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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1876.

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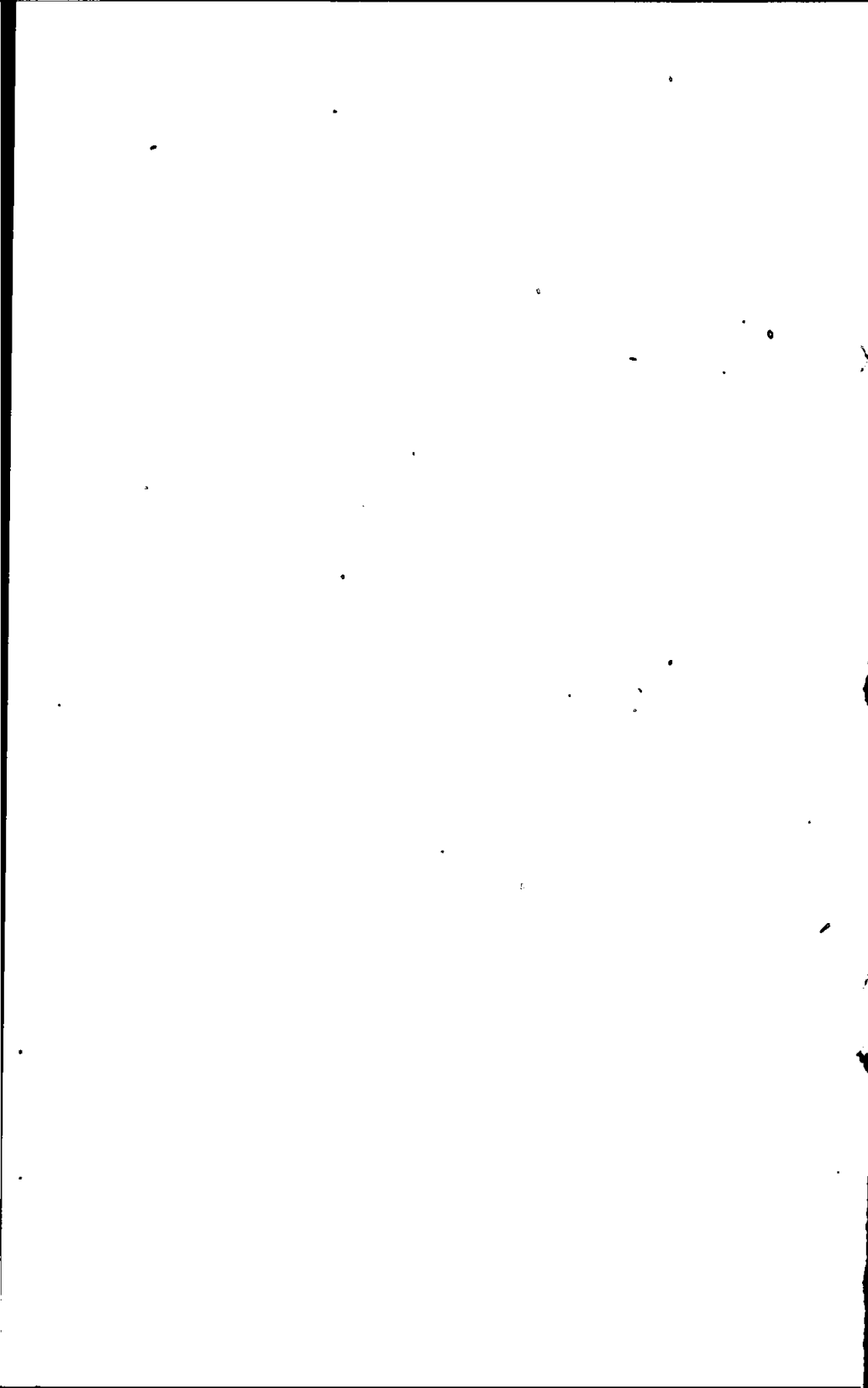
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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

THE report of last year was the history of our organization as a society. We now present the result of a year's labor, to forward the work of Missions among the heathen women in the Stations established by our Church.

In view of the wide field open before us, and our brief existence as a Society, we are not prepared to say that what we have accomplished has had any other effect than to arouse and to increase the interest of the women in our Churches in the cause of Missions, and to encourage our Missionaries with kindly words and expressions of sympathy. But even were this all we had done, this would be the setting in motion of powerful enginery to carry on our future work.

The forming of a Society must primarily be a work of planning and arranging; and we have felt it to be important that we should plan discreetly, and arrange wisely, lest some mistake of ours should alienate from us the sympathy which has been so fully accorded us, from the initiative steps of our organization, until the present time.

We have endeavored to dispose of the small sums we have thus far collected to the best advantage. To increase our means, we have tried to enlist the attention and gain the confidence of all the ladies in our denomination, so that they may unite with us, and our Society may show a glorious result from the combined energies of our best Christian workers.

We do not desire to divert our sisters from union work in which they may be already engaged, but so to increase their zeal that in connection with their established relation to other Societies, they may be willing to add the work of their own Church; we want to arouse their interest, enlist their sympathy and obtain their co-operation, and by fulfilling the conditions of the promise, call down the blessing upon the dear Church we love so well: "Prove we now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it."

The work of this Board naturally is divided into Home and Foreign work.

THE HOME WORK

consists in awakening an interest in the cause of Missions, in establishing Auxiliary Societies in the Churches of our denomination, and in collecting funds by these means, for the foreign work.

The Home Corresponding Secretaries have labored indefatigably to bring this cause to a knowledge of the ladies of the Reformed Church, by opening correspondence in their respective districts with members of the Church, or with the Ministers. The responses they have received have been very encouraging, and show that the Missionary spirit exists largely among our people, and only needs to be developed and directed to its proper channel.

