster ...................... $5 00
" C. W. Short ....................... 10 00
" W. W. Seeley ...................... 3 00
" Howard Hinkle ................. 1 00
" Wm. Henry Davis .............. 5 00
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Miss Harbeson ...................... 1 00

By Mrs. Dr. Murphy.

Mrs. N. H. McLean ................ $5 00
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By Mrs. F. H. Lawson.

Mrs. Frank Ellis .................. $5 00
" Richard Dymond ............... 5 00
" James Cullen ................. 5 00
" N. G. Nettleton .............. 5 00
" F. H. Lawson ................. 5 00
Miss Clara Carlisle ............. 5 00

Total .................................................. 33 00

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CINCINNATI, Dec. 19th, 1884.

HANNAH AMELIA WHITE, Treasurer.

KENTUCKY BRANCH.

Secretary's Report.

Must the report of the year just gone be only regrets for so little accomplished and such small results? Shall it be a tribute of tears to the memory of those of whom we have been bereaved, or a fresh resolve to work more earnestly, being admonished by fleeting lives and quickly passing years. And yet who can know the results of what we have tried to do; what prayer has winged its way to the throne and brought
bountiful answer somewhere all unknown to the petitioner; what gift, though perhaps a seeming trifle in a list of figures, may have been blessed in waking fresh hope in the heart of some fainting toiler, or has proved a spark of love to kindle the light of eternal life in some benighted soul. How little we know the result of our words, our work or our prayers, which shall prosper, this or that. Where does influence for Christ begin and when does it ever cease? A few years ago, it seemed by accident, a scrap of paper was picked up, on it were printed these words: "A prayer of the second century; Make me to know Thee better, to love Thee well, to follow Thee more every day." To know, to love, to follow; brief prayer, but large petitions.

Who unconsciously folded in that little prayer influences which have come down the ages and are yet sweeping on? How many centuries has that earnest soul had its yearnings for heavenly knowledge satisfied? How its mortal prayer has been changed to immortal praise! A Sunday-school teacher of many little children caught the echoes from that ancient time prayer. Trying to teach what it means to know Him "whom to know is life eternal," how to love and strive to follow, the sentiments were put into simple measure for a daily waking thought through all the year. That verse became a household saying; little children said it daily, and mothers repeated it with thanks that the hearer of prayer preserved some bit of yellow parchment on which it was first traced, and after all the ages between, reproduced it for their little ones. It has been sent by the printing press on pictured cards to many homes, and become a daily prayer for many altars.

Is it not suggestive and a right petition for us in our Mission work? If it should be so asked and answered, would not our Auxiliaries and Bands all give evidence of quickened zeal and swelling treasuries?

"Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray,
To know more clearly,
To love Thee more dearly,
To follow more nearly
Every day."

Mrs. John A. Miller, Sec.
KENTUCKY BRANCH.

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Treas.

MRS. SAMI. J. LOOK.

Treas.

Mrs. S. Class for "Annie Lawrence, in Memoriam"$100
Mrs. William King$50
"Sullivant"$50
"Mrs. Snodgrass"$100
"A. S. Smith"$250
"J. L. Look"$50
"D. 2. B. Peters"$50
"H. A. Ladd"$50
"A. J. King"$50
"F. M. Browne"$50
"W. M. Browne"$50
"S. J. Look"$100
"J. A. Miller"$100
"Mrs. R. A. McElroy Life Member"$250
"Mrs. Geo. Anderson"$160
"Mrs. Mantle"$100
"Mrs. Seaton"$100
"C. Love, In Memoriam"$100
"Miss A. Love"$100
"Mrs. Mantle"$100
"Miss McDowell"$100
"N. E. Miller"$100
"Mrs. J. A. Miller"$100
"Cash"$100
"Mrs. Rockwell, for China"$50
"Mrs. J. H. Orr"$100
"Mrs. W. King, for China"$50
"Mrs. Rockwell, for Fannie King in the Calcutta Orphanage"$30
"Also for Christmas gift for Fannie King"$50
"Mrs. Dr. Curtis"$50
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<td>The Primary Class of the S. S. of the 1st Cong. Church, care of Mrs. R. B. Pruissner, for the support Mitu Suzuki at Yokohama</td>
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<td>Mrs. E. S. Prescott, half for China</td>
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Amount of subscriptions received in the year 1884: $646 84

July 29. Received from Mrs. Dr. Isham, six koortas, 27 cards and 3 print suits. From St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, per Miss Westfall, ten koortas; three others were added to the package sent for Miss Ward's school at Cawnpore. Estimated value of package: $14 00

Total Receipts of the Christmas Bazar of the Union Mission Band and Invalid's Auxiliary on Dec. 4th and 5th, after deducting expenses, are two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seven cents.

Dec. 29. Sent Mrs. R. R. Proudfit, Treas. of Invalids' Auxiliary, $75 20

Sold for the Invalids' Auxiliary and sent to Mrs. P. before the Fair: $6 95

The work of the Chicago Branch for the year, as follows:

- Subscriptions, remitted to General Society: $46 84
- Bazar Fund, remitted to General Society: $193 87
- Funds sent to Mrs. R. R. Proudfit, Treas. of Invalids' Auxiliary: $8 21
- Package for India: $14 00
- $935 92

Mrs O. F. Avery, Treas.

**ST. LOUIS AUXILIARY.**

Nov. 1883.

**Received for Mary Lawrence, Calcutta, India, from:**

- Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barber for "Sorrow," Mission Home, Calcutta: $22 50
- Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, Link: $50
- Mr. Dr. Julian Bates: $50
- Mrs. J. L. Pearce: $50

**Mamie Buskett:** $2 20

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**Chicago, Dec. 31, 1884.**

The Treasurer desires to send thanks and cordial expressions of appreciation to numerous friends of the cause in various portions of the country, who have sent gifts of beauty and artistic merit for our Parlor sale. The only regret is, that all of the articles did not find purchasers at their full value.
REPORT OF THE INVALID’S AUXILIARY.

The Invalid’s Auxiliary, of which mention has already been made in the Link, was formed in the Summer of 1883, among the members of a Society of invalids, called The Shut-in Society, and since that time has been slowly, but steadily increasing, both as to the membership and the amount of contributions.

The Medical Mission in Shanghai, connected with our Margaret Williamson Hospital, is the portion of our work to which their interest and sympathy has been specially directed, and which they help to support, either by sending gifts in money or by making fancy work, which is sold for that purpose.

The membership of the Invalid’s Auxiliary amounts to ninety-six, scattered in seventeen States of the Union and in Canada; three more (making the total number ninety-nine) have entered into rest during the past year.

Shortly before Christmas, Mrs. O. F. Avery, of Chicago, who had kindly consented to receive and sell the work of our invalids, held a parlor Fair for the benefit of the Medical Mission in Shanghai, and reserved one table for the work made (or collected among friends) by the members of the Invalid’s Auxiliary. The proceeds of this amounted to over seventy-five
dollars, thus bringing the total sum of contributions of the Auxiliary, from the time of its formation in 1883, to December 31st, 1884, to one hundred and fifty dollars.

