At a recent Board meeting two young ladies were accepted as missionaries to the foreign field. It is very much desired that they, with one more, shall be sent when those now in this country sail in October for the fields so much needing their return. In order to do this, the funds of the Woman’s Society must be greatly increased. From our success in behalf of Harper’s Ferry, we are invited by the Lord to undertake greater things for India. In each church we want an Auxiliary. We want also combined effort. The Free Baptist women of Rhode Island have pledged themselves to the support of one of these young ladies, and it is confidently expected that some part of Maine will assume the support of another. Will not the women of Ohio unite in sustaining the third? If each of the two hundred subscribers to the Helper in Ohio will give two cents a week, and influence another person to do the same, her salary will be secured. One of these young ladies is a teacher in this banner state of the West in our mission work.

For sometime a debt has been accumulating against the Treasury of the Foreign Missionary Society. Little by little the sum has increased till, to-day, the whole machinery is in danger of stopping. Many hearts have become discouraged, and the brave toilers in the field, so poorly equipped at best,
are now sadly crippled. The Treasurer of the Society, God bless him! has become personally responsible for thousands of dollars that remittances may not altogether fail, hoping against hope that the churches would come up to their duty. There is not need of this condition of things. So thought the workers at the recent session of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting. A resolution embracing the plan of twenty cents a member was readily adopted and acted upon. Why not other Yearly Meetings do the same thing? Let us "rally all along the line." With God’s blessing and our exertion this ray of light will widen and the darkness disappear. But every one must help in this hour of need. As women of the churches let us hasten to bear our part. Oh, the grand privilege of working for Jesus! "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."

The ninth annual session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was held in Boston, commencing May 9th. It was of ten days' duration, and was marked by several interesting features. The report of the secretary showed that the sum raised the past year was $68,000, and since its organization in 1869, $444,862. It has sent thirty-one missionaries to the foreign field. From their plan of work for the year to come we learn that they wish for $80,000.

The workers and missionaries of all denominations were cordially welcomed to the public exercises. The feast of the occasion was on Thursday, at which time historical sketches of all the Woman's Societies existing in the country were presented, followed by short addresses of missionaries of their respective denominations. Mrs. Dr. Newman presided, and happily referred to the fact that Christian women of this land were together to consider what was being done for women in all heathen lands. To us it was a most impressive occasion, and from such a conference there can but go forth the most blessed inspiration towards advancing the kingdom of the blessed Redeemer.
Our Needs.

Our Needs.

By Mrs. J. L. Phillips.

Mountains of the Bible!—What varied emotions stir our very souls at the bare mention of them? The thunderings of Sinai—the view from Pisgah over the battlements of heaven! Midnight silence in mountain solitudes broken by the son of God in prayer!

What pen can picture scenes like these, or who can describe the joy and fear that swelled the hearts of the ancient Israelites, as from Mount Gerizim rolled down the “Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out;” and over against it Ebal answered, “Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them!”

In the moral world, to-day, high above all other mountains stand Gerizim and Ebal. From the sunny slopes of one descend our opportunities; out of the crags and caverns of the other, dire need with hungry eyes in varied forms is ever darting into our midst. The direst need from this mountain of curses is need of knowledge. Golden opportunities from the mount of blessings are hovering around us. Ignorance in timely silence shuts our eyes and they pass by all unseen. Next, the need of faith. Doubt and unbelief whisper of possible failure, and opportunities slip from our uncertain grasp; others come in quick succession, but courage is wanting. Fear has palsied our hands, and we are powerless to seize them. In brief, the name of our needs is legion. But, oh! the crying need of brotherly love! our very pathways are lined with precious opportunities. Self with vulgar clamor demands our sole attention, and we trample them in the dust under our feet.

To-day, in glancing through our portion of the “vineyard,” we cry out, “Oh! for some divine touch by which the blind eyes of some of our noblest women may be opened!”

In the sewing-rooms in our cities, in the farm-houses of the prairies, in the kitchens all through our borders, are women who have never thought of life as anything more than a “bread-
winning and bread-bestowing existence.” “To open the deeper fountains of the soul, to regard life here as the prophetic entrance to immortality, to develop the spirit to perfection, motives like these have never been suggested either by fellow beings or circumstances.” In blind ignorance of their own individual capabilities, of their passing opportunities, they are wasting their substance, their lives, their all, and the golden harvests all around them are perishing for reapers.

