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Fourth Annual Meeting.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, was held in the Chapel of the Collegiate Church, corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street, on Tuesday, May 14th, in the afternoon. The day was unusually bright and inspiring, and a room crowded with members of the Society gave token of the increasing interest taken in the cause. A number of prominent ministers of our Church were also present and contributed their aid. The Rev. William H. Clark, of Paterson, presided at the organ, and Mr. Heyer Polhemus, of Newark, acted as Precentor; and the singing of the missionary hymns was marked by the highest enthusiasm. Mrs Jonathan Sturges presided over the meeting, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ormiston. The Rev. Dr. W. H. Steele, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, offered the opening prayer; after which the Scriptures were read by the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., of Newark. The Annual Report of the Managers was read by the Rev. Dr. P. D. Van Cleef, of Jersey City, and the Treasurer's Report by the Rev. Dr. W. R. Duryee. The Managers for the ensuing year were then elected by the members present. After this vote had been taken, Dr. Jacob Chamberlain made a strong address on the condition of woman in India. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. George S. Bishop, of Orange, N. J., who, in an address which carried his hearers with him, commended the work undertaken by the Woman's Board as expressive of a strong denominational life, and urged it forward as one of the best tokens of consecration to the Saviour.

A prayer of unusual fervor was offered by the Rev. A. Anderson, of Fishkill, N. Y., the pastor of the young ladies who have been chosen as teachers of the Nagasaki school, and are on the point of departure for their chosen field. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.
Dear Friends, fellow-laborers with us in the work of the Lord: another year has passed, and we to whom is assigned the oversight of our work, bring you the report of what we jointly have been permitted to accomplish since we last met. And it has been a happy year for us. Anxieties have come to us, times in which our way has seemed hedged up, but prayerfully and watchfully we have waited; step by step we have followed, as the way has been made plain for us, and our old year closes with more of fulfillment, the new opens with more of promise, than any of the preceding.

Our meetings have been fully attended, and have been more and more helpful and earnest; the number of auxiliaries has greatly increased, and our Treasurer's report will show a growth of practical interest, the amount collected this year being $2,487 in advance of last year.

The Manual, long a matter of deep interest to many of us, after delays over which we had no control, finally appeared on Christmas Eve.

We take great pleasure in commending it to all interested in the Foreign Work of our Church—not merely as a delightful book, which will well repay the reading; but as useful for reference in many matters in connection with Mission work.
But first upon our hearts, during two years past, has been the field at Nagasaki; earnest entreaties that we would enter in and occupy it having come, not only from Mr. and Mrs. Stout, now upon the ground at Nagasaki; but also from our devoted laborer, Mrs. Miller, of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, at Yokohama.

Carefully, earnestly, and with much prayer have we sought for teachers who seemed fitted to open there such a school as those at Chittoor, Amoy, and the one above mentioned at Yokohama; and now, at last, we feel that our prayers have been answered, and that in His own time, the Lord has sent us for the work, two sisters, the Misses Elizabeth T. and Mary J. Farrington, formerly of Newburgh, now of Fishkill Village; who will leave us by the steamer of July 1st, from San Francisco, for their future home.

The summer will be spent by them with our missionaries of Yokohama, in studying the language, and preparing for the work upon which they will enter in the autumn at Nagasaki.

Mrs. Stout, whose health is already failing from overwork, wrote us in December: "What is the Board going to do? A class of girls have come to me unsought, and I am trying to hold them for our school; but if we cannot have a re-enforcement soon, I must let them go to others now, before I am too deeply interested in them."

We rejoiced to know that our letter, bearing the encouraging hope that help would come, had passed her's on the way.

Very naturally we turn from Nagasaki to Yokohama, whither our thoughts are often lovingly carried by the frequent letters received, not only from Mrs. Miller and Miss Witbeck, but from some of the older scholars also, who send us their Christian greetings from time to time, in our own language, in which they manifest great proficiency.

The report of the "Isaac Ferris Seminary," is so concise and so replete with interest, that we give it entire as it has come to us:

To the Woman's Board of the Reformed Church in America:

REPORT OF FERRIS SEMINARY, FOR 1877.

During the year our school has numbered thirty-seven pupils. The average has been thirty-two. The year began with thirty-two and closed with thirty-three pupils. Of boarding pupils we
have had thirty-four. The year began with twenty-eight boarders, and closed with twenty-nine.

In May four of our pupils were received into the Church—of whom I wrote particularly at that time, and will not repeat.

These included all of our pupils of any maturity, who had not previously united with the Church. One of our servants—a boy of much promise—was received into the Church at the same time.

Soon afterward our dear little girls, numbering two-thirds of our school, began of their own accord, without advice from any one, a ten-minute daily prayer-meeting. They took the time from their play-hour; and, at first, held their meetings in the wood-shed, but afterward in one of their rooms upstairs. They read a few verses in the Gospels; and then freely led in prayer, in earnest simplicity confessing their sins, and asking for help to overcome them; and imploring the influence of the Spirit upon their parents and relatives, many of whom were separated from any Christian influence, and had no teacher but the Holy Spirit. We feel sure that many of these dear little ones are children already born of the Spirit. Their influence is at work upon their homes.

One mother said, when she came from Tokiyo to visit us, after her little eight-year old daughter had spent a vacation with her, that little Kimi's example had often been a reproof to her. When unkind words were upon her lips, Kimi would say, "God does not like you to speak so." That mother is now a baptised Christian, and who can say how much little Kimi's example may have had to do with her becoming such.

Little "Matsu," now ten years old, has not seen her mother in more than two years. She wrote to her mother, asking for permission to spend her Summer vacation with her. Her mother replied that she was afraid she would wish to remain at home, and that she could not come until she had completed her education. Matsu is a fine scholar, and very fond of school. She only wished to teach her mother Christianity, but quietly submitted to her mother's decision, and asked us to send her such portions of the Bible and other books, as would best teach her the way to Christ. I feel sure her little heart is every day poured out for the salvation of her parents. A letter came, saying the books were received, and that she was reading them every day.

Another little girl—"Kaku"—whose parents are baptised Christians, was anxious that her father should lead a more devoted life. Through her mother I learned that Kaku had written her father a letter, urging him to a deeper faith and more earnest zeal; by which he was much pleased and greatly benefited.

Another little girl—"Ichi"—whose parents are at Sapposo, on the island of Yesso, far to the north, hearing that there was Christian teaching there, was anxious lest it might be Roman or Greek Christianity, and spoke to us about it. When told that she must write, and tell them the true way, she said she had done-
so already as well as she could. She asked that books might be sent, and when told that Professor C., from Amherst, who was in the same department of government employ as her father, was a true Protestant teacher, she was much comforted.

These are not all. I could tell of many more examples of faith and love among these little ones.

With gratitude, we can truly say: “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, Thou hast perfected praise.”

The little prayer meeting mentioned, is still continued, although I have never even spoken of it to the children—desiring, if it were continued, it might be of their own free will; or, if it were discontinued, it might be so with no word of mine. The children know that I rejoice in every effort of theirs to draw near to the Saviour.

During the Summer vacation, one of these little praying ones, named “Hana” [flower] was transplanted to bloom eternally in the sweet fields above.

The weekly prayer-meeting, in connection with the pupils of “The Mission Home,” has been continued through the year; and is a time of refreshment and blessing, both to teachers and pupils.

The older girls, also, have a daily ten-minute prayer-meeting. The pupils never seem weary of their three-quarters of an hour Bible lesson every morning.

The progress of the children in their English and Japanese lessons has been good. Their Autumn examinations were a credit to teachers and pupils.

Five of the Christian girls are making excellent progress in playing upon the organ, which is showing evident signs of age by its incessant use. We are beginning to need another one.

Mr. Ohara, who has been Mr. Miller’s teacher for about a year, became a regular teacher in the afternoon Japanese school last October. He professed his faith in Christ, and was received into the Church in December. We esteem him highly, and hope we may long retain him in connection with our school. He has recently been made a deacon in the native Church. Before Mr. Ohara became a teacher in school, for some months, Suye Yamanoouchi, one of the older pupils, had been the principal teacher; but it seemed better to make her an assistant, and to have an older person for the head. Indeed, Suye desired such an arrangement herself.

During the Spring and early Summer, some of the older girls and myself went out regularly twice each week, teaching the Bible in the families of some of our pupils. During the Autumn this work was interrupted by the prevalence of cholera. Some of those whom we taught come here now regularly on Sundays to be instructed by Mr. Miller.

Through the merciful kindness of our Heavenly Father, we have all been kept in health; even in the Autumn, when cholera was prevailing, no one of our large household was ill, and we were able to continue our school as usual. With only praise and
thanksgiving for the blessings so bountifully bestowed upon us
during the past year, we look forward with renewed hope and
trust; praying that the dear Lord may continue to bless you and
us in our united work.

MARY E. MILLER,
EMMA C. WITBECK.

AMOY.

