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Sixth Annual Meeting.

The Sixth 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 11th, at 11 A.M.

The large audience was an increase on the attendance of former years, and the deepest interest and attention were shown by all present, in the exercises of the occasion.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wm. R. Duryee. The meeting was opened by the reading of the Scriptures, by the Rev. T. B. Romeyn, D.D., and prayer by the Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D.

The Annual Report was read by the Rev. E. B. Coe, and the Report of the Treasurer by the Rev. Dr. E. S. Porter.

After the singing of a hymn, the Annual Election of the Board of Managers, for the ensuing year, took place. The names were presented by the Rev. Dr. Duryee, and the election was unanimous. The Rev. Leonard W. Kip, of Amoy, China, in a brief but telling address, described the progress of missionary work in his field of labor, giving hopeful accounts of the wider privileges which are now being gradually extended to the women of that far off land, and indicating some ways in which Christian women may help their sisters there.

The Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, of Yokohama, Japan, in a simple and direct style, which captivated the listeners, narrated the story of the Ferris Seminary, from its humble beginning, until the present time. Especially touching were
the incidents he related, concerning the Christian experience of some of the little girls, and young women, who have given their hearts to the Lord Jesus, and are working for Him.

The audience then arose, and joined heartily in singing two stanzas of Heber's immortal hymn, after which the Rev. L. Walter Lott of Rhinebeck, N. Y., made a fervid plea for pressing forward, in aggressive effort for the Master's cause.

A hymn, written for the occasion, by Mrs. M. E. Sangster, was sung. Prayer was offered by the Rev. David Cole, D.D., and, after the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Duryée.

The meeting then adjourned to the room below, where a collation had been provided by the Board of Managers. An hour was delightfully spent there, in social intercourse.
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BY THE

FOREIGN CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions has carried on its work for the past year in the strength of the belief that all who are working for the evangelization of the world are “laborers together with God.” Although we have not accomplished all that has, perhaps, been expected of us, and certainly not all that we ourselves desired, we still trust that our “labor has not been in vain in the Lord.” With gratitude we note that there are no missing names on our roll, and that only once has inclement weather prevented us from meeting together at our accustomed time and place.

In the department of home work, of which a detailed statement is given in the report of the Home Secretary, eleven new Auxiliary Societies, five Mission Bands, and a Mission Circle have been organized. The list begins with one formed by members of the different churches in Holland, Michigan, some of whom are native Hollanders, and ends with Philadelphia; whose three Reformed churches have united in this work. If
between these extremes of our denomination a strong chain of Auxiliaries could be established, our Home Secretary would doubtless be much encouraged in her work.

An increase of funds follows naturally from an increase of workers. Our receipts for the past twelve months are above eight thousand dollars, a gain of nearly five hundred ($500) over last year. This is more than we had reason to expect, because at that time two thousand dollars was raised by special effort for the Kolongsu School. A careful examination into the expenses of the three girls' Seminaries under the care of Synod's Board, shows that they are conducted at an annual cost of a little less than five thousand dollars. If we add to this five hundred dollars for the two Caste girls schools at Vellore, we will still have a sum much less than we have just reported as our receipts for this year. We would therefore suggest to the next Executive Committee, that the entire support of these schools be assumed by the Woman's Board. This will not interfere with those auxiliaries who have already taken up special objects, as we believe these are for the most part connected with the schools. One other thing we wish to mention in connection with home work—the two pages which we are expected to fill in the Mission Monthly. So many of our valued correspondents are in this country, that at times we have been seriously embarrassed for want of direct missionary intelligence.

As a Board we have had much to bear during the year, in the failure of some of our hopes, and from misunderstanding on the part of friends. At our first meeting in the Fall we heard that the Misses Farrington had been sent home on account of ill health. This was a great trial to all of us, to none so great perhaps as to those who, having met these young ladies before they left this country, felt that they were so well fitted for their work. It is a matter of thankfulness to us that the younger Miss F. was so much better when she reached home that she has taught all winter, and the older one has for some time been able to do so. Then followed the news that the class at Nagasaki had been disbanded temporarily on
account of the cholera, and finally, because of the marriage of O'Hatsu, the native teacher in charge of it. The Rev. Mr. Booth and wife meanwhile arrived at Nagasaki, and to them the class applied to be taught. They were obliged to refuse, however, feeling that they could not teach and master a foreign language at the same time. But, though cast down we were not destroyed, and might have taken immediate steps to secure other teachers, had we not known the indecision of the Synod's Board with regard to Nagasaki. A majority of our missionaries to Japan have strongly urged them to concentrate all their forces at the North and relinquish Nagasaki, unless the latter place can be fully equipped with schools for both sexes, and enough men and women to carry on the work vigorously. This seems doubtful at present. We think our friends in auxiliary societies who may have blamed us for inaction, will see that it would be foolish to build a school or send out teachers until this question is decided by Synod's Board.

But we pass on to subjects altogether pleasing, the very gratifying reports of the schools to which we have contributed.

**Girls' Seminary at Chittoor, India.**

"There is not much in our monotonous every day school life, out of which to construct a very interesting report. The past year has little in its history to distinguish it from the previous one. The fever of which we spoke in our last report has continued throughout to harrass and distress us, but we have been spared the pain of seeing our number cut short by death as in the former year.

"The school opened in January with thirty-five names on the register, and closed in December with twenty-nine. Of the six pupils who left us during the year, four were married and two have returned to their homes. Notwithstanding the many interruptions that have occurred on account of sickness, the classes have passed all their examinations creditably. At the Government examination for 'grant in aid' only one little girl failed to come up to the standard in arithmetic; and the
amount realized was $216.50. In the teachers training class, all passed the grade for which they were prepared and received Government certificates. The examination before the Mission was also satisfactory as reported by the committee, and I have much pleasure in speaking of the studious and industrious habits and general good conduct of the pupils.