In our denomination are two institutions for the needy. Both, for years, have needed the very hearts of all our women. Let the grateful teachers and pupils at Harper's Ferry tell how faithfully, within the last few months, the needs of the one have been met, and long may “Myrtle Hall” stand a monument of “woman’s work for woman.” But let us stop for a moment and remember the women that have never heard of the freed-woman’s God, that have never once offered a prayer to Him in whom the freed-woman, in all her long years of bondage found her sure and only solace, and whose bare right arm brought her liberty; women whose cries of agony and death fall upon the dull ears of brass and stone, while the freed-women sing, in loudest and sweetest accents, praises to the “God of their salvation.” Christian women! Stop for a moment and toss a few crumbs to your starving Indian sisters before you prepare the rich dessert for the freed-women. Over the waves their needs are coming as they never came before, and needed are all the Christian women in our denomination to meet them.

A heavy debt is crushing the workers here. Native preachers and teachers are unpaid—orphans without a portion—Zenanas and huts unvisited, and no money to send the Bible, the bread of life even. Among our forty thousand Christian women are there not fifty, who, having not seen India, may be called “blessed,” because they believe she is needy? Are there not thirty who have the courage to do the work nobody else will do? Are there not twenty whose hearts are so filled with Christ’s precious love that they are ready to spend and be spent to save anybody? Are there ten who are ready to save the Mission? Ten women who can bring a personal
consecration adequate to the demands of the cause? Ten, who like the leaven in the loaf shall raise over forty thousand to a sense of their responsibilities, their privileges and their rewards? May these "ten" send the cry for personal aid and consecration to this great work into every woman's heart of hearts! Look at figures! One cent per week for one year! \( \$0.01 \times 40,000 \times 52 = \$20,800. \) Who will be one of the blessed needed ten?

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**Power of Hindoo Caste.**

*By Mrs. M. M. H. Hills.*

Mrs. Leonowens, in a late number of the *Youth's Companion*, gives a bit of personal experience, that strikingly illustrates the tyrannical power of Hindoo caste. While residing at Malabar, Hill, India, she had a young Brahman, whose proper name was Govind, for her teacher in the Sanscrit and Hindostanee languages. In his manners he was gentle, manly and refined, and but for his caste and his religion would have been a perfect gentleman.

A high caste Brahman cannot even touch or go near a low caste Hindoo without being polluted. If a European even looked at his dinner, or if a European's shadow fell upon his pots and pans while his dinner was being cooked, he was obliged to throw away his meal, purify his utensils, and prepare another dinner, before he could satisfy his holy hunger. All other sins are slight and insignificant, compared to the sin of touching a low caste man, woman or child, and he could only free himself from such pollution by nine days' purification.

Govind consented to teach Mrs. Leonowens, only on the condition that she should sit on the opposite side of the table and use her own books, pencil and paper, assuring her in the politest way possible that if he touched anything she held in her hands he would be polluted. She says: "Sometimes I quite forgot how holy he was, or how vile I appeared to him, and, in my eagerness to understand a word or sentence, I would go too near him or take his sacred book, whereupon he would rush away leaving his polluted book, and would not return until he had undergone a series of purifications."
One day Govind's young wife came to Mrs. Leonowens almost breathless, and, with tears streaming down her cheeks, said her husband was so ill she feared he would die, and begged for some medicine to cure him. She was too much overcome to give any clear account of his illness, but said his legs were gone away and that his head and stomach were fast following his heels, which is the Oriental way of describing severe prostration. Taking a bottle of wine and some cholera mixture, Mrs. Leonowens went to Govind's house. It contained two apartments, divided by a low archway. In one of these on a little cot lay the sufferer, his eyes closed and face ghastly. The young wife motioned to her not to come too near, but to sit down on a little matting at a respectful distance. In the other department a very old, shriveled woman was cooking rice, who, on seeing the stranger within his sacred dwelling, shrank back in horror; then stretching out both her bare, lean arms, called out: "Keep off! keep off!" and, interspersed with loud groans, continued: "How dare you come in here, you pork-eating English woman! Oh, daughter, daughter, why did you bring her into the house? Don't let her touch my son, or she will pollute him at the last hour of his life! Go away, go away, you beef-eating English beast!" "Mother," said the young wife, "please don't scold any more, this English lady is Govind's pupil. She has been very kind to him, and now has brought him some good medicine that will make him well. Dear mother, think of that. Don't let us think of caste now, we can perform all the purifications after he is better." Said the old woman: "I would rather have him die than live by taking her medicine. You hateful English woman! I know your medicine is mixed with the devil's liver and pigs' blood! I know it! I know it!" In the midst of all this talk Govind opened his eyes. Seeing his pupil he gave a sudden start, and would have sprung from his bed, but had not the strength. Falling back, he looked horrified and more ghastly than ever. Moaning faintly he whispered: "Oh, wife, wife, what have you done? Why don't you let me die quietly?" The poor sobbing wife pleads: "Oh, Govind, don't be angry with me, or you will break my heart! This morning I feared
you were dying, so I ran for this lady. She has brought you some nice wine and some good medicine. Govind take a little, please, take just a little;" and sobs drowned her utterance. "No, no," growled the old woman, "don't you take her medicine, my son; don't you take her medicine, it is mixed with unholy things, pigs' blood and fire water, and the devil's liver. Die, my son, die, rather than drink her vile medicine!" "Govind," said Mrs. Leonowens, "You are no longer a child. Don't be so ridiculous as to mind about caste at this time, when you are ill and sinking so fast. What will caste be to you when you are dead and gone? Here is a little wine, it will warm you and help to revive you till the doctor comes." His wife added, "just take one mouthful, please, only one mouthful." "I am forbidden by my caste to touch it, moans the poor man feebly. A whole bottle or one drop is all the same; I am forbidden to touch it." "No one ever need know that you took it," said his wife, "I will keep it a secret." "But wife," replied the stern Brahman, "I could not conceal the secret from myself." Further pleading was useless, and Mrs. Leonowens returned to her home, grieved that such are the barriers of caste between the lowly followers of Jesus and the proud followers of Brahma, that one cannot approach the other, even to give help and comfort in the most trying time of sickness and death.

