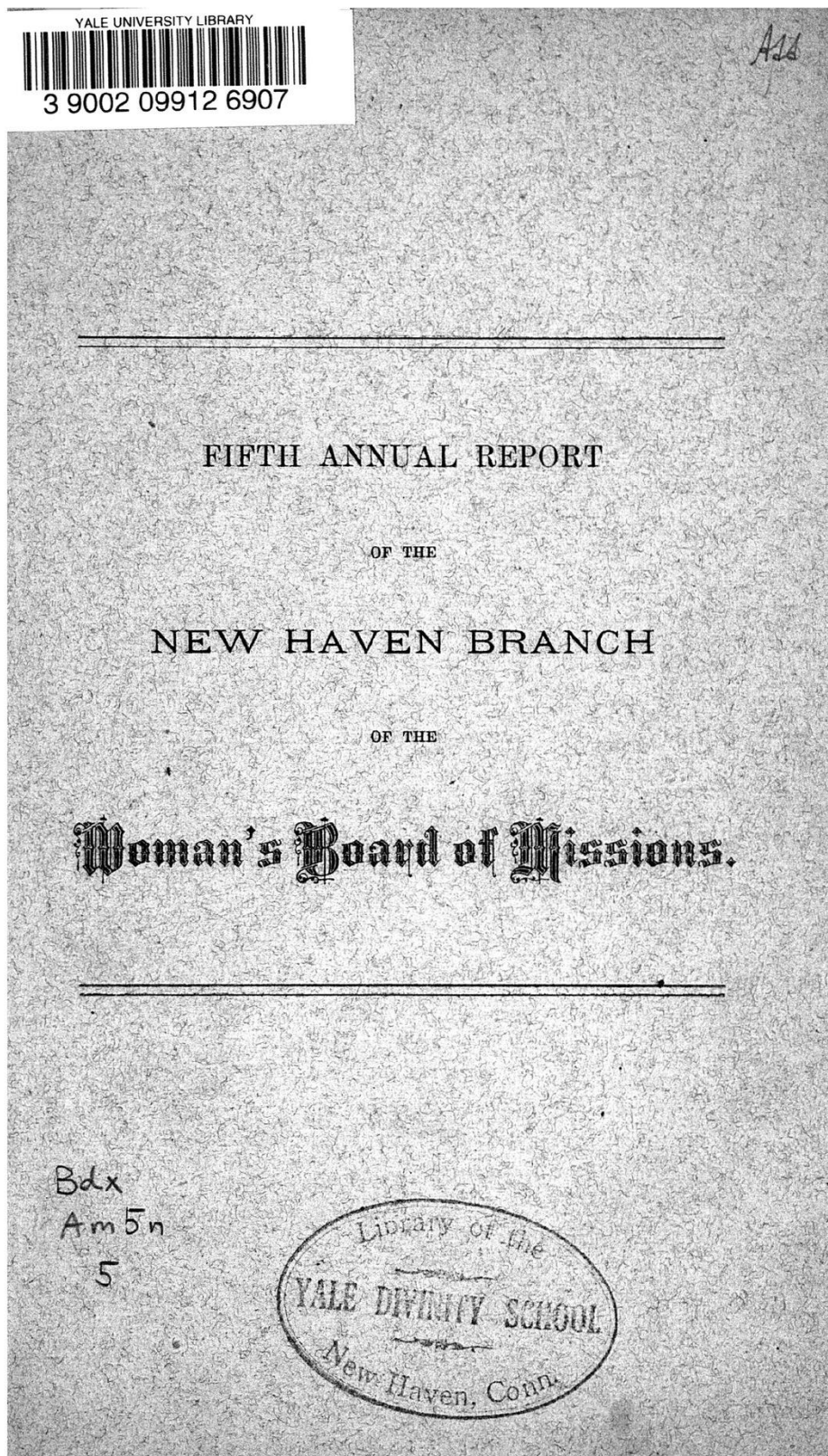




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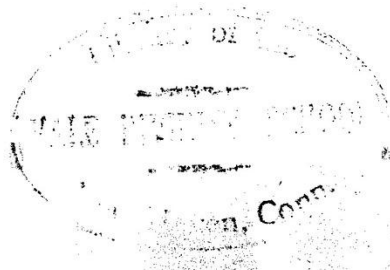
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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the New Haven Branch of the WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS was held in Dwight Place Church, New Haven, Tuesday, May 9th.

Though the clouds promised no abatement of their outpouring, the hour of appointment found the edifice well filled with the officers and friends of the Branch and delegates from the whole radii of its connection in four counties.

The exercises were opened with singing. Mrs. Hart, the beloved President, followed with the reading of Paul's prayer "that He would grant that ye may be filled with the fullness of God," and the introduction of Mrs. Hubbard, former President of the Branch, who led in a prayer of thanksgiving for special blessings incident to the history of the Branch—its growth, prosperity, marked results of its labors,—and earnestly pleaded that all connected with it, officers, missionaries, beneficiaries, auxiliaries, might realize a new consecration.

The minutes of the last meeting were omitted. The report of the Home Secretary, Mrs. Prudden, reviewed the history of the Branch incidentally, from that initial meeting of five persons in a private parlor in 1870, upward through the years of endeavor, until to-day "it has a name and a place among the recognized agencies for the-conversion of the world." This report embraced statistics, details of the management of the Branch through its various connections, methods adopted for extending

its influence and usefulness, and an unconscious but telling exhibit of the perplexing and exhausting cares sustained by its Executive Committee; and reiterated the Christian appeal to, and claim upon, the five thousand women in western Connecticut not yet enlisted. Mrs. Prudden supplemented this report later in the day with the announcement of the formation of the one hundredth auxiliary*—"to be placed as the capstone upon our Centennial column." This report was listened to, and accepted with marked satisfaction.

The report of the Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. D. Hume, was next in order. Tried as by fire herself in the mission field, learned in sacrifice, this report came charged with peculiar potency. It specified the support by the Branch, at an expense of about eight thousand and six hundred dollars, of seven missionaries, fourteen Bible readers, three native teachers, four day schools, seventy-eight scholarships in nine different boarding-schools, the erection of a new building for the girls' boarding-school in Marsovan at a cost of one thousand dollars, the furnishing of two rooms in the Constantinople Home, and a considerable sum paid into the W. B. M. treasury for general missionary work. It introduced us to the several missionaries and Bible women supported, and also to the schools, "nurseries of Christian culture, the hope of heathendom;" and referred eloquently to the outlays and festivities of this joyful year, with the appeal that the King high over all, worthiest of honor, should not miss generous tribute. The report was accepted.

The report of Miss Julia Twining, Treasurer, was read and accepted.

* This Society is named the "Samuel J. Mills" Society, in honor of the leader of Foreign Missionary work in America.

Miss Abbie B. Child, of Boston, was introduced, and brought "greetings warm and tender and strong from the Mother Board, who rejoices in this helpful, wise and loving daughter, and leans upon her vigorous strength, cheered by her sympathy and stimulated by her zeal." Miss Child reported the whole outlook as joy-giving, and the present time as one especially imperative in its claims upon the Church.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Fairbanks of the Vermont Branch was presented. She "could not assure the New Haven Branch of much prayer made in its behalf, but she could say the Vermont Branch did give the Lord *thanks* for the New Haven Branch. May you go on to perfection."

Mrs. Brownell, of the Hartford Branch, expressed the deep disappointment of many detained from this meeting by the storm, and the thankfulness felt for all the New Haven Branch has accomplished.

The abstract of Middlesex County reports of auxiliaries, prepared by Mrs. McCall and Mrs. B. A. Smith, was read by Miss Acton. The entire County membership is five hundred and ninety-two. One mission circle has sixty-five members. Much has been done in this county by way of developing home talent. The motto is "Excelsior."

Abstract of New Haven County reports of auxiliaries followed—a model of condensed interest—embodying important facts concerning the thirty-four auxiliaries and nearly as many mission circles in the county. No diminution of interest in, or devotion to the work, but rather, growing zeal.

Miss Prudden read a poem by Miss Lay, entitled "A Heathen's Tears."

The President introduced Mrs. Edwards, noble woman

and dear missionary, about to return to South Africa and her school of bright-eyed Zulu girls—who found it difficult to express her surprise at the change in audiences since her first departure from this country. Noting our great blessing of home and country, she inquired, “how can either man or woman say their work is at home. Christian obligation extends to every tribe and people on the earth.” Referring to the condition of our own ancestry two thousand years ago, she indicated the possibilities awaiting the most degraded races, through Christian culture, and testified to her own encouragement and strengthening under multiplied discouragements, in remembrance of the New Haven Branch.

The nominating committee was here appointed.

Mrs. Chandler greeted the Branch in Tamil, following with some account of the remarkable birth and growth of the Madura mission in twenty-five years. The Bible is now on sale in the vernacular, and a missionary society organized in a *Christian Church*. She gave new and touching incidents in the lives of converted heathen women.

Immediately after the morning session a collation was served in the fine suite of parlors connected with the church. Photographic copies of the favorite Thorwaldsen and Palmer medallions were on the walls: the tables were laid with reference to comfort and genuine refreshment. Some of the floral decorations were unusually beautiful.

A devotional meeting after the collation was conducted by Mrs. Noble. The hymn—

“O, it is joy in One to meet
Whom one communion blends,
Council to hold in converse sweet,
And talk with Christian friends”—

expressed the sentiment of the “friends” assembled.

The afternoon session opened with reading the names of delegates, and singing "The morning light is breaking."

The nominating committee reported through Mrs. Backus. The nominations were accepted by the Branch, the old Board of officers being largely re-elected, with the addition of a few names. The services of our much valued Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Cowles, were necessarily withdrawn on account of ill-health.

In accepting the trust and responsibilities again imposed, Mrs. Hart alluded to the difficulties met in obtaining names for their offices.—"No *candidates for office*, only candidates for *work*,"—and requested prayer for the guidance and support of the officers the coming year. Mrs. Backus responded, imploring God to "open upon them the windows of Heaven—to endow the dear President with strength and health according to her great need—and to grant that each auxiliary may honor Him in the spreading of the sweet savor of life abroad."

Fairfield County abstracts were now presented by Mrs. G. B. Willcox and Mrs. Hough—concise exhibits of the condition and prospects of the auxiliaries in their county, in all of which it is felt "the leaven of interest is working."

Mrs. Tracy of Marsovan, with her Armenian servant-woman, Elizabeth, was introduced. Her fragile form and illuminated face told her pathetic story, while she poured forth an eloquent and unaffected tribute to the worth and great services of her associates in the mission. She spoke of Mrs. Leonard, Miss Fritcher, Miss Washburn, the labors and successes of Mrs. Dr. Schneider's one year, of Mrs. Smith's usefulness as a Christian mother, and of Mrs. Cora Tomson's one short summer spent among them, giving herself, as Jesus did, to the very humblest, most menial offices, for the destitute and suf-

fering. Turning now to Elizabeth, she interpreted, sentence by sentence, as addressed to her in Armenian, the impressions received by a converted but very humble heathen woman, of this new land of Christian homes and churches, as compared with her own land, and the overpowering love and gratitude felt toward those who had "remembered her bonds as bound with her." Power, pathos, and conviction were in the simple words of this unlettered woman, drawn hither by her devotion to Mrs. Tracy and family. When they hesitated lest she should find the strange land lonely and sad, she replied, "I shall have my Bible, and I shall have the children, and God will be there,—what more shall I want?" Surely out of the mouth of this babe in knowledge He perfected His own praise.