We have no special report from Amoy, but Miss Mary E.
Talmage has written very pleasantly to the Auxiliary which sup­
ported her, of the confession of faith and subsequent marriage of
one of their scholars, whom they call Rachel. She adds: "From
your letter you seem to think that we gave Rachel her name. The
Chinese (and we, too) call her Liap Kiat. This is the name for
Rachel in the Chinese Bible. Therefore, in writing to you about
her in English, we have turned it back into the English form. The
Christians often give their children Bible names, such as Manas­
them without any reference to the sex. There is a boy up country
named Sarah.

"Since Rachel left a little scholar has joined the school, who
might take her place. Her name is Lo-tek (Lau-teck). This, by
the way, is the name in the Chinese Bible for Ruth. She has a
brother who rejoices in the name of Liap-bek, i. e. Lamech. She
is a little girl of eight years of age, and will probably be in school
a number of years. As a rule, we do not receive boarders under
twelve, but we have made an exception in the case of this girl.
You may judge from her name and that of her brother that she
belongs to a Christian family. Her mother is an unusually bright
Chinese woman, who has learned to read, write and cipher. She
is a widow of the Chinaman who went to America with us in
1862.

INDIA.

From Miss Mandeville we have a cheerful report of the school
at Chittoor, though the work in India is sorely crippled, for want
of teachers; especially of late, during the enforced absence of so
many of the useful laborers of that field.

Miss Mandeville writes as follows:


The advent of the new year calls for a rendering up
of the accounts of the old. We have nothing new or start-
ning to record. The days and weeks and months have flown by almost too quickly, and the year has been one of uninterrupted work and progress. Nothing has disturbed the smooth and even course of our affairs. While distresses and calamities have been on every side they have not come near us. The health of the school has been very good. Only a few cases of slight fever occurred when the famine was at its height, and the low state of the wells rendered the water most unwholesome. While pestilence and disease, the handmaids of famine, have been committing sad havoc through the land, we have been most graciously preserved from any serious outbreak of sickness.

The conduct of the girls, on the whole, has been most satisfactory. They have been diligent and obedient. All of the older girls are members of the Church; and we have reason to believe that most of them are trying to be, what they profess to be, true Christians. Even among those not yet old enough to be admitted to the communion table, there seems to be a desire to serve the Master. We do not wish to convey the impression that in this flourishing little field there are no tares among the wheat. What teacher has ever yet found in a crowd of forty girls universal good temper and disposition to acquire knowledge? A dark or a fair skin seems to make little difference in the manifestation of that universal inheritance of the race—human nature—especially as it exhibits itself in boarding schools.

How much small change (the gifts of parents and friends) is converted into fruit and confectionery at the bazar; how much bribery and corruption exists in the vicinity of the kitchen, for the purpose of obtaining sundry luxuries not admitted into the daily regimen of the school, we are unable to say. Having been fully instructed as to the penalties and effects of such small sins, we are inclined to be most indulgent to delinquents found trespassing on such familiar ground.

There has not been any very material change in our numbers during the year. At its beginning there were forty-two names on the roll, and at its close forty. Three new pupils were admitted, while five were married, and have gone forth to fight the battle of life, and to test the weapons wherewith they have been armed. Three of them were pupil teachers. The oldest, Caroline, was the elder sister of every girl in the school, and very much loved and looked up to. The next, Paripooranam, was the brightest and cleverest, always at the head of her class, and an excellent teacher. The last, Magdalena, was our sweet singer. All of them have left vacant places, that will not be soon filled.

In December we passed the ordeal of three examinations, following each other in close succession. First the Teacher Grade Certificate Examination, for which nine of the girls appeared, and all passed in the first or highest class. After this the examination by the Government Inspector for "Grant in Aid," for which we receive 467 Rupees (about $240); and lastly the examination before the Mission Committee, mostly in Scripture subjects.
The class of pupil teachers is doing efficient service in the school. By its means we are able to dispense with the services of a second master. It is composed only of those girls who have passed the Teacher Certificate Examination, and is an object of ambition to all, the highest honor to be attained in the school, and we are glad to find it regarded as such by parents and friends, as well as pupils. The head master deserved special notice for his thoroughness and zeal in instructing this class, giving a part of his own time to it each day.

The usual amount of time has been given to acquiring proficiency in that most feminine of all accomplishments, the use of the needle, and over two hundred rupees have been realized from the sale of the work.

This famine year the expenses of the school have been greatly increased, if not quite doubled; and we tender our warmest thanks to those who have contributed to its support during these times of scarcity and distress, hoping that earnest prayers may follow these liberal gifts; and that the blessing of the Lord may rest and abide here, that our labor may not be in vain in the Lord.

Miss Mandeville adds: "I am going to-morrow to Vellore, to assist at the prize giving in the Caste Girls' schools, and I hope to send a short account of what I see and hear at that place. I feel as if that very important work were being quite neglected and forgotten.

CONCLUSION.

And now, dear friends, have we not seen, even in the slight glimpse we have taken, that the Lord has crowned the work of our Church with His blessing? And shall we not, in the coming year, render to Him a thank-offering of greater consecration to His service? Who is willing, not only to give unto the Lord of her own substance, but by patient, self-denying effort to furnish the opportunity for contribution to those who can only give their mite, but would gladly contribute that often, if others would only give their time to collect it.

One lady collects $100 a year among the sewing girls and the poor in the lower part of this city by ten cent monthly contributions. Who can doubt that the blessing thereof is a hundred fold greater than if she gave it all herself?

How long has the Church prayed for a blessing; when will we "bring all the tithes" that we may prove the Lord therewith? Let us sacrifice, henceforth, if need be, time, dress, pleasure, even comfort to the Lord; and see if the offering prove not a sacrifice of joy and thanksgiving

J. H. Polhemus.
With heartfelt gratitude to Him who has so signally crowned the efforts of the year just closed, with a good measure of success, we present our Fourth Annual Report to the Woman’s Board, of the work of the Auxiliaries: their prosperity, and present condition; with the record, also, of the newly formed Societies, who have brought their liberal gifts, to aid us in upholding the banner of the Cross in heathen lands. In the interior between May 1877 and 1878, there have been organized sixteen Auxiliary Societies. The total number now engaged in this work of Missions, is fifty-four. We cannot but feel that this good achieved, and, also, much of the revival of that missionary spirit which has been evident, is largely due to those godly men—those veteran missionaries, who are now about to leave our shores for their far distant, and respective fields of usefulness. Their labors, in the endeavor to arouse and awaken an interest in the great cause of missions, have been unwearied and incessant. The inspiration of their presence—their powerful appeals in behalf of those for whom they have made the greatest personal sacrifices, and
who are looking to us for spiritual aid, have not failed to
arouse the enthusiasm, and kindle the zeal of God's people, in
many instances. Would that a still larger number had been
moved by their soul-stirring words, to give practical recogni-
tion of the truth as conveyed in those thrilling messages—by
substantial aid in this, the Master's work.

The question is asked, "Where would the whole Church
of Christ be to-day, if the commands of her Lord should be-
come her inspiration—His promises embraced with confidence
—and self-sacrifice regarded as a reasonable service?" We
may, with confidence, reply that the Messiah's reign would
soon be consummated. We rejoice in the opportunity thus
afforded the Woman's Board for enlarged effort for the moral
and Christian elevation of our sex in those benighted lands
yet to be brought under the influence of the Gospel, through
the hearty co-operation and generous gifts of these newly
formed Societies.

Brooklyn, E. D. (Williamsburgh).—This society, organ-
ized June 5th, 1877, with twenty-nine members, now increased
to fifty-seven. Six regular meetings have been held, and a
steadily growing interest manifested. These meetings have been
edifying and pleasant. The President has taken pains to collect
missionary information from various quarters, and present it in
agreeable form to the society. Other ladies have also selected
interesting topics for remarks. Extracts from books, relating to
the subject under consideration, have been read, and also letters
from missionaries and heathen converts. The "Manual of Mis-
sions" has been found very convenient for consultation. At one
meeting, a number of idols were shown, and described; together
with some choice Chinese curiosities procured from Synod's
rooms. The membership fee is twenty-five cents per annum. A
box placed on the table at each meeting, receives the contribu-
tions of those present. There is also a Mission "Circle" con-
ected with the Society of the younger girls. The aim is to make
the meetings as attractive as possible. A special subject for dis-
cussion is selected. One lady will give a historical sketch of the
country selected; one speak of general mission work there; another
of art; and another, of the literature of the country; and all are
at liberty to read, or speak, of special or general mission work.
PELLA, IOWA, SECOND REFORMED CHURCH.—On the 15th of June, 1877, the ladies connected with the Second Church in Pella met at the parsonage for a prayer meeting. The pastor’s wife proposed that, in connection with the prayer-meeting, a Missionary Society be formed. This was agreed to, and an Auxiliary to the Woman’s Board organized; a Constitution adopted, and officers elected. The writer says, “We hold our meetings once in three months; the first two were held at the parsonage, but, as our numbers increased, we decided to hold them in the Church. We have also formed a Children’s “Circle.” They meet every month at the Church. We try to make it interesting to them as well as instructive. We are but a small band of workers, and not wealthy—cannot contribute a large sum, but hope the little we are able to give, will be accepted like the “widow’s mite.” We send our contributions to Nagasaki, so that we may have a special interest in some school or seminary. We pray that God will bless us as a society, and help us to work for His glory, and the spread of the Gospel. These meetings have been beneficial to us in drawing us closer to our Saviour, and in uniting the members of this society to work more earnestly, not only for the conversion of the heathen, but also for those around us.

