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Third Annual Report.

ANNIVERSARIES of Societies are very much like individual birthdays. On these days, at least after we have put away childish things, we allow our thoughts to run back over the past. In as far as we do this with a sincere desire to profit by the mistakes we have made and to learn lessons of patience, so far will we be benefited by the review and enabled to go forward into the future with firmer faith and stronger hope.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church has reached its third anniversary, and hopes, by such a review of the past year, to gain encouragement for the time to come.

The ordinary work of the Board has been carried on with earnestness. Both the quarterly meetings of the Managers, and the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, have been well attended.

As will be seen by our Treasurer's report, there has been a slight increase in our receipts over those of last year. As there has been no change in the financial condition of the country, we must ascribe this increase to two causes: a greater interest in our work and a more extended knowledge of it, among the churches of our denomination. For this, in a great measure, we have to thank our Home Secretaries, who have been unwearied in writing to churches and individuals; and by whose efforts mainly six new auxiliary societies have been formed during the year. The whole number of auxiliaries is now thirty-eight. Our list of life members has also nearly doubled.

But while thankfully recording the progress thus made in the building up of our Society, we yet have to say.

"Labor with what zeal we will
Something still remains undone."

It may be remembered that in our last report, in addition to the routine work already noticed, the Woman's Board set before itself the accomplishment of *two special objects* with a view to enlarge our work both at home and abroad. For the former object it was

proposed to issue a "Manual of Missions." For the latter we desired to establish a school for girls at Nagasaki, similar to the "Isaac Ferris" Seminary at Yokohama.

THE MANUAL.

It has seemed strange to some that we should be so long in fulfilling our promise with regard to the Manual. Slightly altering Solomon's words, we might say "Of making a book there is no end," especially when the contents have to be procured from widely separated quarters of the globe.

The material for the volume, including numerous illustrations, is now, however, in the hands of efficient persons. In the early Autumn we hope the book will speak for itself in every household of our dear old church. We wish it distinctly understood that no money sent us for missionary purposes is expended on this Manual. The work of the compilers is a labor of love. The expense of publication is borne by our President, Mrs. Sturges. Of the sum required, one hundred dollars is given by her, and she depends entirely upon the sale of the book for payment of the remainder. When such payment shall have been made all profits from its sale will pass directly into the Treasury of the Woman's Board. We mention this, that our friends everywhere may be stimulated to make its circulation as large as possible.

THE NAGASAKI SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the year an appeal was made to the women of our churches to raise five thousand dollars, as a centennial offering to the Lord of Missions.

This sum was judged sufficient to cover the expense of a building at Nagasaki, Japan, and the cost of sending out and supporting two teachers for one year. All money sent to our Treasurer for this special object has been kept in a separate fund and now amounts to two thousand five hundred and seventy-eight dollars. When the year was half out, impatient of the delay, we resolved to secure ground and to begin the building.

Upon consulting with the Synod's Board, however, we were advised to secure teachers before taking further steps. Accordingly, through the *Intelligencer* of Nov. 9th, 1876, a call was made for two teachers to go to Japan.

We have had only four responses from our own denomination. As some of these are now under consideration the desired result may soon be attained.

These delays, so trying to us, may be, perhaps, God-given lessons. It may be that we have been relying too much on our own efforts and neglecting to keep our hearts in a state of patient waiting before God; forgetting the motto adopted by our Holland ancestors, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Thus we present our work, with its successes and failures, to our sisters throughout the churches. What is the Woman's Board but the head of the whole body of Christian women in the Reformed Church? Let us then apply to ourselves the words of Saint Paul, "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." We therefore earnestly ask our fellow members by their prayers, their sympathies, and their liberal contributions, to work with the Board in sending Christian teachers to the women and children of heathen lands. Let us remember that at our very best, we can only say to our Master, "we have done that which was our duty to do."

THE WORK ABROAD.

Every letter that comes to us from our mission stations is filled with the old cry, "Come over and help us." If these letters could be multiplied and read more generally throughout the churches, we do not doubt that, through personal sympathy, more would be done to help the missionaries in their work. To spread this knowledge we give extracts from the letters of some of our female missionaries reporting what they have done during the past year. In order that those who have contributed to the Woman's Board may feel that these sisters are, at least in part, their representatives, we would say this: Although these ladies were sent out before the organization of the Woman's Board, we have paid towards their support, through the Synod's Board, all contributions received by us, excepting the appropriations for Nagasaki; this sum has amounted during the year to nearly three thousand dollars. We cannot but hope, before long, to meet the entire expense of their support.

Mrs. Leonard W. Kip writes from CHINA—"I go every Thursday to the Second Church of Amoy, called in Chinese, Tek-chhin-kha, (the foot of the Bamboo tree), and meet the women for a Bible class and prayer meeting. I have a number of good, earnest women among them, and the average attendance during the last year has been seventeen each week. They are now studying the Psalms

and a Scripture-question book ; last year they read through the Pilgrim's Progress several times, and all seemed to enjoy it very much. For the past year we have made the first meeting of each month a sort of Mother's meeting, and taking Abbott's "Mother at Home" as a guide, I have tried to give them some instruction on their duties. I have encouraged them to speak freely of their difficulties ; and they have so many to contend with that I do not wonder they are often discouraged. They often say to me, "our children are a great deal worse than yours, and if we do not get in a passion they will not be afraid of us."