More than thirty Societies have been formed, auxiliary to the Woman's Board, and others are about being formed; the names of these Societies, and the amount furnished by each, will be found appended to this Report.

Much interest is shown, not only by the ready response given to the letters of the Home Secretaries, but in the willingness to bestow funds, even though the sums are necessarily small in many of the Churches, at this time of great pecuniary embarrassment.

We hope that the ladies of our Church are beginning to feel that where economy is necessary, they should begin the practice of it upon themselves, personally, and not upon their poorer sisters who are laboring in the cause of Christ in foreign lands.

As our Home Secretaries have time to extend their influence in still other directions, and with Churches they have not yet reached, we hope that there will be a corresponding increase and awakening of interest in the work.

A certificate of life-membership, tasteful in design, and neatly executed, has been prepared during the last year, and adopted by the Society. Already more than twenty copies have been sent, and our list of life-members is increasing. We offer these facts as encouraging proof that the sympathy and generosity of our people have not been confined to verbal expressions.

OUR WORK ABROAD

consists in corresponding with, and encouraging the ladies at present engaged at the Mission Stations planted by the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church, and by the funds we collect, enabling them to enlarge and extend their work.

We have not as yet sent out any new Missionaries, as it is not thought advisable to do so in the present financial condition of our Board.

An application was made by a lady from the West to be sent out as a foreign Missionary supported by this Society, but there were reasons why the applicant was refused, independent of the state of the treasury.

Many of the collections sent us have been accompanied with instructions as to the particular field to which they should be appropriated; where no special object is designated, the money is devoted to the Nagasaki Mission.

We have in preparation a manual which we propose to publish in the course of the year. It will contain a full account of the Mission Stations of our Church, and the information on the subject of Missionary work will be more explicit in its details than we could furnish in the limits of an annual report. We propose to make this manual attractive by illustrations of the Mission Stations from photographs taken on the spot, and by maps; and we hope that it may come into the possession of every family in the Church, so that mothers, with better knowledge themselves, may be enabled to interest children and imbue them with a Missionary spirit caught from their own enthusiasm.

Children's bands have already been formed in some of the Churches, and we hope that the Missionary manual may prepare the way for others by the influence it shall exert in giving more full accounts from the foreign field.

We give some extracts of letters from our Missionaries to show how they regard our Board and the assistance we can furnish them. Mrs. Scudder, of Vellore, says: "It is a comfort to know that a band of earnest workers at home are joining their efforts and prayers with ours in behalf of the work we are trying to do here."

Some months since, Mrs. Scudder took charge of Miss Mandeville's schools, with the average attendance of ninety scholars. This, with the superintendance of the other schools, gives her more to do than she can do justice to, and she complains sadly of the impossibility of caring properly for so many children; she says; "I am longing more than ever for a lady to come to our relief who can do in the schools all that it troubles me not to be able to do, and who can go with the little girls to their homes and gain a Christian influence there also; a work that I am obliged to leave entirely undone."

Looking to us for the much longed-for assistance, she adds: "I am sure you wish to carry on the work begun by Miss Mandeville and Miss Chapin in behalf of our Hindu sisters. ***We wait anxiously for the help which we hope may soon come."

We read so much of the ignorance and degradation of the Chinese women, that it is cheering to find a gleam of light kindled in the darkness there by those who have placed in their homes that word of God, which has ever proved a lamp unto the feet and a light in the path. Miss Van Doren of Amoy, China, writes thus of the closing exercises of another year of work in the girl's school: "The older girls repeated from memory the Psalms they have committed, having just finished and reviewed the first thirty. These were selected from the many Bible lessons they had learned during the year, as giving a fair specimen of the work they had done. Lessons in Geography and Arithmetic followed.*** The Pastor expressed great satisfaction at the close, as the lessons had been carefully prepared and well recited. The parents seemed much pleased, and were very thankful for what had been done for their daughters.*** I greatly wish that all who have contributed to the support of this school could be present; I feel sure they would never regret any sacrifice made in its behalf."

Commenting on their progress, Miss Van Doren says: "It shows that Chinese girls can be taught to think for themselves if sufficient care and training be given them." At the close of her letter she adds: "This shows what can be done, and we trust that it is only the beginning of a glorious work, which shall yet be accomplished by the daughters of this people."

We think it a most sensible arrangement that these pupils are trained as teachers; a native Christian teacher has certainly the advantages of free access to her people, command of their language, and knowledge of their manners and customs. In speaking of their endeavor to accomplish this, Miss Van Doren says: "The oldest pupil is now so far advanced that the teacher previously employed has been dismissed, and she will have charge of this department herself this coming year. We are pleased to see this young lady in a position of such usefulness. It is indeed a step in advance. Since this school was opened six years ago fifty-seven pupils have been in attendance at different times. Sixteen have been received into the church.*** We trust the young ladies will not only be well taught themselves, but it will be their earnest endeavor to instruct those with whom they live and associate."

From Yokohama, Japan, we have received an account of the Girls' School, in care of Mrs. Mary E. Miller, wife of Rev. E. K. Miller, and Miss E. C. Whitbeck. This School was opened in June last and has at present twenty-eight scholars. Mrs. Miller says: "Four of the older girls, to whom we pay five dollars a month, three of which goes to

their board, assist us in taking care of the little ones, and teaching them their lessons. Three of these girls are members of the church, and are supported by mission bands at home.

"The boarders pay three dollars a month, the day scholars one. This seems out of proportion, but we wish to encourage the boarders, for we have so much more influence over those girls who are with us all the time. This three dollars just covers their board, which is the best Japanese food, better than that they get at home. It is of fish, rice, eggs and all kinds of vegetables, but no meat, bread or milk. ***The four older girls to whom we pay five dollars a month are a great assistance to us. It is our idea, and we are sure you will see the wisdom of it, to prepare these girls as soon as possible to become teachers in the school, rather than send out a large corps of foreigners from home. We want in about one year to give them a good salary, and have them devote their whole time to us."