After the report by Mrs. Tuck of South Church, New Britain, abstracts of Litchfield County reports were given, by Mrs. Bonar and Miss Hinsdale. The general quickening of spiritual life throughout the county the past winter has re-enforced and re-vitalized the mission societies, and the officers of many are congratulating the Branch that it now has the prayers as well as the pennies of the new disciples. The "original paper" method has been adopted.

The President read from the thirty-fifth chapter of Exodus a few verses, the spirit of which was expressed in a poem entitled "Spinning," which was read by Miss Metcalf.

Mrs. Hart emphasized a quoted remark of Dr. Badger's, by pertinent suggestions regarding discrimination in benevolence, and advised the abridging of personal adornment and fancy work, that time might be found for higher culture and better acquaintance with the weighty and vital interests commanding the attention of the world.

"Can we *afford* not to know what is being thought and done and planned, in this or any other department of Progress?" We regret not to quote verbatim the entire sequence of this admonition. It had the pith and wisdom of a chapter of Proverbs.

Miss Williams of Marash, Central Turkey, found "her heart too full to express the cheer" this meeting gave her. "We hear," she said, "much about the dear faithful missionary. I say to-day, the dear faithful home-workers—God bless you every one."

Mrs. Norton, of the new "Bureau of Exchange," Boston, who gave a brief sketch of the origin, plan and prospects of the Bureau, congratulated the Branch on its library nucleus and "twelve original papers," "a greater number than the Bureau can command;" and especially counselled generous helpfulness toward other parts of the country not as well equipped for work as the Branch; and closed the afternoon session with prayer "that the *constraining love of Christ* may be the animating and governing motive of all our work.

Resolutions were offered by a delegate, tendering "thanks to the Church who have opened their rooms to us to-day; to Mr. Samuel Peck, and others, who have loaned and arranged the beautiful flowers; for the generous hospitality of the many ladies, who so kindly and carefully refreshed us; and, more than all, to the Executive Committee, who have prepared this delightful feast, and the great privilege of looking upon so many faces and listening to so many voices of those who have given their life-service to Christ."

The resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned. For one day "the Branch" was held in powerful focus. Words cannot reproduce impressions made; they are already operative in united prayerful purpose to advance, bound by our *living Charter*.

“Then opened he their understanding that they might understand . . . And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

MRS. D. TUTTLE.

REPORT OF THE HOME SECRETARY.

We have to-day reached a point of time whence we may wisely survey our past, and learn its lessons; our present with its labors and responsibilities; and forecast our future with its possibilities and duties.

Not more certainly did the “pillar of cloud by day” and “fire by night” lead God’s chosen people than have we been guided by His word and Providence.

Our Beginning.

Only five persons were present at the first Woman’s Missionary meeting in this city. The New Haven Woman’s Missionary Society was organized in April, 1870, in a private parlor, with but thirty members; and this, after the earnest and persistent effort of a few individuals for two years.

"The news of this organization," says the record, "is said to have been received with delight at the missionary house in Boston and repeated in every room with rejoicing." It is further added: "Our beginning was *very unpretending*, and the hope hesitatingly expressed that five hundred dollars might be raised the first year, but this seemed so uncertain that the support of one missionary, Mrs. Edwards, was assumed with the proviso, *if we can raise the money.*"

From that infant of an hour, to the maturity of its present development, we may note the progress of the Woman's Missionary work in our midst. To-day we have a name and a place among the agencies for the conversion of the world.

This success has required labor, but *so little* in proportion to the results, that we are constrained to say, "Not unto us, but *to Thy name*, O Lord! be all the glory."

Work of the past year.

Each year brings a new phase of our work. The last annual report was largely of new organizations, of a time of planting. The past has been more a year of cultivation. Our plants have become more woody, and self-supporting, vigorous mission-circle shoots have put forth with rare ease and luxuriance, and new auxiliaries have come into existence with far more spontaneity than before.

Our last anniversary found us with one hundred and thirty-six societies, including mission circles. These were scattered over an area of more than 2000 square miles, and all under the care of a small central committee.

This committee was enlarged by the addition of two Vice Presidents in a county. Each of these holds in charge half the work of her respective county ; and reports frequently concerning the same ; while together they devise and plan upon subjects of general interest. Frequent meetings of the central and remote members of the committee have occurred within the year, as well as a frequent interchange of letters, and thus unanimity of purpose and greater efficiency have been obtained.

County Branch Meetings.

What have been denominated *County Branch* meetings have been appointed during the year. That in Litchfield was at Thomaston, and the Fairfield County meeting was at Stamford. They were held early in November. Mrs. Hart's presence added much to their interest, while Mrs. Wheeler of Harpoot, Turkey, by her impressive words, made real and urgent call for effort. Original papers furnished also profitable themes for discussion ; reports from auxiliaries gave an added zest ; and forcible words were uttered by those whose hearts were warmed by the occasion.

A similar meeting was to have occurred in Middlesex County on the 4th of April, but was prevented by a violent storm.

The influence of these gatherings has been permanently good, developing thought, activity, earnest purpose and self-reliance.

New Haven Monthly Meetings.

There have been nine monthly meetings of the New Haven Branch since last September, with no diminution in attendance or apparent interest. We have had little

of the stimulus which comes from the personal presence of missionaries, as only Mrs. Wheeler from Turkey, and Mrs. Gulick, late from Italy, have been with us.

The reading of manuscript missionary letters, the presentation of Home Secretaries' reports, the presence of one or more of our County Vice Presidents, and their words of cheer, have formed the chief attractions of these occasions.

There have been sixteen meetings of the Executive Committee. Here have been received requests from auxiliaries, and the general and minute details of the work carefully examined and discussed. All methods and plans have been developed, only after *careful and prayerful consideration*.

Other influences.

Our whole field has been crossed and re-crossed by lines of thought conveyed chiefly in personal messages and letters both written and printed. These have carried words of hope and words of discouragement. There have been letters concerning beneficiaries, letters asking aid and information, those expressive of Christian love, of sympathy, of gratitude; requests for admittance as auxiliaries and mission circles; and responses of welcome.

There have also been sent to our societies five hundred manuscript missionary letters and other papers.

All of these have, as a net work, united our members and are among the ties which bind kindred hearts in Christian love.

Ours has been the privilege of receiving the special presence of the Holy Spirit. One writes, "Three of our mission circles have been specially blest, nearly every

member having found Christ precious." Another entire circle are reported as loving Jesus; while others, with the zeal of newly acquired love for Him who has sought and saved them, are organizing as missionary societies to seek and save others. Here and there throughout our borders souls have been converted and Christians quickened, for this and every other good work.

General view of Results.

The *general* Report from our entire field is full of hope. One Vice President writes, "this work is telling with great effect upon our churches. It is maturing and developing the Christian character of our young women." Another says, "we are laboring for and expect the active coöperation of every woman in our churches." With something of a joyful ring comes to us this message: "The outlook from our watch-towers is full of interest and encouragement." And from another, "our growth, though slow, is a healthy one."

Litchfield County has, of its forty-one churches, but nine which are not in the ranks of missionary effort. In organization New Haven County exceeds its last year's report, while Fairfield and Middlesex, a little later in the vineyard, are taking their full share of the "heat and burden of the day."

As cheering facts, showing the outgrowth of our work, we report that twelve original papers have within a few months been placed within the hands of the Executive Committee for the use of our Branch, and that the nucleus of a missionary library came into existence one year ago, which has been drawing books unto itself, until it has become worthy of our respectful recognition, and is entitled to a claim on our practical attention, that it may be farther enlarged and become a more efficient agency.

Specification of Results.

There have been formed thirteen new auxiliaries and fourteen mission circles.

The Auxiliaries are in Roxbury, Westport, East Hampton Union Church, Newtown, South Canaan, Westville, Ellsworth, Chester, Naugatuck, Waterbury First Church, Higganum, Georgetown and Ansonia.

The Mission Circles are "Young Ladies," of the Second Church, Waterbury; "Mountain Wide Awakes" of Norfolk; "Cozy Circle" of Westville; "Young Ladies' Mission Band" of Haddam; Norfolk "Home Jewels;" "Young Twigs" of the North Church, New Haven; "Earnest Mission Helpers" of East Hampton; "Litchfield Daisy Chain;" "Buds of Promise" of Georgetown; "Willing Workers" of Second Church, Fair Haven; "Missionary Helpers" and the "Missionary Seed Planters" of West Haven; "Children's Missionary Aid Society" of the East Church, New Haven; and "Faithful Workers of the Church of the Redeemer.

Missionaries.

We record, with gratitude, that since our last meeting five individuals have gone from us to fields of missionary labor.

Rev. Edward Hume and Mrs. Lottie Chandler Hume, of this city, sailed in August to join the Mahratta mission. They were sent, it is true, by the American Board, but who of all on earth has an ownership in them equal to that of the mother who is *of* the New Haven Branch; and the other mother who is *with* us to-day. Of all the daughters who have done virtuously, who has excelled these in costly gifts for the Master's use?

Mrs. Miner, who, interested and helpful, was with us one year ago, is now laboring under the American Board in Madura.

Miss Landfear, a few months since a member of one of our auxiliaries in this city, is employed in Wellington, South Africa, with Miss Abby Ferguson, our once highly valued Secretary.

Our *special* congratulations are extended to Fairfield County *in general*, and Darien *in particular*, that theirs has been the privilege, under the Woman's Board, of sending in Miss Wheeler, a missionary to Japan, who gives promise of great usefulness.

Mission Circles.

We are not inclined in this survey to omit special mention of our Mission Circles. Thirteen of these are composed of young ladies. To the New Haven Branch they are more precious than our words can express. From them are transfused into our veins vital currents, which give us added strength and vigor. They are a reserve force, from which we expect to draw for active service at the front. One such society has graduated, and, in its advanced degree as an auxiliary, is distancing, by far, many of its elders. Said its Secretary a few months since, while expressing fears of a decline of interest, "If there are but two of us, we shall not give up." That they have kept this resolution, their cheerful report and our Treasurer's books amply testify.

Then there are our Girls' Circles; somehow our hearts grow warm as we think of these. We cannot forget the thrill of pleasure, when standing a stranger in a railroad station, a tiny hand was placed in ours and a sweet voice said, "I belong to the Mission circle in ———."

These societies remind one of cuttings just rooted in the spring time, giving sure promise of larger results in the future and supplying at present delightful fragrance and abundant flowers.

Next in review come our Mission Circles composed wholly, or in part, of boys. As we resisted our tendency to superlatives when we considered the girls' societies, so I suppose we may not utter all we feel about the boys. If we had them alone we might not resist, and, were it not for *the proprieties*, we should like to salute them in a boyish fashion, just to hear the responses from Watertown, Thomaston, Norfolk, Waterbury, New Haven, and possibly other places. We fancy this might be its sentiment:

"Lift high the gospel banner,
Shout the loud hosanna,
Let it echo round the world."

The future with its duties and possibilities.