When we consider that most of our members are not only helpless invalids, but in very straightened circumstances, we cannot but feel that this sum, small though it be, represents an amount of effort and self-denial of which we have but little conception. Thus, one gift comes to us "from one who has been an invalid fifty years;" another, denying herself some greatly needed comfort, sends some of the money which she earns on a bed of great suffering, to support herself and her family; and still another, having read that pictures were acceptable for the children in our Mission-schools, adds the treasured Christmas cards sent to cheer him in his lonely sick-room, for says he: "Though I may truly say, like Peter, 'Silver and gold have I none,' I wish to say also, like him, 'but such as I have I give to thee.'"

Surely, He who looks to the heart, and who prized the widow's mite at its just value, will, in the last day, say to each one of these: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

**Financial Report.**

Received from July 22nd, 1883, to Dec. 31st, 1884, and forwarded to Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Treasurer of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, as follows:

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Total: $150.00

Of this $86.42 have been received for sales of fancy work and $63.58 in cash, making the total $150.00.
MISSION BANDS.

New Hampshire.
Wakefield, "Willing Hearts," Miss H. Dow.
Manchester, "Band of Faith," Mrs. A. C. Read.

Vermont.

Massachusetts.
Boston, Emmanuel Church, Miss Morrill's and Miss Lowell's S.-S. Classes, Boston Br.
Hatfield, "St. Paul's Church, Miss E. P. Heal.
Haverill, "Zenana" Band, Miss Mary W. Price.
Northampton, "Real Folks," Miss Eunice J. Morton.
" Harriet Newell" Band, Miss S. N. Kittredge.
" S. N. Kittredge.
" Brittan" Miss. Soc. of Smith College,

Connecticut.
Fairfield, "Star of Bethlehem," Miss M. E. Morehouse, Sec.
New London, Miss Porter's School, Miss S. Porter.
" Lily" Band, Miss Nellie M. Benton.
Ladies' Miss. Soc., Miss M. G. Brainard.

New York.
Albany, Woman's Miss. Soc. of Ref. Church, Miss Julia A. Douw.
" In Remembrance of Susan Gansevoort," Miss Roberts.
" Ellen's" Band, Mrs. M. E. Viele.
" Cross-Bearers," Miss M. S. Egberts.
" Egberts" Band, Mrs. W. La Grange.
" Mrs. La Grange's" Band, Mrs. Robert Strain.
" S. of Clinton Square Presb. Church, Miss L. Dunscomb.
" Workers for Jesus," Miss F. P. Melville.
Brighton Heights, S. I., Brighton Heights Band, Mrs. Augustus Colson.
Brooklyn, "Pioneer" Band, Miss Margaret Ward.
" Light-Bearers," Mrs. J. Howard Smith.
" Persis" Band,
Mission Bands.


New Jersey.

Mission Bands.

Hamburg,

Millstone,

Morris Plains,

Morristown,

Newark,

New Brunswick,

Netherwood,

Newton,

Orange,

Roselle,

Scotch Plains,

South Orange,

Summit,

Woodside,

The North Hardiston Church,

"Bethany Band," Miss Eleanor Doremus Tucker

"Nimble Fingers," Miss A. M. Stultz.

Morris Plains Band,

"Drop in the Bucket," Mrs. Mina Jones, Treas.

Calvary Church,

"Snow Birds," Mrs. G. W. Colles.

"Little Leaf Blades," Mrs. A. M. Pierson.

"Sister Ada" Band,

"Hannah Hoyt Memorial," New Brunswick Aux.

"Union Mission Band," Miss Mai Elmendorf.


Netherwood Band,

Miss A. M. Johnson.

"Byington Memorial," Mrs. M. C. Morrison.

"Mountain" Band,


"Helping Hands," Miss E. S. Coles.

"Fusa" Band,

Mrs. S. P. Strang.

"Memorial of Two Shining Lights," Mrs. H. L. Pierson, Jr.

Young Ladies' Zenana Band,

Mrs. C. C. Hine.

Pennsylvania.

Germantown,

3d Ref. Epis. Church,

"Katie Oudry,"

Allegheny Orphan Asylum Band,

Miss E. R. Vail.

Baltimore Branch.

Pittsburgh, Treas.

"Torch-Bearers,"

Mrs. Oudry.

Wilmington, Treas.

Infant School of Hanover Church,

Miss A. R. Seegers.

Maryland.

Baltimore,

"Ministering Children,"

Mrs. Onderdonk’s S.-S., Baltimore Branch.

"Jennie Norris" Band,

"Bishop Cummins" Band,

Mrs. Kemper.

Virginia.

Bath Alum Springs,

"Woodland" Band,

Miss A. R. Seegers.

Charlottesville,

"Blue Ridge" Band,

Mrs. J. L. Buruley.

Ohio.

Cincinnati,

"Doremus" Mission Band,

"Shining Lights," Mrs. S. J. Broadwell.

"Humphrey Memorial" Band,

"Clifton" Band, Mrs. Stambach.

"Sarah Weed" Band,

Mrs. Kemper.

Columbus,

Mrs. Alex. McDonald.

"Young Ladies’ Mission Circle,"

Mrs. L. Williams.

Dayton,

Friends’ Sabbath-School,

Mrs. Robert.

Mt. Pleasant,
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Blythe, Miss Alice.
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Broughton, Mrs. N. H.
Burner, Mr. Halseed C.
Case, Miss Josie L.
Church, Mrs. C. R.
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Goodrich, Mrs. E. E.

Hall, Rev. F. B.
Hagaman, Mrs. John.
Hale, Mrs. E. J. M.
Hankinson, Mrs. J. H.
Harris, Miss Dorinda.
Harriss, Miss M. E.
Henderson, Mrs. Sarah F.
Hickok, Mr. Geo. A.
Hickok, Mrs. Sarah A.
Hill, Miss Emma S.
Hoskins, Mrs. Robert.
Illman, Miss S. A.
Jackson, Miss M. A.
Lee, Mrs. E. A.
Le Forte, Mrs. M.
McAfee, Mrs. John A.
McElroy, Mrs. R. A.
McPherson, Mrs. S. J.
Mitchell, Mrs. G. P.
Mentor, Miss Marguerite.
Moore, Mrs. Addie.
Moore, Master Carl.
Nearing, Miss Nellie E.

Peck, Rev. W. J.
Price, Miss Julia.
Proudfit, Mr. R. R.
Rice, Mrs. Gertrude W.
Ruggles, Mrs.
Sackett, Mrs. D. E.
Smith, Miss M. A.
Smith, Miss Anna H.
Stoddard, Miss Elizabeth J.
Stewart, Mrs. Mary A.
Surphen, Mrs. R. T.
Thomas, Mrs. Emma A.
Vanderbilt, Miss C. S.
Van Wagenen, Mrs. F. W.
Voorhees, Miss Bertha M.
Warner, Miss Lizzie D.
Whatcott, Mrs. Mary.
Woodbridge, Miss Caroline.
Wood, Mrs. W. D.
Wright, Mr. George.
Wyman, Mrs. J.
Zabriskie, Mrs. A. L.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

PREAMBLE.

In view of the deplorable condition of heathen women, a Woman’s Missionary Society has been organized, with the following Constitution, under which women of all evangelical denominations may work together efficiently, by distinct voluntary effort, for the salvation of their perishing sisters:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the “Woman’s Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands.”

