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REPORT
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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As we glance back over the five years of our existence as a society, and mark the steps that have been taken, and the work accomplished, the outlook is encouraging. Although in many respects we have proved ourselves unskilled laborers, yet with thankful hearts for what we have been permitted to do, we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Each year since the organization of the Woman's Society has witnessed an increase of auxiliaries, and a steady growth in the spirit of missions.

NEW ENTERPRISES.

The past year has been signalized by two encouraging features: the laying of the corner-stone of Myrtle Hall, at Harper's Ferry, and the publication of the Missionary Helper. For the former object, it seems worthy of mention, that not one dollar was taken from the general treasury, but the money all came in, in answer to appeals made by those who felt the imperative needs of the work. The result shows what strong faith, coupled with resolute action, can accomplish even in these "hard times."

The publication of a missionary magazine had, for some time, been under consideration. At this day, when the globe is being girdled with missionary stations, when all the religious journals, and even the secular press, teem with items concerning this work, it is passing strange that Christian women, conversant with many of the events of the day, should yet understand so little of missionary aims and purposes.

Said a writer in the Heathen Woman's Friend, "One of the
most cheering signs of the times, is the increasing relish in all the churches for missionary reading. We are confident that the Christian women of America have read more on the subject of missions during the last ten years than in the fifty preceding ones. This increased knowledge is bearing glorious fruit in action." Glorious fruit indeed! Is it not because of the missionary intelligence scattered broadcast by the women of these denominations, that a large measure of the wonderful success of their mission societies is due? While rejoicing in this success of their sister workers, the Free Baptist women felt that the time had fully come to emulate their example and take another step forward. Anxiously, yet hopefully, freighted with earnest prayers, was our little bark launched. Not a twelvemonth has passed since it started on its mission of love, but its success has far exceeded our expectations. But while thankful for these encouraging prospects, there is sturdy work yet to be done. Before the close of the present year, let every club of subscribers be renewed; renewed, if possible, with additional numbers. Let no effort be spared to send the Helper to every Free Baptist family. The small subscription price brings it within the reach of nearly all. And are there not ladies in each of the churches willing to take one or two additional copies, that the small fraction really unable to pay for the magazine may be supplied?

The great want of the church to-day, is knowledge: knowledge of the broad fields so rapidly opening for the reception of the gospel; knowledge of the urgent need of laborers to till those fields, to scatter broadcast the seeds of truth. Had some missionary periodical been a regular visitant to our homes for the last half century, who believes that that incubus on the parent society, the debt, would have been contracted? Who believes that our Indian mission would be in its present feeble state? Who believes that we now should be obliged to blush for the mortifying fact that but little more than half of our churches do anything for Foreign Missions? Then let every lady feel that the responsibility is resting upon her to do all in her power in the circulation of our modest little Helper.
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WORK ABROAD.

Reports from our busy Indian workers are encouraging. Miss Ida Phillips, who sailed from this country in October last, has entered on her work with her characteristic zeal and energy. She writes under date of July 27, "I visit with my teachers just now about a hundred houses. We have at present not far from two hundred pupils. I have ten teachers to help me; a number, however, much too small for the best instruction of all. Many of the women in the zenanas take a great deal of interest in learning of Christ, and one or two I think really intend to serve him; but there are many things to hold them back, and the light in their hearts is yet dim."

Miss Mary Bacheler, in her report for the year, states that the work among the higher classes could be somewhat increased, and among the common people, almost indefinitely, were there means for the employment of teachers. One of their best teachers, in her zeal, had worked beyond her strength, and was seriously ill. Others were killing themselves by overwork. Miss Bacheler herself not only inspects all the work each month, but teaches in five houses every alternate day.

Miss Crawford writes in her usual cheerful vein. She says, "I was out a good deal visiting schools, and am thankful to say the heat did not hurt me." Those of us who remember the excessive heat of the past season even in New England, can perhaps have some slight idea of the resolution it would require to go nearly round the circuit of the schools, as she states she did, in June. She adds, "The weather is fearfully hot; the papers report 117 degrees in the shade. Among all the places to which I went during the month, I saw only one chair, and was thankful to get even a stool to sit on."

We seldom read one of the letters of this indefatigable worker, without feeling more and more the moral heroism of a life like hers. How fitting was that beautiful tribute paid to her by him whose feet were even then touching the verge of the dark valley, in that never-to-be-forgotten address before this Society, at Providence. God grant that health and strength may be hers for many a year, to pursue her grand, self-sacrificing work;
and that, for the sake of India’s benighted children, for the sake of many in her native land to whom her example is an inspiration and a blessing, she may indeed “arrive late to Heaven.”