In the churches within our bounds which have not yet joined in this work are five thousand women. What might be accomplished if this latent power were developed in this missionary work? Last year five thousand women of this branch supported seven missionaries, twelve bible readers and scores of pupils. Can we afford to wait the natural course of events, or our ease, pleasure and convenience, to enlist this greatly needed force? Can heathen women, hungering for the "bread of life," or enshrouded in a darkness only a little less than that of the grave, afford to have this work delayed?

Let us also remember that in churches *with* organization but about half of the women are actively engaged. Just here, on our right hand and on our left, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

Among the obstacles which are to be met there is one so serious in its character, so full of evil in its influence, that it everywhere cripples our efforts, and at some points presents an almost impassable barrier to success. We refer to *the lack of a consciousness of personal responsibility*. Whether we recognize the fact or not, over against our own door we have each our allotted work. It is not enough that we pay a specified sum, and enjoy the good meetings—our thoughts, our words, our plans, our prayers, our conscious, and our unconscious influence are included in the command “Go ye and teach all nations.” A sense of personal responsibility will develop efficient effort and this, next to the gifts which come by prayer, is our greatest need. With rare exceptions, the prosperity and sometimes even the existence of our Auxiliaries depends upon the efforts of two or three individuals, and these, quite frequently, are persons bearing the daily burden of family care, or physical infirmity, and, perhaps, both. The unfulfilled duties of the many weigh heavily upon the few willing laborers.

There is *time* enough for this work if we, as Christian women, will learn the secret of “*redeeming the time*.” There is ability enough, and—though it may be concealed by care or pleasure—though it may be paralyzed by in-ertness or absorbed by fictitious wants, our talents are *none the less demanded* by our Lord.

Affectionately, but earnestly, we urge the Christian women of Western Connecticut to take, *each of them*, a larger share of labor in this field, where the harvest is immortal souls, and the reward a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

MRS. G. P. PRUDDEN.

COUNTY REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS.*

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

The year which ends to-day has been one in which our auxiliaries have grown, if they have not greatly multiplied. As we look over our Fair-field, we believe that it has been well cultured, and that it gives promise of much fruit.

A County Missionary Convention, held at Danbury a year ago last March, had awakened many in our smaller churches to feel the importance of even the weakest beginnings, and, as a consequence, the new auxiliaries of Bethel, Ridgefield and Redding were gladly welcomed at our last annual meeting. A little of the leaven from Danbury was carried also to Newtown, and, though hidden for some months, it worked from heart to heart there, and an organization was finally perfected in October last. In June, a similar meeting was held in Greenwich, attended by representatives from all parts of the county.

Miss Andrews enlisted our sympathies in behalf of the work in China, where, though their beginning was necessarily irregular, and the bow could be drawn only at a venture, many hearts have been smitten, as the lives of earnest native Christians most abundantly testify.

Her story and the discussions on home-work that followed, were as good seed sown in good ground, and bore fruit in the organization of a new auxiliary at Westport two weeks later.

But, perhaps, the best result of the Greenwich meet-

* The Committee have thought it advisable to publish the Abstracts this year, because so many who are interested were prevented, by the storm, from hearing them at the annual meeting.

ing, was that, then and there, Miss Wheeler, whose zeal had already been kindled at Darien, consecrated herself to the missionary work. To-day, while she gladly treads the shores of Japan, we give thanks that the earnest desire expressed by our President one year ago has been granted, and Fairfield county has been permitted to send one of the ten ladies then called for.

Before the meeting of the New Haven Branch held at Stamford in November, into which the county convention was merged, invitations to send delegates were extended to all the Congregational churches in the county. A very general response was made to them. All but two of our auxiliaries were represented, and we joined, in the best of fellowship, with delegates from societies connected with the Boston Board, and with the Woman's Union Missionary Association, and also with some from other churches, where, though their missionary zeal burns brightly, they are not quite ready to let their light shine before men, and have perfected no organization.

Some of our smaller auxiliaries were greatly quickened by the Stamford meeting. Mrs. Hart's loving counsel, Mrs. Wheeler's earnest words, and the discussion on the best means of raising money, will not soon be forgotten. We are glad to believe that an auxiliary and mission circle organized in March at Georgetown, and a mission circle just starting into life at Stamford, owe their existence to that gathering.

We hope to continue these meetings semi-annually, an informal county convention alternating with the yearly visit of the New Haven Branch, and we are sure that they will do much to hasten the time to which we look eagerly forward, when every woman in our churches will be an active member of the Woman's Board of Missions.

MARY J. WILLCOX.

SARAH J. HOUGH.

Bethel. "This society, organized one year ago, has had a gradual addition of members, and hopes for many more in the future, especially as God has poured out His Spirit most richly upon them as a church, largely increasing their numbers. The monthly meetings have been interesting, some of them exceedingly so."

Bridgeport. "This society, composed of representatives from the three Congregational churches, has been in existence three and a half years, and has about 300 members. The amount raised last year was \$515.45, which, after deducting necessary expenses, was sent to the N. H. Branch, for the support of Miss Andrews, of the China Mission. At the last annual meeting in January, it was decided to change the disposition of our funds and to assist in the support of Mrs. DeForest, of Japan."

Danbury "reports a pleasant, happy year of work, with meetings which have been a rich feast every month. They enjoyed a visit from Miss Andrews, in May, and learned of the joys and trials of her work among women in China. After adopting Mrs. DeForest as their missionary they took up the study of *Japan* systematically, determined to learn all they could about it, and several very interesting papers were prepared and read by the ladies, while Mrs. DeForest's racy, sprightly letters have brought her life and labor there very vividly before them."

Easton. This auxiliary reports sixty-six members and eleven copies of "Life and Light" taken. A good degree of interest is proved by the statement that several young ladies are connected with them who sometimes meet by themselves, and have earned by their needles twenty dollars.

Georgetown "has but lately organized, but with such earnest workers—ladies who have kept up a Benevolent Association for over twenty-six years, and who always sustain a weekly prayer meeting—we feel sure of great results from this work." Their 'Buds of Promise,' although only swelling into being in the early spring-time (March), are already proving so very 'promising' we shall soon look to see lovely flowers and well-ripened fruit upon our Branch from them."

Monroe. "Our meetings," writes the Secretary, "are held twice a month, and have been very interesting, on account of Mrs. Stocking's presence with us. She has given us some account of her missionary experiences in Persia, a sort of serial story. Another interesting feature of our meetings has been the reading of essays written by our own members."

Newtown. "The ladies here organized in the fall, and have held monthly meetings ever since. They are thankful to do even a little to help on this good cause, and hope in another year to report an increase of interest."

Norwalk. First Church and her three mission circles send joyful greetings, with their third year's report. The Secretary writes: "Our numbers have *not* diminished; we have been able to raise our *full* proportion toward canceling our heavy church debt, and also to fulfill *all* that we pledged ourselves for in the missionary field, supporting one missionary teacher, two pupils, and one Bible Reader. Our former monthly mission prayer meeting has become a weekly meeting for prayer, and God has graciously blessed 'our waiting upon Him.' The Young Ladies' Mission Band have held similar meetings fortnightly. Our 'Young Folks,' formed a little over a year ago of young people of both sexes, be-

tween the ages of twelve and sixteen, at their formation including only one professing Christian, has now fourteen, who have during the year consecrated themselves to the service of Christ, and others stand ready soon to take the same step. This circle, also, has held regular meetings every two weeks. A few words in reference to our 'Sunbeam Circle'—the lambs of our flock—about fifty in number. Very precious has been their loving interest. Two of the dear little workers God has taken home to Himself during the year. The others bring their mission boxes from time to time with glad willingness. One of them, the last time he brought his box, being asked if he had brought anything beside his pennies, quickly responded: 'Why, yes, a blessing!' May these our experiences, make you steadfast, and strengthen you amidst discouragements, for surely few could have had a more feeble foreign missionary starting point than we; few could have held a more feeble faith than we, when less than three years ago we sought to increase the missionary spirit by our first monthly meeting. Now, our weekly prayer circle is one of the most precious of our gatherings, and to the influences centering there, and flowing out from thence, we attribute the growing feeling that *no* field of the Lord's work is really foreign, but that our Saviour included every branch of Christian work to be entered upon by His followers, in His parting charge: 'Ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.'"

South Norwalk. A Young Ladies' Mission Band has this year been formed, who have adopted two beneficiaries—a Marsovan scholarship and a Bible reader.

Redding reports but few meetings held, and progress slow, but is still hopeful in spite of obstacles.

Ridgefield. "The few earnest workers here have not realized all their hopes, but have held several meetings, raised money for a scholarship, and are bringing forth fruit in *old* age, two of their number being over ninety years old. The children, too, are becoming interested, and preparing to act as Gleaners in this field."

Stamford. "This auxiliary, about one year old, reports a share in the Marsovan School Building, paid for by its sixteen members the first year. With nine added to its number, and the interest greatly increased since the Branch meeting held there last November, it promises to double its contributions this year, in order to support a native teacher at Bitlis, and expects to make at least one life member also. About ten copies of 'Life and Light' are taken." A mission circle is reported as newly organized—an infant of days not yet named. They promise to try to emulate the love and zeal of their older sisters, and hope to report next year something attempted, something done.

Trumbull. "This society has been called to mourn the death of its Secretary, whose heart was full of love for the missionary work. Yet the year's history marks some increase in contributions, a gain of six in membership, and of five in subscriptions to 'Life and Light.'"

Wilton. This auxiliary, after severe pruning, has borne more fruit than ever before. With fewer members than last year it reports greater zeal, and twenty dollars more sent to the treasury. Though calling itself a mission circle still, the Branch has accepted it, with its corps of young officers, as an auxiliary. There are now forty-seven members, and about ten copies of "Life and Light" taken. One hundred and eighty dollars have been raised.

Westport. This society was organized last June, Dr. and Mrs. Bush and Miss Smith, a returned missionary from India, being present at the time.

our treasury." The Mission Circles have also brought their offerings to the Lord's Treasury; "Star Circle," \$100, "Golden Links," \$25.

Kent is earnest and active in the work, growing in love, and seeking to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom. They support a pupil in Miss Payson's school at Foochow, China. Twelve copies of "Life and Light" are taken.

Roxbury says, "We hope, as the spring opens in all its beauty, we shall be ready to work harder and with more zeal for our Lord and Master, thus doing what little we can for the advancement of His cause and kingdom. As we have so many new ones ready to work for Jesus we think our ranks in the mission work may be more than doubled." Sixteen copies of "Life and Light" are taken.

Warren. Their Secretary says, "We were obliged to discontinue our meetings during the winter months, but we trust in the spring we shall take hold of the work with new zeal, and increase in membership and usefulness."

Woodbury is hoping for large accessions to their numbers from among the many who have recently found Jesus as their Saviour. Those who attend the monthly meetings are imbued with the spirit of their Master, and earnestly long to hasten the coming of His kingdom. They support by their contributions a pupil in Miss Townshend's school at Jaffna, Ceylon.

Washington. This Auxiliary has entered on its fourth year. It keeps up all its old interest and reaches forward for better things in time to come. "Hope, with the return of spring, meetings may be well sustained."

Mrs. J. B. BONAR.