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be the evangelization of heathen women in foreign lands. For this purpose, the Society shall send out and support single ladies from America (always giving preference to the widows and daughters of missionaries), as Teachers and Bible-readers, to train and superintend native women to labor for this object.

ART. 3. This Society shall be composed of women, and the condition of membership shall be the annual contribution to its funds of not less than one dollar.

ART. 4. Any person, by the payment of fifty dollars at one given time, may become a Life Member. A Sunday-school or Association donating the same amount may have the privilege of creating any friend a Life Member. The names of Life Members will be published only occasionally in the Annual Report. Children may become Life Members by the payment of twenty-five dollars.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor; and these (with the exception of Treasurer and Auditor, who shall be gentlemen), in connection with four Managers from each denomination represented in the Society, shall constitute a Board, a fourth of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting; and this Board shall always be chosen from those who are, or shall become, twenty-dollar collectors or subscribers, resident in or near New York City.

ART. 6. Stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday of January, April, and November.
Constitution and By-Laws.

Regular monthly meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Wednesday of every month.

The January meeting shall be observed as the Anniversary, at which the Annual Report shall be read, and the Officers and Managers shall be elected.

ART. 7. At the January meeting of the Board, the Standing Committees for the ensuing year shall be appointed. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancies at other times.

ART. 8. The President, at the request of two members of the Board, may call a special meeting of the Board; and, at the request of the Board, may call a special meeting of the Society.

ART. 9. Honorary Directors shall be appointed by the Board. The Board shall also have power to confer this honor upon any officer of an Auxiliary, and upon any lady corresponding with this Society who is eminently distinguished for her efforts in behalf of heathen women.

ART. 10. All measures involving the expenditure of money shall require the previous recommendation of the Finance Committee and the approval of the Board.

ART. 11. In the appointment of Missionaries and native Bible readers and Assistants, the Board shall have regard to the equal claims of all denominations represented in the Society, so far as the qualifications of candidates and the condition of the treasury will permit.

ART. 12. No change shall be made in this Constitution except at an Anniversary meeting, and then only upon the recommendation of the Board, and upon the vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Board, or Society, shall be opened by prayer and the reading of the Scriptures, and closed with prayer.

2. No person shall be entitled to attend the meeting of the Board, except its acting members, unless by special invitation of the Board.

3. The Minutes of each meeting shall be read at the following one, and, when confirmed, signed by the President.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(1) Reading of Scripture, and prayer.
(2) Minutes of the previous meeting.
(3) Report of the Treasurer.
(5) Reports from Standing Committees.
(6) General business.
(7) Closing prayer.
4. In case of an equality of votes, the President shall be entitled to a casting one.

5. All orders made for payment on account of the Society shall be signed by the President and one of the Committee on Finance, and countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary.

6. The year of the Society's operations shall begin the 1st of January and terminate the 31st of December, when the accounts shall be made up, and the Annual Report, with the names of all contributors communicated, shall be printed.

7. The Board shall appoint, annually, the following Standing Committees, viz.: On Home Work, on Finance, on Publication, on Nomination, and on Public Meetings. On all these Committees each denomination shall be represented.

The Assistant Treasurer shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Committee on Finance; the Corresponding Secretary, of the Committee on Publication; the Recording Secretary, of the Committee on Nomination; and the President, of the Committee on Public Meetings.

The Home Committee shall devise means of stimulating Bands and workers, and keep themselves informed as to the condition and progress of the work at home.

The Finance Committee shall examine and report upon all bills before they are presented to the Board, shall have a general supervision of the finances, and shall devise and recommend measures for increasing the receipts.

The Committee on Publication shall have charge of the printing; and no document shall be published until examined and approved by them.

The Committee on Nomination shall recommend suitable persons to fill all vacancies in the Board.

The Committee on Public Meetings shall make arrangements for all public occasions, and provide speakers.

8. The postage of all letters of the Secretaries and Treasurer on the business of the Society shall be defrayed; also the stationery and incidental expenses of the Secretary, Treasurer, and ladies going to a foreign land.

9. The Board shall take care that the support of all those they send abroad shall be properly guaranteed, their salary commencing from the period of their arrival at their post of labor.

10. The Board shall make proper arrangements for the comfort and protection of their foreign Missionaries during the voyage and on their first arrival in a foreign land. Should a return to America be necessary from the failure of health, and by medical advice, the Society shall be responsible for the necessary expense.
11. Each lady going out as a Missionary, shall be required to sign an engagement, in the presence of two witnesses, binding herself, in case of voluntarily relinquishing her situation, or in case of her marriage within five years after her arrival in a foreign land, to repay to the Board the sum expended by them for her passage and outfit. She also shall give the Board six months' notice of any intended change, or forfeit her support for that time.

12. No candidate shall be finally appointed without presenting satisfactory credentials, nor without personal intercourse with some members of the Board; and before the departure of any one, a special meeting shall be held for the purpose of commending her to God.

13. This Society shall hold itself in readiness to respond to appeals from sister teachers and schools connected with other Protestant Boards and Societies, and to make grants in-aid for them; also for native teachers and Bible-women, and for school apparatus, as their funds may allow.

14. If any evangelical association, Sunday-school, sewing-circle, or Band, auxiliary or not, or any individual, shall wish to support a native teacher, Bible-woman, pupil, or school, for a certain time, the Board shall make the necessary arrangements, and be the medium of transmitting their funds, the donors designating the person and field.

15. A friendly intercourse shall be maintained with sister societies, while Thursday of each week shall be observed by the officers and members of the Society as a special season of prayer.

16. The Missionary Link, published by this Society, shall be limited to reports of the Society, to foreign correspondence concerning heathen women and schools, and to articles on female missionary labor and education.
CONSTITUTION OF AN AUXILIARY
OF THE
"WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA FOR HEATHEN LANDS."

1. This Society shall be called the society of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands.

2. Its object shall be to aid the General Society in sending to foreign fields and sustaining single ladies who shall labor as missionaries among heathen women, train and superintend native Bible-women, or open schools for girls.

3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of not less than one dollar annually.

4. This Society shall hold regular stated meetings, when all suitable measures shall be adopted to promote interest in this branch of the missionary work, and to obtain subscriptions.

5. This Society shall hold an annual meeting in the month of , when a board of voluntary officers and members shall be chosen to conduct the business of the Society until a new election.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Society, notify meetings, and prepare the Annual Report. She must also keep the General Society informed of the condition of the Auxiliary, and forward a list of officers and the Report, which if desired, will be printed in the publications issued by the General Society.

7. The Treasurer's duty shall be to report the state of the treasury at every meeting, and remit the funds yearly to the Treasurer of the General Society, never in any case delaying payments later than the 15th of December, that the acknowledgements may be made in the Annual Report published in January.

MEMORANDUM.

1. Any rules relating to the local affairs of the Society may be adopted, provided they do not infringe on the Constitution and By-laws of the General Society.

2. It is desired that one or two delegates should be sent to the annual meeting of the General Society, that mutual interest be promoted.
Constitution of an Auxiliary.

3. It is desired that this Society shall, in fair proportion, share in the expense of issuing publications of the General Society, receiving in return as many papers as can be distributed judiciously.

4. Specific contributions for any foreign field of labor may always be made, when reports received therefrom will be regularly forwarded to the Society.