Mrs. Talmage also writes from Amoy, "it has been my privilege to meet very regularly with the women of the First Church of Amoy, on Fridays. The attendance has varied from thirteen to twenty-eight—fifteen can read. We have read together some of the Epistles of Paul and the Psalms. After the Heidelberg Catechism was printed, I thought it would be beneficial to have that committed. I am happy to report that six of the class have memorized the whole, and are now reviewing it with the proofs. A number of the others have nearly completed it." Mrs. Talmage has still another class on the island of Kolongsu. It may be well to state here, that on this island are all the foreign residences, including those of our missionaries. The girl's school is in the city of Amoy and is reached by ferry over a channel rather wider than the East river. The ferry-boat is a row-boat, and in this, twice a day, the ladies of the Mission are carried to attend to their school duties. One of them says, that she has been overtaken by a storm in making this daily trip, when the breaking of an oar would have sent her drifting out to the ocean. Miss Talmage writes of this girl's school in Amoy : "We have had a very good attendance through the year, having had thirty on our roll, until within the last month or so, during which time three of our largest girls have left to be married. There is still another girl, who has been in the school since it was established, expecting to leave us before the year closes, to follow the example thus set her." All of these marry Christian men. "Already we have heard of two or three girls who are expecting to join the school when we open next term, and as we expect during vacation to go to some of the country stations to teach the women, we may also find some recruits for the school." The last week of the term was spent in examinations. Of these Miss Talmage writes : "The native pastor of the Second Church conducted the

examination in the Chinese characters. He had also examined the boy's school only a few days before, and remarked that the girls did much better than the boys, which pleased the former very much, especially as girls in China are considered as of such little importance." In a letter after this she writes : " We have opened school again and feel the need more than ever of a school building on Kolongsu. We do not feel that we can do justice to it until we have it nearer. It would cost from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars." We heartily commend this object to the liberality of Christian women in this country.

From INDIA Miss Mandeville sends a very interesting report of the Girl's Seminary at Chittoor. She writes : " It gives us great pleasure to state that the period under survey (the school year which has just closed), has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. Though pestilence and disease have been on every side, there has not been a single case of illness among us, and we are led to exclaim, surely the Lord has been with us. Though there has been only a slight variation in our number of forty boarders and two day scholars, there have been many changes. Nine of the older pupils have left ; eight of these having been married from the school, and the ninth from her father's house. Eight new pupils have been admitted. Of the forty-three pupils, twenty-six are members of the church, nine having joined during the year. In the year previous there were no accessions to the church from the school, and I am rejoiced to observe a great improvement in the spirit of the girls, since that time. Not infrequently I have discovered kneeling forms in the deserted school room during play hours, and have been led to hope that a spirit of prayer prevails, which is perhaps the secret of the change.

The teacher's training class, composed of those who have nearly completed the prescribed course, has so far been a success. The members each day teach some of the lower classes under the direction of the master, and thus render valuable assistance in the school, as well as acquire for themselves discipline and experience in a most useful art. An hour and a half each day is devoted to plain and fancy needle work. The sale of the latter has realized the sum of two hundred and sixteen rupees (\$108). They have made, besides, their own clothes and about fifty jackets for the boys' school at Vellore. Most all of the domestic work of the establishment is performed by the girls. Every effort is put forth to

create in them habits of industry and cleanliness and to train them physically, as well as mentally and morally, for all the duties of that station in life which they are expected to occupy. May the prayers of Christian friends, as well as their contributions, still continue to aid us in this important work." In a letter accompanying this report, Miss Mandeville says: "Does not the Woman's Board intend to send out any one to look after those schools in Vellore? In my mind, they are far the most interesting and encouraging work in the field, and it is too sad that they must be so neglected. Mrs. Scudder is doing all she can for them, but she is overburdened with care even without them. Two young ladies could find ample employment in them and they ought to be here now studying the language." Who will respond?

FROM JAPAN Mrs. Miller writes from the "Isaac Ferris Seminary" at Yokohama: "During 1876 our numbers steadily increased so that we closed with thirty-four pupils, thirty of whom were boarders. It seems now, as if our school were established on a firm foundation. Last May, three more of our dear girls asked for baptism. For about three years our pupils have held a weekly prayer meeting. Although some of the teachers are always present, the girls take part with great freedom, reading a few texts of Scripture and commenting upon them or leading in prayer. These meetings are both interesting and edifying. We teach the Catechism very thoroughly. Last month, my class of thirteen little girls were examined in the presence of most of our mission, in the entire Catechism which they completed just before New Year, and not one of them missed a word. Our pupils are very familiar with the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, and are somewhat acquainted with all the historical parts of the Bible. On Sunday evenings I spend a 'delightful hour' (a name given by the children themselves), with all the dear little girls gathered about me, telling them old Testament stories. Besides the religious teaching our pupils are instructed in simple sciences in English, also, in reading and writing their own language and Chinese, so that they have to study very hard. On Saturday mornings they are taught to mend their clothing; after which they do fancy work, having only half holiday. As in the other mission schools the older girls assist in teaching." In closing, Mrs. Miller says: "We have been preserved from all severe illness and for the past six months have not been obliged to call a physician.

'The blessing of our dear Father in Heaven seemed abiding in our household all through the year.'

Such is our report for the year, of our work at home and abroad. Shall not the workers on either side of the world encourage each other in the Lord?

CONCLUSION.