**How the Ants Do It.**

*By Miss L. Crawford.*

This morning while a class of little girls stood before their teacher reading in the Jellasore school-room, a number of little red ants were seen carrying off a big black one. When the children were asked how these tiniest of ants could carry such a load, one said: "Oh, they are hungry and are taking him to their house to eat." Another said: "They lay hold of him with their teeth so that he cannot get away." But he is dead and could not get away though they did not touch him. And see, he is as much larger than one of them as an elephant is larger.
than one of you. How, then, are they able to carry him? They all with one mind lift and pull the same way, hence they carry him just where they wish. Ah, thought I, if the Free Will Baptists would but imitate these tiny ants, that great debt which the Missionary Society owes, might be carried by them out of creation and cast into non-existence, and that, too, before the close of this blessed year. That great burden gone, how jubilantly they might sing next New Year's day. Some have lifted hard and long. Now let each lift just a little, and the work will be done.

THE FIRST MISSIONARY.

BY HAZLETON.

"I had a dream which was not all a dream." I thought I saw a garden of supernal bloom and verdure. So beautiful was it, that imagination or art has never reached its likeness. Moving about among its cool shades, I saw a human form. But sculptor's hand has never chiseled in marble so perfect a figure. Upon his brow and in his mien such dignity was expressed that every living thing in the garden paused to obey his command. Birds, beasts and fishes received from him their names, and every new plant, springing into life, claimed his attention and received a like benediction in that fair garden. But this most perfect thing of all the creation seemed to be alone. There could be found nothing fitted to be his companion, and there was no sympathetic response to his solitary musings. In the cool of the evening there was a reverential stir among all the leaves and shadows of the garden, and in the holy hush which followed, that lonely figure bent his head to listen to a Voice that swept by his side. Together they traversed the garden, the Voice and the man, praising and admiring its beauties as they passed. The Voice was deep and masterful, and seemed to penetrate every far distance of that vast garden, while on the human face a new radiance shone more bright than that of the sun so lately set.
The First Missionary.

At length when late evening had settled upon the garden, the wonderful Voice grew fainter, as though it accompanied the departure of some unseen presence, and with a deep sigh, the man listened to catch its last echo as it left him. But, as if moved by the breath of this unconscious yearning, the Voice seemed to pause over the tops of the trees of the garden and drop down through the still air, these words in benediction: "It is not good for him to be alone. I will give him a human companion and helpmeet." Then the Voice was silent, and man and the garden were again alone.

The next morning, I thought the garden awoke to a new beauty. The birds sang sweeter songs. The blooms were brighter, and every object seemed thrilled with excited joy. The man was on his knees, with hands uplifted in praise and gratitude. For, by his side, there stood a living likeness of himself—fairer, frailer, cast in a gentler mold, but, nevertheless his own image, with a voice to answer to his own, a smile to respond to his, a visible presence to please his eye, and a helping hand to arrange and till the fair garden.

Thus, I thought was born the first missionary.

I awoke, "but it was not all a dream." The loving, helpful presence of that first good gift is still reproduced in the daughters of the Christian nations. Silently, almost unrecognized, oftentimes, have these ministrations been dropping into the lives and hearts of humanity, until in these latter days, they have taken form and grown up into Woman's Missionary Societies, Christian Temperance Unions, and other philanthropic and benevolent organizations. Woman is thus courageously stepping into the niches which have been waiting for her, ever since that first missionary lost her rightful position by yielding to sin.