RULES FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

1. An association of young ladies, banded together to aid the "Woman's Union Missionary Society," shall be called a "Mission Band."

2. Each Band shall be responsible for the payment of not less than $20 a year.

3. A child may become a Member of a Mission Band by the annual payment of twenty-five cents. Parents or other adults may become Honorary Members by the annual payment of fifty cents.

4. Each member shall be entitled to a certificate of membership provided by the Society.

5. A Mission Band may be formed by four or six young ladies or children acting as collectors, whose duty it shall be to obtain the names of members, return them certificates of membership properly filled out, and also to make yearly collections as they become due.

6. Each Mission Band shall have the superintendence of some lady in the same church where it is formed, whose duty it shall be to watch over and direct the labors of the collectors, see that their payments are duly made to the General Treasurer, and in every way encourage their efforts.

7. Each Mission Band may have the privilege of specifying in what particular field, occupied by the Parent Society, they wish their money to be expended.

8. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, that no confusion may arise in the acknowledgement of money.

THE MISSIONARY LINK.

This organ of the Woman's Union Missionary Society is issued once in two months, and contains letters and reports of great interest from our own Missionaries and Bible-readers. It also publishes full statements of the progress of the Society at home, and unites a department devoted exclusively to Mission Bands. Address 41 Bible House.
THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

OF

Woman's Union Missionary Society

OF AMERICA FOR HEATHEN LANDS,

WAS ORGANIZED IN PHILADELPHIA, MAY 20, 1861.

THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH was incorporated by the Court of Common Pleas of the City of Philadelphia, March 10, 1859. It was empowered to take and hold real and personal estate to the yearly value of Five Thousand Dollars.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Philadelphia Branch" of the "Woman's Union Missionary Society of America," the sum of

to be applied to the Missionary purposes of said Society.
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Philadelphia Branch of the W. U. M. S.

At a general missionary conference, held in Calcutta in 1884, many interesting reports were read pertaining to Woman's work in India. Among these was a very striking one from a lady of the American Presbyterian Mission at Lahore. "We are told," she said, "that higher education is to slay Hindooism through its brain, though it has not been done yet. My friends, you and I, in all our woman's weakness and conscious insufficiency, are here in India to strike the death blow, not at the monster's head but at his heart. I say that the Zenana teacher, with her constant personal influence on the family life of her pupils, the medical lady with her double ministry of healing for body and soul, the teacher of girls in Christian and heathen schools, training the future women of India, these are directing their blows with no uncertain aim at the very heart of the gigantic forms of ignorance, superstition and heathenism, which have long held despotic sway over this vast empire. Let us win the mothers of India for Christ, and the day will not be long deferred when India's sons shall also be brought to the Redeemer's feet."

What a stimulus in these words which are echoed by all whose knowledge and experience gives them the authority, so to speak. Twenty years ago women were feeling their way in

the missionary field through many perplexities and difficulties—now they are needed in every department of Christian work, and their opportunities are only limited by their resources. Surely there never was a period in the world's history when Christian women should be more solemnly mindful of their responsibilities.

The Christian woman at home must answer as to what shall be done for the millions of women in the great world of heathendom. Consecrated lives must be offered, and go forth strengthened and supported by consecrated means, then may we truly pray "thy kingdom come."

Thank God we have had some share in the glorious work; we would review it with humble hearts, praying that we may be roused to new devotion, and stimulated to new effort.

Appeals to us through our faithful missionary in Allahabad, who writes:

"'Almost persuaded' might in truth be written against the name of many a woman among our pupils to whose heart the Gospel has gone convincing of the reality and beauty of Christ's religion of love and good will to all. Years ago the mother of the great Hindoo reformer, Ram Mohun Roy, while confessing her belief in the one true God and the inefficiency of Hindoo rites for salvation, yet pleaded in excuse for continuing her old heathen practices, that she was a weak woman and too old to give up those observances which she had known from her infancy, and which had proved a comfort. Pray that these almost persuaded ones may be willing to follow Christ so fully, that the least vestige of heathenism in any form shall be distasteful.

"Permission has just come from home to add rooms to our house and I am very glad. We have a house full (eleven) and to carry on the work we now have, we must depend upon some workers who can live in their own homes; this is well enough when we can get them, but when we cannot, we are badly off. From one school six teachers have gone out within two years, and all are doing good work. These women and girls, not one of whom has yet been baptized, go regularly to church, and, so far as I can
judge, they look alone to Christ for salvation. Not one worships idols, and in some of their houses no idol worship is done by any of the family.

"I think, as you look after the material interests of three of us in the Allahabad work, you may be interested to know how wide our field is. Number of Zenanas 233, number of pupils 377, schools in Allahabad and villages around 21, number of pupils in schools 415. Total of pupils 792.

"Of the Zenanas there are of Bengali families 138, Hindus of northwest 92, Mohammedans 3, Bengali school of 50 pupils and 2 Hindostani schools with 368 pupils.

"Sunday-schools 11, with 223 pupils. Of the pupils in Sunday-schools the greater number belong to the day schools. The number of ladies and native teachers engaged in the work are Zenana teachers 14, native teachers in schools 15. Some of the native women have the schools one in the morning and one in the evening, which accounts for the 15 teachers and 20 schools.

"Every day is full of interest to us and we hope of profit to the women and children. I have just finished the monthly round of schools and have reason to be pleased with the progress made in almost all places. Some months ago a number of the brightest children in different schools had gone beyond where many of our teachers could help them and we tried the experiment of gathering them in a central place and giving them a more advanced teacher. There are ten girls now in this central school, more ought to be there, but various difficulties keep them away. Several are married, and can only go to school at all by having one close to them. They can walk in the quiet, secluded lanes, but not in the broad streets. Again, some who are unmarried are too far away to find time to go so far to spend three or four hours in school, in addition to their morning school which they are expected to attend. One or two are of a caste which excludes even the girls from going on the street; while others are indolent and do not care to avail themselves of the advantages offered them—these are very few, for if a girl cares enough to go through the primary school she generally wishes to go on. From these girls we have taken three for teachers this year. They attend church regularly as do some of the women in the schools who do not, yet call themselves Christians."

Some time since we learned that Miss Hook had given the school girls in the Calcutta Home, as a subject for composition, "A restful dress." After some thought, the girls said they did not understand what this meant. When Miss Hook explained that it was not bodily but spiritual clothing, the girls withdrew, and wrote without further assistance. Considering
that they write in a language foreign to their own their compositions are really remarkable. The following is by one of our young native teachers, Angie Pomeroy:

"I am going to write about restful dress, and this dress is given from my dear Saviour. no one can get it by themselves and no one can give me too, and I cannot get it by my power, but I must pray to God to give me, and then the Lord will give me. He will wash me with His precious blood and make me pure, and then He will say here, my daughter, I have prepared for you a restful dress, and when He will give it me, I must try to keep it clean and I will pray and watch that no sin stain will come upon it. Many a time He gave me restful dress, but I lost it. Satan tempts me and I fall at his word and this is the way I lost it. T am very weak, I cannot keep it by my power, but my Saviour is very strong and He can keep me, and now I can say that He has given me restful dress. This is the restful dress: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—this is the spiritual dress."