Our report, however, would hardly be complete did we fail to notice the losses the Board has sustained among its officers. At the very beginning of the year, its two efficient Foreign Secretaries, Mrs. G. L. Vanderbilt and Mrs. E. P. Terhune, were obliged to resign: the one, on account of home cares, the other, to seek renewed health in Italy. More recently, Mrs. A. E. Meyers, one of our Home Secretaries has been obliged to give up her position on account of her removal to a distance from New York. These still retain their connection with us as Managers. The fourth, Mrs. David Inglis, a loved and honored Vice-President, God took to another world. May we not hope that she, too, retains her interest in the work she so much loved. While here with us her faith in the success of Missions was often tried, as is ours. Where she is now, faith is changed to sight. She sees no longer "through a glass darkly," that in the Father's own time He will give His Son "the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession." Let us rejoice to be workers together with God in hastening on this glorious time.

CHARLOTTE W. DURYEE.

Third Annual Report
TO THE
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

BY THE
Home Corresponding Secretary,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1877.

IN presenting our Third Annual Report to the Woman's Board, the Home Secretary, in reviewing the progress and interest of the auxiliaries in the work, since its organization, feels assured, that in the retrospect, there is much to increase our faith, encourage our hearts, and strengthen our hands. In seeking to engage the churches to co-operate with us, and striving to stimulate into increased activity, the Christ-like labors of those already in the field, in aiding and encouraging the formation of auxiliary Societies. God has truly smiled upon our efforts, and crowned them with signal success. The auxiliaries seeming to have acquired fresh courage and inspiration from every indication of the guiding hand of the blessed Master, who "sees the end from the beginning," and overcoming obstacles, financial and otherwise, which in any other cause, and under any other Leader, would have seemed insurmountable, have "pressed forward toward the mark," and gathered in the precious fruit, still more abundantly. Our treasury not only shows an increase, but the number of those willing to obey the command, "Go work to-day in My vineyard," has also increased. We look forward, with confidence to the future, in which the good seed of the Kingdom, planted in faith, watered by the continual dews of the Divine blessing and by the prayers and contributions of God's people, and shone upon by the "Sun of Righteousness," shall yield a bountiful harvest to the glory of God, and praise of His name.

During the past winter an appeal was made, through Mrs. E.

T. Martin, of Auburn, from the agent in Arizona, for aid for the tribes of Indians in that country, who had been placed under the care of the Reformed Church by our government. This appeal was promptly, and liberally responded to, by nearly all of the auxiliary societies connected with the "Woman's Board," and a noble box of much needed goods, forwarded to these tribes. These contributions, together with a few generous personal gifts from friends of the cause, amounted to \$210, and were entirely free and spontaneous, not interfering in the least with the regular contributions flowing into the treasury for foreign Missions from the auxiliaries. The articles forwarded in this box, consisted of woolen shawls (used by the woman as a blanket also) flannel, unbleached muslin, calico, thread and needles, illustrated Scripture cards, &c., &c. The "Pima's," "Maricopas" and "Papagoes," to whom the donations were given, are peaceful and civilized, desiring schools and teachers for their children, and to learn *the arts of civilized life*. They are calling upon us for instruction, and petition that more men and women be sent, to teach and direct them. The "Woman's Board," applied to the Secretary of Synod's Board, for further information in regard to the Arizona tribes, as the field was new to most of the managers. Dr. Ferris replied, that "Synod's Board" had only nominated agents, taking care that they should be Christians, and capable men. A Methodist and his wife have a school on the Pima agency, and books, &c., have been sent them. They are employed and paid by the government. The Synod's Board, paid for two or three years \$600 to Mrs. Stout, the wife of the Agent, on condition that she should teach when she could. A Melodeon was sent her, books, &c., and she has taught till about a year ago." Dr Ferris said further, "I wish that there had been and was now a Mission there. The field is open to us, and we could do a great deal, if we had money to pay for men and woman to work. The Indians have been classed with pagans and have therefore been made the care of Boards of Foreign Missions. Our Foreign Missionaries labored first among the Indians."

We insert the Lord's Prayer in the Pima language, by request of our President, Mrs. Sturges.

ST. MATTHEW, VI. 9-13.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

9 Ah-chim 't Aw-ock talm-kahtch-im chirt 't ta, Se-atch-has-œ-lit mœ chœ-œ-kick.

10 Va to chih-wia hoerk nir-neu-tam. Vat ha-po-chu eht chir-wurt ap hoem ta-cho, ha-po-mas-e-ma tahm-kahtch-im chirt ha-po-wa.

11 Eh-te tars ap hei-ae-chu-huck t mahk.

12 Wa to stoi-kal paht 't chu-ae-chick, ha-po-mas-e-ma 'n ah-chim stoi-kal wu-es ah-chim pe-ahp hap-pi-chu.

13 Wu-es sah-po et wuae, wu-es hei-ae-chu pe-ah-po-kum wo e-wuh-sit : Wuh-e-he-chit ah-pe map o-ot te-nah-to-kam, kœ-we-ki-tuck oer-ni-ka, choerp hoe-kick-ka-lick wuh-e-he-chit ssoell. Amen.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH OF OWASCO OUTLET," N. Y., report their collections having been made by means of missionary boxes, furnished by Synod's Board. The influence of these boxes is felt sensibly, as they are brought out on Sabbath evenings, and each member of the family is reminded of his and her duty to the cause of missions, and the smallest children feel an interest in dropping their pennies into the box. This society hold quarterly meetings, and make a report the Wednesday following communion. Their fiscal year ends in July.

