SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE BAPTIST

Woman's Missionary Society,

PRESENTED AT ITS

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REPORT
OF THE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Society during the last year, has been very similar to that of the preceding one. In many localities the interest has been deepening and broadening; particularly, this seems to be the case in the West. In New England the work is becoming more thoroughly systematized, and we trust the time is not far distant when each auxiliary shall have some specific object in which to engage its energies. The Rhode Island ladies, with the care of Miss Hattie Phillips' support, show no lack of enthusiasm. She is peculiarly their missionary, and they will be true to the trust committed to them. So with those auxiliaries which have assumed the charge of zenana teachers. Corresponding with those teachers, becoming familiar with their work, feeling that for their success, they, in a great measure are responsible — how can it be but that such auxiliaries shall have a deeper and stronger love for the cause in which they are engaged?

DANTOON.

The letters of our missionaries continue to be sources of encouragement and cheer. Miss Hattie Phillips, the lady last sent by this Society, stationed at Dantoon with her sister, while diligently prosecuting her studies, is eagerly seizing every opportunity to aid in the work to which she has devoted her life. Of her Miss Crawford writes: "She is truly a noble young lady; and, if her health is spared, will be sure to be successful."

The encouraging success which is attending the work among the women of Dantoon, may be seen by the following ex-
tract from a letter of Miss Julia Phillips: "We have here quite a number of real zenanas, besides a numerous population of common people. It is only six weeks since we began our work, and already we have more than fifty pupils, including the girls' school. We hope to get the babus to pay for the instruction of their wives and daughters, and thus make the work as self-supporting as possible. One of my best women said to me recently: 'You ought to charge all of us for instruction. You, of course, are putting yourselves to a great deal of trouble and expense, and it is only right that we should share the expense.' This was greatly cheering.

We are being called to new houses every few days. Living as we do, near the great highway, and being the only white family within ten miles, a great many come to see us out of curiosity. Aside from the house and its surroundings, our sewing-machine, and the organ, are the lions to be seen, and are equal to the seven wonders of the world. Almost every evening we have a large company of men to hear the organ. We improve these opportunities, and thus the 'old, old story' is told over and over again to eager listeners."

**Zenana Work at Balasore.**

From Miss Ida Phillips' Report, we extract the following:—

"More than a year has passed since I first came to Balasore; but so swiftly has the time flown that I can scarcely realize the fact. Work that then seemed strange and rather difficult has grown easy, and to-day I am more than ever thankful that I am able to be here.

In zenana work this year, I have had in view two principal objects: one, an increase in religious instruction — the other, a more thorough course of general study. The old prejudice against woman's education has become wonderfully weakened, and it is the easiest task imaginable to find even more than enough pupils to occupy all my teachers. But their ideas of an education are very vague. They consider themselves
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quite learned if they are able to read a little and write even less. To persuade them to persevere in their studies, in spite of household cares, innumerable festivals, and in many instances personal dullness, is one of my hardest tasks. I have been much pleased to see an improvement in this direction.

The Hindoo girls' school which Mrs. Smith established, is doing well. The babus take a great deal of interest in it, supporting it entirely themselves.

The following statistics may give a more definite idea of some parts of our work:—

Number of houses visited at the beginning of the year, 68
Present number, ................................................................. 112
Number of pupils at the beginning of the year, 120
Present number, ................................................................. 170
Average, ........................................................................... 145
Number of teachers, ........................................................... 9
Present number, ................................................................. 10

Though my work is chiefly in the zenanas, I have been out in the district a good deal of the past season, and visited the women from village to village. No work that I have seen or done since coming has interested me so much as this. I had not imagined that the poor ignorant women of Orissa were so prepared to receive the Gospel. Next year I hope to have much more work to report.”

AN OPENING FIELD.

Miss Mary Bacheler, the past year, has been attending to her routine of duties with her characteristic energy and hopefulness. She is at present at Darjeeling, whither her parents have gone for recuperation and rest. She writes, under date of August 15: “There is some prospect of zenana work being started here, as there are about twenty-five Bengali families as yet there is nothing more than talk about it, but we hope, when the weather is pleasanter, to commence.”