We have given these extracts from Missionaries' letters; we wish that we had room for more, as these are but a few of the many we should like to offer, did space allow.

Mr. Stout, of Nagasaki, appeals for assistance in the establishment of a Christian Home in that place and Mrs. Pruyn joins most earnestly in the plea. A building suitable for that purpose can just now be purchased for a moderate sum. The matter has been taken into consideration. The Managers are very anxious to raise the money by an extra effort without interfering with the funds at present in the hands of the Treasurer, and to present this Christian Home as the Centennial offering of the Woman's Board to the Lord of Missions. We hope that we are not too sanguine when we say that we think this will be accomplished.

The Indian Mission work at Arizona, in the Apache country, has also its plea for our benevolence, but we have had neither the means nor the time to enter upon this field. Our attention was called to this post by an officer in the Army, through Mrs. Marten.

Although our sympathies were aroused, we felt that we should undertake no more work than that which at present we are laboring to accomplish. We see and feel that work is as needful among these Indians, as among the heathen in China or Japan, but we succumb to the necessity of checking the impulsive wish to work in every field, and acknowledge the wisdom of only doing so much as we have the means of doing well.

It has been frequently urged against Missionary Societies that a large portion of the funds collected go to defray the expenses of the

work. It is due to the Home Corresponding Secretaries, and the Recording Secretary of this Society, upon whom in this instance, the heaviest share of expense has fallen, to state that they have themselves paid all the charges consequent upon their share of the work.

We have thus summed up what we have planned, and what we have accomplished, and we now submit what has been done, in the hope that it may be approved in our Churches, and stimulate many others to join with us, so that this may be but the beginning of a great work.

Where so much is to be done in every direction for Christ, while appealing hands are uplifted to us for help, to learn the way to Heaven, it seems sad that so many of our sisters, our Christian sisters, sit idle, never hearing the voice of the Master, as he says to them: "Go ye also into the vineyard and work!"

In the last war a "substitute" was sent by those who could not themselves go against the invader. Through the collections we ask you for your substitute in this war against ignorance and sin. As this has been a year of pecuniary trouble, do not take more from the income of your family, do not, dear sister, ask it of husband or father, but deny yourself, and lay upon the Lord's altar the sum that you have saved from your own wants.

We insert, by request, the following incident from a description of the reception of the Prince of Wales in India, sent to us by an eyewitness of the scene described. The young lady referred to is a Missionary from Brooklyn, New York, and she seems to have been unconsciously fulfilling the command: "Let your light so shine, that men may see your good works, and glorify your Father in Heaven."—"We witnessed the reception of the Prince of Wales, and all the ceremonies observed on his landing in India. The native chiefs attired in their richest apparel, stood resplendent, their ornaments glittering in the sun. Patiola, the richest of them, wore a turban which was valued at half a million of dollars. About his head were festooned strings of diamonds, any one of the precious jewels he had so lavishly displayed would have been a modest fortune. Pearls and emeralds also ornamented his attire, enabling him to stand, from head to foot, a perfect illustration of Oriental splendor. Other chiefs emulated, but could not surpass Patiola; some had their robes embroidered in gold, others in pearl and turquoise; above their heads glittered sprays of diamonds, with here and there an immense solitaire twinkling like a star.

"Another scene deeply impressed me: a native woman fainted and as 'Priests and Levites passed by,' myself among the number, I saw a delicate young lady bending over the prostrate form of the heathen

woman, administering restoratives, and acting the part of the good Samaritan."

"What a contrast did this humble service of Christian self-denial present to the brilliant pageant which I had just witnessed! A cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple, will outlive all the fleeting splendor of a world that is passing away. We seem to hear the Master who looked down upon this scene saying:—"Then shall also this that that woman hath done be told for a memorial of her."

GERTRUDE L. VANDERBILT.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF MRS. J. P. CUMMING, HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

It is now a year and four months since the organization morning in which the "Woman's Board" of our Church was inaugurated. As we reviewed the work of the past year, and realize that it is the summing up of our first year's "balance sheet," we cannot but feel, that to the Source and Giver of all good, we have reason to be grateful, that this blessing has followed our efforts, and crowned them with so good a measure of success. We have reason also in the retrospect, to feel that the cause has deepened in the minds and hearts of our people, and they have entered into the work with more earnestness and zeal. Many of our correspondents, although not quite ready pecuniarily to begin the work, assure us of awakened interest and sympathy, with the promise of effectual working for the cause another year, assuring us in words like these, of their sentiments: "When the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was organized, we felt that it was a step in the right direction, and rejoice in the success that has so far attended it."

LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF OWASCO OUTLET.

From a report of Mrs. E. T. Throop Marten, we learn that the ladies in this Society have been much interested in the Mission established among the Pima and Mariposa Indians of Arizona, on their reservation upon the Gila river. There are about 12,000 Indians here who are spoken of as being among the best farmers in the Territory;

they wish to have schools for their children, and to acquire the customs of American civilized life.

This Society has also shown interest in the establishment of a girl's school at Yokohama, in answer to a call from Miss Mary E. Kidder, formerly a member of the church of Owasco Outlet. Their last contribution was a centennial offering to the projected girl's school at Nagasaki.

LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF LAFAYETTE, JERSEY CITY, AUXILIARY TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

From the report of this Society, we learn that the ladies decided to send the larger part of their contributions to the Nagasaki Mission, and also the sum required for the education of a girl in China. At their last meeting the Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury after deducting the amount paid to the Woman's Board for China and Japan, which was appropriated to the girl's school at Vellore.

Much interest in the work has been expressed by the ladies of this Society.

LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE MIDDLE REFORMED CHURCH, BROOKLYN, AUXILIARY TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

This Society was organized March, 1876. From their recent organization there is little to report, except that the ladies are meeting with favor and success in their work.