The fifteen towns in Litchfield County assigned to me to report are every one of them alive and at work. Some of them are looking down and saying "I perish," but even

Colebrook, which has no regular meetings and is always threatening dissolution, reports \$75 sent to the Treasurer last year, \$60 of which came from the Mission Circle, as the proceeds of a fair.

Salisbury, with sixty-three members, warmed and inspired by a precious work of grace this winter, works on, every meeting rendered interesting by the personal care of its officers.

They are surprised in *Canaan* to find themselves alive. They have a first-rate minister's wife, who we hope will get them to take some copies of "Life and Light" next year, and their twenty-seven members won't have as much reason to plead ignorance of the work.

Sharon, with her twenty members and her "Busy Bees" Mission Circle, mourns that they do so little.

When *Falls Village* reports fourteen members it tells of royal work for the Master.

As also *South Canaan*, our new Auxiliary with twenty-five members. The churches are both feeble—scattered over the hills—only by persistent effort can such results be shown.

In view of it, I am humiliated to report but thirty-one members in our *Winsted* Society, which has two churches united in the work, and where we are always intending to do more.

Norfolk has thirty-five members, and during the year has formed two Mission Circles; one of thirteen boys is called the "Mountain Wide-Awakes." The "Home Jewels," the circle of thirty young girls, meet every two weeks. Every child is pledged to bring two pennies, at

each meeting, which they have earned. The ladies must not have the credit of all this, for they had a minister at the helm. He has rendered the monthly concerts attractive by calling in the aid of the children, having questions prepared for them on some specific mission, and short articles for them to read on the same subject.

Riverton works on with her twelve members.

Wolcottville reports twenty-five members.

Plymouth is discouraged to report but fourteen members, but the "Arbutus Gleaners" are in earnest and their name is the promise of brighter days.

Thomaston must tell her full story in the annual report. The President writes, "It is the sweetest of all Christian work," so you will not be surprised to read of seventy-five members, and twenty copies of "Life and Light" taken. The young ladies of the mission circle have recently given an entertainment illustrating the "Songs of Seven," with tableaux, the proceeds of which were \$70. Much good is ascribed to the influence of the county meeting here last fall. One conversion was directly dated from that gathering. The boys of the mission circle have a law that no boy shall walk under their banner, who has not promptly paid his dues. We hope the missionary crops will be better this year, and that the unusual richness of that Hubbard squash, which sold for twenty cents last fall, will stimulate other boys to labor in the same way. Thank God that in Litchfield County there are vines of *His* planting.

Watertown bears the palm in the number of its societies, having three mission circles in addition to its Auxiliary of sixty-three members.

Northfield encourages us by telling of the impulse they all received from our county meeting.

Morris has fifty members and much personal work is done there.

I have kept the good wine until the last, that is *Barkhamsted*. There they have one woman; she takes the horse when it can be spared, and goes to her neighbors, sits down in their kitchens, and tells them the story as they are at work. She is the one woman whose eyes I have seen filled with tears, on receiving a pile of old copies of the *Missionary Herald*. The first year they could raise but five dollars, last year you can read in "Life and Light" \$12.76 credited to the Barkhamsted auxiliary.

Torrington has just organized the Samuel J. Mills Society.
MISS M. P. HINSDALE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Down through the hills of Middlesex to day, countless little streams are rushing and rumbling, roaring and tumbling in their seeming haste to reach the noble old Connecticut, and pour into its bosom the newly-gathered waters of the spring. Bands of greenness line their borders—verdure and life spring up at their feet; for in their ministry to the distant sea, they bless and gladden all the onward way, thus joyously fulfilling a double mission—to *gather* and to *give*.

In bringing before you the report of our auxiliaries in that county, we find, in these beautiful streams, a fitting illustration of the wide-spreading influence—the life-giving power of our work. The stream of benefaction, hurrying gladly on toward the sea of Christian charity, blesses, enriches, and strengthens the hearts and lives through which it finds its way.

When at our last annual meeting, our Home Secretary said: "Our auxiliaries must be broadened and deepened

and their maintenance and progress must depend largely upon themselves, many felt the weight of an increasing burden—many questioned ‘How?’ But behold! what hath God wrought? During the past year the Lord Himself has tended the garden; and the plant we watched and nurtured with such solicitude, has not only proved self-sustaining, but it has blossomed with blessing for individual hearts, and now, crowned with rich fruitage, it beautifies the churches around which its tendrils have been twined. ‘Not unto us, not unto us, but unto His name be glory.’”

Earnest workers there are indeed in our county, and we recognize their helpful influence, their spirit of cheerful self-forgetfulness in the Master’s work, but we know that every one brings joyfully her sheaves to-day, bearing glad testimonials to the hundred-fold reward.

Clinging to the hillsides, or nestling in the valleys, our fifteen auxiliaries look out upon us, with words of encouragement and cheer. Pastors send warm commendations, and in one instance, a season of special religious interest is reported as the apparent result of an organization. The pastor’s wife writes: “As we worked and prayed for others we felt more deeply our own coldness and need of a blessing, and a spirit of earnest prayer was awakened which finds its answer in this ingathering of souls.”

The entire membership in our county is five hundred and thirty-two, an average of thirty-five to each society.

Saybrook reports seventy-seven, the largest membership in the county. This society, organized July, 1874, has but twice failed in its monthly meetings and the Secretary writes, “we gladly report through this second year an increasing attendance upon our meetings and an increasing interest in mission work. We now find those

among us who are willing to help in making our meetings attractive as well as instructive, and though we still receive and enjoy the missionary letters, we do not depend upon them as much as we did. We attribute this increased interest to the revival of God's work here, leading Christians to love His cause more, and young converts to feel an interest in things which before had no attractions for them. We are glad to be able to say that the *woman's* work with us has not caused a *decrease* but rather an *increase* in the contributions to the American Board. In our mission circle, "Seaside Mission Band," there is also an increased interest. They number sixty-five and are very happy in their work, at present meeting every Saturday afternoon for sewing and listening to reading.

Higganum. Our youngest society organized in the opening year reports the goodly number of twenty members, while the sister society at

East Hampton. (Union Church) with an organization of six in November reports a present membership of seventeen. The Secretary writes: "Our first effort to form an auxiliary met with little encouragement. The church, small in numbers and means, had, seemingly, need of all the support each member could give. A few felt that an association, which should bring us together as Christians, would tend towards a higher spiritual life. This conviction resulted in our organization in November, with monthly meetings from that date which have been full of interest. We have gained somewhat in intelligence and much in interest, but still hope for new knowledge of the blessedness of giving. We have need of some self-training, that shall neutralize the lessons of thrift and saving taught us by our ancestors. The habits of economy which were with *them* a necessity in *all* things, *we* apply chiefly to our charities.

Middlefield, where continued and unavoidable interruptions have occasioned infrequent meetings, manifests its interest in contributions nearly doubled since last year. The Secretary writes "our need seems to be more knowledge of, and personal sympathy with, our missionary laborers and their work."

Centerbrook reports a large advance in contributions. They write: "Some interesting letters containing missionary intelligence have been read in our meetings, but all feel that these meetings are not so attractive as we could wish, and would gratefully receive any information or hints which might add to their interest."

Killingworth, whose meetings are held in connection with the monthly missionary meeting of the church, reports a membership of seventy-four.

Middletown First Church has a roll of sixty-three members, bearing upon her arms as beneficiaries, two schools, three scholarships and one Bible Reader. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Middletown South Church reports increased membership and contributions. It opened wide its doors of hospitality to welcome the recently contemplated county meeting, which failed by reason of severe storm. In the general and wide-spread disappointment this society bears its full share and the warm hearts that bade us so glad welcome, may well hope for a Diviner guest.

West Chester, organized one year and a half since, reports "Our funds are slowly increasing and we find it good to meet once a month and pray for those who do not know how to pray for themselves."

Chester, whose organization is yet more recent, reports twenty-four members with increasing interest in the work.

Millington, whose members are too scattered for

organization, send a consecrated gift which will not be forgotten by the Master when he watereth and giveth the increase, for silver and gold, are they not already His—but “the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.”

East Haddam has a flourishing society, which reports the interest in their meetings well sustained and steadily increasing. Original papers are mentioned as being a stimulus and a benefit, developing an amount of home talent quite surprising. Each member shares in their meeting, bringing missionary intelligence from various sources, and the Secretary reports, “No lack of material for their meetings.” The mission circle, “Willing Helpers,” are “much interested in their work. Since their formation as a society fully one half their number have publicly professed their love for the Saviour.”

Westbrook has recently suffered in the loss of its Secretary an efficient and helpful worker, but we doubt not the work so well begun will continue to thrive in other hands.

East Hampton South Church reports “all or nearly all take some part in our meetings, and the hearts of some of our members seem so to overflow with love to God and a desire for souls, that their utterances impress all listeners.”

Haddam reports the adoption of the plan of original papers. Their “meetings have been greatly blessed as a means of spiritual quickening and growth. The officers and some of the members of the ‘Mission Band’ have recently been hopefully converted and not one working member of either society would fail to testify that she had received an hundred-fold for all she had done, in the blessing which has come to her own heart.”

Middle Haddam. The circle that gave us our missionary to Mexico tells of interest well sustained, and

the report contains the following item of interest: "One, counted among our members, has already been two years and a half with her Saviour in Heaven. Three times as the year has come round, her husband, our pastor, has sent us with words of thrilling interest, her membership fee, a silver coin, sacred to her, when living, on account of its associations and now given to the Lord. "She being dead yet speaketh." In this as in most of our societies many share in the responsibility of the meetings, and few, we believe, longer depend upon outside help for maintenance. In this department of the work we note decided progress during the year.

A county meeting held in *Middletown* last September under the direction of the senior Vice-President was productive of much good. Delegates were present from about two-thirds of the church in the county. Difficulties in the work were stated and met, and words of encouragement and suggestion offered. New bonds of sympathy were formed and two new auxiliaries and one mission band have since been secured as the apparent result.

Thus we who have watched the progress of the work in Middlesex County, with ever increasing solicitude and interest, with sowers and reapers, return to-day, joyfully shouting the "Harvest Home."

MRS. B. A. SMITH.

MRS. S. McCALL.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY.

Ansonia. Our youngest auxiliary, as yet counting her short life by weeks, can only report a healthy, vigorous beginning, which we hope will rapidly develope into a fruitful life.

Birmingham has thirty-two members supporting schol-

arships in Madura, and Inanda. Its monthly, have been changed to quarterly meetings.

Cheshire, with its membership of thirty-five, continues the support of Samathanum, a Bible Reader in India; and a Sabbath School class support a scholarship at Inanda. "This auxiliary is hopeful for the future, but has felt the difficulties of the times."

Derby reports an auxiliary full of courage, numbering fifty-two. They have had but two meetings during the year, but have organized a Ladies' prayer meeting, at which the subject of missions is to be brought up once a month. A circle called the "Mission Workers," and a class of children, calling themselves "Blue Violets," are connected with this Church.

East Haven. The funds of this auxiliary are applied to no particular object, but go into the general fund, an unselfish appropriation of its money, which we think deserves this passing word of commendation. It has thirty-six members, and a mission circle, "The Young Workers."

Fair Haven, Second Church, reports much interest in the work of the Woman's Board, but owing to general financial depression, &c., their contribution is not as large as last year. "Willing Workers" is the name of its mission circle.