The Secretary writes us that "One of the first Missionaries to Japan went from this Church, Miss Caroline Adriance, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Verbeck to Japan, in 1859. After a few years spent in Yokohama, Miss Adriance joined the Mission in Amoy, where, after laboring faithfully for a few years, she was called to "go up higher." She testified her love for the cause of missions by leaving a large part of her estate to the Board of the Reformed Church, which had given her commission. Would that those who remain, now only a remnant of this Mission Church, planted nearly seventy years ago on the shores of Lake Owasco, might offer unto the Lord in this, our Centennial year, something commensurate with the missionary spirit evinced in years past by those who have gone out from us." The Auxiliary in 'THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH,' 29th St., New York, have held regular meetings at the house of the pastor. It was decided that half the amount of the money raised should be appropriated to the establishment of a school in Nagasaki. The ladies, in contributing to the box to be filled for the benefit of the tribes in Arizona, were somewhat uncertain whether these Indians came under the care of the Foreign or Domestic Board, as they inhabit a territory belonging to the United States, and acknowledge the authority of the Chief Magis-

trate of our country. It would seem as if they might come under the head of Domestic Missions; but as they speak a foreign language, they are claimed by the Foreign Board of our church."

The Auxiliary in the "SECOND REFORMED CHURCH, JERSEY CITY," (known as the 1st Van Vorst, last year) report a very encouraging growth of the Society. The membership has increased to thirty-six, and the receipts, owing to two large donations, have nearly doubled. The "Appeal for Nagasaki" met with such a warm response that this Society will now have a share in that work also, and still continue the interest in Amoy. The quarterly meetings have been well attended. The writer states that "The interest of these meetings is very much promoted by letters from our missionary ladies, and if they could know with what power these communications react upon the cause to which they have devoted themselves, they would make an extra effort and take up the cross of letter-writing to those societies particularly interested in their schools or charge. The writer feels that this society has not yet reached its limit, and by the blessing of God upon their efforts they hope to be able to make a still better report next year. One of their foreign letters contained an interesting account of *Rachel*, for whose education two of their young ladies contribute the sum of \$20 per annum. This girl is in the school at Amoy, under the care of Miss Talmage.

The auxiliary in "THE REFORMED CHURCH OF LAFAYETTE," JERSEY CITY, have held regular meetings but the donations not as large as last year, as no new life members had been added. These are promised, however, and the Society hope to report them on the list another year. At their last meeting in March, it was decided to devote their contributions to Nagasaki. At times the members have felt somewhat despondent, owing to the contributions falling off, and so many other calls for aid, but have found they were only cramped for a while under "the pressure of the times," that the interest is unabated, and the society, at present, in a flourishing condition. ◦

The auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH OF BERGEN," JERSEY CITY, the Secretary "feels assured, feel an interest in the work which equals, if not exceeds, that of the previous year." Interesting letters have been received from the former pastor's wife (Mrs. Amerman). This society have assumed the support of an additional scholar in the school at Yokohama, making two pupils

now supported by them in that institution. They also support a girl in the seminary at Vellore, and one in Chittoor. After these scholarships (four in number) are provided for, they propose to send the balance to the Woman's Board, to dispose of as they think best."

The Secretary of "THE MIDDLE DUTCH CHURCH" Auxiliary, *New York*, writes, "we have held the usual meetings and have been able to pay to the Treasurer the same sum which we raised last year. During the summer we received an acknowledgment of the box forwarded in the spring to Miss Talmage of Amoy, and in the early autumn we were much gratified by a 'return box.'" The children in Miss Talmage's school expressed a desire to send us something in return for our gifts to them—an idea which Miss Talmage gladly encouraged. One box from them contained dainty specimens of the handiwork of the little Chinese fingers—charms made by them and used at New Year and Holiday times, were enclosed. We were much touched by their exhibition of gratitude and the letter which accompanied it, from a native girl, was exceedingly pleasant in its tone. We hope that our Auxiliary may continue to do as it has done, although in our present condition we dare not expect much growth."

From the Auxiliary in "THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH," HACKENSACK, N. J., we are informed that by removals and deaths they have lost some of their most interested subscribers, and at times have felt that the full amount given last year might not be reached. But for a few faithful, unselfish hearts, who believe "the field is the world," and that to them individually the Saviour's words are spoken: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" making each Christian a Missionary, the work would decline. The writer "rejoices that there are those who, when asked to place not only their hearts, but their gifts, on the altar of consecration, believing that "the silver and the gold are the Lord's," nobly and generously respond. This society have met regularly, and worked cheerfully and hopefully—the writer adding the petition that "the Master's blessing may rest upon the work in which we are mutually engaged."

The Secretary of the Auxiliary, in "THE REFORMED CHURCH, READINGTON, N. J., report that they have held regular meetings and the society is in rather a flourishing condition.

The Auxiliary in "THE SIXTH AVE. REFORMED CHURCH," NEW

YORK, report the membership increasing steadily during the year from 27 to 84. The meetings have been regularly held and the object to which their prayers and means have been given, kept prominently before the Society. The object is to aid in establishing a girl's school in Nagasaki, Japan. The Secretary writes, "Four new life-members have been added during the year, and no work commenced in our midst has met with more ready co-operation—nearly every family in the congregation being represented, and we feel that God has truly blessed our efforts."

The Auxiliary in the REFORMED CHURCH OF MILLBROOK, N. Y., are in a very prosperous condition. Since their connection with the Board, last spring, their numbers have more than doubled. The writer says: "Our '*Fair*,' at which we disposed of the fruits of our labors, was well attended, and for so small a community very successful financially. We might have raised more did we resort to the numerous doubtful expedients often used, but I doubt if even Mr. Moody would find fault with us, for we aimed to give a fair equivalent for money received, and did not allow even a grab-bag!" The writer rejoices at the measure of success that has attended the women of our Church, adding, "may the Lord be with us and bless us more abundantly."