From the Auxiliary Society in the Church of Rev. Dr. Romeyn, at Hackensack, we receive the intelligence that the ladies pledged themselves to raise the amount of three hundred dollars for the year, which they succeeded in doing, and also that the sabbath school children contributed, in addition, a sum to be appropriated to the Nagasaki Mission.

The Auxiliary Society in the First Van Vorst Church, Jersey City, has sent in its first annual report, from which we learn that the Society was formed with six members who resolved, amid many discouragements, financial and otherwise, "to do the best they could and leave the rest with God." This brave little band have shown the wisdom of their reliance; their number has been increased to thirty one. Their contributions have been given for the girl's school at Amoy. Two young misses subscribed twenty dollars for one year's tuition of a girl in the Amoy school.

The Auxiliary of Reformed Church Belleville, Rev. J. P. Strong, Pastor, was organized September, 1875, with eleven members, and it

has now increased to thirty-six. In addition to the money contributed to the Nagasaki Mission, a valuable box was forwarded to that station containing books, papers, ladies' wearing apparel and other useful articles. New members are constantly being added to the Society.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Reformed Church, Newark, by unanimous vote became last year an auxiliary to the Woman's Board. They are pledged to raise at least one hundred dollars yearly for the Nagasaki school.

From the Pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, expressions of sympathy have been received, with the hope that a Missionary Society may be formed among the ladies of his congregation as an auxiliary to the Woman's Board.

At a quarterly meeting of the Woman's Board in October last, a communication was received from the wife of the Pastor of the Second Reformed Church, Newark, stating that her class of young ladies in the Sabbath school pledged themselves to pay twenty dollars for the support of a girl in the school at Amoy.

In the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., a Society was formed in April, 1875, called the "Day Spring Auxiliary." Last year their contributions were given towards the support of five girls in the Amoy school.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Bergen, Jersey City, auxiliary to the Woman's Board, was organized May 1875. This Society has been successful in its work of the year and the interest of its members continues unabated. The late President, Mrs. J. L. Amerman, has resigned her position in that Society, as she is to accompany her husband to Yokohama, Japan.

The members of this Board bear in grateful remembrance the letters of encouragement and the warm and hearty expressions of interest received from her at the time of organization, and trust that the good seed of the kingdom which has been planted and watered in faith and prayer by these faithful co-workers with us in the cause of foreign missions may yield a bountiful harvest to the glory of God and praise of His name.

The Missionary Society of the Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, auxiliary to the Woman's Board, gave their liberal contribution last year to the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, and the Secretary of that Society hopefully writes that their contributions will not fall off in any degree in the present year.

From the Auxiliary Society at Adams' Station, N. Y., we receive

information of their doing well. Part of their funds are devoted to the Japan Mission, the balance is as yet unappropriated.

The Auxiliary Society in the First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, called the "Dawning Light Band" have not abated their zeal in the good work. We wish that their example may be followed by all the churches who are yet without an auxiliary to the Woman's Board. Their contributions have been given towards the support of Miss Whitbeck at Yokohama.

The Auxiliary Society of the Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J., organized April 1875, report that they propose to educate a Japanese girl in the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama.

At the first meeting ten ladies were present; there are now ninety-six members and four honorary members.

From Bushnell, Ill, we hear that in July last, the members of the Sabbath School formed themselves into a Missionary Society, but not feeling sure of success did not constitute themselves a branch of any Society. In January last they adopted the constitution and became an auxiliary of the Woman's Board. The infant class formed a "Mission Circle" calling themselves "Buds of Promise."

The funds collected are to be appropriated to the education of two or more girls in the school at Amoy, China.

From Hope College, Holland, Mich., a call has been made for copies of the Annual Report, Constitution, By-laws, etc.

God grant that in the West as in the East, Christian women may be found ready to send the Bread of Life to those who are famishing for want of it.

MRS. E. M. CUMMING,
COR. SEC.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF MRS. A. E. MYERS, HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In presenting our report of the Home work for the past year, we find much to encourage us. The women of our Church have taken up the work with earnestness and zeal, the children are enlisted in the cause of Missions; new auxiliaries are being organized; and, looking onward, we thank God and take courage.

In the City of New York, we have some earnest workers in this cause. The Secretary of the Auxiliary in the Middle Collegiate Church writes—"In presenting our first Annual Report, we would express our gra-

titude to God, who does not despise the "day of small things," for the start we have made in our "Woman's work for Woman." We have paid to the Board of the Parent Society ~~\$100.00~~, and have forwarded ~~\$100.00~~ to Miss Talmage a box of goods, which will, it is hoped, be of service to her in her labors among the Chinese girls and women.

With renewed and increased zeal, and especially with constant prayers for the blessing of God upon our labors, we may hope to be the means of accomplishing much good to our sisters who are sitting in darkness.

In the Collegiate Church, Corner 29th St. and Fifth Avenue, an Auxiliary has recently been organized, and in the Autumn the work will be fairly entered upon.

In the Collegiate Church Cor. 48th St. and Fifth Avenue although there is no distinct organization, through individual effort, a liberal collection has been made for this cause.

In the Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, an Auxiliary was organized in January, 1876, and the Secretary writes—"We are greatly encouraged with the success of our enterprise. We have decided to direct our prayers and contributions to the Nagasaki school for girls."

At Saugerties N. Y., the ladies decided to reorganize the Woman's Missionary Society, which has been established there for many years, and make it auxiliary to our Board; and the Secretary writes that the Society has become much quickened, and the work is going forward well. A Sewing Circle has also been added to their other efforts.

The Secretary of the Auxiliary, at Readington, N. Y. writes,—“Our Auxiliary was organized in April, 1875, with thirteen members; the number has now increased to one hundred and thirty, and our contributions amounted to about \$150. We feel that we have accomplished something, which under the blessing of our Heavenly Father, whose Kingdom we are laboring to extend, will be instrumental of great and constantly increasing good.”