THE ORPHANAGE.

Miss Crawford's letters are so full of work, that we sometimes wonder if she ever rests. She says: “My heart, every day, thanks God for the strength he gives me to work. We are
praying, with the churches at home, that the Lord will send us more laborers. I long to have Mrs. Smith return; how much she is needed, few at home can realize.” In her last letter, dated August 29, after giving some account of her visits to the schools, sometimes walking miles in the heat, she added: “O, if I could only write you, so that you could show the wants of the mission to others! Just now Mrs. J. L. Phillips has a crushing amount of work.”

HARPER’S FERRY.

The assistance rendered by the society for the school at Harper’s Ferry, has not varied much from that of the previous year. One teacher has been supported, and about twenty girls aided in the prosecution of their studies.

Says Mrs. Brackett: “Probably the most interesting work to be reported from Harper’s Ferry is that on Myrtle Hall. One year ago it was only four brick walls; now it is a comely, though unornamented structure, of three stories, of twelve rooms each, above the basement. The first and second are completed—except that they are only partially painted—the third is behind these by about half the plastering. The rooms are each 15x13, with two windows. A good supply of bedding has been sent, and contributions to buy the other furniture for about a third of the rooms. The first floor, which was occupied from New Year’s till June, came into use just in time to leave the places vacated to young men, for whom there were no rooms left in the boys’ hall.

There has been expended on the building since the laying of the corner-stone, May 30, 1878, about $5,500; $2,000 of which should be credited to the Woman’s Missionary Society—half of it to this year’s work. The ladies of this society deserve credit for much more than their actual contributions, for their enthusiastic and persistent efforts have been indirectly the source of most of the receipts for Myrtle Hall. May they find their reward in seeing more and better work done for the Master, and in seeing, ever active and prevalent in Myrtle Hall, that spirit which has once, already, brought
into the fold of the Shepherd every occupant not before a Christian.

The assistant pupils, towards whose pay the Society made an appropriation a year ago, have done good service in teaching, and have gratefully and profitably improved the opportunity thus afforded them of continuing their studies.

Can one who has had a share in this noble enterprise, fail to be grateful for the opportunity of assisting to a higher plane of Christian womanhood, those so long fettered by the cruel chains of caste and prejudice?

**Progress.**

It is earnestly desired in the coming year, to form and execute broader plans, and to increase the work of the Society in various directions. All around are open doors into which we long to enter. Our watchword is progress; and we cannot be satisfied unless each year witnesses a marked increase in the efficiency and labors of the Society. But in order for this, the treasury must be replenished.

And now as another mile-stone has been reached, and this afternoon we celebrate our sixth anniversary, the question is, how can the apathy, the utter indifference existing among so many professing Christians be changed? How can the women of our churches be led to realize that it is to the Gospel they are indebted for the blessings that so beautify their own lives and homes, and that they are verily guilty while refusing to assist in sending that Gospel to the ignorant and degraded? Is this question a difficult one? Are we sometimes well-nigh discouraged at the little interest felt in a cause that should enlist the warmest sympathies of all, particularly of every Christian woman? But the battle is not ours, it is the Lord's. Let this thought bring courage and hope. The results are His, and we know those results are sure.

Armed with the levers that can move the world—prayer and work—with renewed zeal, with aims and purposes more fully consecrated, may we each, at the threshold of this new year, start forth with a noble ambition to merit the encomium of the Master: "She hath done what she could."

J. A. Lowell.
HOME DEPARTMENT.

Gratefully do we acknowledge to-day, that it is only in the strength and guidance of our Lord, that we have reached any and all successes, since our last annual report.

Six years ago a voice plainly called us to join hands in making Jesus known to the millions of sister women sitting in darkness, whose mothers and foremothers had sat in darkness through all the ages past. So clear was the voice, so full of love, that we could not mistake it — it was the Lord's! And His blessing upon us, in obeying this call, has deeply wrought the conviction in our minds that He meant it no less surely for our own spiritual health and growth, than for the salvation of those to whom He so imperatively bids us stretch out pitying hands. We are, therefore, both glad and thankful to-day, not only because of the little our Lord has enabled us to accomplish, but also for the very fact that He has so plainly set us this work, and that we have had a mind to do it.