The Secretary of the REFORMED CHURCH IN BELLEVILLE, N. J., reports the meetings regularly held with the exception of an interval during the summer. The attendance has not been large, mainly confined to a few, whose hearts were in the work. The President and Secretary of the Society have been unwearied in their efforts to enlist the women of the congregation in the spread of the Gospel among those benighted people in foreign lands. One of their public meetings was addressed by Mrs. Morrison, a returned missionary from China, and at a monthly concert for prayer for foreign missions, Dr. E. Scudder was present and made an address, giving pictures of the condition of India, the need and extreme degradation of their women, portraying the subject in the most vivid manner to their minds.

From the Auxiliary in the NORTH DUTCH CHURCH, FULTON ST., N. Y., we learn that the Society were addressed during the summer by Dr. Jared Scudder, who spoke to them of the women of India, their needs, and unhappy condition. This appeal produced a deep impression, and caused them to feel that they must make more earnest and self-denying efforts for these benighted women, and share

more largely in the work of bringing them from darkness to the light of the Gospel. The Society held their first annual meeting April 1st, 1877.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH OF FREEHOLD, N. J.," at their Second Anniversary, were addressed by the Pastor; Dr. Jared Scudder being prevented by illness, from being present as anticipated. Letters of interest were also read from Mrs. Miller, and also from "Kuno," the Japanese girl in Mrs. Miller's school in Yokohama, they are educating. Very interesting letters and encouraging facts about missionary work, particularly in Japan,* from "The Christian Intelligencer," have been read by the President, and extracts from other papers also, thus increasing the interest of the quarterly meetings. The appeal for Nagasaki, was presented in September, at a meeting of the Society, but the collectors did not think best to attempt more this year. However, in consideration of the importance of the object, it was agreed that a committee should present the "appeal" at the next business meeting of the Sunday School. The committee reported a liberal response from the school. The collectors have found no difficulty in slightly increasing the fee for membership, which, with a few liberal donations from friends has more than covered the scholarship. The Society are greatly encouraged by the past to hope for still better things in the future. The solemn thought impressed, we are working not for time, but eternity. May the recording angel write, "They have done what they could."

The Auxiliary in the "FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, NEWARK, N. J.," report that collectors were appointed about a year since to solicit subscriptions for the Nagasaki Home and School. The sum obtained was to be sent to the treasurer. Probably by the end of May they will be able again to report sums raised for the purpose. The Secretary appends the resolutions adopted by the Managers of the Society, at a meeting held March 29th, 1877, defining their relations to the Woman's Board. "*Resolved*, that while we do not consider ourselves auxiliary to the Woman's Board in any sense that will hinder us from pursuing our home and parochial work, we do take a sincere interest in the work of the Woman's Board, and will assist them to the extent of our ability." "*Resolved*, that we cannot pledge ourselves for any specified amount, but will appoint collectors to solicit subscriptions for the support of the Nagasaki Home and School; and will make efforts to raise a sum equal to that contributed last year.

In the "NORTH REFORMED CHURCH," NEWARK, N. J., the Auxiliary, called "The Dayspring," have given part of their contributions this year, to the Nagasaki Home and School as a Centennial offering and part to the support of two scholars in the school in Amoy. From the infant school connected with the Church, the little "Band" called "The Treasure Seekers," have done nobly through the efforts of their teacher, and the little ones taught to love and give to foreign missions. These little ones have given the very handsome sum they raised towards the support of the scholars in the Amoy School.

An Auxiliary has been formed in the "CLINTON AVE. REFORMED CHURCH," NEWARK, N. J., under favorable auspices. The society was organized in February, 1877. The Sabbath School connected with the Church, organized in 1870, have been in the habit of making quarterly collections for the support of a pupil in the Arcot Mission in Chittoor, and have now resolved to remit their collections also, through the Woman's Board. As this Society is of recent formation, active services cannot be reported before another year, but they "hope to bear their part in the good work of the Woman's Board."

The Auxiliary in the "MIDDLE REFORMED CHURCH," BROOKLYN, L. I., report having met with some discouragement in their work, but are going forward and the Secretary writes, they "will do all they can for the cause." The auxiliary in the "CHURCH ON THE HEIGHTS," BROOKLYN—report having "held regular meetings and made regular contributions and elected new officers."

The "SOUTH BUSHWICK REFORMED CHURCH," BROOKLYN, E. D., report their "funds appropriated this year to Nagasaki."

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH, SAYVILLE, L. I.," are continuing in well doing. The Secretary writes: "That they consider it an honor to work on as they have begun, for the cause of foreign missions."