At Hopewell, N. Y., the ladies have become interested in educating a little girl in the Amoy Mission School, China; and their contributions are sent regularly, for that purpose.

They were recently much interested in an address from Dr. Chamberlain, and sent a donation towards the support of teachers in the Indian villages.

We present in full the Report from the Auxiliary in Yonkers, N. Y.

At the First Monthly Meeting, it was unanimously decided that the money collected from membership fees should be devoted to some special Mission of the Woman's Board.

On recommendation of the Board, and from an account given by Prof. Griffis of Japan, an interest was excited in the case of a young Japanese girl, Ko Okada, who was persecuted by her family on account of becoming a Christian, and then was under the care of Mrs. Miller, of the Girl's School at Yokohama. Mrs. Miller wished to educate her for an Assistant Teacher, in her school. The amount necessary for support was immediately pledged by the ladies of this Auxiliary, and at the same meeting a few of the members contributed \$30.00, for the support of a Bible reader in India.

In October an appeal was presented from Mrs. Howland, of the Ceylon Mission, for a quantity of patchwork, to be used in teaching sewing in her Schools. This work was at once taken up and extra meetings have been held to accomplish it as quickly as possible.

May the year just closed be an encouragement to continue in this work for our Master.

A Mission Circle has also been organized among the children, and the little ones are heartily enlisted in the work of sending the Word to heathen lands.

In the Auxiliary at Nyack, N. Y., the work has been carried on very successfully. With a large membership and active workers, much has been accomplished, and a liberal amount has been sent to the Treasurer of the Board, as the result of a year of faithful effort.

At Wyckoff, N. J., the ladies have very recently organized an Auxiliary Society, and are entering upon the work with earnest purpose, to "do what they can for the Master."

At a meeting held in New Brunswick, N. J., March, 1876, a Society was formed under the name of the Woman's Missionary Society of the 2nd Reformed Church, of New Brunswick, and Auxiliary to the Woman's Board. As the work is but just entered upon, it is not time to look for results, but we hail the organization of each new Auxiliary with gladness, and bid them Godspeed.

A communication from the 1st Reformed Church of New Brunswick, informs us that the ladies of that church are occupied in the same work, although not Auxiliary to the Board: The Society has been in existence for fifty years, and has always contributed to both the Domestic and Foreign Boards. The ladies are at present supporting two scholars in the Chittoor Seminary, India.

From Millbrook, N. Y., the Secretary writes: "On Saturday last, April 23d, our little Mission Band formed itself into a regular organization and voted to put itself in connection with the Women's Board of Missions of our own Church.

"We pledge ourselves in doing this for \$20,00 as required in your directions, but we hope to increase that amount at least four fold."

A very flourishing society in Newburgh, N. Y., has been recently organized, with a membership of eighty. Dr. Chamberlain has interested the ladies here in the Chittoor Seminary, India, and all contributions for the year have been sent there.

In Fishkill Village, N. Y., an Auxiliary was organized in March, 1876. The ladies are willing and eager to enter upon this work, and we hope for large results in time.

A correspondent in Rhinebeck, N. Y., writes us giving an account of money collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for Nagasaki. This society although not Auxiliary to our Board, each year devotes part of the amount collected to one of the Missions of our Church.

At Bedminster, N. J. there is a very large and flourishing society of forty or fifty years standing, and although not Auxiliary to our Board, a large proportion of their collections pass through the hands of our Mission schools and churches.

At Bronxville, N. Y., an Auxiliary was organized over two years ago, it is now in a very prosperous condition.

This year the ladies have pledged themselves to support a girl in India, and continue the support of Rio, an assistant teacher in Mrs. Miller's school in Yokohama, Japan.

During the year letters have been received from the young girl in Japan, and the interest in the work has been wonderfully increased. Quarterly meetings are held, when each lady present is expected to give some item of missionary intelligence, and this has greatly increased the interest of the meetings.

God has prospered our work in its beginning, we may trust Him for our future. Let us look forward with courage, that we "may go up and possess the land which God has given us."

MRS. A. E. MYERS,
Cor. Sec.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD
OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF AMERICA.

May 11, 1875.

R E C E I P T S .

From last year Cash Balance	\$713 90
By Cash received from 2nd Bethlehem Aux., at Adams Station, towards support of Mr. Ballagh in Japan, and general purposes	49 22
2nd Reformed Church, in Albany, N. Y.	104 00
Woman's Society at Bronxville towards support of Rio, in Miss Miller's School, and child in Miss Talmage's School	\$80 22
A Friend	28 00
Bergen, Jersey City Heights, for the support of a pupil in each of the following schools; Yokohama, Vellore and Chittoor, and balance to general fund	343 35
Belleville Aux. N. J., three ladies contributed \$25 00 each to make themselves life members, (Nagasaki.)	75 00
Bushnell, Ills., from Buds of Promise, for support of a girl in school at Amoy	25 50
South Bushwick, L. I. Aux., for school at Nagasaki, quarterly	37 00
Miss Effie Hopper, L. M. by Belleville Aux	25 00
Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, towards support of Miss Emma C. Witbeck	341 30
North Dutch Church, Fulton Street.	27 02
1st Reformed Church, Flatbush, L. I.	172 00
2nd " " Freehold, N. J., for educating a girl in Miss Miller's school	73 00
Some ladies of Hopewell Church	20 00
Reformed Church Hackensack, for Nagasaki, \$200 00; for out-station under Mrs. Scudder, \$65 00; and for general purposes, \$60 00....	325 00
Class of Scholars Holland, Mich	39 75
From Kingston, per J. F. Harris	10 00
Wayne Street Church, Jersey City, towards support of Miss Talmage and Chinese Girl	60 25
Lafayette Woman's Society Jersey City, for Nagasaki, Amoy and general purposes	183 25
Nyack, for school at Vedder and Yokohama	119 89
Owaseo Outlet, for Miss Miller's school and Nagasaki	35 00
A	25 00
Readington, N. J., for general purposes	180 00
Rhinebeck, N. Y., for Nagasaki	40 00
Woman's Social, Sayville, L. I.	13 00
6th Avenue Ref., called Ferris Aux., for Nagasaki	25 00