This active board of the Free Baptist women, and this literary child of their care, will show in just what manner woman means to take her Christian brother by the hand and toil with him in the growing garden of missionary labor. There should not be one Christian woman to whom appeals for help and sympathy shall come through this magazine, but will place her hand just where it will encourage those who have planned and undertaken
this work, as well as those who are bearing the burden of our missionary enterprises.

All honor to the women who have so appreciated the privileges of womanhood in this Christian land and age.

**Suggestions for the Formation of Auxiliaries.**

One of the objects which the Woman's Society aims to accomplish is to secure, from each woman in the denomination, a pledge of two cents per week or a dollar a year to carry on our work. To accomplish this, we do not wish you to withdraw the contributions you are accustomed to give to other branches of Christian work, but we do ask you to do the following specific things in addition to what you are now doing:

1. Write on an envelope, "Woman's work for woman," lay it in some safe place, and deposit in it two cents each week, or more if you can.

2. Try to persuade each woman in your church to do the same, using the means that in your judgment will best secure the object, whether it be by private solicitation or by calling a meeting.

3. As soon as a few—if not more than three or four—will make this weekly pledge, let them form an auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society, and meet once a month for prayer, reading missionary intelligence, and devising means to interest others. Once a quarter, at a specified meeting, let all your members bring in the contents of their envelopes and pay to your Treasurer, who shall keep an exact account of all the money she receives and from whom, and forward the same quarterly to Miss DeMeritte.

4. When your society is formed report it to the district secretary of your Quarterly Meeting or, if you do not know her address, report to the Home Secretary of the Society, and ask for some definite work for which you may become responsible. See that one of the officers is an agent for the Helper.

Some of you may not understand that a person in each Quarterly Meeting is appointed a district secretary or agent, whose duty it is to aid each church to organize an auxiliary. But don't wait for her action. She may be so situated that she can't
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attend to the work, and if she can, she will be cheered and encouraged to learn that you have moved in the matter.

5. Ask yourself if it is not your privilege to become a life member. The payment of $20, even if made in installments within one or two years, constitutes a life membership.

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LETTER FROM MISS CRAWFORD.

The united efforts of the good sisters in our churches in America will assuredly cause the best of blessings to come to the poor degraded and benighted women of this land. How degraded they are, it is not easy for those who have not seen them to realize. Last week two men called here who were traveling from Bhuddruck to Calcutta on foot. They are from America, that land where women are more honored than in any other land. With great earnestness they said, "The women we have seen on the road fare worse than we would let our cattle fare." They know of the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals! Just now a Santal woman came to my door with seven bundles of wood on her head, and her baby tied to keep it from falling from her hip. On being asked if her head was not in danger of splitting under such a load, she replied laughingly, "How else can I do?" Poor, patient woman! she did not complain. She had not tasted the joys of civilization and mental culture. The Hindoo women are many degrees above the Santals in culture. Indeed, some of the former are refined, and are treated very delicately in some respects, but treated as children. It is only after they are educated that they are allowed to come into the counsels of their lords. The early marriages of girls are the greatest obstacles to female education, for unless a family is above having to work all the time, the little wives in it are not allowed time to learn to read. The Brahmans have made a law and it has been sanctioned by government, that their girls should not marry under fourteen years of age, and now their celebrated leader, Keshub
Chunder Sen, has married his own daughter, under that age, to a Hindoo rajah. He pleads that he only listened to, and followed the voice of God, which was speaking in his heart! Some of his followers have been rather severe, and justly so, upon him, for his inconsistency.

Amid the hurry of my noontime, my pen has run on without writing a word which I before intended. I wanted to tell you of the hardships and privations Brother and Sister Phillips have been enduring for months, that they might plant Christianity in Dantoon. They have dwelt in a mud hut, with a few of the necessaries of life. They have now gone into a part of the new house, but the two rooms they occupy are destitute of floors, save the ground, and the dust is a disagreeable accompaniment to the cough Sister Phillips has. Their home in Santipore was very beautiful. Their own house, school-house and the chapel, are surrounded by lovely trees, and the Christian village is the best laid out of any village in the mission. Santipore is morally and literally "A Garden in the Wilderness." To leave this and begin on land where there is not a tree, and close by a large town, which contains not even one Christian, is certainly self-sacrificing, and our brother and sister need and deserve the prayers of the churches at home. Do they not show the spirit of Him who left the glories of heaven and came to dwell on this sinful earth?

Jellasore, May 8, 1878.

FROM MRS. J. PHILLIPS.

DANTOON, INDIA.