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH, BROOKLYN," (Gowanus), report that, although their Society is not a year old, they have collected by means of missionary boxes much more than they expected to raise. Their efforts have been blessed, and they feel greatly encouraged in their work. The Secretary writes: "We have sent in gold to the Treasurer, the payment for half-yearly support of "EMILY" at the girl's school in Chittoor. The balance for the famine sufferers in India, unless the money is more needed in some

other branch of the mission work, leaving it to the Woman's Board to decide. The Society have also received an interesting letter from Mrs. Mandeville.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH, NEWBURGH, N. Y.," "feel grateful to record in their Second Annual Report that, although the year has been one of great financial depression, and all they could wish for has not been accomplished, yet, through the liberality of one of their number in constituting a friend a life-member, the receipts have more than equalled those of last year." The Secretary writes: "Our work may seem insignificant, but we must not despise the day of small things, 'Tis the little streams, which, uniting, form the great rivers." It may not be our privilege to send forth the "Heralds of the Cross," but we are training those who, in the future, may exert a great influence for good, not only upon their own sex, but upon those who may be help-mates in their work of evangelizing the world. By educating these girls, therefore, we have an instrumentality in transmitting to our sisters of other lands, some of the blessings which we enjoy through the influence of the "Gospel of Peace." During the year the Society was addressed by Mrs. Pruyn, who gave an interesting account of the work among women in heathen lands. An interesting letter from Miss Mandeville has also been received, containing a description of the girl's school, and enclosing letters from one of the pupils. The Society enters upon its third year with new interest and prayer for a continued blessing upon their efforts.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH, FISEKILL VILLAGE," N. Y., have held regular meetings during the year, the attendance small at first, but for the past few months the interest increasing, and the Society now has twenty-five memberships. The Secretary writes: "In reviewing the work of the past year, it may seem small, yet, we are not disheartened, but with increased faith, prayer and effort, we would press forward, trusting that the little seed thus sown, will yet bring forth fruit abundantly. The Sabbath School connected with this Church have sent a handsome donation to the Woman's Board for Nagasaki.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH BRONXVILLE," N. Y., report "the interest not abated, but surely progressing." "The children have become interested, and during the last few months have formed a 'Circle.' During the year four meetings have been held and letters read from Mrs. Miller and 'Rio,' the pupil supported by

this Society in the school in Yokohama, also interesting items of missionary intelligence." The Secretary says: "In the beginning of a new year, we renew our "pledge" to contribute to the support of 'Rio,' and also to continue to maintain a girl in India. In a letter received from 'Rio,' she gave an account of her conversion and baptism which greatly encouraged us, and we begin the new year with lighter hearts, knowing that God is with us, and will aid us in the work undertaken in His name."

From the Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH IN NYACK" N. Y., we are informed that the year 1877 opened discouragingly to them. Many who had formerly been members felt obliged to withhold their contributions on account of the "pressure of the times." We feared, the Secretary writes, "that we should be able to send but a small sum to the Women's Board, but the Lord has been better to us than our fears. Through the results of a Parlor Bazaar, and Children's fair we have raised more than ever before." The Secretary writes: "We feel that the indebtedness of the Society is greatly due to the Pastor's wife, who has kept alive the interest in the work through her earnest prayerful efforts, together with a few faithful women in the Congregation. The Society hope, by the blessing of God, to increase the amount of their contributions each successive year."

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH IN SAUGERTIES," N. Y., report forty-five members and hope to increase the membership shortly. They have started a monthly meeting and hope thereby to increase the interest and thereby raise more funds.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH, ADAMS STATION," N. Y., have not accomplished as much as last year, on account of the illness of the President, but a special appeal was made by the Pastor, and a contribution sent to the Woman's Board.

The Auxiliary in the "REFORMED CHURCH, YONKERS," N. Y., in recounting the work of the year just closed, gratefully record that they have been able to accomplish all that was pledged by the Society at its commencement. The support of "Ko," the pupil in the Ferris Seminary in Yokohama, has been continued. A Bible reader in India sustained, and a Centennial offering sent to the Women's Board for Nagasaki. Part of the proceeds from a Sabbath School Fair, were appropriated towards making the Pastor's wife a life-member of the Women's Board, and also of constituting the leader of the children's "Band" called the "Pearl Seekers," a

life-member of this Board. At the anniversary of the Society, Mrs. Mary Pruyne addressed a numerous and attentive audience; and after stating the difficulty which attended the work in Japan in 1871, when she arrived there, gave illustrations of the rapid progress of missionary effort; the thirst for knowledge and quickness in acquiring it, among both sexes, being remarkable. Mrs. Pruyne made an earnest appeal to the women of the Reformed Church to aid in the establishment of a Home and School in Nagasaki; stating that the field was large, and the call for aid imperative, urging upon them, by the prestige and precedence this Church has in Japan to "go in and possess the land," which was at once so inviting, and so very important.

An Auxiliary has been formed in the "REFORMED CHURCH, UTICA, N. Y." The first meeting was held March 31st, 1877 for organization. The Secretary writes, "Meetings are to be held once in two months, and all present at the first meeting pledged to try and interest others who are now indifferent to the work, and try to increase the membership which now numbers twenty-five. The contributions of the Sabbath School will also be sent through the Woman's Board devoted to "Chittoor." A number of the ladies have expressed a desire to contribute to the "Japan Mission." This new Society is the offspring of the prayers and efforts of a few faithful members of the Church in Utica.

An Auxiliary is reported in the "REFORMED CHURCH, UPPER RED HOOK," N. Y., and originated from the presentation of the cause of Missions by Dr. Jared Scudder. A part of the funds of this Society is to be devoted to the education of a pupil in the Arcot Mission. A gift from a lady, constituted Mrs. Joseph Scudder a life member of the Woman's Board. The ladies wishing to associate the Pastor's name with the Society, called it "The Scudder Memorial." The work has been taken up with ardor and much interest and zeal manifested. "Their prayer is, that the blessing of the Lord may accompany their offerings." The funds for the education of the child, to be selected by Dr. Scudder will be forwarded annually, and as much more as the hearts of those interested may be led to contribute."