Madison is still the "Banner Auxiliary" in respect to members; two hundred and forty is its membership. The mission circle, "Willing Hearts," has thirty-four members, and has given to our treasury \$91.50 for a scholarship in Madura.

Meriden (West) is waking to a fresh interest. Monthly meetings are held, which are greatly enlivened by the manuscript missionary letters. Two hundred dollars have been given the past year for the furnishing of a room in the Constantinople Home, named "Juliet Gay-

lord," a beautiful and fit memorial of a faithful pastor's wife, who dearly loved this womans' work, and whose last public service for the Master, before entering into rest, was in connection with this auxiliary. The mission circle, "Cheerful Givers," support a pupil in the Harpoot school.

Mount Carmel Auxiliary numbers thirty-nine, and has taken a scholarship in Ceylon. With nothing new to report, it has certainly lost none of its zeal or energy.

North Branford does not fail or disappoint us, but has no special report to make. More interest is felt each month in the work of missions.

Northford Auxiliary has fifty members. Its contribution is a little less than last year, but larger than was expected, as the congregation had been pressed to the utmost to pay a heavy church debt.

North Haven reports the warm interest of a few, but an apparent indifference of the many which it is hard to overcome.

Naugatuck. An auxiliary only a few months old has thirty-two members, and supports a scholarship in Marsovan. They rejoice that they are counted worthy to have a part in this glorious work.

NEW HAVEN. Of the churches in this city,

Centre Church reports "a falling off from the giving of previous years, but believe it is greatly owing to the universally-felt stringency of the times, and not to a lessening of interest in the dear work. Also they have missed the loving and generous donations of several of their members who have exchanged the earthly service of our Lord for the heavenly.

Church of the Redeemer reports renewed interest in the work, especially among the young. At their last meeting it was decided to have monthly meetings for the

purpose of giving and receiving missionary intelligence, by selecting a special missionary field for each meeting. The circles connected with this auxiliary, including both boys and girls, are very active and full of hope.

College Street Church, with nothing freshly interesting to report, is as ever active and earnest. It supports a Bible Reader in Marsovan. It has three mission circles—"Cheerful Workers," "Givers on Trust," and "Wide Awakes," the latter a boy's circle.

Davenport Church. Auxiliary reports thirty-two members, \$84 contributed, of which \$30 is from Sabbath School classes, and \$18, the proceeds of a "Fair," by a class of girls.

Dwight Place Church. Auxiliary has a growing interest in the work, of which the generous hospitality extended to us to-day is an evident token.

East Church has just formed an Auxiliary, and has a wide awake Mission Circle promising good things in the future.

Fair Haven. First Church has not been as liberal as it was last year, but remembering always that from it we receive our beloved President, we can only say concerning it, "God bless it, and enrich it, even according to the richness of its gift to us."

Howard Avenue Auxiliary has greatly missed its beloved President, Mrs. Minor, who left them for the Foreign field, but they hope for more interest in the future.

North Church Auxiliary has seventy-four members, and an undiminished interest in the work. It has three Mission Circles—the West End Institute Mission Circle, supporting a scholar in Ahmednuggur—the "Silver Bells," at West End Institute, a circle of little girls who are enthusiastic in their desire to work, and the Boys' Circle who are composed of Mrs. Adam's S. S. class.

Temple Street Church Auxiliary sends this year as their offering \$22, which they call "a little gift," but He who counted the widow's mite as "more than all which was cast into the treasury," counts not as we do, and may it not have been in His sight a very large gift.

Third Church Auxiliary has contributed largely to the treasury, \$70 has been given by the Sabbath School, and by one lady, who has from the formation of this society supported a girl in Miss Fritcher's school, sixty dollars has been given this year to support a teacher in the same school. The noblest gift of all is that of one of their own young ladies, who has given herself to the cause, and joined Miss Ferguson in South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hume, also of this church, have this year established themselves on missionary ground in India. Two Mission Circles are connected with this Auxiliary, the one called Miss Lottie Chandler's Mission Circle have just raised \$22 by faithful and untiring effort.

Yale College Church Auxiliary remains essentially the same as last year; the interest in the work unabated.

Oxford has also been devoting its efforts towards the payment of a church debt. They hope to do better in the future.

Prospect Auxiliary was very difficult to form, and it is almost impossible to keep it interested. The population is so scattered they can only hold their meetings in connection with the Sewing Society.

Southbury. This society is undergoing changes by death and removal; yet there are always some who not only esteem it a duty but a privilege to work for the Master. It supports a girl in China, whose name means "Blessing," which she has truly been, keeping awake their interest and urging them to constant zeal.

South Britain has held but few meetings since their pastor and his wife left them, but they hope for better things in the future.

Waterbury, First Church. A vigorous society was organized here about four months ago with sixty-three members, and a most promising interest. It has already a prosperous Mission Circle.

Waterbury, Second Church, reports monthly meetings held regularly. The appeals of the ladies of the New Haven Branch at their annual meeting and the stirring words of Mrs. Wheeler have proved good seed sown upon good ground. There is a mission band of young ladies connected with this church, which is very active, and has given largely. It supports a scholarship in Marsovan.

West Haven. A few ladies have kept up a monthly prayer meeting. Its contribution is less than last year, but the deficiency is made up by their Mission Circles—one of young ladies, "Missionary Helpers," and the other of children called "Missionary Seed Planters."

Westville reports an auxiliary of sixty-five members, with a Missionary Band—the "Cozy Circle," of twenty-five members. They have just sent their first offering to the Woman's Board.

Whitneyville reports an increase in their contributions, and says: "Our members give cheerfully of their money but not so freely of their time." This auxiliary has taken two shares in the Mission School at Marsovan.

Colchester. The Secretary writes, "with devout gratitude may we speak of God's goodness to our Mission Band. During the year we have been connected with the New Haven Branch, our monthly meetings have

greatly increased in interest, both in the numbers gathered and the deeper interest manifested in this cause. The *pen* and *ink* letters are real blessings; they bring us *near* to our missionary friends so that we can more fully sympathize with them in their labors and trials. Two life memberships have been made this year, twenty-seven copies of 'Life and Light' are taken."

New Britain, Centre Church, reports an increase in attendance at meetings as well as an increase of eighty dollars on their last year's contribution, notwithstanding the hard times. They support three little girls in the Madura Mission, a Bible Reader at Ahmednuggur, and a scholarship in the Constantinople Home. The Secretary writes, "We are not a society for the collecting of money chiefly, we meet together for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the great missionary world." Their plan of work is very efficient, and their society almost a model one in its management. They have been greatly blessed in a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They have one Mission Circle, the infant class of the Sunday School called "Little Givers," numbering about fifty.

New Britain, South Church, has a very flourishing society. It reports the conversion of an entire Mission Circle of thirteen members. One of their number being interrogated as to the beginning of the religious interest replied, "O this is no new thing with any of us; we have been working for Jesus for two years, and we couldn't help learning to love Him." So true it is that to draw near to Him in whatever service—to learn of Him in whatever degree, is to find Him *chiefest* and "*altogether* lovely." They tell us also of an envelope dropped into their mission box containing a few pennies and three cent bits, and the words, "a gift from Little

Addie." On her dying bed she said, "All I have I give to the missionaries for Jesus. I wish it was more." This loving "last will and testament" was passed into the N. H. B. treasury in the faith that He who blessed the humble "two mites," would imbue Addie's mites with saving efficacy.

North Woodstock reports thirty-one members and a mission circle named "Coral Workers," numbering twelve. "They have their meetings quite regularly and seem much interested, setting a good example to the older society."

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

This, our dear Lord's LAST command, has been slowly echoing along the ages, gathering importance year by year, until in *our* day, with the emphasis of eighteen centuries, it *demand*s a response from every Christian heart.

This same command has gathered us here to-day for an annual rendering up of our stewardship.

In the *final* day of reckoning, when the archives of heaven are opened, our *real* sacrifices, the heart's treasures we have lent to the Lord, our love, our sympathy and prayers, these *all*, crowned with the Saviour's "*Inasmuch*," will be taken into the account. *Then some*, MANY, we hope, will be able to *say*, "Lord thy pound hath gained ten pounds."

With \$8,600 of the money sent to the W. B. M. by our Treasurer the past year, we have supported seven Mis-

sionaries, fourteen Bible Women, three native Teachers, four day schools, seventy-eight scholarships in nine different boarding schools, have furnished one more room in the Constantinople Home, and have erected, at an expense of \$1,000, a new school building for the girls' boarding school in Marsovan, Turkey. Besides this we have given into the treasury of the W. B. M. about \$2,500 for general mission work.

Mrs. Edwards, after a year and a half in this country, (most of the time under medical care) expects in a few days to return to her school of bright eyed Zulu girls; one of whom it is said, "learned the first seven psalms in half an hour."

Those who know how urgent the missionaries have been for her return, and how much she is needed in the family she gathered from filthy Zulu kraals, will be glad to cheer and encourage her in this new sacrifice, even though the undertaking may seem almost too much for her.

Mrs. Leonard has her hands so full of work that she can hardly spare time to write how wonderfully the Lord has been opening doors of usefulness to her. In families where a few months ago the very name Protestant was despised and hated, she is now a welcome friend. A traveler remarked after visiting the Missions in Turkey, "nothing but a *Divine power* could have procured from those bigoted Armenians in Marsovan, the confidence and respect for a woman, which Mrs. Leonard has acquired." She takes food or medicine as needed, for the body, and with it offers life eternal for the soul.

The dear Lord, by blessing the former, has opened wide the hearts of *many* of the proudest, bitterest opposers, for the reception of the latter.

Miss Andrews is detained in America but still keeps

her face China-ward. Meanwhile she is aiding in the home work, as her strength allows. We cannot wonder she is *longing* while waiting, when we remember that Satan holds in heathenish superstition one-third of the human race in China alone, and the church of Christ provides only *one missionary* for each million of these heathen.

Miss Strong has held on heroically and alone in Monterey, amid threats, stoning and opposition. Sometimes she has been cut off from friends in every direction, by contending military parties in political strife. Still she reports progress, for the Lord has brought increased interest and inquiry out of all this persecution. She writes, "A marked change in converts can be seen by visiting *first* the *poor Mexicans*, covered with filthy rags, seated squaw-fashion on the ground, the only floor of their rude jackals, in listless idleness, doing *nothing*, save making their tortillas and eating them through the day."—"And then going to the tidy cottage of some *poor Protestant*, where *neatness*, and *PATCHES* even, show a thrift which comes with a true love for a holy God." Besides weekly meetings and a Bible Class, she has gathered pupils here and there from Romanists and Protestants (some of whom "*walk miles out of their way*" to conceal their place of destination,) until she has a flourishing school, "*to be speedily enlarged.*"

Mrs. Robert Hume is placed in charge of the boarding school in Ahmednuggur. This is the most important girls school in the Marathi Mission, having one hundred scholars, many of whom are Christians in training for active mission labors. Undertaking this new and important work, while studying herself the language, seems to *us* almost too much. But she writes: "My work multiplies very fast, but is full of promise. My hands are

busy, true; but it strengthens and helps me in it all to know there are those at home who are bearing me on their hearts, and daily ask God to bless "*Our Missionary*."