Miss Hattie Phillips, who was accepted as a candidate in June last, has been elected by the Board, and is now on her way to her chosen field of labor. She comes to us with the highest testimonials of scholarship, Christian character, and success in teaching. Thus the society is now employing two missionaries, besides paying the salary of Miss Mary Bacheler, and supporting some twenty or more zenana teachers. It also continues its aid to the Harper’s Ferry School, being responsible for the salary of Miss Brackett, and assisting numbers of girls in the school.

A Misapprehension.

There is one point to which an allusion seems necessary, although it has been referred to in former reports. It has been the desire of this society from its organization, not to interfere in the least with the work of the parent society. It has often been stated that what was paid into our treasury was to be additional to that received by the other societies. We had supposed this to be fully understood; and yet we not unfrequently hear of remarks made by pastors of our churches to the effect that the Woman’s Society is taking funds that should be paid to the treasury of the Parent Board. Is this so? As far as our knowledge extends, the churches which support an active, live woman’s organization, do the most also for the parent society. It is a well established fact, that the more one does for one department of benevolent work, the more will he be interested to do for another and yet another. As the mind becomes more and more contracted, whose interest is all centered in self, whose sympathies are bounded by the domains of home, so does that soul broaden and enlarge, which sees in every man a brother, and clasps the whole world in its embrace.

Said Dr. Dashiell, in answer to the query, “Does the Woman’s Society detract from the receipts of the Parent
Board?" "It is my conviction that for every dollar the treasury of the Parent Board loses, the general cause of missions gains ten."

Can any one doubt that the Woman’s Societies have been beneficent agents in the great work of evangelizing the world? Let us give a single glance at what some of them have accomplished. The Woman’s Society of the Presbyterian church, in the ninth year of its existence, has 85 missionaries: 23 in India, 20 in China, 9 in South America, 7 in Persia, and so on. They have also 30 Bible readers, and 150 native teachers. The receipts of the society the past year, were nearly $84,000. The W. F. M. Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, has appropriated this year over $81,000. Twelve women are under appointment, and expect to leave for foreign mission work this fall. The Congregational W. M. Society have now in the foreign field, 67 missionaries, 58 Bible readers, 18 boarding schools, etc. The Baptist Woman’s Missionary Society has been in existence seven years. The total receipts of those seven years have been $193,448.92. They have now in the foreign field, 28 missionaries. One has well said, "If the Woman’s Missionary Societies keep on growing as they have grown in the past five years, they will soon overtake the old established societies in point of receipts and extent of their work."

Who may rightly appreciate the value of this work? Who may estimate the worth of the rough jewels quarried from the mines of India, Japan, China, Turkey, and many other countries, that, polished by the Master’s own hand, are even now, through the influence of these societies, sparkling in the coronet that decks that Master’s brow!

And not alone on the recipients of this work does the blessing rest. The reflex influence is felt on the workers as well. These toilers could tell of aims and purposes becoming grander and nobler. They could tell of the dignity with which zealous, self-sacrificing work invests life; of the sweetness of laboring for the elevation of the unfortunate and oppressed.

And the children’s bands that are being so widely organized!
Can any one rightly estimate the effect of their work on the youthful workers? Ah! there is hope for the church. These children will soon be men and women. Who doubts that their young minds will be imbued with the very spirit of beneficence?

It is said that the Woman's Mission Boards and their auxiliaries number, in this country alone, 9,000. Would any pastor be willing to take the responsibility of stopping or in any manner discouraging a work like this?

**Work of the Hour.**

It will be noticed that our missionaries all speak of being crippled in their work by want of funds. Would that we could sound the bugle-call that should arouse every woman to a sense of her duty to God and humanity. If we close our ears to the cry that comes over the waters, if the voices of the long-oppressed daughters of our own land are unheeded, then are we false to our covenant vows. The command given in Jerusalem eighteen hundred years since, is just as binding on Christians at this day, as it was on those early disciples. The fields at home and abroad are bright with promise; laborers stand ready to enter those fields. Shall we, Christian women of America, complain of our limited means, and turn a deaf ear to solicitations for aid, when even heathen women are forming auxiliary societies, and giving, amid their penury? A missionary writing from Shajehanpore, says, "When I spoke of forming a society, not one word was said of hard times, although the pressure has been very severe on all our people." How does the example of these, so recently heathen women, shame those who in this Christian land, surrounded by all the comforts of life, refuse the trifling pittance of two cents a week to assist in carrying on an enterprise the importance of which eternity alone can reveal.

O, that the veil were taken from our vision, that we might understand the full significance of life and its duties. Then would the grandeur of a work like this, burst upon our minds, and we feel the blessedness of having some share in its glorious results.

_Mrs. J. A. Lowell._
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Without auxiliaries composed of women with heart and brain consecrated to the work, this Society is one only in name. As they increase, its strength increases; if they diminish, it is weakened. District Secretaries have the oversight of these auxiliaries, and upon their reports we depend for any insight we may get into the home-work of the Society; and divided and subdivided as the work is, this seems to be the true way of reaching results. Certainly, by this means are all the workers more closely united in their labor for the success of this organization. The following reports will show what it has accomplished during the past year,—enough, we think, to give us a fresh stimulus for future service.