Miss Hatchell writes:

"Angie is most thorough in her work—she has ten pupils whose ages vary from 7 to 11 years. In a school of 68 girls, all but one of her last year's class are married and have left school, and a few continue their lessons at home. One little girl in the class now, not quite ten years old, tells her father at home all she has learned about Christ through the day and he does not find fault with the teaching, but gave her a pair of gold bangles as a reward for her attention. She begged him to get her a picture of Christ, to hang up in the house, but I have not heard whether he has done so. It is such a pleasure to see how the children love to hear about Christ and how readily they accept all the teaching."

Of the five children in the Calcutta Orphanage supported by special subscription, we have had encouraging accounts during the year. Of Dookhie, Mrs. Page writes:

"Dookhie is, so far as I can tell, about nine years of age, kind and good tempered, with a ready smile and a helpful hand. You will probably wonder how she came to have such a strange name, Dookhie means 'Afflicted.' Hindoo mothers often give their children such names—if they want their little ones to be very happy in after life, they will call it 'Sorrowful,' or if they desire riches for it they will call it 'Beggar,' because they think that a proud name will disgust the goddess of fortune and
frighten her away. Afflicted was brought to me by a police officer, who reported that she was an unclaimed child and had been found wandering about the streets; she was clothed in rags and very dirty. In many places the children lead a vagrant life, often picking their food from the streets like dogs and living in the midst of sin and pollution. A poor little girl I have here is quite blind. Her grandmother tried to drown her, because she thought a child like that ought not live. It would do her good to see the young one now, as she finds her way about with some other child as guide. She is quite well and happy, and follows me about wherever she hears my voice. I gave her a doll the other day and it was quite touching to see how she fondled it, and then with a deep-drawn breath of thankfulness said, ‘This is mine, this beautiful doll belongs to no one but the poor blind girl.’

“I think the present is a time of great stirring of heart among the natives, you would think so too, could you see them flocking to the out-door services which are held specially for them. A few days ago, two young men came forward at one of these meetings and said they wished to find a Saviour and they desired the prayers of God’s people. One was deeply affected and spoke with tears. I took my children to the Exhibition and as I walked along with them, I overheard a man say, ‘What more is wanting, all these have become Christians and many others are quite ready to follow their example; they only wait a favorable moment to come forward—the door is on its hinges, one touch, one turn, even from a little child, and it opens wide.’

Of another little one, Mrs. Page writes:

“Edith is about seven years old, a dear tractable child, gentle and sweet-tempered, with occasional gleams of mischief that makes her all the more attractive. Edith is in the fifth class and is making very satisfactory progress. Her father and mother were very poor people, and they emigrated to Port Natal, seeking work there as day laborers on one of the plantations, but the place did not suit them; they pined for their country, then sickened and died, leaving the little girl who was brought back to Calcutta and made over to me by the Port Natal Emigration Agent.

“Meta is five years old; she has a pleasant, open, good-natured face, and is fairer in complexion than the average native. She is very mischievous and fond of play. An orphan and friendless, she was found wandering about the streets, clothed in rags with a tiny silver ring in one of her ears. When I look at her now as she skips about during play hours, I can scarcely believe that she is the little girl who was brought to me in such a plight not very long ago.”
Of our Bible-reader Rachel, Miss Hook writes:

"It gives me great pleasure to tell you that she has been at work throughout the year, without interruption until about six weeks ago, when she was taken ill and was obliged to go to the hospital. She is well now, and I have just been talking to her. Her pupils have been very patient, but are now clamoring for her. She is a quiet plodding woman and tries to do her duty, and is doing a good work among the Hindoo women. Her husband gets work unloading ships. She has a little boy of ten years and a girl about fourteen, who has been married about two years. Our work is abundant and promising, but it is very difficult to get reliable Bible women to go from house to house and visit. Our young teachers could do such work well, but it would not be safe to send them into the Zenanas unprotected."

Of another, supported by special subscription, Miss Hook writes:

"Another year has passed and your teacher Lee-San, is working quietly on in her flock of small children. The young lady who takes charge of the school expresses herself very much pleased with Lee-San. She keeps good order, brings them on nicely, and is such a good Scripture teacher, that another class under another teacher is put with her each day for that lesson. She is always gentle and sweet tempered, and her children love her.

"Lee-San has had a severe trial during the past year. Her eldest daughter, a girl of eight or nine, fell a victim to fever after a short illness. She was a very pretty, promising child, and Lee-San felt the loss very much indeed; she never complained, however, but meekly submitted to the will of God. Not long after the death of that child, another little one was born; so she now has three little girls again.

"This is a trying season of the year and just now all of them have fever so that she could not come here to-day, as she usually does on Saturday to study. There is school here every Saturday for all the teachers that can attend; but those with little babies often have to be excused.

"Lee-San always does as well as she can, and when she does not come I know she has some good cause for it.

"Our work is now abundant and prosperous, and I trust much good is being done amongst the little girls in the school and the women in the Zenanas. I have especial hope in the schools. So many little girls are getting their minds and hearts well stored with Christian truth, that they can never be the idol worshippers their mothers are, and when our girls
marry, they go all over India, often in places where the women have been taught nothing, and we often find that they teach those they are with, and so the truth is spread where we cannot go. So much seed is sown if all should bring forth fruit, India must ere long be without excuse, if she does not turn to the Lord.

In the month of May, we had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. M. Winsor, of Sirur, Northern India. He, with his devoted wife, has been laboring for many years among the Mahrattas, at a point far removed from any of the great centres of missionary activity. We have for some years sent annual contributions to Mrs. Winsor's school for girls, and have always received the most grateful acknowledgments.

At one of our board meetings, Mr. Winsor gave us a most thrilling account of his work, with all its encouragements and difficulties, and every heart was touched by his simple earnestness and enthusiasm.

With trembling lips and moistened eyes he told us of his own darling little daughter of eleven years, who, when wishing publicly to profess her faith in her Saviour, stood up in the little native church and was examined by the native pastor and elders who listened reverently to her profession of faith and solemnly received her into the little native church. Well may we imagine the touching scene, and thank God for what "He hath wrought."

We sent a well filled box, consisting of a variety of articles, useful in the school and suitable for rewards, as suggested by Mrs. Winsor, which is now with them on their return voyage. God speed them safely on their long journey, and bring them to their well-loved home among the far distant tribes of India.

CHINA.

But, perhaps, no one agency that Christian zeal and faith has enlisted, has done more to overcome fiction and hasten progress, than the establishment of medical missions, and,
more especially, the introduction of the medical missionary lady, whose work is, at the same time, the most interesting, the most promising, and the most difficult—a double work in the effort to relieve the body as well as save the soul. A missionary of the English Church Missionary Society writes: "So heavily am I impressed with the responsibilities of my share in the hospital work, that I am often obliged to tell the Saviour of my patients, rather than tell my patients of the Saviour." The devotion and efficiency of our own representative, Dr. Elizabeth Reifsnyder, whom the parent society sent out a year ago, have filled our hearts with encouragement and gratitude, and we pray that God's richest blessing may continue to follow her. For some time lately, the brave little band of workers at the Bridgman Home in Shanghai, were apprehensive of serious difficulty and disturbance, as their home was in the French quarter of the city outside of the wall. But God has protected them, and they have continued their labors without interruption.