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN’S CIRCLE, CONNECTED WITH THE AUXILIARY OF THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH, PELLA, IOWA.

This society was organized in June, and in August took the name of “The Little Workers.” The meetings are held monthly, and the reading done by the ladies of the older society, mostly the young ladies. The selections are missionary letters; descriptions of heathen countries, their habits and customs, idol worship, and especially the degradation of their women, and their deplorable condition. The Secretary writes: “As it is this class of women we are trying to reach, we feel a particular interest in them; and pray God to bless our little mite, and raise these degraded women to places of trust and honor accorded to their sister women in all Christian lands.” At first, these meetings were held in private residences, but the members attending increased so rapidly that they were obliged to hold them in the church. At one of these meetings an incident from the Home Department in the Christian Intelligencer was read, giving account of a child who denied herself a handsome plume, and purchased a cheaper one that she might give the difference to the Missionary fund.
The reading of this story suggested to one of the ladies the idea of having a self-denial fund, to which all were to bring whatever money they could save by denying themselves, to be used to make others members of the Society who were unable to pay anything. They have raised a sufficient sum to pay for six members. The money that would have been expended in confectionery, or something equally useless, has been given to the Lord by these little children; and who can estimate the value of those pennies in the sight of Him who looketh at the heart. We cannot help saying: "God bless the children!" We consider much of our success due to our President. She is always present, selects passages of Scripture for the children to learn, prepares questions and answers on various missionary topics, and at all times has a heart filled with interest for the cause.

Schenectady First Reformed Church, organized July 18, 1877, with forty-five members, now numbers ninety-three; and has steadily increased in strength and vitality. The secretary writes, "As we unroll the record of the past few months, we trust some seed has been sown, to be gathered by the Master in golden sheaves. The Mary Pruyn Band, Louisa Hook and Christian Home "Bands" have been formed. The Hook "Band" send their gifts through Miss Hook to India, who recently left for her field in that country. Though she "sow beside many waters," may she find abundant harvest; for she was ardent in her Master's work. The Pruyn 'Band' contribute to the Mission Home in Yokohama. The Christian Home Band are educating "Suye" at the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama. A parlor entertainment realized a generous amount for this purpose, and a sum also sent to Nagasaki. This is exclusive of the contribution sent to the Building Fund at Nagasaki. The Sabbath School have assumed the education of a pupil in the Ferris Seminary, "Kashi Okana," and the Infant school, not forgetting their mite, have sent thirty dollars to the Woman's Board. The meetings have been made interesting by letters from missionaries and words of encouragement from the pastor. A pleasant feature of progress made has been the effort of the members to obtain information upon mission work, thus inciting to more faithful labor."

Clover Hill Reformed Church, Hunterdon Co., N. J.—This auxiliary, organized in September, with forty-eight members. We are informed that "its inception dates from a suggestion of the pastor's wife, and grew out of the ladies' prayer meet-
ing, when the subject was proposed, and warmly approved by the members present." "The prime object of the Society," the pastor writes, "is not so much to raise money as to excite increased interest in Missionary enterprises. The great want of the rural districts in this vicinity is enlarged information upon Missions. The Society seek to supply that knowledge. The desire to aid, arises from interest: and when once the country is aroused in behalf of missions, the difficulty of supporting missionaries will disappear. We learn from the Secretary of this Auxiliary, that the pastor's wife has been greatly interested, and instrumental in forming the Society. She is 'the daughter of Rev. Dr. Thompson, missionary to Borneo in 1838; a sister, Eliza De Witt, having died in Borneo, in her sixth year.' This society have had the pleasure of listening to one of Dr. Chamberlain's stirring addresses. And the writer adds, 'I trust that our missionary zeal will be increased, and that we may receive renewed incitement for the work.'

HOPEDWELL REFORMED CHURCH.—An auxiliary was formed in this Church in November. A call from the pulpit was responded to, in a storm, by a few, who, however, showed their interest, by driving, some of them five and seven miles, to the meeting; and manifesting hearty interest in the object. The pastor's wife writes, "Progress is much slower, necessarily in the country, than in the city on account of the difficulties to be overcome in distance; means of transportation being greater with us than in some country places, as we have no village in the congregation. It was decided to divide the funds collected this year between India, China and Japan. When our ladies learn more of the different needs of each Mission, they may prefer to devote their gifts to one object. Our Society seeks to supply needed information; and with that, we trust, will come greater interest and increased liberality. The printed letters from the Woman's Board have been of great service, and we hope to receive much aid in this object from the "Manual of Missions."

CAATSIBAN REFORMED CHURCH, SAUGERTIES.—This Society organized in March with thirty-three members. The pastor's wife writes: "We feel thankful for so favorable a beginning to our undertaking. Though our congregation lies beneath the shadows of the Catskill mountains, and we are but "a little one among the tribes of Israel," we hope that the smiles of our Heavenly Father may rest upon our efforts; and though our gifts
be not large, that they may be accepted, and help on this glorious work, so dear to our hearts."

**Fonda, Montgomery County, N. Y.—** An organization was effected in this church January 14th. The pastor sends us printed "Rules and Regulations." He writes: "You will perceive that our organization has in view Home as well as Foreign Missions." Nevertheless, we regard it as an Auxiliary, in part, at least, of the Woman's Board. We take a single extract from the printed Report: "The money secured by this Society shall constitute the Woman's Mission Fund, and shall be equally divided between Domestic and Foreign Missions, unless any individual should desire otherwise to divide her gift. The sum thus obtained for Foreign Missions shall be forwarded to the Woman's Board, thus making this Society, in that particular, an Auxiliary of that Board." The pastor states: "After considerable thought given to the matter, I reached the conclusion that the plan of operation on which our Missionary Society is founded, is the most practicable for us, and our ladies agree with that judgment. The idea is to interest as many as we possibly can. The Envelope system is used. All the women of the congregation are considered members; and it is divided into twenty districts. One member from each district gathers the envelopes the last week of each quarter, and delivers the money found therein to the Treasurer at the Quarterly Meeting."

**Orange Reformed Church, N. J.—** This Society organized February 24th, on Sabbath morning after service, and reports an exceedingly flourishing condition; the Secretary reporting one hundred and six members, and adds: "We are anxious that every church member should be interested in the work, whether woman or child. There are many indigent persons in the church, and it was not thought best to tax anyone for a specified amount, but to let each give as they were able; and no matter how small the sum subscribed, they are considered members. Part of the contributions for the first quarter is to constitute the pastor's wife a life member of the Woman's Board. Their contributions are for the Nagasaki Home and School.

**Hudson First Reformed Church.**—At the suggestion of the pastor a few ladies convened in the lecture room for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary, the pastor acting as chairman. The Secretary reports a membership of forty-five, and feels that "When the importance and value of the work is well known, the
enterprise will be quickened;" and rejoices that they have been in a measure successful—adding: "We will try and hold fast our Father's hand, and trust His promises." Our prayers, efforts and gifts we dedicate to the Nagasaki field.

Kingston Second Reformed Church.—The pastor's wife writes: "Our first regular meeting was held March 4th, 1878. Twenty-four ladies were present. The secretary stated that the day following the meeting for organization the Secretary and Treasurer commenced calling upon the ladies of the church; explaining and commending the work, verbally; circulating the Annual Report, and printed material furnished by the Woman's Board. They now report ninety-three members. All subscriptions are fifty cents annually, with the exception of two at one dollar each, and one at five dollars. The Secretary presented the school at Nagasaki, for special consideration; a contribution was voted by the Society to this object, and twenty-five dollars to constitute Mrs. F. M. Adams a life member of the Woman's Board, the balance to general purposes. A letter was read from Mrs. E. C. Scudder of "Upper Red Hook," formerly of the "Arcot Mission," regretting her inability to be present, and sending greetings from the "Red Hook" Society. Two ladies were appointed to read at the next meeting any information concerning Japan which they might gather. The meetings are to be held quarterly, the Saturday afternoon before each communion.