An Auxiliary was formed March, 1877, in the "REFORMED CHURCH IN PASSAIC," N. J., "through the earnest efforts of one whose heart was in the work, and in answer to prayer." The Society commenced with a membership of twenty, and feel encouraged to hope and will earnestly pray that their members may be greatly increased.

At their first monthly meeting it was decided to give their contributions to the Nagasaki Home and School. The Secretary adds, "May He in whose name this society has been formed and who is faithful in keeping his promises to hear and answer prayer, bless this work in which we are engaged, and accept it for his own glory, that through it, many who are in darkness may be led into the glorious sunlight of the Gospel."

An auxiliary was formed in the "REFORMED CHURCH, RARITAN, N. J. in April, 1877, in the *Third Reformed Church* in that place. A Missionary Society has long been established in this church, but the members have now decided to become auxiliary to the Woman's Board. We shall look forward to a report of this Society with interest. The auxiliary in the REFORMED CHURCH, WYCKOFF, N. J., is composed mainly of farmers, who live at a distance from church, and it is difficult to secure large attendance at meetings. The Pastor's wife writes, that they are, however, prompt and ready with subscriptions, and proposes making arrangements for a public meeting during the summer.

In concluding our report, although we see what has been accomplished by the *thirty-eight* auxiliaries now engaged in this blessed work of missions, there is much yet remaining to be done, calling for the efforts, prayers and gifts of Christian women in our Church. Would that many *more* would realize the privilege of doing something directly to brighten the sad, weary, Christ-less homes of women in heathen lands, and would feel an individual and personal responsibility in the matter. Our church needs the hearty co-operation and support of every congregation in its communion to sustain it in its work. Our Missionaries are sending out the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." The heathens are asking for the "Bread of Life;" "Christ's inheritance opening to his Ambassadors," and how few comparatively heed the calls. Christian women will you not by your *gifts and efforts* cause our treasury to be filled? You will find it happy labor—blessed toil—sure reward.

"All day, an you be idle!
 And the Master at the door!
 The fields so white to harvest,
 And our labor so soon o'er?
 You are dreaming, only dreaming!
 Time glideth fast away;
 The eventide is waning,
 Soon breaks eternal day."

Mrs. J. P. CUMMING, *Home Cor. Sec.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Treasurer of the Woman's Board
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

MAY 8th, 1877.

R E C E I P T S .

From last year's Cash Balance.....	\$1640 88
By Cash received from 2d Bethlehem Aux., at Adam's Station for Nagasaki.....	35 99
2d Reformed Church Albany.....	115 00
Bergen, Jersey City Hights, for Chittoor Vellore, Yokohama and Na- gasaki.....	311 95
Belleville, N. J., for Nagasaki.....	125 00
South Reformed, Brooklyn for girl Emily at Chittoor and general purposes.....	57 00
Sunday School at Bushnell, Illinois, for two pupils at Amoy.....	25 00
Aux., Bronxville, for support of Rio for girl in India.....	111 00
Ferris Memorial of the Middle Reformed, Brooklyn, for Mrs Miller's school.....	109 25
Church on the Heights Brooklyn towards support Miss Emma C. Wet- beck.....	135 06
Dawning Light Band of the 1st Reformed Church, Brooklyn, towards the support of Miss Emma C. Witbeck.....	147 00
Fishkill village Aux., for Nagasaki.....	48 50
Fishkill Sunday School.....	70 00
South Bushwick Aux., for Nagasaki.....	80 00
Flatbush Aux., for Nagasaki and general purposes.....	248 00
Freehold, N. J., \$25.00 for Nagasaki and \$73.00 for support of "Kum," in Miss Miller's School.....	98 00
Fifth Ave. & 29th St., for Nagasaki and general purposes.....	458 50
Dewitt Mission Band of 5th Ave. and 29 St. for Nagasaki.....	56 80
Fourth St. Collegate Church for Miss Talmage.....	100 00
A few ladies in Forty-eighth St. Collegiate Church.....	73 00
" ladies of Hopewell Church for girl at Amoy.....	20 00
Hackensack 1st Reformed for Miss Talmage \$100 00 ; 175 00 for Nagas- aki and 25 00 for general purposes.....	300 00
2d Reformed Jersey City for Nagasaki \$25, for girl in Amoy \$20, and Miss Talmage's salary \$71 25.....	116 25
Lafayette Woman's Aux., Jersey City for girl at Amoy and Nagasaki...	82 00