Dr. Reifsnyder writes:

"Our work here is growing rapidly. I have opened a dispensary in the Chinese city, and we have done all that we could, considering the many inconveniences we have had to put up with. Dr. Boone, of the Episcopal Mission, has kindly cared for the patients I had for operation, and thus far we have been greatly blessed. The three that I operated upon all made excellent recoveries, though they were of old standing. During the past three months, I have made 186 visits, prepared 947 prescriptions, registered 459 patients, and extracted 12 teeth. Our hospital is looming up to the sky and bids fair to be a very useful building. I have no time for recreation, reading, or anything else; fortunately, I have excellent health, not losing a day from work. Some pleasant incidents help to cheer us. A woman who was cured of a sore eye and whose family also received some medical attention, is now quite interested in the work here, and last Sunday, her husband, her two children and she herself, came to Sunday-school and were intensely interested with all that was said and done. This is the second time they all have come, while the woman herself comes quite often. They are very nice people, and I am much concerned about them. The woman wants to become a Christian, but her husband is not yet ready

We have had tidings during the year from our little protege in Jaffa.

Miss Arnott writes:

"Jameeleh is very energetic and very impulsive and of course needs softening, she is about sixteen years old. I intend to have her teach in the infant school, and also give lessons in singing in the day school. She has a very sweet voice, and in their musical exercises is often selected to sing the solo. I was much distressed about the beginning of this year to find that her eye sight was giving way and that she was threatened with blindness. But our doctor thinks the trouble will yield to his remedies and already she is much better. On this account she has lately been employed more in the domestic department of the work. She is a capital worker, and very willing and ready for anything, and this experience will be useful to her and make her valuable to us when a little older. In helping to control others, I believe she will learn to exercise more self control. She has quite a talent for cutting out and making clothing, and if her eyes become stronger she will be able to assist the teacher of one of the day schools in this part of the work which is very important for the girls of this country.

"Our day schools have been sadly interrupted by a severe epidemic of small pox—but my large household has been mercifully spared through God's blessing and constant vigilance."

We gladly report something from Mrs. Bennett's school, Rangoon Burmah, concerning the general work. When we reflect that Mrs. Bennett has passed her eightieth
birthday, and that for more than fifty years she has labored among the Burmese, we may read with reverence and amazement that she is still able to labor in the Master's name. She says:

"It is very kind of the dear Philadelphia friends to remember the work in Burmah from year to year. While they continue to give, I feel it is wonderful love in my heavenly Father that He still gives me the ability to do a little for Him. The boarding school was never more prosperous than at present, and the district schools increase as fast as we can get the means to meet the demand. A promising school was started the first of October, taught by one of the graduates of the girls' boarding school. The number of qualified girls is increasing every year now, and we hope much from them in the future as school teachers and mothers.

"Our Father still spares us to do what we can for the progress of Burmah. Mr. Bennett and myself are in better health than we had reason a few years since to expect at our age, but so long as we can be useful to the people, we consider it our highest privilege to do all we can.

"I have one day school at Kemendine, which has been in operation for more than twenty years. A few days since I asked for the register of pupils for the last ten years. I found 869 pupils had been enrolled. I think there have been at least 1,500 taught in the school since its commencement.

"This school has been entirely supported by the money of your society, these last ten years. The children learn first to read, then they study and commit to memory a Catechism, which impresses indelibly on their young minds, the knowledge of their Creator and their Saviour, the knowledge of one only God, and the only way of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. They write and spell daily, and when they have gone thus far, they are allowed to spend a good part of the day in studying elementary arithmetic, geography, etc.

"I think it safe to say, that a thousand at least of these children, have learned the fundamental truths of the Christian religion, which can never be effaced from their memories.

"A good many have died, and I have good hope for a number of those that they died believing in Jesus as their Saviour. Many have married and are now mothers. They are better wives and mothers than they would have been had they never been in the school. They are scattered all over the country, and the next world only will reveal all the good that has come of this one school. The same teacher that commenced it is still at its head; she has sometimes nearly 100 children, and I found it necessary
several years ago to give her an assistant. The Kemendine Girls’ Boarding School grew out of this school, and now numbers 150 pupils. The specific donations for a Bible woman and a ‘child in Mrs. Bennett’s school’ are always used as requested by the donors. The money for ‘a child in Mrs. Rennett’s school,’ is made over to the superintendent of the boarding schools.

“My sight being very poor, I write less than I would be glad to do, but I have been looking over my past school work lately, and thought it might give you pleasure to know a little of this particular school.

“The harvest is still very great, and the laborers few in proportion to the need, and it is to be regretted that any of our societies are straitened for money, while there is so much of it in possession of Christians.”

EGYPT.

Of our Bible woman in Cairo, Mrs. Lansing writes:

“‘Dewar’ is a godly woman and so mild and gentle in her ways and so earnest in her work that she seems remarkably well adapted to the important part she fills and is much beloved and respected by her pupils for her untiring labor of love on their behalf. She is always overworked, and she is not strong at best and besides has weak eyes, but she loves her work and always seems so happy and cheerful in the discharge of her duties in the wayside, sowing of the good seed of the word. The Zenana work is a very important one in this land where the masses of poor ignorant women can be reached in no other way than by being visited in their homes. Poor Egypt is being sorely tried these latter years, but we trust and pray that the severe ordeal through which she is passing will prove a blessing in the end. Since the Arabi rebellion and for some time previous, all has been confusion, uncertainty, and often insecurity. War has been and is still necessary, and it all seems so sad; still, we fondly hope the expedition south, in which so many brave men are enlisted, will result in crushing the power of our great foe the ‘Mahdi;’ that done, we may begin to hope for and expect, a gradual adjustment of irritating difficulties. It is our decided conviction that, in the Providence of God, this great campaign will accomplish the grand result of opening the way for the entrance of the Gospel of Peace and love among the savage hordes of distracted and benighted Africa.”

As we listen to these voices from many lands have we not reason to thank God and take courage? Everywhere the door is open. Shall our lagging feet or timid hearts be slow to enter?
As the years roll on, one after another of those who have labored with us have been called from the toil of life to the rest of heaven. Our hearts are still subdued as we think of the now sainted one, lately called away, who was for years our main strength and support; but, we rejoice to welcome to our midst a young worker, bearing the same honored name, who hopes to continue the long-loved labors of her dear departed relative.

Since the meeting in October, when with saddened hearts we gathered together to deplore our loss, and to adopt suitable resolutions of sympathy and regret, we have received the following affectionate greeting from our co-laborers in New York:

"At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, held at 41 Bible House, N. Y., October 12th, 1884, the following resolution was adopted:

"It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death or your beloved Vice-President and Manager, Miss Mary Anna Longstreth, and we desire to express to her family and to yourselves our affectionate sympathy in this heavy affliction.

"The untiring devotion of our departed friend to the interests of this Society will ever be held in grateful remembrance by us. To the members of your Board we realize that her loss will, indeed, be great; so many years of successful labor in your midst, with head and heart and hand will have endeared her to you with ties of the most enduring nature. You have worked side by side for the same noble cause, and for the same Divine Master. When the great harvest shall be gathered in, may you and she rejoice together."

"May the mantle of her who has gone to the realms of glory, fall upon us who yet remain, and may we follow her even as she followed Christ."
REPORT OF GERMANTOWN AUXILIARY.