Mrs. DeForest is still at Osaka working among the women, while studying the language. Nothing in the heathen world is more encouraging to-day than mission work in Japan. These *doors* the people of God have been praying so long to have opened, are all ready for us, and we hear our missionaries calling for us to come up and possess the land. The seed our missionaries are sowing there seems almost to spring up in a day, and gives promise of an hundred fold. Every one who loves our Lord and is interested in building up His Kingdom must rejoice in the news from Japan. Your prayers are asked for the new *Kiyoto Home*, in which the New Haven Branch has just taken a *thousand dollar share*.

Mrs. Williams, the new principal of the Constantinople Home, is the widow of the late Rev. Fred. Williams, who died in Mardin, Turkey, in 1871. Mrs. Williams, by her executive ability, her previous experience as a teacher in Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and afterwards in Harpoot Seminary in Turkey, has peculiar qualifications for her new position. Our tenderest interest and fondest hopes center in this noble institution on the Bosphorus.

Our Bible Readers are *all* native Christian women, and have an important place among our workers. The reports say, "*they are the choicest Christians*"—"tried and good." "Self sacrificing,—just what their name indicates." These women employ their time in reading the Bible or tracts in houses or localities reached by no other agency; or in teaching such as could not or would not go to a school. Of *one* a missionary writes, "As soon as the day dawns, she takes a piece of dry bread and a

few peppers (her only condiment) and starts for some neighboring village, for her day's work." Of another, "her very face beams when she returns from her toilsome work and reports to us how glad the women were to hear about a Saviour for poor woman." The Bible women in India go sometimes two and two, sometimes alone from village to village. Others teach in the zenanas or gather their degraded sisters from the highways to hear the gospel story. These Bible women are often the successful pioneers of schools and even churches.

Our day schools. Many of them are in the houses of the poor, where the Bible women go *once* or *twice* a week, for a few minutes or an hour, as the scholars can spare time from their toils. They teach old and young if the husbands and fathers consent. The delight of some of the women when told that *they too* may learn to *read* or *sew* "can hardly be described." One Missionary in following up the labors of a Bible woman, says, "I found in one house three women learning, who had commenced since I was here last. *One* could read the Testament well, though she was the mother of *five* children, and was obliged to labor hard for their support." *Other* schools are in the houses of the rich, or in zenanas where the women are secluded for life. In them *all* only the Bible and Christian books are used. *Some* are day schools in school houses for children of the poor and low; for *such* only would be allowed to go away from home to learn. But our *fondest* hopes center in our Boarding Schools, where girls are received for a period of years, and away from the vices and cruelties of heathenism, are trained in the love, purity and nurture of a *Christian home*, as well as educated from books. One girl was heard to say as she entered the Mission board

ing school, a privilege she had long desired, "*I have reached heaven at last.*" The pupils from such schools become *teachers, Bible women, and Pastors' wives*, in all the missions. And the hope for the future rests more emphatically upon these *educated Christian women* than upon any other agency in heathen countries. Dr. Woods wrote of the *Constantinople Home*, "It is an *imperative need.*" And of the *Dacota Home* the missionaries say it is a *necessity* for our mission work. For these boarding schools *mainly*, we send our single missionaries from America, and from these schools must come many of the foundation stones of Christ's Kingdom in Africa, Turkey, India, Japan, China, and the islands of the sea. When our promise to erect a new school building reached Marsovan, Mrs. Leonard replied, "Hearing of that heavy debt which hung as a dark cloud over our beloved Board, and the *chilling* call for *retrenchment*, our hearts were filled with sadness. We saw before us not only the abandonment of our new proposed Seminary, but the cutting off of many other things essential to our work. Just then came from New Haven your *promise*, your *words* of cheer, to revive our drooping spirits, and we felt assured that Christian friends at *home* do not, *will not* forget us, and we are stimulated to redoubled diligence in our work."

Hundreds of thousands of deluded Hindoos annually, and every *twelfth* year more than a million, gather in a single city for their great méla, when, as they suppose, they wash away their sins in the Sacred Ganges. *Seventy-five thousand* fakirs (religious mendicants) six years ago, sat along the banks of the sacred river at Allahabad, calling to the multitudes as they passed, "*I am God*"—"Worship me."

Hundreds of thousands—many among them the hon-

ored ones of every clime—will come to celebrate our nation's Centennial birthday. Treasure by the million, time, strength, thought, unmeasured, will be lavished upon our country's celebrations. And shall the *King of Kings*, the Lord and *Saviour* of us *all*, find no *new*, no *noble* generousities, among His followers? In the growth and greatness of our beloved country, do we find no special calls for gratitude, for monuments of *love* to *Him*, He only LENDS, STILL OWNS IT ALL. Has this joyful year no special call from Christ for us? May we not appropriately ask, does it find us ready for the new key note, henceforth "All for Jesus, All for Jesus. All we *have* and all we *are*."

MRS. H. D. HUME.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions
in account with JULIA TWINING, Treasurer.*

New Haven, May 9th, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, May 11,	\$4,657.94
Subscriptions from auxiliaries,	6,973.85
Subscriptions from mission circles and Sunday schools,	1,953.68
Legacy of Mrs. Sarah Ives Silliman,	1,000.00
Contributions for expenses at Branch monthly meetings, ...	88.73
Contributions for expenses at Litchfield and Fairfield Co. meetings,	52.24
Miscellaneous,	135.75
Interest on deposits,	46.33
	<u>*\$14,908.52</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing,	\$198.92
Postage, stationery, and incidentals,	107.08
Delegates to meetings,	62.36
Expenses of missionaries to address meetings,	33.85
Discount on checks,37
Sent Treasurer of A. B. C. F. M.,	91.62
Sent Treasurer of W. B. M.,	11,024.22
Balance on hand,	3,390.10
	<u>\$14,908.52</u>

NEW HAVEN, May 15, 1876.

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

ROGER S. WHITE, Auditor.

* Actual receipts for 1875-6, \$10,250.58.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

<i>Barkhamsted</i> ,	\$ 12.76
<i>Bethel</i> ,	38.50
For a Bible reader in the Mahratta field.	
<i>Bethlehem</i> ,	40.00
For a scholarship at Marsovan.	
<i>Birmingham</i> ,	85.00
\$25 from Deacon Shelton to constitute L. M., Mrs. G. W. Shelton, and \$60 to support a pupil each, at Madura and Inanda.	
<i>Bridgeport</i> ,	317.94
\$25 from Miss Eliza M. Day, of Colchester, to constitute L. M., Mrs. G. B. Day; \$25 from Mrs. N. S. Wordin to constitute herself L. M.; \$25 from the auxiliary to constitute L. M., Mrs. J. G. Davenport, \$292 towards Mrs. DeForest's salary.	
<i>Canaan</i> ,	30.00
For a scholarship at Miss Townshend's school, Ceylon.	
<i>Centerbrook</i> ,	45.00
<i>Cheshire</i> ,	50.00
To support Samathanum, Bible reader at Madura.	
<i>Colchester</i> ,	98.00
\$25 from Mrs. J. B. Wheeler to constitute L. M., Mrs. E. T. Salter, of Mansfield Center, Conn.	
<i>Colebrook</i> ,	15.00
Towards L. M., of Mrs. H. A. Russell.	
<i>Cornwall</i> ,	40.00
For scholarship at Marsovan.	
<i>Danbury</i> ,	256.83
Towards Mrs. DeForest's salary; \$15 from Miss Mary Birchard toward her life membership.	
<i>Derby</i> ,	54.25
\$50 to constitute L. Ms., Miss Sarah Hotchkiss and Miss Mary E. Bassett.	
<i>East Haddam</i> ,	123.37
\$25 from Mr. E. W. Chaffee to constitute Mrs. Chaffee L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. Reed to constitute Miss Elizabeth Reed L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. E. E. McCall to constitute Miss Henrietta McCall L. M.; \$25 to constitute Mrs. James Alexander L. M.; the whole towards Miss Strong's salary.	

<i>East Hampton, Union Church,</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>East Haven,</i>	45.50
\$25 to constitute L. M., Mrs. D. W. Havens.	
<i>Easton,</i>	64.46
\$50 to constitute L. M's Mrs. Julia Edwards and Mrs. Thomas Turney.	
<i>Ellsworth,</i>	10.00
<i>Fair Haven, Second Church,</i>	48.66
<i>Falls Village,</i>	10.00
<i>Goshen,</i>	26.00
\$25 to constitute L. M., Mrs. Sarah A. Hazen.	
<i>Haddam,</i>	42.00
\$32 towards Miss Strong's salary; \$10 towards Mrs. Abbie L. Hume's salary.	
<i>Higganum,</i>	11.50
<i>Kent,</i>	50.00
\$40 for scholarship at Foochow; \$10 for missionary children.	
<i>Killingworth,</i>	19.70
<i>Litchfield,</i>	80.00
\$40 to support Drupatabai.	
<i>Madison,</i>	15.00
\$10 towards a share in the Marsovan school building.	
<i>Meriden, First Church,</i>	200.00
For a dormitory in the Constantinople Home, named Juliet F. Gaylord.	
<i>Meriden, Center Church,</i>	10.00
<i>Middlefield,</i>	25.00
<i>Middle Haddam,</i>	13.00
Towards Miss Strong's salary.	
<i>Middletown, First Church,</i>	110.00
\$30 for scholarship at Inanda, of which \$5 from Mrs. E. H. Goodrich to complete life membership of Mrs. Charles T. Curtis, Montclair, N. J.; \$30 from a lady to pay for a scholarship at Ahmednuggur and to constitute L. M. Miss Mary A. Birdsey; \$50 to support two day schools near Aintab, of which \$15 from Miss Marianna Clark towards life membership.	
<i>Middletown, South Church,</i>	25.00
To complete payment for Dakota Home scholarship.	
<i>Milton,</i>	20.00