Reports of District Secretaries.

Mrs. E. D. Wade, District Secretary of the Penobscot Yearly Meeting, says: "I am happy to report an increase of mission interest in our yearly meeting. We have eleven auxiliaries and nine children's bands. Other churches are contributing to this cause that have no regularly organized societies. We have raised this year $187. Miss Phillips's visit and the Helper have done much towards enlightening Christians on this subject, and thus securing their sympathies and co-operation. The Helper is doing a noble work. I wish it was in every family in the denomination.

"I think the women of this denomination have a grand work on their hands; and the dear Father will help us carry it forward."
Doors are standing open for us to enter; and although we may not, as individuals, go in, yet we may and will rush to the portals with warm hearts and loving words of cheer, and with loaded hands to supply the necessities of those who have already, and will hereafter, enter."

Miss A. Hasty, District Secretary of the Maine Western Yearly Meeting, writes: "The interest in this branch of Christian work in this district is steadily increasing. Five new auxiliary societies have been organized (there were six before) within the past year. There have also been three mission bands of young people and children organized. They are connected with the churches at South Parsonsfield, South Limington, and Limerick, (one was previously formed in Portland). They have some earnest workers, who, if sufficiently encouraged, insure the future success of the mission cause. The band of 'seed sowers' in Portland are scattering seed that leaves no doubt as to 'what the harvest will be.'

"The societies reported last year are actively at work, some with an increased membership, while others have fallen off a little. At some of the quarterly meetings mission prayer-meetings have been held with very good results. The call for aid from Harper's Ferry met with a ready response from many churches and individuals in this district. Miss Phillips's visit and work with us last April inspired many hearts to greater zeal in the cause of the Master."

Mrs. F. S. Mosher, District Secretary of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, says: "We have endeavored in New Hampshire to reduce our work to a system. In most of the quarterly meetings we have an assistant, who aids in forming societies in churches, and in arranging meetings in connection with the sessions of the quarterly meetings. Some of these assistants are doing very efficient service. Although the times have been hard, and many of our auxiliaries have felt the pressure, yet we are sure the interest in missions is as great as ever. The readiness with which our women responded to the call for speedy help for Myrtle Hall, at Harper's Ferry, showed that we are ready for any work the necessity of which is brought before us."
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“Miss Julia E. Phillips spent a month last winter visiting a few of our churches. She was cordially welcomed, and aided in forming several new societies among the women and children. We hope the results of her labor will continue to be felt after she has returned to India. The magazine has also had a good influence in our churches. We believe it is needed, and that the need is well met in its publication.

“The annual meeting in connection with the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting was most gratifying. The returned missionaries, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Phillips, were present, and made stirring addresses. Ladies from other States assisted in the exercises, and we think all must have felt their interest strengthened, and their determination increased to make the coming year more productive of help to the mission cause.”

Mrs. F. P. Eaton, District Secretary of the Vermont Yearly Meeting, reports: “So far as I know, there has been an increase of interest and co-operation in the mission cause in this State. There have been responses from each quarterly meeting to the call for money to pay the debt, to build the Girls’ Boarding Hall, and something has been done for the outfit of new missionaries. Some sisters from the Huntington Quarterly Meeting regret the hinderances they have to doing anything abroad. When such are removed, gladly will they answer foreign calls. Also, a sister from the Enosburg Quarterly Meeting writes, ‘The churches are very low. For two or three years past we have made great efforts to build them up, and so can do but little now for missions, but hope to do more in the future.’ To appreciate what our churches in Vermont are doing, we must bear in mind how small many of them are. The Strafford Quarterly Meeting has churches that are alive to the mission work. The same interest exists in some churches in Corinth Quarterly Meeting. Sutton church has a mission society and supports a zenana teacher. If there were a few earnest, self-sacrificing, praying women in every church, we should be sure of work being done for missions. We think the number of subscribers for the Helper should be increased. My prayer is that our faith and works may be
enlarged until the desired end is attained." She reports nine auxiliaries.

Mrs. S. A. Porter, District Secretary of Massachusetts, writes: "Among the churches in my district are some having a very creditable interest in our woman’s work. The visits of Miss Phillips have done much to increase the interest. Not a little is due to her in this respect. The Helper has met a generous and hearty welcome.

"Our society has come to be recognized in our quarterly and yearly meetings, and is doing a work highly essential to the growth and prosperity of our churches, as well as of great benefit to the cause of missions. It is helping to bring out a hitherto latent talent among us, as a people, that already shows itself fruitful of good. A children’s band has been organized in the Mount Vernon Church in Lowell. The Haverhill church has an earnest, active force engaged in our work there. In short, I may say, the work assigned to us as women is gaining ground in this State, as I feel confident it is doing elsewhere."