But we are aware that Satan never sees any new enterprise for extending the kingdom of Jesus, without setting his forces at work to defeat, or at least to impair its success; and so it behooves us to be on our guard against his wiles, lest, by "some dainty temptation," he both pervert the blessing God intends for ourselves, and diminish the good results of our efforts for others.

OUR HOME SECRETARY.

Chastened we are to-day, because one of our most consecrated and earnest workers — our beloved and efficient Home Secretary — has been lying, for two months, prostrated by a very painful and critical illness.

Mrs. Jordan's labors, in the past year, have been most faithful and assiduous. She has inaugurated an excellent system for securing, four times a year, a report from each quarterly meeting, through the District Secretaries. Owing
Home Department.

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to her very severe illness, these papers are not attainable; and it is, therefore, impossible to present, in this report, an exact statistical exhibit of the Home work of the year now closing.

The following Secretaries' Reports will give a general idea of the degree of interest and activity in their respective districts:

MAINE.

Penobscot.—District Secretary, Mrs. Wade, writes: "I send you not only words of greeting, but also words of cheer. There has been this year a decided increase of interest in missions among the women of Eastern Maine. Whereas, formerly, at our yearly meetings, we had to do our missionary business with perhaps half a dozen ladies present, at the recent yearly meeting in Bangor, when it was announced that those interested in the Woman's Missionary work would repair to the vestry without delay, the vestry was filled! All seemed anxious to learn more about our missionaries, their work, the people among whom they labor, and especially what they themselves could do to carry forward the work. Interesting missionary meetings, fruitful of good results, have been held in connection with several quarterly meetings. Encouraging reports are returned by the Ellsworth, Aroostook, Exeter and Sebec secretaries. Amount of money raised this year, about $200."

Maine Central.—District Secretary, Mrs. Fernald, writes: "This district now includes fourteen auxiliaries, of which nine belong to the Bowdoin quarterly meeting, four to the Farmington, and one to the Edgecomb. Only twelve of these have sent in their annual report. The membership of the societies reported is three hundred and ten, and the four children's bands connected with them have enrolled seventy names. The Helper, a most welcome visitor to us all, has in these auxiliaries a circulation of one hundred and eighty. The societies in Augusta, West Bowdoin, Lewiston—Main street and Pine street,—each support a native teacher. Last week, the Main street (Lewiston) Society voted, as a
congratulatory present to Miss Julia Phillips, the support of another native teacher to be under her direction at Bhimpore."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

District Secretary, Mrs. Mosher, having been absent in Europe since last May, is unable to give a full report. "Up to the time I left home," she says, "I believe the interest to have been greater than any previous year. Our efforts to secure Q. M. secretaries were not wholly successful, but in three of these—Rockingham, Belknap and Lisbon,—we have had very efficient workers. A report from one of these, the Belknap, states that more is being done to form societies in the churches than ever before. I also attended the Lisbon quarterly meeting. It was a very interesting session, and we were surprised at the desire evinced by the women to learn more of both Home and Foreign Missions." The immediate result of the meeting to which Mrs. Mosher here alludes was, as reported by Mrs. Wiley, Q. M. Secretary, a collection of $38.51. Of this sum $25 finished the "Littleton Room," at Harper's Ferry; and $13.50, which Mrs. Mosher refused for her traveling expenses — she having been invited there to address the ladies — was paid towards furnishing her room in Myrtle Hall.

VERMONT.