“All the work of the house, including the cooking, is performed by the girls. Each has her allotted task and none are exempt excepting a few of the very little girls. Thus, habits of industry are inculcated and enforced which we hope will not be lost in future years. In the place of the late matron, one of the older pupil teachers has taken the oversight of the household arrangements and has managed admirably. She is endowed with a dignity and strength of character which, united with an earnest Christian spirit, eminently fits her for the position.

“Two hours every afternoon are devoted to needlework. The girls cut out and make their own clothes and do besides a quantity of fancy work the sale of which during the year has amounted to $130. This money is devoted to purchasing wedding outfits for girls who are married from the school. It supplies them also with Sunday clothes, Christmas and New Year’s feasts, and various other little luxuries which would otherwise be beyond their reach. Putting the proceeds of their work to these uses gives them a particular interest and ownership in it, and has done much towards making them careful and industrious in doing it.

“The older girls are all members of the church and take an active and intelligent part in the weekly prayer meetings. The Bible and Heidelberg Catechism have been systematically studied throughout the year, and an interest has been awakened not entirely confined to the class room. Searching of the Scriptures and frequent discussions are held out of school hours, as I have been pleased to discover from various knotty questions that have been brought to me for solution.

“The Bible woman’s training class has been a source of profit and pleasure to teacher as well as pupils. It has devel-
oped a thoughtful appreciation of the Bible and a readiness of explanation and exposition scarcely looked for in the short time it has been established. It is our desire to train these children for workers in the Master’s vineyard, and for this end we beg that the friends who contribute so liberally of their means will not forget to add their earnest prayers that a blessing may rest upon all our efforts.

M. J. MANDEVILLE.”

The following report was forwarded by the Rev. J. W. Scudder, of Vellore, India:

HINDU GIRLS’ SCHOOLS.

“The two Hindu Girls’ Schools, or Caste Schools, as they are usually and we think unfortunately called, have greatly improved during the year. When we took charge of the Station, they had been suffering for some time from the lack of proper superintendence, there being no one here to look after them regularly and efficiently. The want supplied, affairs almost immediately took on a brighter and more promising look. The attendance last year averaged ninety scholars in one school and thirty in the other. Mrs. and Miss Scudder give constant attention to these schools, Miss Scudder visiting and teaching classes in them every day, and Mrs. Scudder as often as her other many duties will permit. I make it a point to drop in and encourage them once or twice a week. The fact that these institutions afford the only avenue we, at present, have of reaching females of the higher castes, gives them a peculiar interest and importance. Here, in spite of immemorial usage and inveterate prejudice, the daughters of the wealthy and well-born classes are gathered in day by day, their minds illumined with secular knowledge, and their hearts brought under the kindly influences of Gospel truth. The Bible, the Catechism, together with Christian songs and lyrics, are freely, and without objection on the part of parents, used to implant the seeds of divine instruction, in their impressible minds. What or when the harvest will be, we may not venture to predict; but we are sure that good must result,
sooner or later. In April, a public exhibition of the combined schools was held, and prizes were awarded to the pupils who had passed satisfactory examinations. Several English ladies, one of whom presided on the occasion, were present; and the attendance of native gentlemen was so large as to crowd the spacious premises inconveniently. The spectacle was cheering and delightful. I am sure that no one could look upon that assemblage of bright-faced, sparkling-eyed, elegantly dressed and richly bejewelled Hindu girls and not find the pleasurable emotions deeply stirred not merely at the sight, sufficiently attractive in itself, but especially by the thought that now, after centuries of wrong and tyranny, India's comeliest daughters are suffered to come under liberating educational and religious influences. The pupils were questioned publicly—not only in secular studies, but also in the Bible, Catechism, etc., their parents and friends evidently listening with deepest interest and pleasure to their prompt and satisfactory responses. Congratulatory addresses were made by the Missionary and several Hindu gentlemen, and the pupils were made glad by the presentation of gifts to some, and sweetmeats to all. Such a scene as this was utterly impossible in any part of India thirty years ago; and is still so rare as to make it exceptionally interesting and attractive. I will only add the examination of these institutions by the Government Inspector of Schools, in December, was well sustained and was rewarded by a grant from public funds of $204.

ISAAC FERRIS SEMINARY—YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

"The past year has brought many changes to Ferris Seminary. The illness and departure of one after another of our teachers left the school in a sorely crippled condition, and at its close in June there was only one Missionary in charge. Notwithstanding these vicissitudes, the scholars though greatly discouraged, have most of them remained with us; and since the coming of Miss Winn, in September, affairs have worn a brighter aspect. The number of pupils during the year has been thirty-one. Of these, two were day scholars; the remainder boarders.
"In the Spring, one of our pupils, a young girl from Nagasaki, who first heard of Christianity from Mr. Stout, was baptised on confession of her faith in the Saviour. She and all of our Christian girls show, by their earnest endeavors to do right, that the fear of the Lord abides with them. The daily prayer meetings are still continued, and are attended by the whole school; the girls leading the meeting, in turn.

"The daily Scripture teaching of the school consists of a morning lesson from the Old Testament, and an evening lesson from the New Testament. On Sunday, in addition to the study of the Primary Catechism and the Bible, all the scholars who are of a suitable age are required to commit to memory a portion of the Heidelberg Catechism that they may be able to give clearly and concisely a reason for their faith.

"During the week, a servant, who has been with us for four years, has applied to the pastor of the Union Church for baptism, and has passed the necessary examination. His two little ones will be baptised at the same time.

"In connection with the regular Sunday School of the Seminary, two branch Sunday Schools have been formed, which are entirely conducted by our older pupils. The largest of these schools is held in the native town, at the house of a Japanese teacher, who is not a Christian; but still he not only gives the girls the use of his house, but urges his scholars to come to them for instruction in the "new way." The number of teachers in this school is two, and the attendance varies from twenty to forty-five. The average attendance at the smaller school is ten. The teachers of these schools have done some visiting among the families of their pupils, and will gradually do more as they become accustomed to it. The work expended has thus far been without visible results, but the seed has been sown in faith that the Spirit will cause it to bring forth fruit in due season.