Mrs. L. Dexter, District Secretary of Rhode Island, reports: "The progress of the mission work in this district during the past year, though all too slow, has been very encouraging. ‘Advance’ has been the watch-word among the dear sisters, although discordant tones, bidding us halt, have been ringing along our lines from almost every other branch of expenditures. The faithful efforts of brave, earnest workers have won results, which, though not perfect, are truly inspiring, and are slowly yielding their full fruitage.

"At our annual meeting, held in connection with the Rhode Island Association in May, a resolution to assume the salary of a missionary was adopted by the sisters. As a result of this movement, Miss Hattie Phillips has been accepted by the Board, and assigned to us. Correspondence concerning the support of our missionary has been held with all the churches of the district, and we have been pleased to learn of the readiness with which the women have accepted the work of securing the necessary funds."
"The reports from auxiliary societies and mission bands also bespeak an increasing interest in the work. The moneys collected by these organizations show that their members have accepted the truth, that God requires not only a consecration of our hearts, but also our substance. Miss Phillips has visited various churches during the past few months, presenting the cause with her usual ability and earnestness; and as one of the results, we have three new mission bands, located at Blackstone, Tiverton, and Carolina Mills. Hence, we have now existing nine auxiliaries and ten mission bands. Several other churches have been aroused to more earnest work and are faithful contributors.

"Our labors have not been wholly confined to the foreign field. The cry for help from Harper's Ferry was heard and answered by nearly every church in our district. Thus a true missionary spirit has been attesting itself throughout the limits of our little field. With hearts of gratitude for these manifold blessings, we hope to give better heed in the future to the command, 'Go ye, therefore, teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.'"

Mrs. N. C. Lash, District Secretary of the Ohio Central Yearly Meeting, writes: "We feel that throughout our yearly meeting we have done more for the cause of missions during the past year than ever before, and that there is still a growing interest. "The Richland and Licking Quarterly Meeting Woman's Mission Society was organized Aug. 17, 1877, and has held regular meetings at each session of their quarterly meeting. They are encouraged to do more the year to come than the past year. Fifteen copies of the Helper are taken. Their funds have been paid to the parent society. Henrietta church has the only society in the Loraine Quarterly Meeting. The Harmony Quarterly Meeting Society was organized September, 1877. Twenty-six copies of the Helper are taken. They have forwarded their funds to the parent society.

"In the Marion Quarterly Meeting, there has been no society organized, but three dollars have been paid to the Woman's Society. About ten copies of the Helper are taken. The Seneca
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and Huron Quarterly Meeting Woman's Mission Society now numbers sixty-eight members. Sixty-two copies of the Helper are taken. The society has contributed for Harper's Ferry ten dollars, besides a barrel of clothing for the students, valued at eighteen dollars; for outfit of missionary, ten dollars; and for the general work of the society, sixty dollars,—making in all eighty dollars. We would suggest that if these woman's societies, in the different quarterly meetings mentioned in this report, are auxiliary to this society, they should forward their funds directly to our treasury.

To the other reports we add a statement of Miss Phillips's work as agent for the Woman's Society, which is condensed from her report to the Board.

Miss Julia E. Phillips entered upon her work for the society Nov. 4, 1877, visiting the churches, and organizing auxiliaries and children's bands. She visited eleven churches in the Penobsot Yearly Meeting, eight in the Maine Central, ten in the Maine Western, eleven in New Hampshire, six in Massachusetts, and seven in Rhode Island. She reports the organization of nineteen auxiliary societies and twenty-four bands, either during her visit or soon afterwards, if they fulfilled their pledges. She attended three quarterly meetings and the Rhode Island Association, where the woman's work was presented. She also secured a large number of subscribers for the Helper. She devoted about eight months to this efficient service. Her report thus closes: "Let us never look back, but with our eyes fixed on Christ, let us go steadily onward, and He will surely grant abundant success. Let us take for our motto, 'The whole wide world for Jesus,' and be satisfied with nothing less."

Encouraging Results.

And what is the financial result of this work? The treasurer's report shows that the receipts by contributors, not including the special work for Harper's Ferry, which amounts to $1,460.52, exceeds those of last year by $309.35. From our outlook we believe the society has a stronger hold upon the hearts of the women of the denomination than ever before. New laborers
are coming to the front, and old ones with increasing interest apply themselves to the work. As the years go by and the interest grows, greater responsibilities come, and at times some almost shrink from assuming them. But the Master promises strength according to our day, and we see already a partial fulfillment of the promise, as the women come up bravely and determinedly to the work which falls to their hands. And they have been tested in this matter the past year as never before. It was felt by some members of the Board that a missionary magazine was needed. The question of the expediency of undertaking this new branch of work was tested by seeking to find out the opinions of the people, and, also, if there were women ready to be responsible for it financially. So satisfactory were the results that the work was undertaken. The present subscription list fully justifies the decision.