New Hackensack, Dutchess County, N. Y.—An Auxiliary has been recently formed in the Reformed Church in this place. The Society organized April 18, 1878, with thirty members and as the congregation is not only quite large, but very much scattered, it was thought advisable to appoint one or two ladies from the Society, to visit monthly the several districts, and solicit not only new members, but a donation, however small (if only a few cents), to be paid monthly, and brought in at the monthly meetings, so that every one might contribute something. The ladies thought favorably of the Girls' School at Nagasaki, and the writer thinks it will be thought best to aid a pupil in that institution; adding: "I trust our Heavenly Father will bless us in our undertaking, and that we will be able to give visible proof of our sincerity in the work. We hope to bind ourselves as with a three-fold cord of Love, Unity, and Charity; and if we lose none of these strands, we must reap something." At a meeting of "Classis" held in this Church, April 17th, it was,
Resolved.—That Classis have heard with interest and gratitude to God, that two young ladies from the Church of Fishkill, within our bounds, have been moved to offer themselves, and have been accepted as missionaries of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; and are soon to leave this Country to found, and conduct, a Female School at Nagasaki, Japan.

Resolved—That Classis extend to the Misses Farrington the assurance of their heartfelt sympathy, and earnest prayer in behalf of themselves, and the special work to which they have devoted their lives; and that we commend them with confidence to the loving care of the Master for whose name's sake, they are soon to go forth; while we accept their consecration, as an incentive to renewed faithfulness on our part.

Resolved—That it be earnestly recommended to the Women of all our Churches, to form as speedily as may be possible, Societies, or Mission Bands auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of our own Church.

Owasco Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary held their first meeting on Thanksgiving Day. The writer says: “Although the list of members is not very large as yet, I hope it may be greatly increased. Anything to interest the people in the work, letters, tracts, books, etc., for distribution, is what is needed in the work now.”

Peekskill Reformed Church.—The Society organized in July and now report “a membership of twenty, hoping this may be greatly increased during the year.” The missionary spirit seems increasing—more interest having been manifested than heretofore. The Secretary writes: “Our work is small so far but we would press forward with increased faith; believing that “as our day, our strength shall be.”

New Paltz Reformed Church.—This Society organized in November, 1877, and now report a membership of forty-two. They propose, the Secretary writes, “for the ensuing year, to raise the amount required to support a teacher, or pupil, in one of the Seminaries. The Leaflets published by the Woman's Board have been received, and distributed. The regular meetings are held once in two months, and an annual meeting, the fourth Wednesday in April.

Coxsackie First Reformed Church.—A Society was formed in this Church in January, and in April, became auxiliary to the Woman's Board, “whose claims,” the Pastor's wife writes, “have been earnestly set before them, and they have been urged
to consider the very important subject of work among heathen women and children," adding, "I hope we shall be able to do something for the cause of Missions that will be acceptable in the sight of Him, who loveth a cheerful giver; also that many more auxiliaries will be formed, and that by the coming together of all these little rills, the treasury of the Woman's Board will be kept well filled, and the members be encouraged to greater activity and prayer; that a larger Missionary spirit may pervade all the members of the Reformed Churches." Their gifts and efforts are for the Nagasaki Home and School.

Brooklyn, L. I., Twelfth St., Reformed Church.—A Society organized in this Church April 29th, with twenty-nine members—now increased to thirty-four. The Secretary informs us that "as an Auxiliary to that Society, they will have the support of the Mission Band," which for some time has been working for the good cause, under the leadership of the present Treasurer of the Society. And further adds: "The work has begun so recently that no definite plans have been as yet perfected, with the exception of appointing collectors, who, by personal solicitation shall procure aid for the Society. Later, we hope to report the object to which we propose to appropriate the funds obtained. Probably the Nagasaki Home and School will receive the benefit of our efforts. The Society will hold monthly meetings, devoting one of the Ladies' Weekly Prayer Meetings to this object. We hope to report growth in members, and are thankful for interest already manifested. Whatever we do, or wherever the Society may conclude to devote its offerings in this missionary cause, we know we are doing God's work; and that, as we clasp hands with sister societies in striving to rescue the perishing, God will bless us."

Astoria Reformed Church, L. I.—An Auxiliary was organized in this Church May 9th, 1878, but at this time we can only report the fact, as it was formed after our report closed for the year. We shall hope to give full particulars in our next annual report of this Auxiliary.

Napanock Reformed Church Sabbath School Mission Band. —This School, contributes the present year for the support of two girls in the Amoy Mission, and will take a name for their Society hereafter.

Owasco Outlet or "Sand Beach" Church.—From this Auxiliary we have an account of successful work accomplished.
Letters have been received from Mrs. Miller, of the Ferris Seminary, (formerly Miss Kidder,) once a member of this Church. The writer says—This Seminary, we have endeavored to do our part towards founding, and sustaining, as will be seen by our records. It was to assist Miss Kidder in establishing this Seminary, for the education of girls at Yokohama, that Miss Hequembourg went out from this Church; and though, on account of failing health, she was obliged to return to her native land, yet we have full testimony that 'her labor was not in vain in the Lord.' On Miss Hequembourg's return, a lady was sent from Brooklyn—Miss Witbeck—to take her place. This Society have contributed, also, towards the establishment of the Girl's School at Nagasaki. Before going out, to Japan, with the first company of Missionaries, Mrs. Verbeck—united with this Church, and Mr. Verbeck, on his arrival, was stationed at Nagasaki. The writer says: "The last scene of the missionary labors of our dear Miss Adriance was Amoy—thus, providence seems to have opened to us four mission fields, all of them associated with the labors of the members of this Church—with whom, in times past we 'took sweet counsel, and went to the house of God in company.' It is suggested that we adopt some method for the appropriation of our quarterly contributions; and it is proposed that our January collection be appropriated to the Girls' School at Nagasaki. Our April contribution, to the Mission at Amoy; that of July, to the Ferris Seminary, at Yokohama; and the October contribution, to the Pima Indians at Arizona. It is also suggested that a Mission 'Band' be formed of the children and youth of the parish, in memory of Miss Caroline Adriance. 'The Musical and Literary Association,' composed of the young people of the Church, has been giving sociable entertainments—when original essays, and graceful compositions are prepared, requiring much time and thought, in preparation. These exercises are held at private houses in the parish, and are productive of great interest. One effect of the Society, is to raise funds to educate a girl in the Mission School of the Reformed Church at Amoy." The writer concludes: "Let us, as a Church, arise, and put on our beautiful garments, and do our part in the works of the Church of Christ. Ere long, the night cometh when we can no longer work."

The Middle Collegiate Church, New York, report a continued and undiminished interest in the work. Although their strength, numerically, has been depleted by deaths, and by removals, they
have been enabled to have several very interesting meetings, and to contribute the same as formerly.

**Jersey City Second Reformed Church.**—This Society has held regular quarterly meetings during the past year, and its membership is gradually increasing. The Secretary writes: “Our interest has been stimulated by letters from our lady missionaries and their scholars, containing encouraging accounts of the schools, and giving evidence of the blessing of God upon their labors, in the conversion, and consistent Christian living, of many. Miss Talmage writes, that ‘Rachel,’ who has been educated by two of our young ladies, has become a Christian—a follower of Jesus, and confessed her faith in Him at the last communion. She has since married, and is house-keeping. A little girl named Ruth, recently admitted to the Amoy School, will now become the beneficiary of this Society’s contribution to the Nagasaki Home and School, without diminishing their regular donations to Amoy.” The Secretary says: “We are much interested in the beautiful and instructive book, the ‘Manual of Missions,’ recently issued by the Woman’s Board; and have effected the sale of twenty copies among our ladies.”

**Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue & 29th Street, N. Y.**

Regular meetings have been held by this Auxiliary during the year. “The DeWitt Mission Band” have quite recently held a Fair for the sale of fancy articles, were financially very successful, and have sent the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Board. The Secretary (pro. tern.) writes: “We will continue the work with increasing prayer and faith that our labors will bring forth fruit more abundantly.”

**Brooklyn, First Reformed Church**—The Secretary in this Auxiliary writes: “Our people have responded most cheerfully, and are interested in our mission; but our Church feels the absence of a pastor, and in all our charities the loss is felt in a great measure. Still, we look forward to the future with hope of brighter days and renewed interest, when a pastor shall be chosen to take care of the Church and its people.

**Newark, North Reformed Church**—The “Day Spring” Auxiliary has held its third annual meeting. The interest of the members has been quickened by letters from China and Japan, both from the missionaries and their converted pupils. The society hopes to accomplish more in the coming year than it has done heretofore.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary is greatly encouraged by a review of the work of the past year. The Secretary writes, "Although the receipts of the Treasury are but little more than those of the preceding year; we feel that there is among us an increased faith and interest in the Mission cause. For this, we are much indebted to those faithful, devoted men, Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, and Dr. Jared Scudder, who visited our Church during the autumn; and by their earnest appeals in behalf of Foreign Missions, left an impression which will not be easily effaced." The meetings have been sustained (although the attendance has not been large) with interest, and we trust with profit. At the commencement of the year we were somewhat anxious lest the collections should not equal those of the previous year; but the results, though not large, have proved better than our fears, and thus, our want of faith has been reproved. We have increased our membership to thirty and our efforts, and those of the Sabbath School, are devoted to Nagasaki. We are glad to report that the Misses Farrington of this Church have received the appointment of teachers for the Home and School at Nagasaki, and are expected soon to enter upon their chosen life-work. May their spirit of earnest consecration inspire us with more zeal in the Master's service, that we may with loving, trusting hearts, do our part whether great or small in hastening the coming of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Fishkill Village Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, held May 4th, 1878, the following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, Miss E. T. Farrington, and Miss M. J. Farrington have been accepted by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, with the approval of the Synod's Board to organize and take charge of a School at Nagasaki, Japan;

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore the loss these dear Christian friends will be to our own Church and community, we feel honored in being able to make this sacrifice to the cause of our Redeemer, believing them to be admirably fitted for the position to which they have been chosen, and able representatives of us in the foreign field.