The limited number of ladies to care for the school has entirely prevented the doing of outside Missionary work, and even the continuance of that already begun. May we hope that some one may be sent to take up this important part of
our work, and that your labor and ours will be abundantly
blessed in the future by Him whose servants we are.

Emma E. Whitbeck,
H. L. Winn.”

Girls' School at Amoy, China.

“Another year of school! another examination! another re­
port!

“During the year the school has had thirty-four pupils—the
average being about thirty. They have been taught, as you
probably already know, reading and writing, (both in the
Chinese character and Romanized colloquial,) memorizing of
the Scriptures and Catechism, Bible stories, arithmetic and
geography. The examination at the end of the year was at­
tended by several foreign and Chinese friends, who expressed
themselves much pleased with the proficiency of the pupils.

“Tbere has been a marked improvement in the deportment
of the girls, owing to the good influence of Pastor Lap’s wife,
who has this year somewhat taken the place of a matron.
Five of them made a profession of their faith in Christ this
last fall—four at one communion season, and one at the
season following.

“During the year, also, four of the girls have unbound their
feet. There was a meeting of the “Anti-foot-binding Society”
held in the church near the school. The girls attended and
were much impressed by what they heard, and for a few days
were very earnest on the subject. Those with unbound feet
were especially pleased, and urged strongly those with little
feet to unbind. The little-footed ones, with one exception, I
think, expressed their willingness to do so; but the most of
them could not receive permission from their parents. Two
of them unbound the day after the meeting. One of these
is the daughter of a man who formerly was employed by the
Mission as a helper. She felt sure her father would be
pleased to have her feet unbound, but was afraid that her
mother and grandmother would oppose it. Consequently,
when school closed, it was with no little misgiving that she
went to her home, about twenty miles from Amoy. Soon after her arrival home, she wrote a letter to the few girls, who were staying at school during vacation, saying that she was glad to find that both her parents were willing to have her feet unbound; but that her neighbors and friends thought her very foolish, and were trying to persuade her to bind them again, because no respectable woman in that region had unbound feet; and she asked the girls to pray for her that she might “be able to overcome the enemy.” All our girls now with the exception of four, have natural feet. We have for a long time been looking forward to the time when we could make it a rule of the school that no bound feet could be admitted—when our school would be no longer a school of cripples. We have heard of ladies at home (to say nothing of the gentlemen) trying to feel comfortable in shoes a size too small for them; but imagine one trying to hobble around in shoes four, three, and even only two inches long!

“We feel that the time has now arrived when we may decide not to receive into the school any with bound feet, except in special circumstances.

“In last year’s report a new school building was asked for. The request was promptly responded to by the friends at home; and we are glad to report this year that the building is finished, and waiting for the occupants who are to fill it as soon as vacation ends. The new quarters will be a great improvement on the old.

“At the close of every year we usually have one or more weddings connected with the school. This year we have had one, namely of the teacher of the school. She was married five days after school closed.

“Chinese marriages from the engagement, rather from the betrothal, (for the engagement to marry is not between the parties themselves, but between their parents, through go-between, or marriage brokers,) to the consummation, are attended with very many silly usages, the most of them superstitious and heathenish; and the tyranny of custom is such that it is almost impossible even for the Christians entirely to
avoid these practices. It is said that this marriage, from beginning to end, was the most sensible and Christian-like of any yet witnessed among the natives of Amoy. This is greatly to the credit of the parties themselves, and especially of Pastor Lap and his wife, the parents of the bride.

"A week following the wedding, at almost the same hour of the day, the young husband died, changing the house of joy so quickly into one of mourning. All were greatly startled at the news of this sudden death, and much sympathy has been expressed for the young widow and relatives. The superstition of the Chinese is so great that probably many may be inclined to attribute this sudden death to the neglect of so many of the usual ceremonies. But the widowed bride, as well as her father's family, is too well instructed to be influenced by such superstition.

"The young man died a very happy death. A short time before he died he prayed that if it were God's will to spare his life it might be entirely devoted to His service; but that if God willed otherwise, he was ready to go.

"May it be our prayer, too, that our lives may be entirely consecrated to Him, that we also may be ready when He calls."

MARY E. TALMAGE."

CONCLUSION.

If now our hearts are stirred by the glorious work our Missionaries are doing, shall we not ask ourselves the question, what does the Lord our God require of us? We think it does not need inspiration to answer;—money. God never requires impossibilities. He has done what we could not do. He has opened every country in heathendom to the Missionary; and not only the countries, but the hearts of the heathen. He has also led men and women to offer themselves for the work, whom, for lack of money, the Board has had to reject. We can give money. We spend it freely to cultivate our taste, to please our friends, to gratify our children. Can we conscientiously refuse when God asks us to give it for this grand object, that

"Earth's remotest nation, May learn Messiah's name."

CHARLOTTE W. DURYEE,
Foreign Corresponding Secretary.
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Home Corresponding Secretary,

For the year ending April 30th, 1880.

A knowledge of the statistics of a Society, either religious or secular, is ordinarily a sufficient basis upon which to estimate its apparent prosperity. In the first report of the Woman's Board, four months after organization, eighteen auxiliaries were in operation. Since that period, fifty-six societies have started into active life, making a total of seventy-four now in co-operation with the Board. This accumulated good has been accomplished by faithful hearts inspired with a love for the Master, and esteeming it a privilege to labor when souls were perishing for lack of knowledge and help to be obtained through what they were able and permitted to do.

With many of our earnest co-laborers there has been an evident purpose and aim to surmount obstacles arising to prevent a successful prosecution of the work, and these have said substantially:

"We will not sow our seed with sparing hand,
    Nor deem our toil in vain,
    But trust in God that the blade will spring,
    For He will give it rain."