At the annual meeting, held in January, 1884, the "Germantown Auxiliary" elected the following offices for the ensuing year: Mrs. M. G. Fortescue, president, Miss Hallo­way, treasurer, Miss Wells, secretary.

During the month of April, the Auxiliary held a public meeting in the lecture-room of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, which proved to be a very pleasant occasion, the audience being addressed, first, by Mrs. Corlies, a missionary from Alaska, who gave a most interesting account of that far-off corner of our great Republic; and afterwards, by Mrs. Chandler, who made a stirring appeal especially designed for enlightening her hearers as to the comparative importance of domestic and foreign missions; a startling array of facts and figures being brought forward in confirmation of her arguments. We also had the pleasure of listening once more to Mrs. Condict, our former secretary, and now actively en­gaged in Chinese missionary work in San Francisco.

During the year the sum of $223.75 has been collected from the following sources:

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A box was also sent to Miss Hook, in India, valued at $125.00, containing 104 dolls (dressed), 1,200 cards, zephyrs, scrap-books, a piece of muslin, counterpanes, etc.

Since our annual meeting, we have met with a sad loss in the death of Mrs. W. D. Whitney, for many years a vice­president of our society, and ever its warm and valued friend.
Though prevented by ill-health from engaging actively in the work, her generous donations from year to year spoke silently yet forcibly of her unflagging interest in union missionary labor. May He, in whose presence our friend now has fullness of joy, grant His royal benediction upon these, her gifts of love, as well as upon our little band still left to labor on.

Finding that outside interests were gradually reducing our membership, it was once proposed to disband. This proposal, however, was unanimously rejected, never, we trust, to be again presented, for although each member of the W. F. M. Society may have her own church missionary band, is it not both a duty and a privilege for each to do her share in this glorious union work so peculiarly our Saviour's own? "Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given me that they may be one." Does not this seem like our Lord's own seal upon our work? "That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me," how wonderful that even we may do something to win honor for our King; yet, a still more wonderful assurance follows, sufficient to fire every Christian heart with heavenly zeal, "Thou hast loved them as Thou hast loved me."

Finally, the "Germantown Auxiliary" sends an affectionate greeting to all who claim a place in the great family circle of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with the earnest prayer that all may engage, more heartily than ever before, in this special work; gathering up the fragments that nothing be lost, either in the vast field of foreign lands, or in our own little private corner of the Master's vineyard, for both are alike portions of the great "everywhere" which He has intrusted to our keeping.

E. A. Wells,
Secretary.

Germantown, Dec. 3d, 1884.
REPORT OF THE CAMDEN AUXILIARY.

We are glad to say that our auxiliary is still in being, although our list of subscribers is somewhat diminished, but if we are spared another year we may be able to send a more cheering report. The *Link* continues to be read with interest and may yield fruit in time to come. A lady told me she sent her *Link*, after she read it, to her mother who accommodated student boarders, and they also read it, so this rolling stone may gather considerable moss in the interest of missions, and we propose sowing the seed still, for we think the yield may at last be plentiful: at least such is our prayer to Him who can work with small as well as with large instrumentalities.

*MRS. A. P. HURLBUT,*

*Secretary.*


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**Balance in Treasury, December 31st, 1883**

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**$5,215.05**
APPROPRIATIONS.

Miss Hook, Zenana Teacher, Calcutta, India, Dutch Reformed.
Miss Lathrop, Zenana Teacher, Allahabad, India, Presbyterian.
Miss Leslie, Allahabad.
Miss Westropp, Allahabad.
Miss Elizabeth Reifsnyder, M. D., Shanghai, China.
Two Bible-readers, Calcutta.
Dewar, Bible-reader, Cairo, Egypt.
Bible-reader, Shanghai, China.
Miss Higby’s School, Bassein, Burmah, Baptist.
Eight children in Mrs. Winsor’s School, Sirur, India.
Six children in Calcutta Orphanage.
One child in Mrs. Bennett’s School.
One child in American Home, Yokohama, Japan.
One child in Jaffa.
One child in Maulmain.
LISTS REPORTED BY MANAGERS AND COLLECTORS.

By Mrs. Mary Adams.
Mrs. J. C. Shoebot, $10 00
Mrs. E. Y. Townsend, 5 00
Mrs. John Hockley, 5 00
Miss Mary Hockley, 5 00
Miss A. E. Hockley, 5 00
Mrs. Duntoun, 5 00
Miss J. Kisselman, 2 00

$35 00

By Mrs. S. F. Ashton.
Mrs. J. B. Van Dusen, 5 00
Mrs. Wm. C. Houston, 5 00
Mrs. Thos. C. Hand, 5 00
Miss Mary Gilbert, 5 00
Mrs. S. F. Ashton, 5 00
Mrs. A. K. Shuize, 2 00
Augusta Shuize, 2 00
Miss Fannie Bryan, 2 00
Mrs. Mary Burke, 2 00

$33 00

By Mrs. Wm. P. Breed.
Mrs. Wm. P. Breed, $30 00

By Miss Dillaye.
E. Crozer Knowles, $100 00
"Ice Cream Band" of Chestnut St. Seminary, 30 00
Thank Offering of Ogontz School for Christian Homes, 35 00

$165 00

By Mrs. T. S. Foster.
Mrs. T. S. Foster, $5 00
Mrs. Vanervra, 50 00
Miss Jula Davis and Link, 50 00
Miss Margaret Pechlin, 2 00

$5 10

By Mrs. J. E. Graeff.
2nd Pres. Ch. Phila.
Mrs. J. E. Graeff, $10 00
H. W. Pitkin, 20 00
Mrs. Jewett, 10 00
Mrs. E. R. Beadle, 5 00
Miss S. V. K. Smith, 4 00
Miss Burkhardt and Link, 1 50

$50 50

By Mrs. B. Griffith.
Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer, 20 00
Mrs. B. Griffith, 10 00
Miss M. J. Lewis, 3 00

$32 00

By Mrs. D. Haddock, Jr.
Mrs. D. Haddock, $10 00
Miss M. A. White.
In memoriam, 3 00
Mrs. Manderson, 5 00

$18 00

By Mrs. C. C. Hughes.
Miss A. Pechin and Link, $35 50
Miss A. Kenny and Link, 5 00

By Miss M. A. Kennard.
Miss M. A. Kennard, 5 00

By Mrs. G. Albert Lewis.
Miss Rittenhouse, 1 00
Miss Taber, 2 00
Mrs. C. K. Ingles, 1 00
Miss Vansant, 1 00
Mrs. John A. Lewis, 2 00
Mrs. G. Albert Lewis, 2 00
Mrs. Wm. Carpenter, 1 00
Mrs. Morgan, 1 00

$11 00

By Mrs. A. F. Lez.
Miss Henrietta Graff, 2 00
Mrs. Lemuel C. Coffin and Link, 5 60
Mrs. A. F. Lez, 6 00
Mrs. J. M. Brooks, 5 00
Mrs. James Bennett, 2 00
Miss M. M. Kirkpatrick and Link, 96 20