Mrs. Eaton, District Secretary, writes: "We have recently made an effort to have our work better understood. In some of our six quarterly meetings we have assistant district secretaries, who are doing very effective service. Others, I feel confident, are ready now to engage in the work with more energy. At our recent Y. M. we met with some zealous, faithful workers from different societies. At our woman's missionary meeting, Saturday evening, Mrs. Smith was present and made an address, which, with other remarks and exercises, made an interesting occasion." Mrs. Eaton reports eleven auxiliaries, three children's bands, four new auxiliaries or bands formed during the last quarter. Subscribers to HELPER, eighty.
Mrs. Dexter, District Secretary, writes: "The interest evinced in the mission enterprise in our State has greatly cheered and encouraged its earnest workers. The sisters in nearly all the churches have nobly done their part in the efforts to secure funds for defraying the expenses of our missionary. With a will to do the work assigned by the Master, they have remembered that we are not simply to receive and gather, but also to give and scatter. Let timid hearts be encouraged in that our work has been, thus far, so successful. We have succeeded in raising money sufficient for both passage and salary of Miss Hattie Phillips. Our receipts have this year been largely increased over those of any previous year. It required faith for the ladies of our little State to undertake the work necessary to the adoption of a missionary, but He who is the fountain of all our resources has honored that faith and blest us liberally."

CHILDREN'S BANDS.

One of the most interesting and promising features of our home work, is seen in the children's bands. They are working especially for the support of their own missionary, at Balasore. One and another band promptly volunteered to adopt the little Santal girl, mentioned in the September Helper. These little workers have also sent substantial aid to Harper's Ferry. One band has finished and partly furnished a room in Myrtle Hall.

Wherever there is one earnest woman, who both loves children and pities those who need their help, there the boys and girls can easily be interested. And where there is a will there is a way for them to raise a little money, whether in the city or in the country. In their meetings they are learning about the various peoples in the world who have but just begun to see the blessed light that Jesus brought; and about the vast proportion of the earth's surface still lying black upon the missionary map. These lessons enlarge their hearts, carry their thoughts out from themselves, and cannot
fail to bring many of them into the field, by and by—intelligent and earnest workers.

OUR MAGAZINE.

This little messenger of the Cross is doing, in its quiet way, a much needed and most excellent work, whose fruit will more and more appear. Its information concerning the different fields and departments of missionary labor; its historic articles, by Mrs. Hills—worth many times the price of subscription; its fresh, graphic, and colloquial letters from the missionaries; its practical suggestions concerning methods of successful work at home, for the support of missions; are, together, steadily promoting an intelligent interest in missionary enterprises, and efficiency in their prosecution.

The Helper has been conducted with strictest economy, and eminent ability, and has secured, among the ladies forming the auxiliaries, a very encouraging measure of that patronage it so well deserves. There was in its treasury, at the end of the first year, a surplus of $189.50. This sum was placed on deposit in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company. At the beginning of the second volume, the magazine was enlarged, by the addition of eight pages, and was improved in the quality of its paper, and in mechanical finish. This was done without an increase in its subscription price. The subscription list, at this date, numbers 2,984—an increase of about 600 over last year.

In looking back upon the year now closing, while we are thankful that a few have given largely of interest and fruitful service with their money, much more do we rejoice in the littles that have come from fresh sources; in the new groups of Christian women and of children that have this year joined our ranks. We welcome them! We give them joy, that their hearts have been moved by even ever so little of the same love that sent Jesus into this world. We are especially glad for every auxiliary that has been formed in a weak church, because, without cant or extravagance, we can confidently
prophesy that they will receive more than they give, even in this world—to say nothing of the treasure they are thus laying up, and the joy in reserve for them when they shall meet, in another world, even one, who, by their aid, has found the way from the darkness of heathenism into heaven.

A. C. HAYES,
For Home Secretary.

THE WORK IN THE WEST.

Your Western committee submits the following report of the home work and workers in the West:

Mrs. Platt, Secretary for Michigan Y. M., writes: "Since the Michigan Y. M. F. B. W. M. Society was organized in May last, I find by the reports, sent in by the different secretaries, a good number of auxiliaries have been formed, children's bands organized, and not a small amount of money raised. There is a good mission interest, and it is on the increase. Fourteen auxiliaries and three children's bands are reported in this yearly meeting."

The women of the Yearly Meetings in the Ohio Association have taken decided forward steps in mission work. The labors of Miss Nellie Phillips have borne excellent fruit. The Ohio district secretaries have not been idle. Mrs. Haning writes: "The mission interest in the Ohio River Y. M. the past year has been greater than in any previous year of its history." Mrs. Lash reports success in her district, and speaks with gladness of the faithful helpers she finds in the different quarterly meetings under her care. She quotes one of her secretaries as saying: "If there is any possibility of success in this work, by the help of God we intend to succeed." Other Ohio secretaries report earnest work done, though there are few women's organizations in their yearly
meetings. For the Ohio Association, seventeen societies are reported.