Resolved, That as a Society we pledge them our earnest God-speed and co-operation, and trust that while they are so heartily giving themselves to the work abroad, we may be as faithful in
doing our share at home in upholding their hands, and thus be
feeble instruments in helping to make the School at Nagasaki a
success.

Resolved, That we tender our warmest sympathy to the family
of the Misses Farrington in their separation from their loved ones,
while we rejoice with them in being permitted to give so much to
the Master's service and offer them the precious consolation
promised to those who cheerfully deny themselves for Jesus sake.

Resolved, That as a testimony of our sincere regard a copy
of these resolutions be sent to the Misses Farrington and to their
Mother, and placed on the Minutes of this Society.

Miss Mary White,
Miss Lizzie Bowne.

New York Sixth Avenue Union Reformed Church.—The
second annual report of this Society is presented with the following
items of interest, "The Ferris' Missionary Society has become very
dear to those who pray together month after month for its increase
and prosperity. Our Heavenly Father has again verified himself to
us as the heater and answerer of prayer, and we have been
strengthened in our efforts, and greatly encouraged in our work;
nay, His work. The meetings have often been interesting and profit­
able. Four more ladies have been constituted life members. The
interest of our meetings has been greatly increased by the untiring
fidelity of our President. Our object is to aid in the establish­
ment of the Girls School at Nagasaki. In December Miss Van
Doren from Amoy, addressed the Auxiliary with great acceptance,
and on that day a Mission Band was organized for the Youth and
Children of the Sabbath School. This enterprise, we had long
hoped and prayed for; and waited only the opening of the way. It
is full of promise, and we trust that the parents, from the example
and influence of their children, may become interested in Mission
work, thereby fulfilling Scripture, "A little child shall lead them."
We give the report of the Secretary of this "Band," called "The
Faith Mission Band."

Report of the "Faith Mission Band"
Of the Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, N. Y.

The "Faith Mission Band" was organized in the early part
of December, 1877, at which time Miss Van Doren of the Amoy
Mission addressed the Auxiliary Society of this Church. At one
of its meetings twenty joined the Band on the first day, and at
present the membership is eighty-seven. The officers consist of
members of the Sabbath School. Meetings have been held on
every Saturday afternoon, and largely attended by the children.
The great interest manifested in the beginning has increased on
the part of all connected with the "Band." "At the meetings,
the time was pleasantly occupied in making fancy articles for the
Fair, held March 14th and 15th, which was successful far beyond
expectation. Thirty dollars of the money received will be for­
warded to Chittoor, India, for the support of a child. As we
have been made happy by success in the brief past, so we hope
God may prosper us in the future, and allow us the pleasure of
being able to continue in our Mission work."

NORTH COLLEGIATE CHURCH, FULTON STREET, NEW YORK.
—The Sectary of this Auxiliary writes, "Rejoice with us! for the
Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The
contributions have more than doubled this year, enabling us to
send the full amount required for the support of a School Mistress
in Vellore, and a liberal sum applied to the Nursery there. The
Annual Meeting held in April, was addressed by Rev. Dr. Campbell
of New Brunswick, who preached a sermon appropriate to the
occasion. Rev. Dr. Chamberlain and Rev. and Mrs. Jared Scudder
were made life members of the Woman's Board. There is
still another report in relation to work accomplished in this
Auxiliary, embodied in a clause in the Article, entitled, "The
Benevolent Boards of our Church," and published in The Chris­
tian Intelligencer, April 25, as follows: "We know a lady in feeble
health who might well be excused, who climbs the long stair­
cases of our down-town stores and dwellings to visit sewing girls,
and other poor people whom she asks if they would like to con­
tribute ten cents per month for Missionary purposes; and not one
ever refused. They are all glad of the opportunity; and this good
woman obtains one hundred dollars per annum by this little effort."

HACKENSACK, N. J., FIRST REFORMED CHURCH.—During the
year, the Quarterly Meetings of this Auxiliary have been well at­
tended. The President endeavoring to keep before the Society such
Missionary information as she could gather. Letters from the In­
telligencer have been read from Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Ballagh.
The Leaflets have also been distributed. The Society have been
enabled to contribute the same as formerly, and as they approach
their Anniversary, to say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."
The writer says, "It is sweet to labor in such a cause; and for all

the success that has crowned the year, we give the praise to Him who has made the toil a pleasure, and inclined our hearts to loving and willing service. The light that shines upon our path is so bright—our Christian privileges so unspeakably precious, they surely ought to be to us, as the Master’s voice, saying, ‘Freely ye have received, freely give.’ May the Master give us a fresh baptism of the Spirit, that we may be more faithful to our solemn trust; thus fulfilling our pledges of consecration to Christ, and to His Service.”

Bushnell, Illinois.—This Auxiliary reports a membership of sixty-eight; Meetings are held quarterly, and are of an exceedingly interesting character. Their efforts and contributions are for the support of two pupils in the Amoy Mission.

New Brunswick Second Reformed Church.—This Society has completed the second year of its existence. The Secretary writes: “We feel encouraged to hope that our labors have not been in vain, and that we have laid the foundation for greater and permanent success in the future.” This Society is interested in the Caste Girls’ School at Vellore, and in sustaining a native teacher there. Their annual meeting was held on the 5th of March, and the following evening the Secretary writes: “We were favored with an extremely interesting address from Dr. Chamberlain, and the effect was visible in the increased interest in the annual meeting; We have cause to feel that our efforts have been blessed, and we continue our work with a stronger faith that He who blessed the widow’s mite is with us in our work.”

Jersey City Lafayette Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary reports having held regular meetings, and the number of membership increased. The contributions are not as large as they could wish, but this is attributed to the pressure of the times, and not to the zeal of the members having abated. The Secretary writes: “We are glad we are started, and don’t intend to ‘give it up,’ notwithstanding discouragements; for we feel that God, who does not despise ‘the day of all small things,’ will cause even the little that we do to be a blessing to some of our sisters now sitting in darkness.”

Newark, N. J., Clinton Avenue Reformed Church.—This Society reports much interest manifested in the regular meetings, the pastor attending and speaking words of encouragement. Letters have been read from Miss Talmage, giving accounts of her work in Amoy. A public meeting, held Nov. 6th, was addressed by Rev-
Jared W. Scudder, of the Arcot Mission. A pleasing feature of the work of the Auxiliary is the interest taken by the young ladies of the Church. The Sabbath School has also become auxiliary to the Ladies' Missionary Society. Thus, all are working together with one common interest, and hope thereby to accomplish more good. Letters published by the Woman's Board have been received and distributed, thus keeping vividly before the auxiliary the work in which they are engaged. The anniversary was held in the Church Feb. 19th. Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Steele, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, made the opening prayer, and Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of the Arcot Mission, made the address. The attendance was large, and the exercises exceedingly interesting.

Jersey City Third Reformed Church reports a membership of forty, and feels greatly encouraged with their efforts. When the quarterly meetings are held, as they hope to do in the future, they believe the interest will be greatly increased.

Utica Reformed Church. This Auxiliary reports a progressive condition; the membership increasing, and contributions undiminished. The meetings have been harmonious and interesting. Through the influence of the Society the Sabbath School has become interested in the Chittoor Mission, and sent $30, one-half their annual offering, to Mrs. Scudder for the support of a heathen child, to be trained up to Christian usefulness, under her supervision. A box of fancy work has also been sent to the, Chittoor Seminary to aid the teachers in attracting and retaining their pupils. The Secretary says: "Our success, moderate as it is, has rather exceeded than fallen short of earlier expectations. At least, we have tried to show that something can be accomplished even by small numbers, in a quiet, unobtrusive way, when Christians are once awakened to a sense of duty in regard to their own humble part in the evangelization of the world."

Freehold Reformed Church. The second anniversary of this Auxiliary was held in April. The pastor presided, and Dr. Jared W. Scudder addressed the Society, and gave an interesting account of the Mission in India. The ladies were deeply interested, and presented the subject to the Sabbath School, which agreed to raise thirty dollars for the annual support of a girl in the Arcot Mission. Mrs. Scudder agreed to write directly to the school, the interest thereby being increased. The support of "Kumi" in the Ferris Seminary, at Yokohama, has been continued by this Auxiliary.
Belleville, N. J., Reformed Church. From this Auxiliary we learn that a somewhat increasing interest in foreign missions is indicated by the amount contributed during the year. Two measures have been adopted to quicken the zeal, especially among families not subscribing for missionary periodicals, viz.: Scattering the "Leaflets," issued by the Board, and the visitation of all the families not connected with the Society. May 27th, Dr. Jared W. Scudder spoke on the subject of Missions in the Church, and in the evening addressed particularly the children. Dec 11th a Missionary Convention, appointed by Classis, was held in the Church, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Drs. Scudder, Chamberlain, Steele, and Ferris.