I am deeply interested in the prosperity and future usefulness of the Helper, and though I wrote you but a few days ago, will send a line to-day. By the papers and also by the letters we get from our dear children who are traveling among our churches, we learn that lack of information in regard to our Mission, and the people for whom we are working, is the great cause of the wide-spread indifference to the cause of Christ among this needy people. I knew years ago that our people
were not well informed concerning missions, but our country is so flooded with intelligence from almost every quarter of the globe, that I thought this darkness had passed away, but it seems I was mistaken. So I take the liberty to propose a plan that may help a little in the right direction, should it meet your approbation.

Insert the address of every member of the Mission now in the field, in the Helper. Then invite every reader to send any questions in relation to this country, the people, and the Mission that may occur to them, or that they may wish to have answered. Or, as I should have said, first invite them to write to us, and for one I will endeavor to answer every letter promptly. I would especially encourage the children to write, and also to exert themselves to obtain subscribers for the Helper. I will send a photograph of some native to the first boy or girl under thirteen years of age who will write to me.

Questions inserted in the Helper would be answered through that, and all could read and be benefited by them, while private letters would reach but few.

We most heartily concur in the suggestions above made, and give the following addresses: Rev. J. Phillips, D. D., Dantoon, Bengal, India; Mrs. H. C. Phillips, Dantoon, Bengal, India; Dr. O.R. Bacheler, Midnapore, India; Mrs. S. P. Bacheler, Midnapore, India; Miss Mary Bacheler, Midnapore, India; R. M. Lawrence, Midnapore, India; Miss Lovina Crawford, Jellasore, Orissa, India; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Marshall, Balasore, Orissa, India; Miss Ida O. Phillips, Balasore, Orissa, India. Direct via Brindisi, through Italy.

Among the recent notable deeds of Free Baptist women was that of Mrs. Mary A. Franklin, a member of the Olneyville Church, who died in February last. She left $7,500 in legacies for benevolent purposes. These were to be distributed as follows: Olneyville Church, $3,000; Park street Church, Providence, $2,000; Greenwich street Church, Providence, $1,500; North Scituate Church, $500, and the School at Harper's Ferry $500. "Being dead, she yet speaketh."
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Storer Normal School.

The eleventh anniversary of Storer Normal School, passed with great credit to the students and friends of that institution. The examinations of Tuesday and Wednesday were very satisfactory. We were especially pleased with the practical work that has evidently been done through the year. The students are taught more than book-knowledge; they are shown how to apply it to real life. In this respect many of our northern schools might find something to imitate.

There were ten young men and women in the graduating class, and their orations and essays showed close study and originality of thought. Twenty-five young men and women contended in the prize declamations and their selections were well rendered.

The exercises at the laying of the corner-stone of the girls' boarding-hall, the afternoon of May 30th, were very interesting. A much-needed shower obliged a change in the programme, which was all to have been out of doors. Many were prevented from attending, on account of the rain, but over a thousand colored people gathered around the school building, only about half of whom could possibly be crowded into the small chapel where the literary exercises took place. The address in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society, was given by Mrs. F. S. Mosher, of Dover, N. H. A very appropriate dedicatory hymn, written by Mrs. Porter of Lowell, Mass., was beautifully sung by the College Glee Club. The oration by G. F. Mosher, Esq., was full of practical thoughts. The poem by Mrs. J. A. Lowell, of Danville, N. H., was finely read by Miss Coralie Franklin, a student and assistant teacher in the school, and was received with marked attention and hearty applause.

The shower having passed, the audience repaired to the site of the new building where the foundations were ready for the laying of the corner-stone. And there amid a crowd of dark faces, bright with curiosity and interest, enlivened by a band of music, the tinman sealed the box of records, placed it in the stone, and the masons cemented it into position. Then in the solemn hush that followed, broken only by the rushing of the Potomac and Shenandoah on either side, as they join their waters half a mile below with the mountain ridges of three states to witness, Loudon, Maryland and Bolivar. Rev. J. L. Sinclair, of N. H., stepped upon the stone and offered the dedicatory prayer, and at its close the whole assembly, with the fervor of a people just freed from bondage and welcomed into the light of liberty, equality and Christian education, joined in the doxology never more appropriate, nor more feelingly rendered,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

We should hardly be just to the managers of the boarding hall nor our own appetites if we omitted to speak of the very ample and satisfactory
dinner provided in the adjoining dining-hall, which every one seemed to appre­ciate fully as well as the literary features. But the exhibition in the evening relieved all anxiety in regard to digestion, for the funny dialogues made the sedate visitors laugh unmercifully, while the scenes from Henry VIII called forth high compliments.

About midnight we bade each other good-bye, some going to take the night train for different states, some in wagons and on horseback to pick their way to neighboring towns, and not a few, so great was the crowd of visitors, to remain in the chapel over night, and in some way to catch inspiration for their dreams from the hard seats and desks of the school-room.