There are hearts which feel that conscientious work has been done for the Master, and with delight the tribute of humble love and grateful praise has been laid upon His altar. These offerings have been hallowed by the graces of a God-
honoring faith and inspired hope; and though beginning at home, have not ended there, but like the disciples of old of whom it is said that their work was regarded as of the nature of light by Him who enkindled it, though “beginning at Jerusalem,” under the Divine command, and the Spirit’s ministry, was to radiate from thence to the ends of the earth. By this increase of auxiliaries, and their effectual working, the Board has been enabled to “send ambassadors by the sea, saying, go, ye swift messengers;” and may we not cherish the belief that a measure of good has been attained, and progress made, to human vision all unseen, but to the eye of Him who “notes even the fall of a sparrow,” most clearly revealed!

The missionary boxes used by some of the auxiliaries are highly valued for a promotion of systematic giving to the Lord. A secretary writing of their importance says: We have in our mind a picture of a family gathered around the fireside on a Sabbath evening—the open Bible calling to the study of the lesson appointed for the day—the missionary box on the table. Before the evening prayer is offered the little box is passed around, and each produces his or her offering garnered up through the week and contributed on Sabbath evening with real satisfaction. What more fitting act for the close of a day consecrated to God! It is said that a little book in Burmah that cost one cent was instrumental in the conversion of a Karen Chieftain who received many visits from persons inquiring into the truth of Christianity.

“Whose cent was that which gave the word of light and love,
To bid the heathen when he heard, to look above,
No more to worship idols vain, of wood and stone;
But trust in Him whom death hath slain, and saves alone?
So reader send thy gift in prayer though small it be,
Perchance it may such riches bear to answer thee.”

Eleven Auxiliaries have been organized since our last report closed, April 30, 1879. An encouraging feature of the work has been the interest expressed in the West in the foundation of Societies Auxiliary to the Woman’s Board. In Holland, Mich., a lady inspired with zeal for the cause of Christ and an
ardent love for our branch of Zion, has made a successful effort in this direction by a union of the three Dutch speaking Churches with the Hope Church which is English, in forming an Auxiliary. Our correspondent called on these ladies and found them much interested in the missionary cause and ready to enter into the work. Three weeks were spent in visiting the different congregations; and after obtaining the approval and cooperation of the ministers, a meeting was held which resulted in the formation of an Auxiliary by the married ladies, one also by the young ladies, and a Mission "Band" and "Circle" by the children and youth. The exercises were conducted in both the Dutch and English languages, as many of the ladies present could not take part in the English. Much hearty interest and enthusiasm was manifested. The "Articles for the Constitution of Auxiliaries" to the Reformed Church were adopted, at first separately, and then as a whole. Collectors are appointed and at the monthly meetings, missionary boxes will be passed so that those who are obliged to make small contributions will not be subjected to unpleasant feelings. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary propose to support a pupil in Amoy, and a member of the society will educate two pupils in the Sturges Seminary and pay their expenses yearly with the hope that they will eventually become teachers. The "Mission Band" have chosen the name of "Star of Hope," and intend to maintain a scholar in India. The "Circle" is pledged for $5, but it is hoped they will be able to support a pupil in the Amoy Mission. Our correspondent, who has given the life and inspiration to this movement, writes she "feels that much of the future missionary spirit depends under providence on the training of these two organizations." The evidence seems conclusive that the first advance in this new field of labor has been successful in its initiation. The question arises why more of these Dutch speaking Churches may not be brought into a closer fellowship and a more vital union with those, at the East, claiming with them "one hope, one faith, one baptism." By a concerted plan and union with the English speaking Churches they might have a part with us in conveying to those
"who sit in the region and shadow of death," the blessed knowledge of the Gospel of Christ. May not this prove an opening whereby the cause shall gather strength and importance and a more perfect knowledge be gained of what these churches are able and willing to do in this department of work for the Master.

An Auxiliary was effected in the Reformed Church, Constantine, Mich., in December and was the happy result of the action of a few faithful souls who had long felt a desire to aid more effectually this work for the Saviour. There seemed to be no encouragement for any organized effort, but at last one inspired with faith and hope offered to canvass the Church for this purpose and the result shows an evident and increasing interest in missionary work. There is a great want felt in these societies so far removed from a great centre where missionary intelligence and assistance is available as one of our co-laborers writes: "A live missionary is seldom seen here." The secretary of the Constantine Auxiliary asks, "Why will not some of our missionaries now in this country make a tour of the Western Churches this coming season? If an interest could be awakened in the hearts of Pastors it would be easy to enlist the people. Something is needed to arouse the love and enthusiasm for the cause in which we all feel ourselves to be greatly lacking but for which we are praying."

_Mott Haven Reformed Church._—An Auxiliary was formed in St. Paul's Church in June, and now reports a membership of thirty-one with promise of further additions. The support of a pupil in the Theological School at Vellore has been assumed, and a very gratifying letter has been received from him through Mrs. John Scudder. It is proposed also to undertake the support of a pupil in the Caste Girls' School at that place. The ladies express much interest in Foreign Missions.

_Piermont Reformed Church._—A report from this Society informs us of an organization effected June 28th. The writer says: "Our Society was formed yesterday, Sabbath morning, after service. Our pastor is very much interested and will do all in his power to assist us. Once a month at the monthly concert for prayer for Missions, the pastor presents missionary items and addresses the Society."
High Bridge Union Reformed Church.—This Society was formed June 14th, at the annual pic-nic of the Sabbath-school. In a secluded country nook an informal meeting was held, which resulted in an Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Collectors were appointed; the membership fee being placed at twenty-five cents monthly. The contributions are for the general fund. The secretary believes that a perusal of the "Manual of Missions" by the ladies will increase an interest in Mission work. (We will gladly welcome reports of pic-nics where the result is so good.—Home Sec.)