<i>Monroe,</i>	\$ 25.50
<i>Morris,</i>	32.00
\$25 to constitute Mrs. Wm. M. Ensign L. M.	
<i>Mt. Carmel,</i>	55.00
For school at Ceylon.	
<i>Naugatuck,</i>	40.00
For Marsovan scholarship.	
<i>New Britain, Center Church,</i>	325.50
\$90 to support three scholarships at Madura; \$40 to support a B. R. at Ahmednuggur; \$125 for a scholarship at the Constantinople Home; \$25 from Miss Julia Stanley to constitute Mrs. James Peck L. M.; \$45.70 for general funds.	
<i>South Church,</i>	317.23
\$25 a thank offering from Mrs. M. M. Davis to constitute Miss Minnie L. Peck L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. Henry Stanley to constitute herself L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. Frederick H. North, \$25 from Miss Jane E. Case to constitute themselves L. Ms.; \$25 from Mrs. Wm. H. Smith to constitute L. M. Miss Minnie L. Hart; \$.23 from "little Addie;" the whole for Mrs. Leonard's salary.	
<i>New Haven, Center Church,</i>	481.50
\$35 from Mrs. Dickerman towards scholarship at Marsovan; \$30 from Mrs. W. I. Townsend and Mrs. Leonard Bradley to support a B. R. at Harpoot; \$25 from Mrs. Samuel Miller and \$25 from Mrs. Ezekiel H. Trowbridge to constitute themselves L. Ms.; \$25 from Mrs. W. H. to constitute Mrs. F. A. Noble L. M., of which \$10 towards support of a B. R. at Harpoot; \$25 from Mrs. W. T. Eustis to constitute Miss Susan E. Whittelsey L. M.; \$15 from Mrs. and Miss Apthorp and \$5 from Mrs. H. C. Kingsley to complete support of a B. R. at Harpoot; \$10 from Mrs. E. C. Scranton, \$10 from Mrs. A. C. Wilcox, and \$2 from Mrs. D. Wilcox towards support of Gnana-perahasen, at Madura.	
<i>Church of the Redeemer,</i>	282.00
\$25 from Mrs. Samuel E. Merwin to constitute Mrs. L. E. Osborne L. M., \$25 from Mr. Henry J. Prudden to constitute Mrs. G. P. Prudden L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. H. D. Clarke to constitute L. M. Miss Emily A. Bradley; \$50 from Mrs. H. B. Bigelow to constitute L. Ms., Mrs. Philo Lewis	

and Miss Hattie Lewis; \$25 from Miss Mary Fitch to constitute L. M. Miss Georgie Fitch; \$25 from the auxiliary to constitute Mrs. Wm. H. Fairchild L. M.	
<i>College Street Church</i> ,	\$ 64.00
To support Horepsima; \$25 from Mrs. Wm. B. Nash to constitute herself L. M.	
<i>Davenport Church</i> ,	34.00
Towards support of Zarwig in Miss Fritcher's school.	
<i>Dwight Place Church</i> ,	105.50
\$10 from Mrs. Cornelius S. Bushnell towards support of Gnanaperahasen.	
<i>Fair Haven, First Church</i> ,	187.25
\$50 from Mrs. Wm. J. Morris to constitute L. M's Mrs. Levi Fowler and Miss Eliza Fowler, of Waterbury; \$25 from Mrs. Burdett Hart to constitute L. M. Miss Julia Twining.	
<i>Howard Avenue Church</i> ,	48.05
<i>North Church</i> ,	125.25
\$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Edward Hawes.	
<i>Temple Street Church</i> ,	22.00
Towards support of a pupil at Miss Townshend's school.	
<i>Third Church</i> ,	150.00
\$60 from Mrs. Wm. Ives to support a teacher at Marsovan; \$10 from Mrs. Landfear and daughter.	
<i>Yale College Church</i> ,	202.25
\$125 for scholarship at Constantinople Home.	
<i>New Milford</i> ,	264.37
\$25 from Mr. Rufus S. Leavitt to constitute L. M. Mrs. Martha Leavitt; \$25 from three friends to constitute L. M. Miss Sarah Knapp; \$25 from friends to constitute L. M. Miss Helen Marsh; towards Mrs. Edwards' salary.	
<i>New Preston</i> ,	30.00
For a scholarship at Madura.	
<i>Newtown</i> ,	10.00
<i>Norfolk</i> ,	85.35
\$25 from Mrs. Dr. Eldridge to constitute L. M. Mrs. Elizabeth Porter.	
<i>North Branford</i>	29.25
<i>Northfield</i> ,	44.00
Towards support of a Bible reader.	

<i>Northford</i> ,	\$ 27.25
\$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. George DeF. Folsom.	
<i>North Haven</i> ,	46.80
\$25 from Miss Cynthia E. Dayton to constitute herself L. M.	
<i>North Woodstock</i> ,	23.00
Towards a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>Norwalk</i> ,	400.00
Towards salary of Mrs. Williams, principal of the Constantinople Home, \$100 from Mrs. Helen R. Barnum to constitute L. M's herself, Miss Louise Randle, Miss Clara Randle and Mrs. S. L. Steele.	
<i>Plymouth</i> ,	11.50
<i>Prospect</i> ,	1.55
<i>Redding</i> ,	13.85
<i>Ridgefield</i> ,	30.00
For a scholarship at Madura.	
<i>Riverton</i> ,	10.00
<i>Roxbury</i> ,	60.00
<i>Salisbury</i> ,	68.40
<i>Saybrook</i> ,	56.23
<i>Sharon</i> ,	14.05
<i>South Britain</i> ,	21.50
<i>Southbury</i> ,	40.00
For a scholarship at Foochow.	
<i>South Canaan</i> ,	18.00
Towards Life membership of Mrs. E. E. Manley.	
<i>Stamford</i> ,	25.00
One share in the Marsovan School Building.	
<i>Thomaston</i> ,	107.60
\$50 from Mr. G. W. Gilbert to constitute L. M's Miss Abbie Potter and Miss Chlos Downes.	
<i>Trumbull</i> ,	65.30
\$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Nathan T. Merwin and \$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. C. Newell Brinsmade, the remainder towards another L. M.	
<i>Warren</i> ,	7.75
<i>Washington</i> ,	31.00
\$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Orpha Brinsmade.	

<i>Waterbury, Second Church,</i>	\$150.00
Towards Mrs. Abbie L. Hume's salary.	
<i>Watertown,</i>	50.00
For the support of a B. R. in Turkey.	
<i>Westbrook,</i>	40.00
For a scholarship at Foochow.	
<i>Westchester,</i>	27.00
Towards Miss Strong's salary.	
<i>West Haven,</i>	77.00
\$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. L. A. Benham.	
<i>Oak Hill Seminary,</i>	30.00
For a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>Westport,</i>	35.00
For a scholarship at Harpoot.	
<i>Westville,</i>	40.00
For a scholarship at Marsovan.	
<i>Whitneyville,</i>	100.00
\$40 for a scholarship at Marsovan and \$50 for two shares in the Marsovan School Building; \$10 for the Kioto Home.	
<i>Wilton,</i>	180.00
\$50 for a scholarship in the Dakota Home, \$40 to sup- port a B. R. in the Mahratta field, \$40 for a scholarship at Foochow, \$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Robert F. B. Easton, of South Wilton.	
<i>Winsted,</i>	97.60
\$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Moses Camp.	
<i>Wolcottville,</i>	35.00
<i>Woodbury,</i>	31.00
For scholarship in Miss Townshend's school.	

MISSION CIRCLES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

<i>Bridgeport, North Church S. S.,</i>	75.00
\$60 for a scholarship each at Madura and Inanda.	
<i>Cheshire, Mrs. Paddock's Bible Class,</i>	20.50
Towards a scholarship at Inanda.	
<i>Colebrook, "Laurel Leaves,"</i>	60.00
\$50 to constitute L. M's Mrs. Robbins Allen and Miss Jennie Whiting; \$10 to complete life membership of Mrs. H. A. Russell.	

<i>Cornwall, "Hillside Workers,"</i>	\$ 55.00
\$30 for a scholarship at Madura; \$25 for a share in the Marsovan School Building.	
<i>Derby, "Mission Workers,"</i>	7.29
<i>"Blue Violets,"</i>	5.46
<i>East Haddam, "Willing Helpers,"</i>	25.00
For Miss Strong's school.	
<i>East Hampton, "Earnest Mission Helpers,"</i>	5.00
<i>East Haven, "Young Workers,"</i>	44.00
\$30 for a scholarship at Madura.	
<i>Fair Haven, Second Church, "Willing Workers,"</i>	18.00
<i>Haddam, "Young Ladies' Missionary Band,"</i>	25.00
For Miss Strong's school.	
<i>Litchfield, "Daisy Chain Mission Circle,"</i>	10.00
<i>Madison, "Willing Hearts,"</i>	91.50
\$30 for scholarship at Madura; \$50 to constitute L. M's Miss Ida W. M. Hill and Miss Lizzie B. Lee, the remain- ing \$11.50 towards another life membership.	
<i>Meriden, "Cheerful Givers,"</i>	40.00
For a scholarship at Harpoot.	
<i>Middle Haddam, "Earnest Workers,"</i>	16.62
For Miss Talcott's school, Japan.	
<i>S. S. of Second Church,</i>	20.00
For Miss Strong's school.	
<i>Middletown, Mrs. Dyer's Bible Class,</i>	40.00
To support B. R. Gangabai.	
<i>New Britain, Center Church, "Little Givers,"</i>	16.64
<i>South Church, "Cheerful Givers,"</i>	130.00
\$70 for a scholarship at Marsovan, and Inanda each; \$50 a special gift to Miss Talcott, in Japan; \$10 for tuition of Yegsipet, a day scholar in Miss Fritcher's school.	
<i>New Haven, Center Church, Miss Tucker's Bible Class,</i>	30.00
For a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>Church of the Redeemer, "Aurora,"</i>	78.65
For the new Japan Home, at Kioto.	
<i>"Morning Star Mission Circle,"</i>	15.00
<i>College Street Church, "Givers on Trust,"</i>	14.00
Towards support of pupil at Madura.	
<i>"Wide Awakes,"</i>	5.00
<i>Davenport Church S. S. Classes,</i>	30.00

<i>Davenport Church, "Little Workers,"</i>	\$ 18.00
Proceeds of a fair, \$6 to complete payment for Zarwig.	
<i>Fair Haven, First Church, "Pearl Seekers,"</i>	15.00
Towards support of a pupil at Madura.	
<i>"Lilies of the Valley,"</i>	30.00
Towards Mrs. DeForest's salary.	
<i>North Church, "Silver Bells,"</i>	3.07
<i>"West End Institute Mission Circle,"</i>	25.00
To support Luxami in India.	
<i>"Young Twigs,"</i>	2.18
<i>Third Church, "Mission Band,"</i>	8.85
<i>Miss Lottie Chandler's Mission Circle,</i>	22.50
<i>S. S.,</i>	50.00
\$30 for a scholarship at Marsovan; \$20 towards a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>Infant Class of S. S.,</i>	20.00
Towards a scholarship at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>New Milford, "Golden Links,"</i>	25.00
Towards a scholarship at Madura.	
<i>"Star Circle,"</i>	100.00
\$50 for scholarship at Dakota Home; \$50 for two shares in the Marsovan School Building.	
<i>North Woodstock, "Coral Workers,"</i>	5.00
<i>Norwalk, "Sunbeams,"</i>	25.00
Towards scholarship at Dakota Home.	
<i>"Young Ladies' Mission Band,"</i>	75.00
\$25 to complete Dakota Home scholarship; \$50 towards salary of Constantinople Home principal.	
<i>Saybrook, "Seaside Mission Band,"</i>	107.94
<i>Sunday School,</i>	30.00
For the school at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>Sharon, "Busy Bees,"</i>	55.00
Proceeds of a festival.	
<i>South Britain, "Mile Gleaners,"</i>	41.00
<i>South Norwalk, "Young Ladies Mission Band,"</i>	40.00
For a scholarship at Marsovan.	
<i>Thomaston, "Free Givers,"</i>	97.00
\$25 from Mr. G. W. Gilbert to constitute L. M. Miss Sadie C. Gilbert; the whole for school at Foochow.	