$110 80

By Miss M. A. Longstreth.
Rebecca White, $100 00
Elizabeth H. Furman, 50 00
Mary Cope Whitall, 50 00
A Friend, 25 00
E. F. Wistar, 10 00
Julia Wood and Link, 11 00
Margaret J. Handy and Link, 11 00
Annabell E. Winn and Link, 11 00
Mary Coates, Link, 11 00
Rebecca F. Fennimore and Link, 11 00
Sarah M. Taylor Mission and Link, 7 00
Hannah Taylor and Link, 4 00
Rebecca K. Taylor and Link, 4 00
Margaret S. Hineman and Link, 4 00

$35 00

By Clara H. Miller and Link, $3 00
Rachel S. J. Randolph and Link, 5 00
Mrs. L. Lowry, 50 00
Mrs. John E. Cope and Link, 11 00
Miss M. A. Longstreth, 50 00
Marion P. Gibbons, 5 00
Salie Benner, Link, 1 00
Elizabeth W. Benner and Link, 50 00
H. W. Pearson, Link, 11 00
Mrs. R. H. Townsend, 2 00
Pauline Townsend, 1 00
Elizabeth W. Pain and Link, 2 50
Sally Wheeler, Link, 50 00
Mary K. Haines, 2 00
Emily Boggs, 2 00
Mrs. F. W. Naglee and Link, 5 50
Miss Frances Lea, 15 00
Mrs. John Farrum, 50 00
Miss Susan Longstreth, 10 00
Mrs. Israel Morris, 10 00
Mrs. S. R. Shipley, 2 50
Mrs. J. M. Hayes, 2 50
F. W. Morris, 10 00
Theo. H. Morris, 10 00
M. H. Morris, 5 00
Miss H. Mary Benner and Link, 50 00

$586 50

By Mrs. R. C. Matlack.
Mrs. E. D. Williams, 25 00
Miss Mary M. Hutchison, 25 00
Miss E. A. Estabrook and Link, 1 00
Miss M. Hubbard, Link, 50 00
Mrs. E. L. Richardson, 2 50
Miss Mary E. Patterson, 5 00
Mrs. R. C. Matlack, 10 00

$40 00

By Mrs. J. F. Page.
Miss Elizabeth P. Shields, 50 00
Mrs. Washington Butler, 50 00
Mrs. J. F. Page, 5 00

$95 00

By Mrs. John G. Patton.
Mrs. Edward Webb, 1 00
Miss Anna Roberts, 1 00
Mrs. John M. Innis, 2 00
## Lists Reported by Managers and Collectors

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**By Mrs. J. L. Richards:**
- Mrs. John E. Whitney and Link... $5.00
- Mrs. George W. Anderson and Link... $5.00
- Mrs. P. C. Hollis... $5.00
- Mrs. B. Colles... $10.00
- Cash... $10.00
- Mrs. W. W. Campbell... $10.00
- Mrs. H. C. Ford and Link... $10.50
- Miss C. Campbell... $1.00
- Frank E. Ford... $1.00
- H. Y. Evans, Jr... $1.00
- Mrs. S. Simms... $5.00
- Samuel S. Richards... $1.00
- Lizzie M. Richards... $1.00
- Mrs. J. L. Richards and Link... $10.50
- **Total**... $73.00

**By Miss M. Troutman:**
- Miss Anna Pearsall... $2.00
- Miss Mary Pearsall... $1.00
- Mrs. Wharton Smith... $2.00
- Miss M. Troutman... $10.00
- Miss L. Troutman... $5.00
- **Total**... $20.00

**By Mrs. Wm. Waterall:**
- Mrs. S. M. Elliot... $5.00
- Mrs. J. D. Price... $1.00
- Miss Kates... $2.00
- Mrs. Hoard... $2.00
- Miss Juliet K. Hoard... $2.00
- Miss Broadbent... $2.00
- Mr. Wm. Knight... $1.00
- Miss Lizzie Williamson... $1.00
- Miss E. Scheffer... $2.00
- Mrs. H. L. Lipman... $1.00
- Mrs. Wm. Waterall... $3.00
- Links... $1.80
- **Total**... $30.80

**By Mrs. J. S. Williams:**
- Mrs. Johnson... $1.50
- Sunday School Church of the Covenant... $20.00
- Mrs. Janeway... $10.00
- Miss B. Wetherell... $10.00
- A Friend and Link... $10.50
- Mrs. M. Hill... $5.00
- Miss Lucy Tingley... $5.00
- Mrs. J. K. McCurdy... $5.00
- Mrs. A. Getze... $1.50
- Miss Florence... $5.00
- Mrs. L. A. Robinson... $5.00
- Mrs. John Lucas... $5.00
- Miss L. Gillespie... $1.00
- Mrs. Stevenson and Link... $5.00
- Miss Fanny Simons... $1.00
- Miss Kate Simons... $1.00
- Mrs. D. Daies... $20.00
- Mrs. J. S. Williams... $5.00
- Mrs. Whitmer... $2.00
- **Total**... $119.50

**Second Reformed Episcopal Church:**
- Mrs. W. R. Nicholson and Mrs. E. G. Stotesbury, Committee, B. S. H... $100.00
- Joseph K. Wheeler... $10.00
- Mrs. Charles Emory... $1.00
- Mrs. C. M. Morton... $2.00
- K. W. Molt... $2.00
- Mrs. W. H. Stephens... $1.00
- Mrs. R. G. Howell... $2.00
- Mrs. Edward Maule and Link... $1.50
- Miss S. K. Davidson... $5.00
- Dr. Farnel Meld... $1.00
- Miss A. Taber... $5.00
- Margaret Bucknell, Band Upland, Pa... $11.50
- Mrs. E. G. Stotesbury... $1.00
- **Total**... $298.00

**Through Miss H. Oldden:**
- Infant School St. Paul's Church... $20.00
- Germantown Auxiliary, per Miss Haliloway, Treasurer, January 30th... $32.00

**March 10th...** $65.00
**April 28th...** $80.00
**Dec. 4th...** $57.00

**Lambertville Auxiliary, per Miss E. A. Schrock... $192.00**
**Camden Auxiliary, per Mrs. A. P. Hurst... $34.85**
**Bands of the Tenth Pres. Church... $73.20**
**Seraph Band, per Miss Seraph Deal, Treas... $20.00**
**J. A. Howell Band, per Mrs. L. Howard, Treasurer... $24.00**
**Through the Treasurer, Miss M. Whelen and Link... $1.50**
**Mrs. C. B. Keen... $10.00**
**$115.50**

**Other Donations and Receipts:**
- Interest on Harriet Holland Estate... $580.00
- Interest from Mary A. Boardman... $73.00
- Interest from Mrs. Earley's Legacy... $60.00
- Collection at Annual Meeting... $27.50
- From Mrs. J. E. Johnson, for printing Annual Reports... $80.00
- Interest on Deposits... $27.38
- From Trustees of John Bohlen Trust Fund, Church of the Holy Trinity, Phila... $500.00
- Legacy from Mary Anna Longstreth... $500.00
- **$2247.88**
The "Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands" was organized in Nov., 1860, and incorporated in New York, Feb. 1st, 1861.

Seal of Office:
An American Lady giving the Bible to a Heathen Woman, and the Saviour addressing her.

Form of Bequest.
I give and bequeath to the "Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands," incorporated in the city of New York, Feb. 1st, 1861, the sum of ___________________________ to be applied to the missionary purposes of said Society.