Amount carried forward, 3170 66

	Amount brought forward,	3170 65
Yonkers Aux. for support of Ko, in Japan, \$69 00; of Native Teacher,		
\$30 00; and from S. School for Nagasaki, \$15 66.....		114 66
Aux at Saugerties.....		82 60
1st North Reformed, Newark.....		101 00
Second, " ".....		100 00
Woman's Aux. Newburgh, N. Y.....		88 50
Dawning Light Band of the 1st Ref. Church, Brooklyn, L. I., have con-		
tributed towards the support of Miss Emma C. Witbeck.....		288 00
Of the foregoing sum \$25 00 was contributed by Miss Margaret		
Dunnon to constitute Mrs. H. R. Dickson, L. M., By Mrs. Stewart		
\$25 00 to constitute Mrs. Oscar O. Shackleton, L. M., by Miss Helen		
A. Stewart \$25.00 to constitute Miss Cath. Hegeman L. M.....		
Middle Dutch Church, New York, towards support Miss Talmage.....		100 00
Leeds S. S. Katskill.....		10 00
Individuals, in 5th Avenue & 48th Street Church.....		96 00
Dewitt Mission Band of Church cor. 29th st. and 5th Avenue, have		
contributed \$200 00 to constitute eight ladies life members: Miss		
Mary Bussing, Miss Eliza Bogert, Miss Anna Hoffman, Mrs. Henry		
C. Knox, Mrs. Wm. Ormeston, Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. J. W. White,		
Mrs. Fred P. Locke.....		200 00
From the following individuals donations have been given in person to Treas.		
Miss Jane Hannah Jones.....		25 00
Mrs. Fred Cook, for two members.....		50 00
Mrs. J. Sturges.....		25 00
Mrs. J. Sturges.....		5 00
Miss C. Duryee.....		5 00
Mrs. J. Howard Van Doren.....		28 00
Unknown Party girl at Chittoor.....		5 00
Miss A. Stitt, per Miss Duryee.....		25 00
Miss J. Penfold.....		6 00
Member of Madison Ave. Reformed Church, per Mrs. Ormeston.....		2 00
C. L. Weston, per Mrs. Sturges.....		1 00
Mrs. Welch, per Mrs. Ormeston.....		4 06
Contents Mite Box, from Mrs. Bergen.....		1 00
Miss C. J. P.....		1 00
" Wilson.....		5 00
Mrs. Schell.....		5 00
" Paton.....		50 00
E. B. Monroe, L. M., Miss Jennie Taylor, L. M., by Mr. Fred. Marquand		

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DISBURSEMENTS.

June.	1st.	paid Mr. A. A. Van Vechten	677 90
	18	" " " "	
		from Church at Bronxville	38 22
July.	12	paid Mr. A. A. Van Vechten	150 00
Aug.	4	" " " "	14 60
Oct.	2	Paid Mr. A. A. Van Vechten	25 00
"	12	" " " "	20 00
"	13	" " " "	256 00
Nov.	11	" " " "	193 00
Dec.	4	" " " "	100 00
Nov.	23	" " " "	127 80
Dec.	7	" " " "	165 00
"	10	" " " "	75 00
"	16	" " " "	42 00
"	29	" " " "	73 00
1876.			
Jan.	12	" " " "	28 00
"	31	" " " "	55 00
Feb.	9	" " " "	112 50
"	14	" " " "	14 00
April	5	" " " "	88 00
"	12	" " " "	119 89
May	2	" " " "	171 50
"		Paid Dr. Ferris. "	238 00
"		" " " "	1 00
"		" " " "	88 50
"		" " " "	27 02
		Stationery, Printing Certificates, etc.	52 66
			<u>2,893 59</u>
		Money on deposit for School at Nagasaki	873 61
		Cash balance on hand	767 27
		Total balance	<u>1640 88</u>
			<u>4539 47</u>

Mrs. PETER DONALD,
TREASURER.

New York May, 18, 1876.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account with the Vouchers, and find the same correct, and there is a cash balance in hand of \$767 27. and also on deposit the sum of \$873 51. for the school at Nagasaki.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Middle Collegiate Church, New York City.
 Collegiate Church, 29th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City.
 Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, New York City.
 Saugerties Reformed Church, New York.
 Readington Reformed Church, New Jersey.
 Yonkers Reformed Church, New York.
 Nyack Reformed Church, New York.
 Wyckoff Reformed Church, New Jersey.
 Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Millbrook Reformed Church, New York.
 Newburgh Reformed Church, New York.
 Fishkill Village Reformed Church, New York.
 Bronxville Reformed Church, New York.
 Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, New York.
 First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, New York.
 Middle Reformed Church, Brooklyn, New York.
 South Bushwick, Brooklyn, E. D., New York.
 First Reformed Church, Hackensack, New Jersey.
 Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, N. J.
 Second Reformed Church, Freehold, New Jersey.
 First Reformed Church, Newark, New Jersey.
 North Reformed Church, Newark, New Jersey.
 First Van Vorst Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
 Bushnell Reformed Church, Illinois.
 Owasco Outlet Reformed Church, New York.
 Flushing Reformed Church, Long Island.
 Adams Station Reformed Church, New York.
 Flatbush Reformed Church, Long Island.
 Belleville Reformed Church, New Jersey.
 Bergen Reformed Church, New Jersey.
 Sayville Reformed Church, Long Island.
 First Church, Holland, Michigan.
 Leeds, Holland, N. Y.