Brooklyn, South Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary reports that at the regular meetings the few who attend are earnest supporters of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and do what they can to increase the interest in the cause in the congregation. Although meeting with some discouragements in the withdrawal of some members removing from the vicinity, two new members have been added, and the contributions increased. This Society still continues the support of "Emily" in the school at "Chittoor." The "leaflets" furnished by the Woman's Board have been very generally circulated in the Society.

Jersey City, Bergen Reformed Church.—In this Auxiliary, at the Annual meeting, "It was resolved that we continue the support of the scholars at Yokohoma, Vellore and Chittoor, and if there be a surplus of funds, it be sent to the Woman's Board to be used as they deem best. Collectors have reported at the quarterly meetings held every month, and which are devoted to prayer, conference, and the support of missions. Leaflets, published by the Board, and any items of missionary intelligence within reach have been read, and have added greatly to the interest of these meetings."

Newburgh Reformed Church.—The Secretary of the Auxiliary writes: "The Newburgh Auxiliary has reached its third anniversary, and hopes by a review of the year just passed to gain encouragement for the work still before it. Although the work may seem insignificant, and we are but a small band of laborers; we hope by more fervent efforts to press forward, and that the seed sown may bring forth fruit more abundantly. Our receipts, though not equalling those of last year, yet have enabled us to accomplish
all that was pledged by the Society at its commencement. Meetings have been regularly held, the attendance not large; but we trust the coming year will bring added numbers and interest. Miss Mandeville has been written to; but we have not, as yet, been favored with an answer.

Brooklyn, South Bushwick Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary continues to devote its gifts to Nagasaki, and is in a prosperous condition. The Society feels assured that it will be able in the future, to accomplish the same result as in the past. While there has been a diminution of interest on the part of some, it has been more than compensated for by the zeal of others. The pastor's wife has endeavored to enlist Churches in the Classis in this good work, with prospects of ultimate success.

Brooklyn, Church on the Heights.—The Secretary of this auxiliary, writes: "Our Society has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our dear pastor, the Rev. Dr. Inglis. He was truly the mainspring of the whole work—his interest never flagged—indeed, he never spared himself in any labor, and literally dropped in the harness. Notwithstanding the great blow to our Society, we have not lost our interest; but, on the contrary, have rather increased the amount of our subscriptions. We hope to do still better in the future, as we fully realize the importance of the work."

Yonkers, Reformed Church.—The secretary of this Auxiliary reports regular monthly meetings held, and the amount pledged for the support of the beneficiary Ko Okada, in the Ferris Seminary, and also for the Bible Reader in India, sustained. Interesting letters from Mrs. Miller have been received, and also from "Ko," who has written directly to the Society, thus increasing the interest in the work. Letters and articles from various mission fields, have been read at the meetings. The eloquent, and heart-stirring appeals, and accounts of the great opening of Japan to the spread of the Gospel, to which we listened at the beginning of the year, it was expected would incite great interest in the Master's cause. To advance in strength and usefulness, our Christian women must be willing to make sacrifices; and to believe, that those who live to-day as Christians, are truly the successors of those to whom both the command and promise were given: "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations." "Lo! I am with you always even unto the end." Would that many more might come up to the work, ready and willing to do, and give, according to their best ability—to spend and be spent in the Master's service.
Saugerties, Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary reports that in November, it was resolved to hold meetings monthly, to increase the interest in the Society. A Sewing Society has been sustained since January, among the young ladies of the Church, who have been working on fancy articles for a fair, to be held this spring. This is promising well, and hopes are entertained that this will add considerably to their funds. Since the beginning of the year, the Auxiliary has lost one or two of its members, and gained a few more—so that the membership is larger than last year,—and the missionary interest is increasing.

Readington, N. J., Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary is in a prosperous condition. During the winter, sociables have been held after the manner of the Mite Societies. Part of the contributions were devoted to making the pastor's wife a life member of the Woman's Board. Their very liberal contributions come up to the usual standard. The Secretary writes, “The Lord has blessed our endeavors; our trust is in Him, for we are working for the success and advancement of His Kingdom.”

Acquackanonk, Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.—This Society shows a progressive condition, the membership increased to thirty-four, and they hope to add to this number three-fold another year. The Secretary writes, “we have encouragement to feel that our efforts under God, have been instrumental in increasing among the women of our Church more interest in this great cause of Missions than ever existed before among us. Three ladies have been constituted life members of the Woman's Board, during the year.”

Wyckoff, N. J., Reformed Church.—This Society reports its meetings regularly sustained. The congregation is scattered but those who do attend the meetings are deeply interested in the cause of Missions, and those who are not able to do so, respond cheerfully when called upon for their subscriptions.

Upper Red Hook.—This Auxiliary, “The Scudder Memorial,” reports the continuation of the support and education of a child in the Arcot Mission; and by the generosity of their Vice President, Mrs. E. C. Scudder, the pastor's wife was made a life member of the Woman's Board. The Secretary says: “Some interest is manifested in the work, and we earnestly hope it will increase.” Our President is very actively engaged, and will no doubt make the
meetings both profitable and pleasant. The membership has increased during the year.

*MILLBROOK, REFORMED CHURCH.*—The interest in mission work in this Church is increasing. A Fair, for the sale of fancy articles was very successful financially, and a very liberal contribution from the "pen, ink, and needle fund," was sent to the Woman's Board. The writer, in speaking of the departure of our missionaries, and how deeply this will be felt in the Home field, remarks: "Yet, we will bid them 'God speed' gladly." They have done a great work. "The increasing interest in the Churches is felt, and is something to be very thankful for. Yet we want more to follow."

*NYACK REFORMED CHURCH, N. Y.*—The Auxiliary in Nyack, the Secretary reports in a good condition, owing principally to the fact that it has had an excellent President; who, to their deep regret, was obliged to send in her resignation, consequent upon removal from the place. The Society accepted this with deep sorrow, after thanking her for her faithful and efficient labors. A fair, which grew out of a Sewing Society, was held by the children, and was a perfect success, notwithstanding it occurred on one of the stormiest days of the season. This Church, last winter, pledged itself to raise three hundred dollars for the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions. Two hundred and ninety dollars were raised: and the children wished to take ten dollars from the receipts of their fair, to make up the deficiency, which was done. Of the amount raised by the Auxiliary, a part was given to the Ferris Seminary, and the balance to Nagasaki.

*BRONXVILLE REFORMED CHURCH.*—This Society, the Secretary writes, were fearful they should not be able to fulfill their pledges, owing to the "pressure of the times;" but through the generosity of their members, have been able to raise the required sum. Through the year they have heard regularly from "Rio," whose letters have added much to the interest of the meetings. The Mission "Circle" decided to become a "Band," retaining the name of "Star of Hope," and have pledged to support a pupil in some one of our Schools. They have sent a valuable barrel of presents to Mrs. Miller's School; and are much interested in hearing from Japan.

*RARITAN, N. J., 3RD REFORMED CHURCH.*—We receive, with much gratification, the First Annual Report from this Auxiliary. The Secretary informs us that "A Ladies Missionary Society has long existed in the Third Church of Raritan, and contributed in a quiet way.
towards supporting missions and missionaries. The fact that the
Rev. Mr. Stout and wife, now at Nagasaki, are children of this
Church—the latter a member of this Society, has helped to pro-
mote a missionary spirit among us. Believing, however, that a
connection with the Women’s Board of our Church would bring us
into more active sympathy and co-operation with our missionary
work, the Society decided to become Auxiliary to that Board.”
Previously to their union with the Woman’s Board, the number of
membership was eighteen—now increased to thirty-four. The
Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions is well sustained—the
Pastor bringing to it the latest missionary intelligence. A Bible-
reader is supported by this Auxiliary—the balance of their funds
devoted to Nagasaki. The Secretary adds: “Our prayers go with
our efforts and gifts: that increased prosperity and efficiency may
be given the Missions of our beloved Church, and the pressure upon
it be speedily removed.”

Mrs. J. P. Cumming,
Home Cor. Sec.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church, Williamsburg, N. Y.
Schenectady, First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Pella, Iowa, Second Reformed Church.
Clover Hill, Reformed Church, New Jersey.
Hopewell Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fonda, Reformed Church, N. Y.
Orange Reformed Church, New Jersey.
Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.
Kingston Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Hackensack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Owasco Reformed Church, N. Y.
Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Paltz Reformed Church, N. Y.
Caatsban Reformed Church, Saugerties, N. Y.
Coxsackie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Brooklyn, Twelfth St. Reformed Church, N. Y. Total, 16.