Schenectady, Second Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary organized October 29th, has held regular meetings; forwarded a box to a home missionary and contributions to the Woman's Board. Much credit is due the president of the Society for inducing an active interest in missionary work. The Society feel indebted to Rev. W. E. Griffis for a lecture on Japan, and to their pastor for aid and encouragement. The "Manual of Missions" and a number of missionary works have been lately added to the library. Next year family missionary boxes will be introduced.

Harlem Reformed Church.—An Auxiliary was formed in this church in December, and shows a progressive condition. Though the list of membership is not yet large, there is an interest felt in the subject of Missions. At the public meeting held by the Society Mr. and Mrs. Kip of Amoy were present and gave very interesting statements of their work. The result in canvassing the congregation for subscriptions has been very gratifying. The Society feel to "thank God, and take courage" to renew the work.

New York Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.—In January an organization was effected in this church, and promises activity and successful working. Although it is still in its infancy, the meetings are well sustained and exceedingly interesting.

East Greenbush Reformed Church.—According to appointment a meeting for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary to the Woman's Board was held in this Church in March. Although the number was not large, all present seemed to feel a deep interest in the work, and "encouragement is felt in this effort for the conversion and elevation of our sex in heathen lands, that God will crown it with success." The "Manual of Missions" has been received. The writer says: "This is a beautiful work, and one which we
have had a great desire to read. I feel confident that our people will be greatly instructed through its contents." The fee for membership was placed at twenty-five cents, in order to induce all to become members. If there are several in one family and in moderate circumstances none need be excluded, but this is not to be the limit of contributions. Monthly offerings will be made, as the members are able to bring them to the treasury.

**Coxsackie Second Reformed Church.**—An Auxiliary was effected in this church October 31st. The meeting was preceded by a public one held under the direction of Classis. Rev. L. W. Kip, of Amoy, was present and spoke to the ladies of that Mission. The Society now has a membership of fifty. The secretary writes: "We would like to arouse a greater interest in the cause of Missions, but we realize that the promises are to the faithful workers in the vineyard and not alone to the successful ones; and so far as we are faithful we shall expect God's blessing." "The Mission Monthly" is receiving attention, and an increasing desire is manifested for missionary intelligence. The contributions are for the China Mission.

**Philadelphia First, Second, and Third Reformed Churches.**—The secretary writes as follows: "We take pleasure in reporting that the Philadelphia Auxiliary Society was organized December 8, 1879, at the Third Reformed Church, by a meeting of delegates from three of the Reformed Churches in this city. The Constitution was adopted and officers elected. Six managers were elected from each church, with the officers, making a Board of twenty-two ladies. The Churches were canvassed and we now number 170 members, all of them contributing one dollar, and some more than this amount. Monthly meetings have been held, and a spirit of interest prevails. We have been privileged to have Mrs. Miller from Japan with us at two of our meetings, and obtained from her much information and encouragement. Three public meetings have been held at which we have been addressed by Revs. Mr. Miller, Mr. Ballagh, Mr. Kip and Dr. Scudder. A number of subscribers for the "Mission Monthly" have been obtained. The cause is so great—the work so glorious—the results so blessed—that we feel impelled to joyfully work on to increase the knowledge of Him "Who loved us and gave Himself for us." Should we not all feel it a privilege to give something to Him and His cause?"
MANUAL OF MISSIONS.

The "Manual of Missions," published by the Woman's Board, is sought for. The president, Mrs. J. Sturges, has generously offered to furnish a copy gratuitously to those of the Auxiliaries not yet supplied, and expresses the hope that by this free circulation among the members of the information it contains, a deeper interest may be felt and extended to our missionary work. A secretary from the West writes: "Please return hearty thanks to the generous donor of the "Manual." It is having a thorough circulation. I am sure the Lord put it in her heart to do this. It was just what we needed, but were not in condition to purchase." Another writes, sending "to the generous donor most hearty thanks for the gift," and "considers it an invaluable addition to every Society engaged in missionary work throughout the Church." It shall have a free circulation among our members."

Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth street, New York.—The secretary reports meetings sustained during the year and the subscriptions amounting to about the same as formerly. Increased interest is hoped for the coming year through the presentation of letters and articles bearing on missionary work at the meetings, and trusts through prayer and faithful labor, much fruit may be brought forth.

Middle Collegiate Church, New York.—"The Middle Dutch Church Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions would report that their organization and membership is practically the same as when last reported. Meetings have been held during the year and the sum raised has been paid to the Parent Society for the use of Miss Talmage in Amoy."

North Collegiate Church, Fulton Street, New York.—At the anniversary of the Auxiliary in April, Rev. Mr. Kip, of Amoy, addressed the Society. The contributions are devoted to the support of a teacher in one of the sixty villages in India spoken of by Dr. Scudder. In June a Mission Band was formed from the Sabbath School, the efforts to be divided between Home and Foreign Work. It is called "The Lanphier Band," out of compliment to Mr. Lan-
pioneer, the lay-missionary of the Church. The "Band" consists of
the entire Sabbath School. Each teacher has a missionary box, and
each child deposits his or her money in the box the first day of the
week. At the end of six months the boxes are opened, and the
class which has contributed the largest amount has a banner pre­

tented to it. The children are interested, and save their pennies.
One little girl walks quite a distance to save her car-fare, in order
to put five cents in the missionary box every Sunday.

Hackensack First Reformed Church, N. J.—On the occasion of
the Sixth Anniversary of this Auxiliary the Rev. Mr. Kip, of Amoy,
addressed the Society in a very acceptable manner. "His state­
ments were clear and forcible, and the hope is expressed that a fresh
interest is awakened in many hearts—the holy fire of love and de­
votion enkindled anew." The secretary writes: "It may not, and
it doubtless will not, be the privilege of many of us to have our
names enrolled on the noble list of those who have surrendered
home and friends for Christ; yet that we may be missionaries is
the prayer of our heart, through an intelligent liberality and deep
compassion for the dying millions who know nothing of the
matchless love, of the one true God." Maintaining a Christ-like
self-denial—not being satisfied to contribute to this end merely the
"crumbs that fall from the table," regular quarterly meetings have
been sustained. The president contributes information outside of the
Mission Monthly, which is circulated through the congregation.
The contributions are for India, China, and the general fund.

Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.—"The Scudder Memorial"
Auxiliary held its annual meeting on Friday, April 2d. The So­
ciety has continued the contributions to the support of a child in the
Arcot; and, by a generous gift from one of the members, the main­
tenance of a Bible reader in the Arcot Mission has been assumed.
The secretary reports regular meetings held once in two months,
with a very fair attendance—that they are interesting as well as
profitable, and much encouragement is felt. The contributions have
rather exceeded than fallen back of last year's collections. "Thus
we are trusting and praying that the Lord will bless our endeavors
and that we may have greater zeal, and work more faithfully in this
good cause."

Jersey City, Second Reformed Church.—Abstract from the An­
nual report: "Of necessity there can be little variation in our report.
The quarterly meetings have been held with no increase of attendance, but the treasurer's report shows there is no diminution of interest. We rejoice with thanksgiving that our Society can advance the appropriation towards Miss M. E. Talmage's salary, continue the care of Lo-tek (Ruth) and that we can announce the taking of another beneficiary, who is also chosen from Miss Talmage's school. Our "Farrington Circle" have paid their contributions, results of self-denial, for the year to the treasurer of the Auxiliary, and desire it to be used for Miss Talmage's school. We hope they have a sweet consciousness in their young hearts that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Tarrytown, Second Reformed Church, N. Y.—This Auxiliary has now been in operation fifteen months and reports a progressive condition. The membership has increased in number to seventy-five, and, by the treasurer's report the conclusion is obvious that the gifts for Missions have kept pace with the increase of zeal and effective labors of its members. The quarterly meetings have been regularly held, and have been instructive and pleasant. Addresses have been given by the Rev. James Ballagh, of Japan, and by Mrs. John Scudder, of the Arcot Mission, India, and by Rev. Henry Cobb, D. D., formerly missionary to Persia. These addresses were greatly enjoyed by all who heard them, and aided the Society in its work. The secretary writes that "the interest this Society has been the means of awakening in the cause of Missions in the Church is an occasion of encouragement and thanksgiving."

Raritan Reformed Church.—The membership of this Auxiliary continues the same, the work going on steadily and with interest. The monthly meetings have been sustained, and the amount raised sufficient to constitute the pastor's wife a life-member of the Woman's Board above the regular contributions. The Society has been encouraged and benefitted from time to time by hearing from our returned missionaries who have given fresh tidings from their Mission fields where they have been laboring for so many years. A letter from Rev. Mr. Wyckoff in India has been received during the year, giving an account of the good work the Bible reader supported by the Society has been permitted to accomplish. The Auxiliaries are encouraged for the future in this missionary work.

Sixth Avenue Union Reformed Church, N. Y.—"The Ferris Auxiliary" in this church has sustained a severe blow in the loss of
their most active member, their beloved pastor, Rev. Mr. Merritt.

The secretary writes: “Our September meeting was one of sorrow. While all hearts were full of regret that the Misses Farrington had been compelled to return; still sorrow had come nearer, for God had suddenly taken from the midst of his usefulness our dear pastor. We thought to welcome him home for work, but the Lord brought him home “to enter into his rest.” In this dark, mysterious providence, we can only say: “Be still and know that I am God,” “What thou knowest not now, thou shalt know hereafter.”

Rev. Mr. Ballagh spoke to us in January with cheering, hopeful words, and again in October, with sympathizing, comforting ones. Our systematic contributions were somewhat disarranged through a change of treasurer twice, and removals; the November meeting found us a little discouraged, but taking it to the Lord in prayer, and with strenuous efforts on the part of the new treasurer, by the middle of December the whole amount was raised. The attention of the Society was called early in the year to the fund for the Kolongsoo School building, and the first quarterly payment was devoted to that object.

Bushnell Reformed Church, Ill.—During the year a very encouraging letter has been received by this Auxiliary from Miss Mary E. Talmage, of Amoy, informing them that one of the two girls in the school whom they had been supporting had now united with the Church; and the other one, who had been removed from the school for a time to have her feet bound, thus causing them to fear that she was lost to them, had been returned to the school with the promise that her feet should not be bound again. The last quarterly meeting of the Society, which was also the anniversary, proved a fine day and the meeting was well-attended. The programme consisted of the usual devotional exercises, with reading the minutes, report of treasurer, etc. An address was made by the president of the Auxiliary; an article entitled “Hindu Women” was read, and an essay on “The Sunday School in Relation to Missions,” and also a poem: “The Great Famine Cry.” This Society, like many others, has been sustained through discouragement. In a former letter, the secretary writes: “A live missionary is scarcely ever seen here, and we have no one to stir us up.” Our Society has been in existence about five years, and in that time we have about exhausted our home talent.” In the last report she writes more encouraged: “Many of our members seem to have had no knowledge or thought of Missionary work pre-
vious to the formation of our Society, and I watch with delight the development of intelligence and interest, amounting to enthusiasm, manifested by them."

**Kingston Second Reformed Church.** — The secretary reports that the quarterly meetings have been held during the year. The September meeting was a "red-letter day for the Society." Mrs. Leonard Kip, of Amoy, met with the Auxiliary and gave such valuable information of missionary labor in China that the hearts of all the ladies went out to that work as it had never done before. The contributions, though not so large the present year, were cheerfully given by those whose hearts were deeply interested.