Millstone Reformed Church for two Bible readers.....	47 00
Millbrook, Dutchess Co., \$40 for Nagasaki and \$40 for general use.....	80 00
North Reformed, Newark, N. J., for two girls, \$50 00, Nagasaki \$76 00.	126 00
Treasure Seekers North Reformed, Newark, for two children in China..	50 00
Class 13, Second Reformed, Newark, N. J., for girl at Amoy.....	20 00
2d Reformed, New Brunswick, N. J., for school at Vellore India.....	55 00
North Dutch Fulton St., Collegiate New York, for teacher in India under Mr Wyckoff.....	36 39
Newburg Aux., for support of two girls at Chittoor, \$80.00, and Naga- saki \$21.48.....	101 48
Nyack Aux., for Miss Miller's school.....	128 09
Owasco Outlet, Auburn, Cayuga Co., for Nagasaki, \$15.00, general purposes.....	30 00
Red Hill Sunday School, \$30.00 for Vellore, \$10.00 for Nagasaki.....	40 00
Rhinebeck Sunday school for Nagasaki.....	44 00
Readington Aux. Nagasaki.....	206 43
Upper Red Hook, Dutchess Co., for child in Arcot Mission, \$30.00, gen- eral use \$25.00.....	55 00
Sayville, Long Island.....	5 00
Ferris Auxiliary of the Sixth Ave. Union Reformed Church for Nagasaki	100 00
Sangerties Auxiliary.....	83 95
Yonkers Aux., towards support "Ko," \$18.00, for Nagasaki, \$50.00....	68 00
Pearl-seekers' Sunday-school at Yonkers, for girl in India, \$62.75.....	62 75
Wyckoff Aux., Bergen, N. J.....	25 00
From the following individuals donations have been given to the Treas.	
Mrs S. G. Whitehead, for support of lad in Arcot Seminary.....	40 00
Centennial offering, Hudson, for Nagasaki.....	10 00
Mrs E. P. Terhune, Nagasaki.....	13 00
From a friend to support a girl in Chittoor.....	28 00
Mrs Robert Pruyn for Manual.....	10 00
Mrs S. G. Lansing.....	10 00
Mrs J. H. Van Doren Magee's Cor, for Nagasaki.....	5 00
A lady, Reformed Church, Astoria, per Dr. Ferris.....	5 00
Mrs Taylor, Englishtown.....	5 00
" Westervelt.....	5 00
" M. A. Oliver, Clover Hill.....	5 00
" Matilda Mygatt, per Mrs. Paul Van Cleef.....	100 00
" C. H. Stitt, Bayonne New Jer-ey.....	5 00
" Walter Van Kleeck, per Mrs Van Cleef.....	5 00
Interest on money deposited.....	66 00
Total	6.240 27

"In addition to the above, there have been received \$220.50 from the different churches and many valuable donations in goods for Pima and Mancopa Indians in Arizona."

DISBURSEMENTS.

1876.				
May. 13	By Cash	to A. V. W. Van Vechten, Treasurer pro. tem.	\$255	00
" 20	"	" " " " " "	48	45
	"	per Dr. Ferris.	40	00
	"	" " " " " "	47	00
July. 21	"	A. V. W. Van Vechten, Treasurer pro. tem.	99	50
Sept. 6	"	" " " " " "	25	00
" 6	"	R. Brinkerhoff for printing 2,500 repo.ts	150	00
June. 13	"	" " " circulars	25	00
" 27	"	" " " " " "	5	00
Feb. 27	"	" bill for advertising	3	
	"	" bill for printing circulars	22	65
Sept. 17	"	A. V. W. Van Vechten, Treasurer pro. tem.	20	00
Nov. 18	"	G. G. Smith, Treasurer	27	00
" 15	"	" " " " " "	28	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	50	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	17	00
1877				
Jan. 10	"	" " " " " "	80	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	700	00
" 18	"	" " " " " "	30	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	20	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	7	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	75	00
Feb. "	"	" " " " " "	100	00
" 9	"	" " " " " "	55	00
" 27	"	" " " " " "	50	00
" "	"	" " " " " "	32	25
" "	"	" " " " " "	135	00
Nov. '76	"	paid Dr. Ferris " " " " " "	5	00
" "	"	paid Dr. Ferris " " " " " "	10	00
March 12.	By cash	G. G. Smith, Treasurer Foreign Board	111	00
April 5.	"	" " " " " "	100	00
" 10.	"	" " " " " "	222	48
" 20.	"	" " " " " "	219	25
" 26.	"	" " " " " "	42	00
" 30.	"	" " " " " "	147	00
	"	" " " " " "	100	00
	"	Dr. Ferris, for photographs	18	00
	"	Mrs. Cumming, per Mrs. Martin	3	00
	"	Postage and Stationery	20	00
		Total disbursed	3,240	96
		On Deposit for Nagasaki	2,589	06
		Cash balance	410	25
		Amount on hand	\$2,999	31

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account in connection with the vouchers, and find the same correct. The amount in hand is \$2,999.31, of which there is reserved on deposit for the school at Nagasaki \$2,589.06, leaving a cash balance of \$410.25.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

May 7, 1877.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, New York.
 Passaic Reformed Church, New Jersey.
 Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.
 Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Clinton Ave. Reformed Church Newark, N. J.
 Third Reformed, Jersey City, N. J.

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.
 Sangerties 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.
 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.

Total, 38.

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.
 Second Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y.
 Greenport, N. Y.

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" G. V. H. BRINKERHOFF	Jersey City, N. J.
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Mrs CHARLES HARRIMAN	New York City.
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" A. F. HAZEN	" "
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Mrs DAVID INGLIS	Brooklyn, N. Y.*
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MISS OLIVIA WENDOVER	" " "
MRS WILLIAM WILLIAMS	Hackensack N. J.

*Deceased.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Women'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 re-

quire 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, one 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.

On Letters, for each half ounce.

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

On Newspapers, for each four ounces.

To India, via Brindisi	4 cents.
“ Amoy, China, via San Francisco	4 “
“ Japan, via San Francisco	2 “

On Pamphlets, Books, etc.

To India, via Brindisi, for each two ounces	4 cents.
“ Amoy, China, via San Francisco, for each two ounces.	4 “
“ Japan, via San Francisco, for each two ounces	2 “

On Packages.

To India, via Brindisi, on each two ounces	4 cents.
“ Amoy, China via San Francisco, on each two ounces.	4 “
“ Japan, via San Francisco, on each two ounces	2 “