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**Workers in Council.**

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**At Home and Abroad.**

We are glad that many of our churches have auxiliary societies. We wish there was one in each of our churches, having for its motto: "The whole wide world for Jesus." Hard times? Yes. But not so hard but we can do something to help on this glorious work! We have done something for the needed at Harper's Ferry. Let us not stop here; nearly two thousand dollars more are needed. We earnestly hope that all those churches that have as yet done nothing, and those that have not done as much as they ought, will send something towards finishing the rooms in Myrtle Hall. It will cost $25 to finish each room.

It is sometimes said that it is hard to keep up an interest in the meetings of the auxiliary societies. The Woman's Board at its recent meeting passed the following resolution intended to help in this direction:

*Resolved*, That we earnestly request our various auxiliaries and others interested to begin at once to prepare furnishings for the rooms in the Girls' Boarding Hall at Harper's Ferry, that they may be ready for use as soon as the building is completed.

We had hoped to be able to state just what things are needed for furnishing each room, but have failed to obtain the desired information. Bedding will of course be needed; and societies can be at work upon that without definite information. Should any auxiliary prefer to send the money needed for the complete furnishing of rooms, from $15 to $25 will be needed.

We wish each society that sends boxes or barrels, to prize the articles contained therein, and forward the estimated value to our Treasurer, Miss DeMeritte, that we may be able to know each year what is being done in this direction.

But this is only a part of our work. We must gird ourselves anew for our foreign work. For this we must have money. Let us see how large an
offering the women of our denomination can put into their Treasurer’s hands during this year, to be used in carrying out our Saviour’s commission.

Mrs. E. S. Burlingame.

RHODE ISLAND.

A business meeting of the Woman’s Missionary Society was held in connection with the Rhode Island Association at Greenville, May 22. Mrs. L. Dexter, District Secretary, presided. Interesting letters were read from the different auxiliary societies and bands, several resolutions were discussed and adopted. One of them embraced the plan of assuming the support of a missionary in the foreign field, and another expressed the desire that Miss Hattie P. Phillips be that missionary if approved by the Boards.

The third was as follows:—Resolved, That we recommend to each of our churches, to form a mission band among its youth and children, and to cherish it as one of the best means of educating the young in the ways of benevolence and systematic giving.

It was also recommended that an agent for the Helper be appointed in each of the churches. A Committee of seven ladies of which Mrs. Dexter is chairman was chosen, to whose care the local support of the missionary was entrusted.

A public meeting was held the next day conducted entirely by the ladies. Mrs. Brewster spoke of the breadth and importance of the work. Mrs. J. L. Phillips urged the present needs of the mission, especially laborers and money. Mrs. L. R. Burlingame spoke of personal duties and of the claim of the colored women in the South. Miss J. E. Phillips grew eloquent as she made an earnest plea for India. The exercises closed with the singing of “Coronation.”

LYDIA H. POTTER, Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The New Hampshire division of the Woman’s Missionary Society, met in the vestry of the Washington Street Church, Dover, June 12, Mrs. G. F. Mosher, District Secretary, presiding. Mrs. Mary Latham Clark, was appointed Secretary. Mrs. Mosher saw no cause for discouragement, but believed that the women of New Hampshire were ready, liberally and energetically, to lay hold of any mission cause, as its needs and interests should be made known to them.

A letter was read by Mrs. Waterman, of Dover, from Miss Brackett, teacher at Storer Normal School, speaking of the needs of the girls and the gratitude with which assistance is received.

The treasurer of the Society reported the receipts from New Hampshire for the year ending May 31, 1878, to be $648.92; of this sum $227.00 was for the Girls’ Hall. The report showed that the contributions to the Woman’s Missionary treasury are steadily increasing, which is a favorable omen.
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Mrs. J. L. Phillips spoke in her usual interesting way of our present needs at home and abroad.

Mrs. Smith, another returned missionary, followed with very interesting and touching remarks.

Mrs. Burlingame, of Rhode Island, made a most stirring appeal. She said we do not now need knowledge of these important matters so much as enthusiasm in regard to them. We need a sense of obligation in the matter. We call upon our pastors to tell the story of missions, in five minute speeches at the close of their sermons, and keep the people informed. Why should we wait to be drafted? Let us be volunteer workers.

Mrs. Brewster spoke of the success of The Missionary Helper, and added a few words in regard to personal consecration. We should be willing to assume responsibility.

M. L. CLARK, Secretary.

Notes and Gleanings.