<i>Thomaston, "News Bearers,"</i>	\$ 41.94
For a scholarship at Marsovan.	
<i>Waterbury, Second Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle,"</i> ..	150.00
\$125 for scholarship at Constantinople Home; \$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. Carrie Beckwith.	
<i>"Five Brothers,"</i>	16.50
For scholarship at Ahmednuggur.	
<i>Watertown, "Earnest Workers,"</i>	10.00
<i>"Little Gleaners,"</i>	10.00
To complete payment for scholarship at Inanda.	
<i>Juvenile Missionary Association,</i>	28.04
Towards a scholarship at Ceylon.	
<i>Westbrook, "Seaside Mission Gleaners,"</i>	14.00
To complete payment for furnishing room at Dakota Home.	
<i>West Haven, "Missionary Helpers,"</i>	5.00
For Mrs. Hume's school in India.	
<i>"Missionary Seed Planters,"</i>	5.00
For Mrs. Hume's school in India.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Milford, \$13 from sewing society of First Church, \$12 from Mr. John Benjamin to constitute Mrs. J. A. Biddle L. M.,</i> \$	25.00
<i>Millington, Ladies of the Congregational Church,</i>	7.00
<i>New Haven, Legacy of Mrs. Sarah Ives Silliman,</i>	1,000.00
Miss Mary M. Maltby to constitute L. M. Miss Jane A. Maltby,	25.00
Misses Louisa M. Stone and Daisy W. Stone, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Misses Grace E. Carrington, Adela T. Carrington and Edith B. Carrington, of Astoria, L. I., to constitute L. M. Miss M. H. Townsend,	25.00
Mrs. Wells Williams to constitute L. M. Mrs. Ralph Tyler,	25.00
Mrs. Russell Hotchkiss and Miss Mary Wadsworth,	2.00
For leaflets and printing expenses,	6.75
Contributions from Litchfield and Fairfield Co. meetings,	52.24
Contributions for current expenses at Branch monthly meetings,	88.73
<i>Norfolk, a friend,</i>	10.00
<i>Woodbury, Mrs. John Churchill,</i>	10.00

BENEFICIARIES.

Mrs. Mary K. Edwards,	Inanda, S. Africa,	Salary,	\$475.00
Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard,	Marsovan, W. Turkey, "		316.00
*Miss Mary E. Andrews,	Tungcho, China,	"	460.00
Miss Carrie M. Strong,	Monterey, Mexico,	"	460.00
Mrs. Abbie Lyon Hume,	Ahmednuggur, W. In., "		586.00
Mrs. Eliza DeForest,	Osaka, Japan,	"	658.00
Mrs. Kate P. Williams,	Constantinople, Turkey, "		507.00

BIBLE WOMEN.

Samathanum,	Madura, S. India,	Salary,	\$50.00
Gnanaperhasen,	Madura, S. India,	"	50.00
Zarouhi,	Marsovan, W. Turkey,	"	50.00
Zartar,	Marsovan, W. Turkey,	"	50.00
Exapet,	Marsovan, W. Turkey,	"	50.00
Drupatabai,	Rahuri, W. India,	"	40.00
Yesabai,	Ahmednuggur, W. India,	"	40.00
Kamalabai,	Khokar, W. India,	"	40.00
Gangabai,	Barhanpoor, W. India,	"	40.00
Sagunabai,	Rahuri, W. India,	"	40.00
Vithabai,	Ahmednuggur, W. India,	"	40.00
Yeghsa Astardoorian,	Harpoot, E. Turkey,	"	30.00
Marian Emfigian,	Harpoot, E. Turkey,	"	30.00
Anna Menosian,	Arabkir, Turkey,	"	30.00

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Anna Bedroscian, in Girls' Boarding School, Marsovan, salary, \$110.00	
Eghsipet, Teacher among the women in Vizier Kupri, salary, - 60.00	
— Teacher in Miss Ely's school, Bitlis, salary,	60.00

SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

In Marsovan, Turkey, principal, Miss Fritcher, 15, expense, . . . \$600.00	
In Madura, S. India, principal, Miss Rendall, 16, "	480.00
In Inanda, S. Africa, principal, Mrs. Edwards, 12, "	360.00
In Ahmednuggur, W. India, principal, Mrs. Hume, 10, "	300.00

* Recruiting in this country.

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In Udupitty, Ceylon, principal, Miss Townshend, 7, expense,--	\$280.00
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ART. III. Its object is the conversion of heathen women and children by means of its missionaries, native teachers and Bible readers. To accomplish this it seeks by the systematic co-operation of many societies, having a common center, to cultivate a missionary spirit and promote union and harmony.

ART. IV. All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions at Boston for the purposes of its organization.

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

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The Executive Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings, where one-fourth shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; to them shall be submitted all documents designed for publication, all important letters, and the minutes of the proceedings of the Society. They shall warn special meetings, when necessary, recommend the appropriation of funds, and attend to all that concerns the well-being of the Society.

ART. II. The President shall preside at all meetings, have a general oversight of all the interests of the Branch, and do all in her power to promote its welfare.

ART. III. One of the Vice-Presidents shall take the place of the President when absent, and, in case of a vacancy in that office, perform the duties, until another election, and be ready to do what is necessary to promote the well-being of the Branch.

ART. IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society and present the same at the meetings of both the Executive Committee and the Branch, take charge of the records and papers, and prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall write to our missionary friends; to the Parent Society; warn meetings; and keep in a book copies of all letters addressed to us from missionaries. All letters communicating votes and important business are to be read to the Executive Committee before they are sent.

ART. VI. The Home Secretaries shall take charge of correspondence with all Auxiliaries and all connected

with the extension of the Branch, report at Monthly meetings, and more fully at the Annual Meeting.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money, according to the vote of the Society, report the state of the treasury at each meeting, and prepare a full report for the Annual Meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE I. This Mission Circle shall be called the

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

ART. III. The object of this Circle shall be to *learn* more about the heathen, and to *do* more than we have done to send them the gospel, that they may learn of Christ who died for them as well as for us.

ART. IV. We promise to come together once a——— to work for the cause, and to read or hear about Missions, making our contributions to the Treasurer at each meeting.

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR AUXILIARIES.

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

We commend the envelope system as productive of the best results in systematic giving.

Make special effort to secure frequent meetings, with full attendance. Cultivate, as much as possible, home talent, which will thus be strengthened. Endeavor to secure original essays, or histories of missions, to be

read at your meetings. Any person who will faithfully glean missionary news from every available source, will be able to furnish much that is interesting and profitable for a monthly meeting. Obtain manuscript missionary letters to be read. Select beforehand suitable hymns and music.

The more subscribers you have for *Life and Light*, the more interest will be felt. The subscription list of this *monthly* should be greatly increased, not solely because it is the organ of our *own* Woman's Board, but because it imparts just the *light* and inspires the *life* needed in our home work. It is for the interest of our entire membership that *Life and Light* should be put upon a permanent basis.

We wish also that the circulation of the *Well-Spring* with its clear Missionary echo could be largely increased, reminding the children every week of their duty to others. This attractive Sabbath visitant, with its beautiful illustrations and excellent teachings, we believe would be a valuable aid to many mothers and older sisters, in their work of educating the little ones.

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

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

The *Well-Spring* and *Missionary Echoes*. Published every Friday by the Congregational Publishing Society. Sent by mail, postage prepaid, weekly, sixty-five cents per annum. Sent by express, weekly, sixty cents. Single copies seventy-five cents per annum. Moses H. Sargent, Treas., Congregational House, Beacon st., Boston.

Woman's Work for Woman. Published once a month by the Presbyterian Woman's Board. Address Miss J.

C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut st., Philadelphia. Price, sixty cents per annum.

The Missionary Link. Published by Woman's Union Missionary Society. Address Miss S. D. Doremus, 41 Bible House, New York. Fifty cents per annum.

The Field is the World. Published by A. D. F. Randolph, 770 Broadway, N. Y., for Presbyterian Ladies' Board of Missions. Sixty cents.

Heathen Woman's Friend. Methodist Board, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, 36 Bromfield st., Boston, Mass. Fifty cents per annum.

Macedonian Cry and Helping Hand. Baptist Board, James M. Edwards, Missionary Rooms, Tremont Temple, Boston. Thirty-five cents. Five cents postage.

Rev. S. J. Humphrey pledges free of expense a new edition of "Bartlett's Sketches of Missions," with statistics brought down to date, where it is to be used for missionary work.

A new set of Missionary Maps, just published by Rev. S. J. Humphrey, 112 West Washington st., Chicago, can be obtained in the same way for missionary purposes.

ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MEETINGS, USED BY THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Reading of Scripture, and Prayer.

Singing.

Minutes of last meeting, by Recording Secretary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Discussion.

Business.

Addresses—Reading Missionary intelligence or letters.

Doxology.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

The Bureau of Exchange, referred to in our last Report, is now in working order, with a lady of marked ability and fitness at its head. Each Branch desiring to share in the mutual benefits of the bureau, will be expected to contribute its quota to the general supply. We invite, from our auxiliaries, manuscript missionary letters, and also original essays, poems, and articles of interest, from which we may select and forward a generous proportion to the Boston Bureau.

May we find anew, in this stimulus to the cultivation of our home talent, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." A more full explanation of the helpfulness of this new department will be found in the last Report of the W. B. M.

After repeated discouragements, the New Haven Branch has organized a *Missionary Library Association*. The nucleus of a library has been secured, and, it is hoped, it will eventually comprise all the popular and standard books on missions, missionaries, and the countries in which they are located.

Over sixty volumes are now ready, and subscribers can draw them at the close of each monthly meeting. Any one may become a member of this *Missionary Library Association* by contributing annually *one book* or twenty-five cents.

Each member is entitled to the *free use* of the entire Library. The importance to the friends of missions of such information as will keep them familiar with the progress of the missionary work, cannot be over-estimated.

An occasional book or a monthly pamphlet will not do it. This Association proposes to provide such books as those who love, support, and pray for missions, want

to read, and they invite the patronage and co-operation of all friends of the cause.

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

Twenty Auxiliaries united may form a Branch.

Twenty-five dollars constitute an individual a Life Member; if given by one person, it may also be applied for a Beneficiary. This may be paid by installments, mention being made with each installment that it is intended for that purpose.

The financial year of the New Haven Branch commences with the Annual Meeting.

The Auxiliaries and Mission Circles connected with the N. H. B. will greatly aid the Secretaries in rendering their reports by forwarding promptly, the first week in April, their yearly reports, including the names of officers, number of members, and number of subscribers to "Life and Light."

Missionary Leaflets and envelopes for the weekly pledge system may be obtained at F. T. Jarman's, 123 Church Street, New Haven.

Copies of *Missionary Letters* may be had on application to Mrs. David Murdoch, 58 Trumbull street, New Haven.

Requests for beneficiaries are to be addressed to Mrs. Wyllys Peck, 113 College street.

The difficulties in arranging for the support of pupils by *name* has rendered necessary a new plan of establishing SCHOLARSHIPS, which can be taken and retained as long as the person or Circle may desire.

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

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

It was early resolved by the New Haven Branch, that some hour of each Sabbath be devoted to especial prayer for a blessing on all missionaries, native teachers, converts, pupils, and on all concerned in promoting the work of missions. We earnestly commend the observance of this hour to all our Auxiliaries.

The time from five to six p. m. is that chosen by our sisters of the Presbyterian Church.

NOTICE.

As this Report contains much information concerning the work of the New Haven Branch and its methods of operation, it is eminently desirable that such knowledge be widely extended. The Executive Committee request that the report be read at the first monthly meeting of our Auxiliaries after its reception, that it furnish in all its details a subject for consideration on that occasion, and that effort be made to have it circulated among members who may not be present at that time.

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