Societies contributing to the Woman's Board but not yet Auxiliary to it.

Collegiate Church, 48th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City.
 Hopewell Reformed Church, New York.
 Rhinebeck Reformed Church, New York.
 Bedminster Reformed Church, New Jersey.
 First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.

NAMES OF LIFE MEMBERS.

MRS. JONATHAN STURGES.....	New York.
“ MARY SHIELDS LUQUEER.....	“
“ ANN COOK.....	“
“ MARY VAN WAGENAN.....	“
MISS J. PENFOLD.....	
MRS. JOSEPH KIMBALL.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
“ MARGARET DIMON.....	“
“ S. B. STEWART.....	“
MISS HELEN STEWART.....	“
“ S. Y. LANSING.....	Albany, “
“ H. J. JONES.....	Claverack,
“ KATIE STRONG.....	Belleville, N. J.
“ SARAH SANDFORD.....	“
“ JULIA A. BUDD.....	“
“ EFFIE HOPPER.....	Newark, “
“ MARY O. DURYEE.....	“
MRS. DAVID INGLIS.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
“ JAMES P. CUMMING.....	Yonkers. “
“ A. F. HAZEN.....	Brooklyn, “
“ HENRY W. BOOKSTAVEN.....	“
“ A. E. MYERS.....	Larchmont, “
“ WILLIAM WILLIAMS.....	Hackensack, N. J.
“ G. V. H. BRINKERHOFF.....	Communipaw, “
“ WM. B. MERRITT.....	New York.
“ JOHN B. CUMMING.....	Bushnell.
“ HENRY M. SMITH.....	New York.
“ HENRY V. VOORHEES.....	Nyack. “
“ OSCAR C. SHACKLETON.....	
“ H. R. DICKSON.....	“
“ CATHARINE HEGEMAN.....	“
“ WILLIAM R. DURYEE.....	Jersey City, N. J.
“ HENRY E. KNOX.....	New York.
“ WILLIAM ORMISTON.....	“
“ CHARLES HARRIMAN.....	“
“ J. H. WHITE.....	“
“ FRED. P. LOCKE.....	“
“ E. B. MONROE.....	“
MISS JENNIE TAYLOR.....	“
“ ELIZABETH BOGART.....	“
“ ANNA HOFFMAN.....	“
“ MARY BUSSING.....	“

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and its central point of operations shall be in the City of New York...

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands, and for this purpose it shall receive, and disburse all money which shall be contributed to this society, subject to the approval of the Board, in the appointment of missionaries supported by this association, and in fixing their locations and salaries. To the furtherance of this end, it shall also endeavor to organize similar associations in all Reformed Churches, and these associations shall bear the name of Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and shall report their work to this Board at such times as the by-laws may direct.

ART. 3. Each person paying one dollar annually, through an auxiliary, or directly to the treasury, shall become a member of this association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. The business of this Board shall be conducted by thirty Managers, each of whom shall be a member of an auxiliary society. They shall be elected annually by the members of the Board, who may be present at the annual meeting, and shall organize on the first Tuesday after their election, by selecting from their number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall have power to elect not more than twelve Honorary Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members, when the object of the Board can be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

ART. 5. There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers and two other Managers, to be elected annually. This committee shall have power to transact such business as may require attention in the intervals between the stated meetings of the Managers. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, in the City of New York, at which time the Managers shall report to the association the operations, conditions, and prospects thereof, and an election shall be made of Managers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. A special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, upon the request of the managers.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Managers shall hold their stated meetings on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at such place as they shall appoint. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the request of five members.

ART. 2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month, at such time and place as the committee shall decide.

ART. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Managers, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office, and shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

ART. 4. A Vice-President shall perform, in the absence of the President, all the duties of her office. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have all the privileges of Corresponding Members.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of, all money given to the Board, and shall disburse it as the Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and make a quarterly report to the Managers. Her annual report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Managers.

ART. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Board and Managers, which shall be read for correction at the close of each meeting, and she shall give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries for the foreign field to conduct the business of this Board with the Board of Foreign Missions, and also with the Missionaries, Teachers, and Bible-readers supported by this association. They shall prepare the

annual report of the Managers; and missionaries supported by this association shall report to them.

ART. 8. The Corresponding Secretaries for the home field shall correspond with the churches, and propose the organization of auxiliary societies wherever it is possible to awaken an interest in the work for which this association is formed.

ART. 9. Auxiliary societies shall be required to make an annual report to the Managers through the Corresponding Secretaries, on or before the first Tuesday in April.

ART. 10. Any Manager who shall be absent from three successive meetings, without giving notice of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position, and her place may be filled.

ART. 11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Managers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such vote.

The following constitutions are recommended for adoption. They can be modified and adapted to the circumstances of different localities:

CONSTITUTION

FOR AN

AUXILIARY TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called the ——— of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board in sending out and maintaining Female Missionaries, Bible-readers, and Teachers, who shall work among heathen women and children.

ART. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ——— annually.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ART. 5. The duty of these officers shall be as follows: The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of the Society. The Secretary shall give notice of meetings,

shall record the minutes of each session, and shall prepare the Annual Report. It shall also be her duty to transmit to the Woman's Board the names of the officers of this Auxiliary, a report of its proceedings and condition, whenever necessary, and the Annual Report with that of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall report the state of the Treasury at every meeting, and shall remit the funds obtained, at least once a year, on or before the tenth day of April, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

ART. 6. This Society shall hold regular meetings on the——, and an annual meeting on the ——, to receive and adopt the Annual Report, and to elect officers.

DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

1. An association of young ladies, formed to aid the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall be called a "Mission Band," and shall be auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is formed, or to the Woman's Board.