**New Paltz Reformed Church.** — The annual meeting of this Society was held April 28th, and the secretary reports six meetings of the Auxiliary during the year. These have been both interesting and profitable; much credit is due the pastor's wife and the president for making them so. The ladies have read on these occasions, various missionary articles, which have contributed to increase the interest and deepen the love for the work. The Auxiliary now numbers fifty-six members; two valued ones have been removed by death during the year. Much interest is felt, and a practical expression of it given at the annual reception at the parsonage.

**Pella Second Reformed Church, Iowa.** — From this Auxiliary we learn that they are "doing well" and "feel stronger in this the third year of their existence than ever before." The writer says the interest is kept up in the monthly and quarterly meetings. I have never seen a band of more earnest workers than these women and children are. "God's blessing has attended our Mission work here as well as abroad." "The older girls had a Sewing Society during the summer vacation, and prepared a box of useful and fancy articles for one of our Missions. They worked hard to prepare them, and we think they have done well, considering their youth and limited means—the eldest is but fourteen years of age. Three of our young workers have died during the year, but they expressed 'no fear of death, as they were going to be with Jesus.' We have had such precious meetings with our band of young workers. The hearts of all are fully enlisted in this work for the Saviour."

**New Brunswick, Second Reformed Church.** — During the year the Auxiliary in this church sustained a loss in the death of the native teacher supported by the Society. She died at Vellore,
India, December, 1879, and was one of the best teachers connected with the Mission. Her death is felt to be a great loss. The Society received, some months after her decease, a very touching letter written only five days before her death, and which was published in the "Mission Monthly." "That one such soul should have been led to Christ, the secretary writes, is an encouragement to labor on in the cause. The Society has increased in numbers, and the collections are nearly doubled. The Annual address was given by the Rev. Leonard Kip, of Amoy, before a large audience and related to Mission work in China."

Newburgh Reformed Church.—Once again this Auxiliary, though limited in numbers and often fearing failure, has been able to raise the amount pledged for the support of two native girls at the Chittoor Seminary. One of the girls has been recently married, but the amount is continued, trusting by its means and God's blessing another one may be brought from the darkness of heathenism into the heavenly light of the Gospel. Though discouraged at times, through earnest endeavors, the Society has also raised the sum required for the support of a missionary in one of the villages in India. This work is entirely distinct from the object with which the Society's work was begun, but hearing of the appeal from those who but waited for some one to come and tell them of Christ it was felt that the cry could not be disregarded, and God in His goodness has given the means to send the light to a few of His people at least. Dr. Chamberlain's account of the work in that village tended to strengthen and encourage the workers at home in their labors. The secretary feels that we should not be weary in our work because we seem to do so little. "God giveth the increase," and the "well done" from the lips of the Master will be a sufficient recompense.

Jersey City, Lafayette Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary is in a progressive condition. The secretary reports meetings sustained, at which time they have been made more instructive by the presence of some of our missionaries now in this country. At one of these meetings Mr. and Mrs. Kip, of Amoy, were present and interested them so much in the school on Kolongsou, towards the building of which the Society contributed last year, that the money on hand was appropriated to pay for globes, books, slates, etc., which had just been ordered for the school.
New Hackensack Reformed Church.—This Society is commencing its second year as an Auxiliary, and reports increasing interest and a growing desire manifested for intelligence of missionary work at home and abroad, realizing that intelligent help is best help. Regular meetings have been sustained, and the membership is now increased to sixty-one. The secretary writes that there is scarcely a family in the church but contributes to the work.

Utica Reformed Church.—The secretary of this Auxiliary writes that in reviewing the record of the past year she observes that the attendance upon the meetings of the Society has gradually increased, albeit the contributions have slightly fallen off. This is not accounted for on the ground of a decline of interest in the cause of Missions, but because during the year 1879 certain missionary enterprises required special gifts, and an unusual effort was made by some members of the Society to meet this temporary demand. The loss by death of a valued member of this Society has cast a shadow upon the record of the year—one who was deeply interested in the subject of Foreign Missions, and among the first to respond to the call for the formation of a Woman’s Auxiliary Society in this Church. While deeply regretting her, the members are comforted with the thought that, having lived and died in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, she has now “entered into the rest which remaineth for the people of God.” The secretary adds: “If we do not move forward as rapidly as we could wish during the coming year we shall, at least, hold our own and keep steadily on, hoping for brighter things in the future.”

Newark, Clinton Ave., R. C.—“It is with feelings of encouragement the secretary of this Society presents the third annual report to the Woman’s Board. The special work has, during the year, been the organizing of a “Mission Band:” “The Earnest Workers.” This Band consists of ten young girls, whose first efforts have confirmed their title to the name they assumed. And, after working diligently for several months, realized, at a sale of their articles, seventy dollars, which was sent to the Woman’s Board for India. The secretary writes: “We owe much of our success to the faithfulness of the collectors. They report much kindness shown, and a greater interest awakened among the ladies in this good work. At the meeting of General Synod held in this church last June many stirring appeals were made by our missionaries who were present, and will long be remembered by those who heard them. And now let
our gifts be accompanied by our prayers, and while the cry is still, "Come over and help us!" let those of us who are not called to leave our homes make some sacrifices if need be that the work shall not cease.

**Orange Reformed Church.**—The contributions from this Auxiliary, by unanimous consent, this year were given to India and sent to Dr. Chamberlain to be used in any way he deemed best for the spread of the Gospel, the calling out of the Elect and the hastening the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” A letter in response from Dr. Chamberlain has been received, thanking the Society for the money and saying “how much it was needed,” “as last year they had to leave sheaves ungathered for lack of funds;” adding, that “one of the most cheering things in connection with it was the statement that the money was accompanied with prayer.” Three classes in the Sunday-school have been engaged separately in Foreign Missions; but during the year the infant class, at the instigation of the writer, has assumed the support of a pupil in the Amoy school. One of the children brought a cent with one side polished brightly and her name cut on it, wishing to know “if that would help the heathen?” These young hearts seem much interested, but the writer urges their prayers more than their money—believing if there is interest to pray, the gifts will follow. Rev. Mr. Kip, of Amoy, addressed the Society at their annual meeting.