And then came the call for aid from Harper's Ferry. All through the previous year, by appeals to the Sunday schools, and by the aid of the Centennial singers, that faithful band of workers at Harper's Ferry had been trying to raise the sum necessary to continue work on the Girls' Boarding Hall. About fifteen hundred dollars had been secured; but this was not sufficient. Men were asking themselves, What shall we do next? Friends of the cause said this building must go up, but how? The way opened; for the Woman's Board proposed to undertake the work of raising $1,000 before May 30. The friends at Harper's Ferry said, if you will assure us of this sum by that time, the corner-stone shall be laid in the name of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society. And on Memorial Day, while loving friends and comrades were paying their yearly tribute to the memory of our brave soldiers, the corner-stone of a building was laid which will be the home of some of the race they died to save from physical bondage. What more fitting tribute to their memory? On that day there was in the treasury, in the form of cash and reliable pledges, $1,007.89; and at Harper's Ferry, sent to the treasurer there, as a result of this special appeal, $256.81, making in all, $1,264.70. Since
that time friends have continued to forward money for this object to this treasury, and it is still open to receive all sums which they may wish to contribute for it through this channel, and no doubt will be until the hall is entirely completed.

To-day, not only are the women in the Shenandoah Valley encouraged by seeing the walls of Myrtle Hall go up, but we are inspired to assume other work with a surer prospect of success. For we are confident that the women of this denomination only need to have a worthy cause presented to them in order to have their sympathies enlisted and their earnest support secured. At present they are being tested in the effort to raise funds for the foreign mission field. New recruits are needed in India, and the missionaries must be better equipped for their work. Already Rhode Island has come nobly to the front, and has become responsible for the support of a new missionary, including outfit and passage. But while our faith in the disposition of this denomination to do for others has been increased the past year, a deeper and richer experience has been gained, and one which we are assured is the inner work in more than one woman's soul. It is the conviction that God's hand is guiding us, that the work is His, the resources are His, and if only obedient to Him, we need not fear for the results.

Those mission enterprises which are called "faith works" have an active as well as a passive side. Those engaged in them do with their might the work God lays before them. At the same time, they trust Him for the means to carry it on, limiting their expenditures to His expressed wish in the giving. The most successful organizations are those that have both these elements in a very marked degree. Such an one, no doubt, we all aim to secure, and such we can have, if we as individuals submit our wills to the divine will. We shall not all work in the same way, but the same Spirit will pervade all. Indeed, every variety of temperament is needed; and it matters less what ours may be than that we do our part well, as unto God and not to man; do it because it is the duty of the hour, and our Guide is leading us on.

Laura A. DeMerritte.
The Work in the West.

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It need not be told that the West is far behind the East in all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, nor is there lack of good reason for this. The East is the birthplace and home of the denomination. Here it has gathered about itself churches, schools, colleges, and here are held its annual family reunions, as well as many more frequent gatherings. But the children have not all stayed near home. A desire for wealth, a love of change and of adventure, a hope of gaining a livelihood from some friendlier soil than that of rocky New England, and other things, have led them to wander away, and scatter into almost every State of the Union. Many of them have become estranged from home, and in the steady, grinding work of providing for daily wants, in the ease and complaisance of competency, or in the eager pursuit of gold, the interests of our beloved Zion have been steadily and surely crowded out, so that many agonizing cries for help fall on deaf ears.

Again, we of the West have been so scattered that it required a far greater outlay of time and money to meet in council, and comparatively few have the requisite love for the work and determination to overcome these obstacles. Some, however, in their wanderings have found in their new homes those who have been glad to become brothers and sisters by adoption into the denominational family, and in company with them have founded and nobly maintained churches and educational institutions. All honor to those who, sometimes single-handed and alone,—yet never alone,—have labored and sacrificed to accomplish work so dear to their hearts and so needful for the salvation of their fellows.

There are two facts worthy of attention: the East does most to sustain our mission work, hence receives (because entitled to) most of the time and energies of our returned missionaries; and, conversely, our missionaries give so much more time and labor to the Eastern churches that they are stirred to greater activity and benevolence. The recent tour of Dr. Phillips
through the West was, however, cause for gratitude to the hundreds who listened to him, and doubtless many gained ideas of India and the work of our missionaries, as well as the needs of the field, which were quite new to them, and were aroused to an interest never felt before. But in comparatively few cases will the memory of a single lecture be sufficient to keep alive a steady interest in a far-off field.