NEW MISSION “BANDS,” AND “CIRCLES.”

“Faith Mission Band,” Sabbath School, Union Reformed Church,
Sixth Ave., N. Y.
“The Little Workers,” Sabbath School, Second Reformed Church,
Pella, Iowa.
“Adzuma Mission Circle,” Sabbath School, Schenectady Reformed
Church, N. Y. Total, 3.
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

North Collegiate Church, Fulton St., New York City.
Middle Collegiate Church, New York City.
Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th St., New York City.
Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, New York City.
Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Flatbush Reformed Church, Long Island.
Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, N. J.
North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
First Reformed Church, Hackensack, N. J.
Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, L. I.
First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Middle Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
South Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Owasso Outlet Reformed Church, N. Y.
Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.
Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Newburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Readington Reformed Church, N. J.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.
Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.
Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.
Third Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Acquackanonck Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.
Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J.
Bushnell Reformed Church, Illinois.
Wyckoff Reformed Church, N. J.
Adams Station Reformed Church, N. Y.
Sayville Reformed Church, L. I.

MISSION "BANDS" AND CIRCLES.

"Pearl Seekers," Sabbath School, Yonkers, N. Y., Reformed Church.
"Treasure Seekers," North Reformed Church Sabbath School, Newark, N. J.
"Mission Band," Red Hill Sabbath School, Greenport, N. Y.

Total, 54:

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Total, 8.
Societies Contributing to the Woman's Board, but not yet Auxiliary to it.

Collegiate Church, Fifth Ave., and 48th St., New York City.
Albany, First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Albany, Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Rhinebeck Reformed Church, N. Y.
Bedminster Reformed Church, N. J.
Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.

History of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Of all the missionary societies formed by the women of our American Churches, we, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, come as the youngest into the ranks.

As you should only look for achievement proportionate to years of work, you cannot expect from our short term of existence much more than a history of organization, with the initiative steps towards gathering the material for the work we have planned.

In January, 1875, we met to organize in the chapel of the Reformed Church, cor. of Fifth Avenue and 29th Street, New York City, Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., pastor.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, a lady widely known for her Christian benevolence, was appointed as President of the Board.

Our work may be briefly stated as follows: First—We have endeavored to increase the interest in the work of Foreign Missions among the women of our Church. In pursuance of this aim, there have been formed fifty-four Missionary Societies auxiliary to the Woman's Board, with nine mission "Bands" from the Sabbath-schools.

All these are actively engaged in their respective Churches in spreading a knowledge of the work upon the foreign field.

We have published a Manual containing a history of all the Mission work of the Reformed Church. This book is handsomely bound and illustrated, and is not only attractive and interesting, but is a valuable addition to our Church literature.

We have also issued Leaflets containing information in regard to Mission work which have been forwarded for distribution among the Auxiliary societies.

Second—We have assisted in the support of the missionaries at present laboring in the stations planted by the Board of Foreign.
Missions of the Church. To this end we have raised for the missionaries now in the field the sum of $5,147.93. This money was paid in accordance with the wishes of the Auxiliary societies by whom it was collected.

Third—We propose to send out and support Christian women to labor as missionaries, and to establish schools and homes from which heathen wives and mothers may gain the idea of the Christian family circle and home. For this purpose we are about sending out two ladies to establish a girls' school at Nagasaki, on the plan of the "Isaac Ferris Seminary," at Yokohama, Japan. We have raised $4,923.54 to be used for this school.

Total amount raised for mission work, since organization, $10,071.47.

This is a brief statement of the work of the first three years of our existence as a society. We do not feel that we need be ashamed of this record, for we belong to one of the smallest of the orthodox denominations; and we have neither a wide district from which to glean, nor many Churches upon which to call for helpers.

Our Church was founded by the martyrs amid the fires of the Reformation in Holland, and we claim as our inheritance the trust which enables us to say, with every onward step, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

By order of the Woman's Board.

GERTRUDE L. VANDERBILT.

“A MANUAL OF MISSIONS.”

[We are glad to give a place in our Report to the following appreciative review of this valuable work, from one of our most esteemed clergymen, copied from the Chatham Courier.]

"I have just read a delightful book, and wish to mention it to the readers of The Courier, trusting that it may afford others as much pleasure as it has me. It is entitled "A Manual of the Foreign Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church." It is issued in a sumptuous form by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, in connection with that Church; but though a history of the missionary efforts of a single denomination, and issued by it for the information of its own people as to the work that has been done and is doing, the interest is such as to make it a book to be prized by all lovers of Christ's kingdom, not only, but all who are interested in the social and religious condition of the nations of India, China and Japan. The book is edited by Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, which is a guarantee in itself of literary excellence.

"Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M. D., one of the large family who, without
exception, consecrated themselves to the carrying on of the work begun by their father, Dr. John Scudder, furnishes the historical sketch of the Arcot Mission, in Southern India; while Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, Mrs. J. W. and Mrs. E. C. Scudder, Miss Josephine Chapin and Rev. T. S. Wynkoop, contribute articles illustrating some phase of the mission work, or of the social and religious condition of the people. The whole section devoted to India is replete with graphic and touching illustrations of the obstacles in the way of the gospel, and the wonderful success that has attended its proclamation. The material here furnished is unattainable elsewhere, as the Reformed Church has exclusive possession of this extensive field in Southern India, and so full and complete a history has never before been attempted. What is true of the section devoted to India is true of the others.

The story of the efforts extending from 1836 to 1849, to found a mission on the island of Borneo, is graphically told by Rev. W. H. Steele, D.D., one of the devoted band who were engaged in that effort, and this narrative is a proper introduction to the work in China; the historical sketch of which is furnished by Rev. W. R. Duryea, D.D., whose acquaintance with missionary affairs, and whose facile style, eminently qualify him to present in interesting form the outlines of the most successful mission in China. Miss Helen Van Doren, and other members of the Amoy Mission, furnish supplemental accounts, giving a graphic picture of the Chinese and the different phases of the mission work among them.

Rev. William E. Griffis, author of "The Mikado's Empire," contributes a sketch of Japan and its people, and a history of the first mission to that remarkable nation,—that of the Reformed Church. I need only say that the narrative is fascinating; and that once begun, it cannot be laid down until finished.

A large space is given under each Mission to the account of the efforts made to educate and elevate the women of the several nations. The chapter under the head of Japan, on this topic, is contributed by Mrs. Mary E. Miller, who is the efficient directress and preceptress of Ferris Seminary for Young Ladies, Yokohama. This lady's husband, Rev. E. R. Miller, contributes an account of "A Visit to Uyeda," and Rev. G. F. Verbeck, D.D., gives an interesting chapter on "The First Baptism of Converts in Japan." It was on May 20, 1866, and before the Government had relaxed the enforcement of its edicts against Christians. The two converts baptized, at their own request, though at the risk of their lives, were Wakasa, one of the ministers of State of the Principality of H——, and his younger brother, Ayabe.

The book as a whole is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of missionary efforts and successes; and a credit to the energy, taste and wisdom of the scarcely three-year-old society of women, by whom it is issued.

The work is printed on laid and tinted paper, illustrated by maps and engravings, and is rather a gift book or book for the parlor, than merely the library. Owing to its tasteful printing, it is rather expensive,—costing...
§3.50; but is worth any two of the subscription books hawked about the country by book agents, at that price.

"We feel we are doing a favor to the public in calling attention to this valuable work, and feel sure that those who purchase it will not regret the investment. The book is published by the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, and may be ordered of Mr. R. Brinkerhoff, agent, 34 Vesey Street, New York."

J. B. D.

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

Treasurer of the Woman's Board

OF

Reformed Church in America.

MAY, 1878.