Those subscribers willing to part with the January and March numbers of the Helper will confer a favor by returning them to us as they are desired by new subscribers. Of the January number, of which many were distributed gratuitously, three thousand were printed; of the March number, two thousand, and of the May number twenty-two hundred and fifty. Of this issue we shall print a number so large that we urge our friends to secure all the subscribers possible commencing with it. The price for the remainder of the year is Fifteen Cents. Let there be a general Rally.

The Helper has 2,168 subscribers. Of these there are sent to Maine, 449; New Hampshire, 313; Rhode Island, 261; Ohio, 214; the British Provinces, 205; New York, 174; Massachusetts, 158; Michigan, 97; Vermont, 78; Iowa, 58; Wisconsin, 51; Minnesota, 36; Illinois, 33; other States, 45.

Of the unusually large amount received into the treasury of the Woman’s Society during the last two months, Rhode Island leads, contributing $423.95.

It is very desirable that every Auxiliary, Band and S. School should have a map of that portion of India occupied by the F. Baptists. Such a map can be obtained of Miss Julia E. Phillips, Pascoag, R. I., for $1, to be sent by mail.

R. M. Lawrence sends this encouraging word: “I wish to express my appreciation of the real enterprise and unmistakable perseverance of the Woman’s Society, and a wish that its present proportions may be only the commencement of a constant and rapid growth.”
The Missionary Helper.

The late Secretary Treat, of the A. B. C. F. M., estimated that, at least, two-thirds of the entire amount received by the Woman's Board of Missions was so much added to the missionary funds.

We are informed of a society recently organized at Glenwood, N. S., and a new auxiliary at E. Parsonsfield, Me., with six members. We are glad to welcome one formed among our colored friends in the Pond Street Church, Providence. This Sunday School is doing something for Harper's Ferry. It is very desirable that Secretaries of new auxiliaries or bands should report to us the fact of their organization, with the number of members.

At the Paris Exhibition are displayed diagrams showing the fluctuations in the number of depositors and the amount deposited in the French Savings Banks. The sum invested in these institutions has increased very rapidly during the last three years, having risen from 573,000,000 francs in 1875 to 930,000,000 francs in 1878. During the same period the number of depositors has increased from two to three millions. This augmentation is considered to be due to a new element consisting of 8,299 school penny saving banks, established in 1874, in which 173,061 scholars have 2,675,372 francs to their credit. The children who save exercise an influence over their families, which often results in the parents becoming depositors.

It is refreshing to learn, from time to time, that there are those who are willing to take a share of the work which must be done to forward any undertaking. Mrs. Bennett, District Secretary of the Ohio Y. M., says that she would gladly visit all the churches in the Y. M. if she had the means; that her father had the pastoral care of each of them at some time during his life, and that she often went with him in his round of visits. She hopes to have an agent for the Helper appointed in each church. Will not the sisters in these churches provide a way for the coming among them of the daughter of their old friend and pastor?

Mrs. Eaton, District Secretary of Vermont, wishes to say to the good women of that State who are co-working with her, and are endeavoring to do, and feel the necessity of doing, much for the foreign mission cause, that they notice the earnest appeals for help for Harper's Ferry, and call especially on those whose sympathies are not yet enlisted in the foreign work.

Just as the Helper goes to press, we learn that the Central Ohio Y. M. is not behind New Hampshire in assuming its proportion of the debt. We shake hands with the workers in Ohio and ask them to press forward.

"For a long time we have been asking for more laborers. Our prayers are answered. Six brethren and sisters are ready to go to India the coming autumn. Shall they go? Yes, if the money can be raised for their outfit and traveling expenses. It will require four cents per member to do this." Just add four to the twenty when you pay your share of the debt.
SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN.

1st. Jesus loves the little children,
     For he said one day,
     Let the children come to me,
     Keep them not away.

2d. There are many little children,
     Who have never heard,
     Of his love and tenderness,
     Of His Holy Word.

3d. I would tell those little children
     If they all could hear,
     That he spoke to his disciples,
     With the children near.

4th. Listen now, while we repeat it,
     Hark! 'Tis very sweet!
     I should think 'twould make the children
     Hasten him to meet.

All—"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

[Good Times.

LETTER FROM BHABANIE.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Lowell, we are permitted to give to our young readers the following letter. Miss Crawford says that while translating it, the tears would come into her eyes as she thought of that dreadful famine which swept so many into eternity. Death by famine is too horrible to be described. Pronounce her name Bha-ba-nie. by sounding the first a like a in ball, and the last like a in father. Will not some one who reads this letter write a reply, directing it to the care of Miss L. Crawford, Jellasore, Orissa, India. Mail it via. Brindisi, and put on it a ten cent stamp, and in forty days it will reach her.

JELLASORE, India, 1877.

DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Miss Crawford tells me that you help the people of this country much. From hearing this I write you a letter. The people here care little for each others' good. They are heathen and perfectly selfish. Those who repent and become true Christians, care for the souls of others. I am a famine girl. Eleven years ago there was a dreadful famine in Orissa. Thousands of folks died for the want of food; you cannot think how great was the suffering. Before the famine my father died. It is said that a heathen doctor gave him medicine that caused his death. My mother was left with me and my little baby brother. When the famine became very bad, my old grandmother took
me and wandered about searching for food. At last she reached Jellasore, and opposite Miss Crawford's house poor, starving people were every day being fed. My grandmother was too weak to get well, and died there in the hospital. Some people who came in were so nearly dead from starvation that they only had strength to eat one meal and then they died. I was taken to the Mission School, and when fully restored to health, began to learn to read. Gradually I learned to read and understand the Bible, then I studied Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, and learned to sew and knit. In April, 1872, I, from having believed in the Lord Jesus Christ was baptized, and ever since that time the Lord has kept me in his love. This year I began to teach Hindoo girls. Going through Patna bazaar I found one of my own cousins living there with his family. He let his little girl come to my school. He told me that if I would go twenty-four miles on the way toward Contai I could find my mother. A few weeks ago Miss Crawford gave me leave to go and sent a Christian woman with me. The first day we went twelve miles, and stopped over night with Nellie Cole. The next day we wanted the woman with whom she boards to go and show us the way, for we were more than two miles from the road, from any road. The woman was too ill to go, so we took Nellie. She knew the way only out to the road, but we went on, every now and then asking for information. At last we came into a village where a man gave us directions that led to my mother's house. When we arrived Nellie said to Ma, "One of us is your own daughter; now look at us and see which one is yours." She stared at Nellie and Nellie laughed. Then she looked steadily at me and said, "Oh, you are my child, you look like your father;" and then she cried a great deal. She told me that after grandma took me away she suffered with hunger, and her baby died. At last she wandered away toward Contai, and there my father's brother married her. Since that she has had two children, a girl and a boy. Neither she nor any of the villagers knew anything of Christianity, but they treated us all with great kindness and respect. They said no Christians ever before came to their village; they only came as far as Maharenpore,
and then turned back. We told them about Jesus, the Saviour who gave His life for them. They acted glad to hear and delighted with the hymns we sung. In the evening the woman who went with us prayed, and after that we all went to sleep. We had a week given us to stay, but Nellie said she could not leave her school so long, neither could she go back alone, so after a short visit we went back with her and remained until Monday, then came home.

Dear friends, my great request to you is that you will pray much for my mother and for all my friends who are heathen, that they may be converted. If we only had money to support a native preacher in that village he might do great good. There are many other villages quite as destitute of all good instruction as that one. Do pray for all these poor heathen! Give my love to your pastor and to the good lady who writes letters to my teacher. My schoolmates send love. Please receive my letter kindly, and if you will send a reply I shall be grateful.

Affectionately,

Bhabanie.

MISS IDA PHILLIPS—THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY.

Miss Crawford says in a recent letter: "Ida seems thoroughly furnished, and bids fair to be a worker of unusual ability."

Mrs. Marshall says: "Ida goes into the work as though she had been in it for years."

Mrs. Jeremiah Phillips says, in allusion to Ida's former sojourn in India: "Her five years' stay with us was preparing her for her life work. She learned a little of the Hindostani language, and this helped her not a little while traveling alone from Bombay to Calcutta. At Calcutta the Bengali returned to her, and she spoke it like a native; and so also with the Oriya. She begins her missionary life better prepared for it than a new person could be at the expiration of two years at least."

The following shares have been taken in her salary since the last number:

Mission Band, Lynn, Mass., - - - - 2 shares.
Mission Band, West Falmouth, Me., - - 1 share.
The Missionary Helper.

Prof. J. H. Butler's S. S. Class, Hillsdale, Mich., 1 share.
Busy Bees, Tiverton, R. I., 1 share.
Mission Helpers, Pawtucket, R. I., 1 share.
Mission Band, 2d Lisbon Church, Me., 1 share.
Little Seed Sowers, Lewiston, Me., 5 shares.
Mission Helpers, Ashland, N. H., 2 shares.
Free Baptist Sabbath School, Bris'ol, N. H., 1 share.
Miss Hattie Phillips, Chicago, 1 share.
Mission Band, Laconia, N. H., 2 shares.

Let the children read the letter from Mrs. H. C. Phillips.

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

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DOVER, N. H.

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Licking, Q. M. for Zenana work .................................... 20 00
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ILLINOIS.
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Miss L. A. De MERRITTE, Treasurer.