To the pastors of the churches, primarily, we must look as leaders in this work. We beg those pastors who may read these pages, in the name of our Master whom you profess to hold up to your people, to teach them to think of the needy, and may you lead them, as was well said recently, to feel, pray, and give for them. We heard recently of two persons who, wishing to give to the Bible school, took their contributions to a neighboring minister because after repeated efforts they had utterly failed to get their own pastor to take up even a collection for that purpose. Would that every pastor who neglects his work might be so rebuked. And this was not in the West, but in New England.

How many of our churches in the West do absolutely nothing for any cause outside their own organization! Too often the children in the Sabbath schools are taught in the same selfish way, by presenting to them as the motive for giving their mites the fact that they shall be returned to them with interest in books and papers! How can they look for the blessing of Him whose sole mission upon earth was to labor for others, and they His enemies? As women we have abundant cause for gratitude that God has crowned with peculiar success the efforts of women in mission work. Especially has this been true of "woman's work for woman." Of this we have fresh evidence in every number of the Helper, and we should be inspired by renewed zeal to increase our efforts for our less favored sisters in the South, and in benighted India.

This paper should contain reports of work accomplished. Several of the District Secretaries have made no response to repeated communications. My sisters, is it a lack of love for the
cause that keeps your lips silent, and your hands busy with other work to the neglect of this? I pray you, think of it, and with a consecrated will, ask the Lord, “What wilt Thou have me to do?” A Secretary from one of the States writes of her discouragements, but in a tone which assures us there is back of it a heart to work. She says she gave her report and her book to her pastor, to take to the Y. M., since she could not herself attend. Some time afterward, upon calling for them, she learned that they had not been taken at all, and the only report she received of the meeting held was a verbal one, to the effect that a sum of money had been voted to him for previous services! There was in this case, we can safely assume, no intention of wrong, but is such neglect in a Christian minister excusable? The same correspondent writes that their society has for treasurer one who refuses to receive moneys given for foreign work! Comment on this is unnecessary. Another writes that she has no sympathy with this plan of taking money from our feeble churches, and sending it to New England, or India! Remember the words of *The Book*: “He that watereth shall be watered also himself.”

We give these dark pictures, lest those having similar experiences should be discouraged by hearing only of success. But the work in the West does not present dark pictures only. In every State where pastors or district secretaries or both have come heartily to the work, there has been a steadily increasing interest. In many places the Helper is patronized. Children’s bands have been formed in various places. Some churches have worked nobly towards raising the twenty cents per member for the liquidation of the debt, and a few took the special collection of Sept. 1, for that purpose. Of all the Western States, however, to Ohio belongs the highest honor, for her noble stand in the cause of missions. Within a few weeks she has voted to raise the outfit, passage, and regularly thereafter, the salary of a missionary, who is to be sent out in September of ’79, and who until that time is to be employed at their expense to visit among the churches of the State, to instruct and interest the people in the work they have so nobly undertaken. Honor to Ohio! Shall not the close of another year find more than one State or section in the denomination ready to follow her bright example?

HATTIE P. PHILLIPS,

Secretary for the West.
# Treasurer's Report

## Receipts

Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1877 ........................................ $1,904 46

Contributions from Oct. 1, 1877, to Sept. 30, 1878, as follows:

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<td>For Harper's Ferry, sent to Woman's Treas.</td>
<td>$1,168 71</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; directly to Harper's Ferry.</td>
<td>291 81</td>
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<td>&quot; Zenana work.</td>
<td>354 45</td>
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<td>&quot; Passage of Miss Hattie Phillips, by ladies of R. I.</td>
<td>240 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Outfit and passage of new missionary.</td>
<td>31 50</td>
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<td>&quot; Miss Ida Phillips's salary.</td>
<td>179 92</td>
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<td>&quot; Reserved fund.</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>&quot; India Bible School.</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Mission debt.</td>
<td>2 40</td>
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<td>&quot; General work, Home and Foreign.</td>
<td>1,284 89</td>
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Total contributions ........................................................................ $5,563 68

Of this sum Miss J. Phillips collected $176.69.

Interest on money loaned.................................................................. $126 40

Premium on gold.............................................................................. 1 50

Total to account for ...................................................................... $5,596 04

## Disbursements

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<td>Outfit and passage of Miss Ida Phillips.</td>
<td>$534 64</td>
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<td>Passage of Miss Hattie Phillips.</td>
<td>280 00</td>
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<td>Appropriations to Miss Crawford.</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Mrs. Bachelor.</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Balasore.</td>
<td>120 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Santipore.</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Harper's Ferry for students.</td>
<td>180 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; the For. Miss. Soc. for services of Miss Julia Phillips.</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>Appropriation to Harper's Ferry for Myrtle Hall, by request of donors.</td>
<td>791 81</td>
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<td>Salary of Miss L. E. Brackett</td>
<td>320 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Ida Phillips.</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Mary Bacheler.</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Support of Emily Chase.</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Mrs. Bacheler's Boys.</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<td>Travelling expenses of Miss Julia Phillips.</td>
<td>68 20</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Folsom.</td>
<td>14 90</td>
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<tr>
<td>Premium on gold for remittances.</td>
<td>18 00</td>
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<td>Stationery and postage.</td>
<td>13 95</td>
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Total disbursements ...................................................................... $3,671 50

Amount on hand Sept. 30, 1878 ................................................... 1,924 54

Total accounted for as above ..................................................... $5,596 04
Of this sum $668.71 is subject to the order of the Treasurer of Storer College, being the amount now in treasury which has been appropriated to the Girls' Hall by request of the donors.