2. Each Band shall be responsible for at least \$20 each year.

3. Any young lady may become a member of a Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents yearly. Each member shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, to be furnished by the Woman's Board.

4. The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have a general oversight of the work of the Band. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Band and shall make an Annual Report to the Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all sums contributed, paying the same, at least once a year, to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary of the Church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

6. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

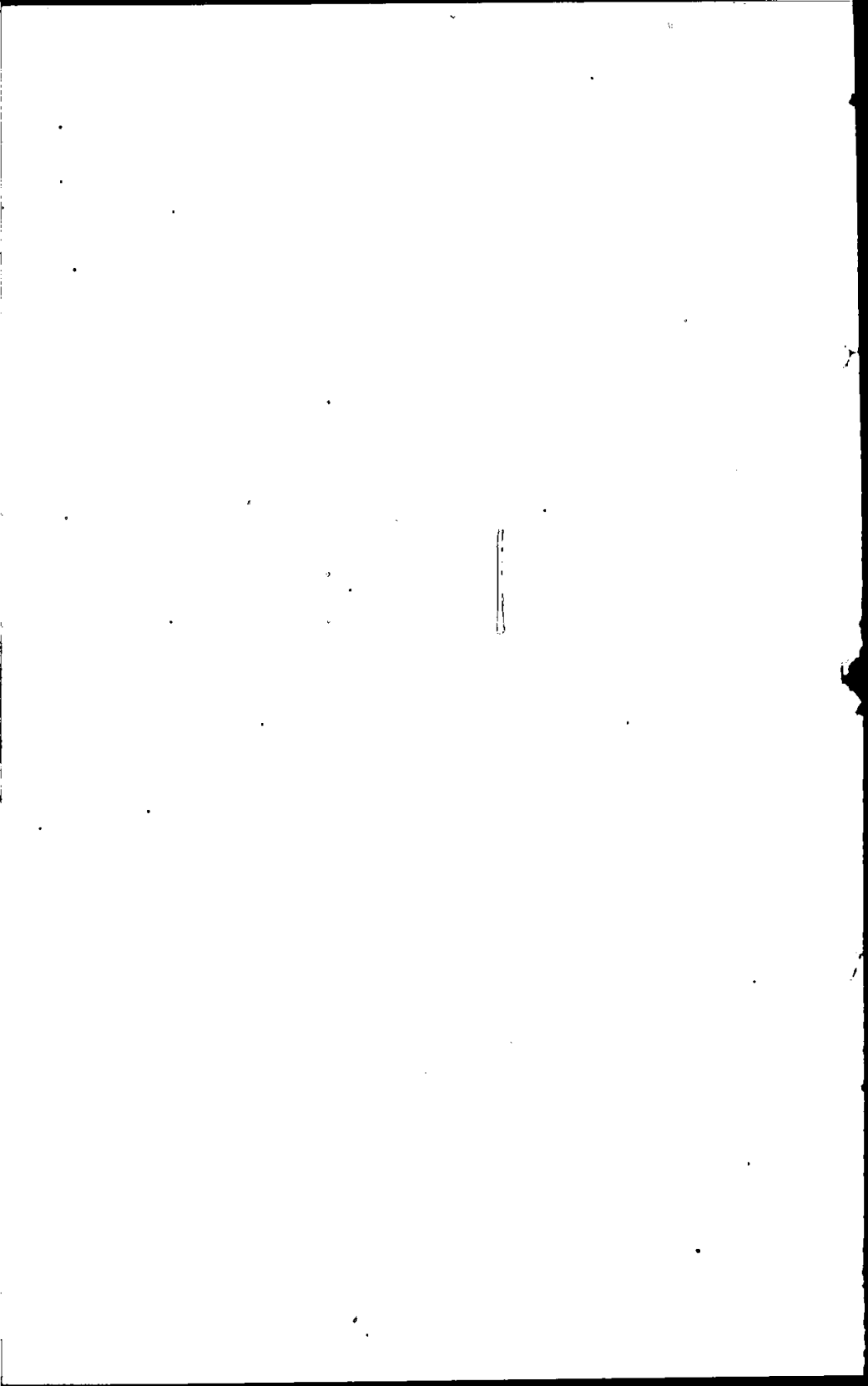
1. An association of children, remitting yearly not less than five dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall constitute a "Mission Circle."

2. Each Circle shall be designated by an appropriate name, and shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Woman's Board.

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted :

PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may hear of Christ, who died to save them. We promise to give one cent a week to the missionary box, and to come together once a month to hear about missions, and to work for the cause.



FORM OF DEVISE.—(Real Estate.)

I give and devise to *The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America*, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, all that certain (here insert a short description of the property devised), with the appurtenances, in fee simple, in trust, to be appropriated and applied, with full powers of sale or mortgage, for the use and benefit of *The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America*, located in the city of New York.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

The postage on each half ounce of letters is :

To India, via Brindisi,	-	-	27 cents.
“ via Southampton,	-	-	21 “
“ China, via San Francisco,	-	-	10 “
“ Japan, “ “	-	-	5 “

On Newspapers, as follows :

To India, via Brindisi, on each 4 oz.,	-	-	8 “
“ “ via Southampton,	-	-	4 “
“ Amoy, China, via San Francisco, on each paper,	-	-	2 “
“ Japan, via San Francisco, on each 4 oz.,	-	-	2 “

On Pamphlets, Books, Etc.

To India, via Southampton, on each 2 oz.,	-	-	5 “
“ Amoy, China, via San Francisco, on each 4 oz.,	-	-	10 “
“ Japan, via San Francisco, on each 2 oz.,	-	-	2 “

On Packages :

To India, via Southampton, on each 2 oz.,	-	-	5 “
“ Amoy, China, via San Francisco, no arrangement.	-	-	-
“ Japan, via San Francisco, on each 2 oz.,	-	-	2 “