The secretaries of the Indiana Yearly Meetings report no organizations during the year, although some mission work has been done by the women.

The Iowa Yearly Meetings have united, and though Miss Champlin has been most faithful, she has but one society to report. However, her words are brave, and she is finding the rift in the clouds. Of our work in Illinois, we have been unable to learn. The Wisconsin Secretary, Mrs. Kennan, has been unable during the year to do her usual effective work. The ground there is simply being held. The Yearly Meetings of the Central Association are organizing W. M. societies by request of the body. Thirteen of these societies have been reported. Through New York, and largely in the West, the conviction of those most interested is, that we need to organize more thoroughly, and more promptly and conscientiously to carry out our established system for mission work.

We rejoice in the deepening interest in our mission in India and in the South, and we believe that one agency in this awakening has been the public meetings of the missionary societies in their respective churches, and at the different quarterly meeting sessions.

Permit us, with one accord, to say that The Missionary Helper has been an invaluable aid to us in our mission work (a helper in the truest sense), and having our utmost confidence, we pledge to it our heartiest support. Knowing that many societies in the West are not reported at all, and believing, too, that many of the most faithful and efficient workers have as yet few statistics to give, your committee beg leave, in conclusion, to ask your earnest prayers for God's blessing on the unknown workers, the secret gifts, the still battles fought, the silent victories won.

Miss S. L. CILLEY,

Secretary for the West.
Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1878 $1,924.54
Contributions from Oct. 1, 1878, to Oct. 1, 1879,
as follows:

For Home Missions $54.24
" Foreign Missions 129.96
" Rooms in Myrtle Hall 347.54
" Incidentals for " 167.22
" Outfit of missionary 4.50
" Miss I. Phillips' salary 297.60
" Miss H. Phillips' salary part of, outfit and
  passage, by ladies of Rhode Island 694.00
" Work at Jellasore 143.25
" Mrs. Bacheler's work at Midnapore 100.00
" Mrs. J. L. Phillips' " 62.05
" Work at Balasore 7.50
" Zenana work in general 248.60
" Mission debt 50.00
" the general work, Home and Foreign 852.31
Total contributions $3,109.27
Interest on money loaned for Myrtle Hall 5.40
" Postage paid by Missionary Helper 11.55
Total to account for $5,051.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriation for Miss Crawford's work at Jellasore $200.00
" Miss I. Phillips' work at Balasore 240.00
" Mrs. Bacheler's " at Midnapore 240.00
" work at Santipore 50.00
" students at Harper's Ferry 100.00
" Assistant Teachers at " 80.00
" rooms in Myrtle Hall 341.94
" " " " incidental for Myrtle Hall 162.22
" " " " " " due " September 30, 1878 668.71
Appropriations for Bible School and debt 7.40
Salary of Miss Mary Bacheler 250.00
" of Miss I. Phillips, in part 209.55
" of Miss Hattie Phillips, in part 329.00
" of Miss L. Brackett 320.00
Outfit and passage of Miss H. Phillips, in part 239.00
Printing reports for two years 113.98
Miss I. Phillips' bill for traveling expenses on pas-
sage to India 40.50
Total disbursements $3,592.88
Amount on hand Sept. 30, 1879 1,459.00
Total accounted for as above $5,051.88
The Missionary Helper.

Of this sum there is due salaries and sundry other accounts, $693.65.

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.