Laura A. DeMeritte, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

Mrs. E. B. Chamberlin, Auditor.

Amount received from the different States, as follows:

- Maine....................................................................................... $862 01
- Rhode Island......................................................................... 746 95
- New Hampshire...........................................................  659 32
- Massachusetts....................................................................... 223 53
- Ohio....................................................................................  192 43
- New York..............................................................................  171 14
- Vermont................................................................................  162 25
- West Virginia........................................................................  154 40
- General conference collections ......................................  76 27
- Nova Scotia...........................................................................  50 75
- Minnesota............................................................................  35 40
- Illinois..................................................................................  33 65
- Wisconsin.............................................................................  33 03
- Michigan..............................................................................  27 39
- Missouri................................................................................  25 00
- Kansas..................................................................................  12 00
- India......................................................................................  10 00
- Iowa.......................................................................................  5 05
- Nebraska...............................................................................  2 50
- New Jersey...........................................................................  2 64
- Children's list........................................................................  6 16
- Sundries................................................................................  72 35

Total........................................................................ $3,563 68

Minutes.

Annual Meeting, 1878.

The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held its sixth annual meeting in the vestry of the church at Lyndon, Vt., Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1878, at 6.30 p. m., Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. D. Stewart in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. D. F. Smith. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss S. A. Perkins was requested to act as Secretary pro tem. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. G. W. Rich, Mrs. F. E. Wiley, Mrs. Porter, Mrs.
The Missionary Helper.

Waterman, Miss Hattie Phillips, were appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Hills gave notice of the following amendment by substitution to Art. 11 of the Constitution, to be considered at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That the action of this Board in the appointment of missionaries to India, and their remuneration; also its designation of their specific fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the F. B. F. M. Board.

Voted, That a committee of five—three of whom should be the original framers of the Constitution—be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine critically the Constitution and By-Laws of the different denominational Woman's Missionary Societies, also their requirements of their missionaries, the instructions they give them, and the definite relations each society sustains to its denominational Board; and at our next annual meeting report whether in their opinion any of these items in our own organization can be improved so as to increase our efficiency.

The following committee was appointed: Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. B. F. Hayes, Mrs. G. F. Mosher, Mrs. J. B. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Brewster, Mrs. G. F. Mosher, Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, and Mrs. E. W. Porter were requested to present a resolution on the death of Mrs. Susan Thompson, the first missionary of the society.

Adjourned to meet for anniversary exercises in the church at 8 P. M.

ANNIVERSARY, 1878.

Oct. 2, 1878, at 8 P. M. Met according to notice given in the Morning Star, for anniversary exercises. Mrs. B. F. Hayes presided. After singing the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," prayer was offered by Dr. J. L. Phillips.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, in her absence, was read by Miss Ida H. Fullonton, and accepted. The report of the Home Secretary was read by Miss DeMeritte, and accepted.

Addresses were made by Mrs. D. F Smith, returned missionary of the F. B. F. M. Society, drawing practical lessons from the valuable labors of Dr. Duff, and by Mrs. G. C. Waterman, relative to the work already accomplished at Harper's Ferry, and the present urgent needs. At the close of the latter address pledges were taken, which with subsequent additions, amounted to $90.00. Miss Phillips, our missionary elect, made a brief address. The collection taken for assisting in the work of the Society amounted to $25.34.

Singing by the church choir. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Sinclair. Adjourned to meet Thursday, at 9 A. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Met according to adjournment, Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. D. Stewart in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. E. W. Porter.
Minutes.

Report of committee to nominate officers read and adopted.
For list of officers for the ensuing year, see supplement, page 2.
The following resolution on the death of Mrs. Thompson was presented and adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death our friend and sister Mrs. Susan L. Thompson, therefore

Resolved, That remembering her tenderly as our first missionary, we express our deep sorrow at her early death, and offer to her afflicted husband and family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the husband and mother of Mrs. Thompson, and also that the same be published in the Missionary Helper.

Voted, That the annual report made at this session be inserted in the November number of the Missionary Helper, that three hundred additional copies be printed for distribution, and that the Treasurer be instructed to defray the necessary expenses.

Adjourned to the call of the Corresponding Secretary.