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**RECEIPTS.**

From last year's cash balance, - - - - - - - - 2,999.31
1st Reformed, Albany, to be used for sending Mrs. Chamberlain to India, - - - - - - - 416.00
1st Reformed, Acquackanonck, Passaic, for Nagasaki, - - - 100.00
Bergen, Jersey City Heights, for support of scholars in Chittoor, Vellore, Yokohama and Nagasaki, - - 323.33
Sunday-school, Bushnell, Illinois, for support of girl at Amoy Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, towards support Miss Emma C. Witbeck, Yokohama, - - - - - 212.70
Bronxville, Westchester Co., $64 for Rio, and $30 for Miss Mandeville’s school, - - - - - - - 94.00
Belleville, for Nagasaki, - - - - - - - - 50.00
South Reformed, Brooklyn, for girl Emily, Chittoor, - - 67.78
1st Reformed, Brooklyn, E. D., general use of Synod’s Board, Ferris Mission Band of the Middle Reformed, Brooklyn, general use, - - - - - - - - - - - - 52.00
Dawning Light Band of the 1st Reformed, Brooklyn, towards support Miss Emma C. Witbeck, and Nagasaki, - - 114.00
Friend for famine in India, per Mrs. Stewart, - - - 2.00
Mrs. J. Skillman, Brooklyn, L. I., paid to Dr. Ferris, but omitted in last year’s report, - - - - - - 100.00
South Bushwick, L. I. - - - - - - - - 77.50
Flatbush auxiliary, Nagasaki and general purposes, 148 00
Fishkill auxiliary, 55 50
Fishkill Sunday-school, for Nagasaki, 28 00
Freehold, N. J. for scholar in Mrs. Miller’s school, 73 00
Fonda, N. Y., auxiliary, 36 35
Fourth St. Collegiate Church, for Miss Talmage, 100 00
North Collegiate Church, Fulton St., N. Y., $50 00 towards support of teacher under Mr. Wyckoff; $37 32 towards the nursery at Vellore, 87 32
Fifth Ave. and 29th St., Collegiate Church, for Nagasaki and general purposes, Synod’s Board, 329 00
Dewitt Mission Band of same church, $100 00 for Nagasaki, and $100 00 for Dr. Chamberlain, 200 00
A few ladies in Fifth Ave. and 48th St., Collegiate Church, 86 00
Hopewell auxiliary, India, China and Japan, 40 00
1st Reformed, Hackensack, $50 00 for famine in India, $50 00 for Miss Talmage, $50 00 for general use, and $150 00 for Nagasaki, 300 00
2d Reformed, Jersey City, $70 00 for Miss Talmage, $20 00 for tuition of Rachel, $20 00 for Nagasaki, 110 00
Lafayette auxiliary Jersey City, for Nagasaki and general purposes, 112 50
Park Reformed, Jersey City, for buildings on island Kolongsu, 67 40
2d Reformed Kingston, $25 00 Nagasaki, $27 00 general use, 52 00
Millbrook Sunday-School, for Nagasaki, 13 50
Millbrook auxiliary, $10 00 to go towards Mr. Jared Scudder’s son at school, $30 00 for general purposes, 40 00
Needle, Pen and Ink Millbrook, for Synod’s Board, 20 00
Newburgh auxiliary, for support of two girls at Chittoor Seminary, 80 00
Nyack Auxiliary, $50 00 to Mrs. Miller’s school, and balance general purposes, 85 23
New Paltz, Ulster County Auxiliary, 36 00
Napanoeh, Ulster County, for girl at Amoy, 20 00
1st Reformed, Newark, N. J., for Nagasaki, 41 18
Clinton Ave. Reformed, Newark, N. J., $60 45 for Nagasaki, $25 00 for famine in India, $35 00 for outfit Rev. Jared Scudder, 120 45
North Reformed, Newark, N. J., infant class, $50 00 for support two girls, Amoy, China. Day Spring Auxiliary of same church, $116 76 for Bible Reader and Nagasaki, 166 76
2d Reformed, New Brunswick, N. J., for support of native teacher at Kandipattur, India. $120 00, for caste-school at Vellore $65 00, 185 00
1st Reformed, Orange, for general use of society, 88 43¢
Owasso Outlet Auxiliary for support of girl in Mrs. Miller's
school, 62 03¢
Pella, Iowa Auxiliary, Children's fund $25 10, Woman's fund
$25 50, all for Nagasaki, 50 60¢
3d Raritan, N. J. Auxiliary, $50 00 for Bible reader under Mr.
Wyckoff, and $120 00 for Nagasaki, 170 00¢
Rhinebeck, N. Y., Sunday-school 25 00
Red Hill Sunday-school Greenport, N. Y., $30 for Chittoor, $20
for Miss Mandeville's school, and $10 00 for Nagasaki, 60 00¢
Readington Aux., for Nagasaki, 230 00*
Ferris Auxiliary of Sixth Ave., Reformed, for Nagasaki, 100 00*
Faith Mission Band of same church, to educate a child in India
named Elsie Day, 30 00*
Saugerties Auxiliary, towards support of Rev. Jared W. Scudder,
and general purposes, 63 65¢
Sayville, L. I., 2 50*
Schenectady Auxiliary, $92 00 for girl in Ferris Seminary.
Sunday-school same church, $25 00 object the same.
Band ladies $10 00 for Nagasaki. Adsum mission circle,
30 00 for Yokohama, 157 00*
Scudder Memorial, Upper Red Hook, $55 00 for Arcot Mission,
$26 00 for female work in India, 81 00*
Utica Auxiliary, $113 00 for Nagasaki, and $63 00 for girls'
school at Chittoor, 176 00*
Castleton, N. Y., 7 50
Wyckoff N. J., 23 00*
Yonkers Auxiliary, $30 00 for Bible Reader in India, and $73 00
for Ko in Japan, 103 00*
Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, for Nagasaki, 1 000 00*
From a friend, for girl in Chittoor, 28 00*
From a friend, for general use of society, 10 00*
Mrs. S. Matilda Mygatt, Paris, France, per Mrs. P. D. Van
Cleef, 25 00*
A friend for work among women in India, 50 00*
Mrs. Charles H. Stitt, Bayonne, per Dr. Ferris, 5 00*
Mrs. M. B. Van Doren, 5 00*
Rev. John Forsyth, D.D., per Miss Polhemus, 20 00*
Mrs. John Forsyth, 10 00*
Mrs. R. H. Veghte, Somerville, N. J., 5 00*

Interest on Nagasaki money deposited 127 84

Total Receipts 10,085 70¢
DISBURSEMENTS.

1877.

May 9  By Cash G. G. Smith, Treas. Synod's Board, $260 00
        " 31 " " " " 25 00
June 16 " " " " 25 00
       " 18 " " " 17 33
July 13 " " " " 121 00
July 24 " " " " 278 00
Oct. 2 " " " " 20 00
Oct. 9 " " " " 121 75
Oct. 12 " " " " 50 00
Nov. 15 " " " " 84 00
Dec. 12 " " " " 28 00
Dec. 31 " " " " 50 00

1878.

Jan. 9 " " " " 109 75
Jan. 22 " " " " 315 25
Feb. 11 " " " " 50 00
Feb. 13 " " " " 60 00
Feb. 18 " " " " 53 65
Feb. 28 " " " " 185 70
Mar. 5 " " " " 118 00
Mar. 7 " " " " 168 00
Mar. 30 " " " " 152 00
Apr. 10 " " " " 263 78
  " 15 " " " " 67 40
  " 19 " " " " 112 50
  " 23 " " " " 471 00
  " 30 " " " " 140 00

Total paid to Mr. Smith, Synod's Board, 3,347 11

By Cash to Dr. Ferris from Mrs. Skillman on last year, and omitted in last report, $100 00.

Feb. 11  By Cash to Dr. Ferris by wish of donors, 97 00
  " 25 " " " " 25 00
May 4 " " " " 30 00

By Cash for 2,500 Third Annual Reports, 200 00
  " Postal cards etc., for secretaries, 5 25
  " Anniversary expenses, 5 00
  " Printing Tracts, 11 50
  " Stamped wrappers etc., for secretary, 7 67
  " Board of Publication, 5 16
  " Bill for certificates and postage on them, 6 50
  " Fare to and from Fishkill of teachers, 6 39
  " To the Misses Farrington, by order of exec., 500 00
  " Paid towards Manual by wish of donors, 20 00.
DISBURSEMENTS.—Continued.

By Cash Mrs. Sturges, for Dr. Scudder’s son, 20 00
" Postage and stationery, 3 00
Total disbursements, 4,390 08
On deposit for Nagasaki, 4,005 22
Cash balance, 790 40
Total amount on hand, 5,095 62

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account with the vouchers, and find the same correct. The total sum in hand is $5,095 62, which, after deducting the deposit for the school at Nagasaki $4,005 22, leaving a cash balance of $790 40.

May 6th, 1878.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

Names of Life Members.

Mrs. F. M. Adams
Mrs. Mary N. Clarke
Mrs. Margaret Dimon
Miss Amy C. Duryee
Miss Elizabeth Bogart
Mrs. G. V. H. Brinkerhoff
Miss Julia Budd
Miss Mary Bussing
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M. D.
Miss Ellen Kesia Denison
Miss Emma K. Denison
Miss Elsie Day
Miss Eliza F. Duryee
Miss Mary O. Duryee

Charles Ayriog
Dwight K. Bartlett
J. H. Bertholf
Henry W. Bookstaver
Geo. S. Bishop
Miss Elizabeth Bogart
Mrs. G. V. H. Brinkerhoff
R. C. Browe
Miss Julia Budd
Lizzie Bull
Mary Bussing
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M. D.
Mrs. Mary N. Clarke
David Cole
Ann Cook
James P. Cumning
John B. Cumming
A. Loring Cushing
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Miss Emma K. Denison
Miss Elsie Day
Mrs. Margaret Dimon
H. R. Dickson
T. C. Doremus
William R. Duryee
Miss Amy C. Duryee
Miss Charlotte R. Duryee
Miss Mary O. Duryee

Kingston, N. Y.
Passaic, N. J.
Albany, N. Y.
New York City.
East Orange, N. J.
New York City.
Jersey City, N. J.
Belleville, N. J.
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Names of Life Members.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The 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 mem-
ber 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 Executive Committee 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.

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 acknowledgement 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 "