The amount received from the different States is as follows:

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SUPPLIES SENT TO HARPER'S FERRY

For Myrtle Hall, during year ending September 30, 1879:

- Mt. Vernon Church, Lowell, Mass., a barrel of clothing valued at $25.00
- Aux., Second Church, Lisbon, Me., one box of bedding, etc., valued at $1.00
- Aux., Presque Isle, Me., one barrel of clothing, etc., valued at $31.00
- Aux., East Parsonsfield, Me., bedding, valued at $11.00
- Miss Lucinda Walker, South Norridgewock, Me., one box of quilts and other articles, given mostly by herself, valued at $26.00
- Ladies of Limerick, Me., one barrel of bedding, books, etc., $12.00
- Mrs. Ramsey and ladies of North Berwick, Me., $25.00
- Kilbourn City and Big Spring Church, Wis., one box of goods $12.00
- Mrs. Lowell, of Danville, N. H., box or barrel, value not reported $20.00
- Aux., Park Street Church, Providence, one barrel of furnishings for Myrtle Hall $161.50
Minutes.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1879.

The Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society met in the vestry of the church at Olneyville, R. I., Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1879, at 9 o'clock, A. M., according to notice given in the Morning Star. The President, Mrs. L. R. Burlingame, occupied the chair, and prayer was offered by Mrs. G. C. Waterman.

In consequence of a misunderstanding in the anniversary appointments, the Society adjourned, to meet at the same place at 1.30 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment, and Mrs. I. D. Stewart led in prayer. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, that a committee be appointed by the Chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The committee appointed were Mrs. Hills, Mrs. Penney, Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Dexter, Miss Cilley, Mrs. Brackett, Mrs. Waterman.

Mrs. Hills presented the report of the Committee on Constitutions appointed last year. (Report not in hand.)

Voted, that the report of the committee be divided, and that the part referring to regulations and instructions to missionaries be adopted.

Voted, To recommit the remainder to the committee.

Voted, That (by request of the committee), the following names be added to said committee: Miss DeMeritte, Mrs. Burlingame, Mrs. Stewart.

At the invitation of the Society, Mrs. N. C. Brackett appeared before the ladies and presented a very interesting report of the work at Harper's Ferry, and made an urgent appeal for the present needs.

Voted, that the request of Mrs. Brackett for further appropriations for Myrtle Hall and other interests, be referred to the Executive Board.

Voted, to adjourn, to meet for anniversary exercises in the church, at 3.15 P. M.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

The President, Mrs. L. R. Burlingame, presided. The congregation sang "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," and prayer was offered by Mrs. G. H. Child, of Connecticut. Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lowell, was read by Miss Perkins. The report of the Home Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Jordan, prepared by Mrs. E. F. Hayes, was presented by her, and the Report of the Treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was presented. All these reports were adopted.

The reading of the reports was followed by singing "Look ye saints, the day is breaking." Mrs. L. R. Burlingame then gave an address,
taking for her theme the interest at Harper’s Ferry, and eloquently describ­ing the school, its surroundings, the work already accomplished, and the needs still appealing for aid.

Miss S. L. Cilley, a returned missionary of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was then introduced to the audience. In a familiar, but very impressive manner she repeated the story of some of her own experiences as a missionary, and must have awakened in the hearts of her listeners, a new and more real interest in India and the cause of her neglected daughters.

At the close of the address, Mrs. Brewster suggested that a collection be taken, the proceeds of which should be presented to Miss Cilley as a surprise gift. The collection was taken, amounting to $35.28. Adjourned to meet immediately in the vestry.

**ADJOURNED MEETING.**

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Mrs. J. M. Brewster. Report of Committee for Nominating Officers, presented by Mrs. Hills, was adopted. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year. (See page 2 of this Report).

Miss Cilley then addressed the Society, giving a cheering account of the women’s work in the West. Other members expressed interest in the same, and it was voted, that the matter of making some arrangement for co-operation with the women of the West, and the Central Association be committed to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution was subsequently adopted by the Board: —

*Resolved*, That we recommend to our western sisters the advisability of their becoming auxiliary to their State Association, when, in their judgment, they can best serve the cause of missions in giving to other societies and interests, as well as to this Society; that we deeply feel the advisability of co-operation and unity of effort, and to promote this we suggest that they adopt the same system of quarterly reporting as is used by the Woman’s Missionary Society, and that they report to the Home Secretary; that, to effect a closer union, we urge, that whenever the churches in the West can raise their apportionments without the aid of women’s organizations, said organizations become auxiliary to the Free Baptist Woman’s Missionary Society.