S. A. Perkins, Recording Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. — This organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

ART. 2. — Its object is to give the Christian religion and education to women destitute of Gospel light, by sending out and supporting female missionaries and teachers in fields occupied by Free Baptist missions, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies in all our churches.

ART. 3. — The payment of $1 per year shall constitute membership; $20 life membership; and the payment of $100 within the term of four years, shall constitute a lady an honorary manager for life.

ART. 4. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Home Secretary, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Missionary Intelligence, and a Board of Managers, consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording, and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ART. 5. — The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ART. 6. — The Home Secretary shall maintain correspondence with the various District Secretaries, endeavor through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually.

ART. 7. — The District Secretaries shall labor to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each church in their respective Yearly Meetings, by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries in each Quarterly Meeting, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report quarterly to the Home Secretary.
ART. 8. — The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries, call meetings of the Board of Managers when she deems it necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

ART. 9. — The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received, and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall also give bonds with security satisfactory to the Managers, in a sum not less than one third the amount given by the Treasurer of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

ART. 10. — The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare, and publish for circulation, such items of news as it shall judge best calculated to promote the object of the Society.

ART. 11. — The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. So far as relates to Foreign Mission work, this Board shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and so far as relates to Home Mission work, it shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. 12. — This Society shall hold its annual meeting in October, due notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 13. — This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, notice of which shall be previously given.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ART. 1. — The Society shall be called the Woman's Mission Society of Church, and shall be auxiliary to the Free Baptist Woman's Board of Missions.

ART. 2. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, chosen annually.

ART. 3. — Its object shall be the raising of money for missions, and the diffusion of missionary intelligence in the community.

ART. 4. — The payment of two cents per week, or one dollar annually, shall constitute any lady a member of the Society.

ART. 5. — The money raised shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions.

N. B. — Each auxiliary can make its own By-Laws for regulating and conducting its meetings.

LIFE MEMBERS ADDED SINCE LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

M. C. Emery. . Burnham, Me. | Mrs. I. D. Stewart. . . Dover, N. H.
Mrs. Lavinia Fox. . . . Ashford, N. Y. | M. W. L. Smith, " " "
M. B. Hebbard. Charleston, Me. | P. R. Wright, East Otisfield, Me.
THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WOMAN'S
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
Of New Brunswick.

DEAR SISTERS:

Another year has flown swiftly by, and we meet again to-day in our fourth annual session. As we review the past three years' work, although more might have been accomplished, we have much to encourage us. Truly the Lord has been on our side. Only three years' work by the timid sisters of our churches, yet what an amount of missionary interest has been awakened! Besides, we have gathered for our beloved work over one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). If this should be the means by which even one of our benighted sisters should be saved, are we not amply rewarded for any effort we may have put forth? Is not the salvation of one poor soul invaluable? and surely we can hope that our society may accomplish that much. Think of this, and let it stimulate us to renewed exertion.

At your last annual session you confirmed the previous action of the Board of Managers in accepting Miss Seeley as your missionary, and it was hoped she would be able to return with Dr. Phillips and wife to India. But much as we may regret it, God in his wise providence has ordered otherwise. Miss Seeley's health has so failed during the past year that she has been compelled to resign her prospective work. She feels deeply the disappointment of not being able to work in India for the Master. May we all sustain her by our Christian sympathy and prayers.
God has given us another noble Christian woman. I refer to Miss Jessie B. Hooper, who was accepted by the Board of Managers after the resignation of Miss Seeley, and to-day is on her way to benighted India. Sisters, now that God has given us a missionary, should we not double our diligence in this work? Dear Sister Hooper has sacrificed the society of her loved ones, her home, and her native land; gone to encounter the trials of a strange land, an uncivilized people, and an unknown language. Shall we then be meagre of our prayers and our substance? I hear an emphatic No! from each sister's heart. Let me urge upon you, then, the necessity of daily asking God to care for and help our sister, and to give and seek to influence others to give as the Lord hath prospered.

"If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite,
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in his sight."

Praying that the Lord may bless each one of you, together with our beloved missionaries, I am, fraternally yours,

MRS. H. L. WEYMAN, Cor. Secretary.

HAMPSTEAD, QUEEN'S CO., OCT. 7, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE Treasurer of the New Brunswick F. C. Woman's Aid Foreign Mission Society reports, that after expending the sum of $605.38 in providing outfits, passage, etc., for their missionary, Miss Jessie Hooper, to India, they have on hand the sum of $459.14; and would further state she is confident that the women of New Brunswick, in connection with the Free Christian Baptist churches, have undertaken this work with a determination that the necessary funds shall be always forthcoming.

MRS. WILLIAM PETERS, TREASURER.

We made an effort to secure the report of the Nova Scotia Society, but failed for want of time. — Ed.