A partial report of Committee on Constitution presented, is as follows: —

An examination of the records shows that two changes have been made in the Constitution — one at the annual meeting in Providence, in 1874, and one at the annual meeting in Saco, in 1876. No proper notice of either of these changes is recorded; so that it is the opinion of this Committee, that each change in the Constitution is null and void, and therefore the Constitution stands as originally recorded.

*Voted*, That the report be adopted.
Minutes.

Miss DeMeritte gave notice of the following changes in the Constitution:

That "Mission" after "Woman's," in Article 1, be changed to "Missionary," so that Article 1 will read: "This organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society."

That Article 2 be changed by striking out "is" after "its object," and substituting "shall be;" by striking out "gospel light" after "destitute of," and substituting "them;" by striking out "by sending and supporting female missionaries and teachers in fields occupied by Free Baptist Missions," and substituting "by sending to such women missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools among them," so that Article 2 will read: "Its object shall be to give the Christian religion and education to women destitute of them, by sending to such women missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools among them, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies in our churches."

That Article 4 be changed by striking out "a" before "Home," and substituting "two or more;" by pluralizing "Secretary" after "Home;" by striking out "Committee on Missionary Intelligence," and substituting "Publishing Committee;" by striking out the word "thirteen" after "a Board of," and by adding, after the word "Managers," "consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies," so that Article 4 will read: "The officers of this society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Publishing Committee, 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."

That Article 11 be changed by striking out the words: "This Board shall act in conjunction with the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and its action in the appointment and remuneration of missionaries, and its designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of said board," and substituting "The relation of this Board to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and to the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board shall be that of an associate worker," so that Article 11 will read: "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. The relation of this Board to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, or the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board shall be that of an associate worker."

That Article 13 be changed by striking out "which must be previously given," and substituting "said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting," so that Article 13 will read: "This Constitution may be altered, at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting."

Voted, That whereas, by the report of Committee on Constitution, the President, Corresponding, Recording and Home Secretaries are no
longer members of the Board, by virtue of their offices, these ladies are invited to meet and advise with the Board.

The following resolutions were presented by Mrs. Brewster and adopted:—

Whereas, Frequent conference in regard to the plans and work of any organization is necessary for its efficiency, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that our Board of Managers hold semi-annual meetings, at least, at such time and place as may be expedient.

Whereas, We realize that some of our most efficient workers are bearing unequal burdens in traveling, and other expenses, and

Whereas, It does not seem advisable to use the funds of the treasury designed for direct missionary work, for other purposes, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that an incidental fund be created for defraying the necessary expenses of the Board of Managers in attending all meetings, save the annual meeting, and also those of delegates to do work for the Society, should any important business require their appointment.

Resolved, That we recommend that each contributor be invited to add, for this purpose, five or ten cents yearly to her contributions, and that this fund be disbursed by a committee of three ladies chosen from the Society.

Resolved, That we recommend to our sisters in each Yearly Meeting to provide for defraying the extra expense essential for successfully carrying forward the work within its own limits, such as furnishing its secretaries with stationery, postage, and other necessary items.

Voted, That Mrs. W. H. Bowen, Mrs. T. L. Angell and Mrs. A. C. Hogbin be a committee to disburse the Incidental Fund.

Voted, That the reports be published in the HELPER, and the bill presented to the Treasurer.

Rev. Mr. Chase, of West Buxton, Me., came before the society and spoke in behalf of forming Mission Bands, expressing the conviction that they were an important element in the mission work, and giving some incidents coming under his own observation.

Miss Cilley expressed, with much feeling, her gratitude for the gift of surprise from the society.

Adjourned to the call of Corresponding Secretary.

S. A. PERKINS, Rec. Sec.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. — This organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman’s Mission 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, ten Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Home Secretary, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an
Constitution.

ART. 1. — The duties of President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ART. 6. — 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. 7. — 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. 8. — 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. 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 F. W. B. 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, when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. This Board shall act in conjunction with the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board, and its action in the appointment and remuneration of missionaries, and its designation of their fields of labor shall be subject to the approval of said Board.

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 must be previously given.

CONSTITUTION FOR AN AUXILIARY.

ARTICLE 1. — This organization shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the Free Baptist Church of ______.

ARTICLE 2. — Its object shall be to secure systematic contributions for missions, and to diffuse missionary intelligence throughout the community.

ARTICLE 3. — The payment of two or more cents a week shall constitute any woman a member of this organization.

ARTICLE 4. — The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Agent for the Missionary Helper. These officers shall
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constitute an Executive Committee, who shall have supervision of its affairs. They shall be elected annually, and shall hold their office until their successors are duly elected.

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

**Art. 5.** The President, in addition to the usual duties of a presiding officer, shall, in advice with the other officers, arrange the programme for its public meetings.

**Art. 6.** The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, or her inability to act, shall perform all the duties of her office.

**Art. 7.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to give notice of all meetings, to record the proceedings of each session, to make quarterly reports to this organization, and to the Quarterly Meeting Secretary. Also, to collect the pledges, to keep an item account of moneys received and forwarded, and make quarterly remittances to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

**Art. 8.** It shall be the duty of the Agent of the Helper to secure subscriptions, to receive and forward the pay for the same to the publisher, and, if obtained in clubs, to receive and deliver the copies to the subscribers.

**TIME OF MEETING.**

**Art. 9.** The regular meetings for prayer and the transaction of business shall be held upon — of each month, and the public meetings not less frequently than four times a year. The annual meeting shall be held on —

**AMENDMENTS.**

**Art. 10.** This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of said change having been given in writing at the previous regular meeting.

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**PLEDGE FOR MISSION BANDS.**

We desire to help children in this and heathen lands to learn about Christ, who died to save us and them. We therefore promise to give, by earning and saving —— a week for this purpose; and to meet once a month to work for this cause, and to learn about Missions.

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**Life Members.**

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| M. D. Cratty, Dover, N. H. |
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| S. F. Chase, Lewiston, Me. |
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| J. W. Carr, Ft. Fairfield, Me. |
| S. Curtis, Concord, N. H. |
| S. W. Cratty, Marion, Ohio. |
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| Mrs. E. A. Dudley, Agency City, Ia. |
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| A. E. Davis, Farmington, Me. |
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| C. W. Hysse, Farmington, N. H. |
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| A. K. P. Knowlton, Lewiston, Me. |
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| H. Sibby, Candia Village, N. H. |
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| F. S. Mosher, Dover, N. H. |
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| G. C. Waterman, Dover, N. H. |
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| J. T. Ward, Georgiaville, R. I. |
| H. F. Wood, Concord, |
| P. R. Wight, East Otisfield, Me. |
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APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879-80.

INDIA.

For the Orphanage, Miss Crawford . . . . . . . . . . . . $200 00
For zenana work at Midnapore . . . . . . . . . . . . 200 00
“ “ “ Balasore . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 240 00
“ “ “ Dantoon . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 00
For Mrs. J. L. Phillips' schools at Midnapore . . 200 00
For Miss Hooper's use . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50 00
For Mrs. Lawrence's use . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50 00
For Miss Julia E. Phillips at Bhimpore . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 00
For salary of Miss M. Bacheler (zenana teacher). 250 00
For salary of Miss Ida O. Phillips . . . . . . . . . . . . 400 00
“ “ “ “ Hattie P. Phillips . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 400 00

$2,190 00

STORER NORMAL SCHOOL, WEST VIRGINIA.

For salary of Miss Brackett . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $320 00
For assistant pupils . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 120 00
For aid of students . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 25 00
For improvements in Myrtle Hall . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 150 00

$615 00

Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2,805 00

INDIA ADDRESSES.

Miss Lovina Crawford, Jellasore, Orissa, India.
Mrs. Sarah P. Bacheler, Midnapore, “
Mrs. Mary R. Phillips, “ “
Mrs. Frankie M. Lawrence, “ “
Miss Jessie B. Hooper, “ “
Miss Mary E. Bacheler, “ “
Mrs. Emily P. Marshall, Balasore, Orissa, “
Miss Ida O. Phillips, “ “
Miss Hattie P. Phillips, Dantoon, Bengal, “

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