**Fishkill Village Reformed Church.**—“With one exception regular monthly meetings have been held during the year. The few who attend are much interested in the work. The Society at present numbers thirty members. It has been decided to appropriate the contributions for the year to India. With some definite object in view the interest seems greater among the members of the Society. With much regret the Society record the return of the Misses Farrington from their Mission to Japan, after an absence of little more than a year; and, while heartily sympathizing with them in their disappointment, regret the loss to the Mission field of two earnest, efficient workers.” It is now four years since the Society was organized; and, as the work is reviewed, disheartenment is felt that so little has been accomplished. But they would not grow weary in the work given them to do, knowing that it is “not by might nor by power” that the blessing comes, but that often through the feeblest instrumentality the most glorious results are effected.
Coxsackie First Reformed Church.—The secretary reports: "Another year's record brings us to review our hopes, prayers and gifts in aid of this blessed cause for the uplifting of our heathen sisters. Signally has our heavenly Father made woman to realize her power for work in this great harvest-field. The monthly meetings have been well sustained through the year. Selections from the "Manual," the Mission Monthly, and other sources have been read—increasing knowledge, stimulating zeal, and inspiring courage. May all these aids bring us to a more consecrated missionary spirit. Our gifts are for the Sturges' Seminary at Nagasaki.

Brooklyn, South Reformed Church.—The quarterly meetings of this Auxiliary are attended by a few faithful earnest workers, and, although small in numbers, the Society feels that the Lord has abundantly blessed their efforts, and they are encouraged with the addition of a few more members on the roll of membership. Another cause for rejoicing is, that the children have commenced working in the good cause, and formed a Society, calling it the "Hope Mission Band." At their Fair they met with gratifying success, and thereby increased the funds of the Auxiliary. The Society enters upon its fifth year of work as an aid to the Woman's Board with increased courage, trusting in the Lord Who blesses even the few who work together in His name. The report of the "Hope Mission Band" is given elsewhere.

Jersey City, Bergen Reformed Church.—The fifth annual report of this Auxiliary informs us of meetings held quarterly for business, and monthly for prayer. At these meetings interesting articles of missionary intelligence have been read, giving information of the work as carried on in various fields. While the number in attendance at these meetings has not been very large, the interest in the work throughout the church is well sustained. The subscriptions have been received by collectors who have reported at each quarterly meeting. These funds have been devoted to the support of scholars at Yokohama, Vellore, and Chittoor, the surplus to be used at the discretion of the Board. The secretary further says: "With prayer for a blessing on our work we have labored as a Society with feelings of pleasure and gratitude for five years. Cheered by the past and hopeful for the future we will continue it, rejoicing that we may thus be co-laborers with those who are working for the spread of the Gospel in Foreign fields; and, knowing that in His.
own good time the Master will crown our united efforts with complete success."

_Brooklyn, Twelfth Street Reformed Church._—The Woman’s Missionary Society of this Church submit the following report: "We enter upon another year with hearts cheered by the success of the efforts put forth. As a Society we are grateful for the staunch adherence of its members—as workers, we are grateful for the privilege of helping forward with our means this work given us by the Master. Mrs. De Heer gave us a look into Africa—its needs and demands upon us awakening an interest in her work there, so faithfully carried on for fifteen years in the midst of deadly malaria. As she now journeys to again resume her life-work our prayers go before her for safe voyaging, and that many years may be added to her useful life. At our annual meeting we had the pleasure of listening to the work in China by Mrs. L. W. Kip. The Society again pledged for the support of a native helper in India. With the assurance that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver we wait for His blessing, knowing that the gifts we are enabled to send through our Society are entrusted to us by willing hands; and so with God-speed from our friends and trusting hearts for the future, we enter upon the third year of Mission work."

_Passaic North Reformed Church._—Since the organization of this Auxiliary ten meetings have been held, each on the first Wednesday in the month, with the exception of the month of January, when it was deferred on account of the week of prayer, and also at the June meeting it was agreed to adjourn until after the warm weather. Since then it has decided to revive the Society, and commence with a new year the first of April. The support of a girl in Miss Mandeville’s school has been assumed, and contributions sent to the general fund.

_Bronxville Reformed Church._—This Society, upon entering its sixth year of connection with the Woman’s Board, shows a prosperous and progressive condition, and the interest of its members increasing in the work. During the year “Rio Harada,” the beneficiary supported in the Ferris Seminary, left the school, and the maintenance of a Bible reader in India has been taken up in her place. The secretary of the “Star of Hope Mission Band” Auxiliary to the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society reports a growth in numbers and interest. Their contributions have been given to a
pupil in Chittoor Seminary, and to one of the scholars in the Amoy School. The past year for both the Auxiliary and the "Star of Hope" "Band" has been one of encouragement; and both of the Societies feel that their labors and contributions, which are given with much prayer, will not fail of a blessing.

_Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J._—The last quarterly meeting of this Society was held in January. The meetings have been well sustained and much missionary spirit manifested. The Society report three life-members, and the membership of the Auxiliary slightly increased. The secretary writes: "Our humble little band may well feel encouraged that there is some work for the Master for us to do. And let our motto be, 'Whosoever our hands findeth to do, do it with our might; not as unto man, but unto God, which is a service well pleasing to Him.'" Mr. Stout, of Japan, addressed the Society, giving a description of the manners and customs of the people in that country."

_Millbrook Reformed Church._—The secretary of this Society reports continued prosperity. Although the working force is necessarily small, owing to a scattered community, the people come up nobly to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and there seems to be a permanent interest in the missionary cause developed. The work in this Society, as in many others, has been sustained under disadvantages; but with earnest, persistent effort, the blessing of the Master has followed it, and the result of the sixth year of the Society's existence is an encouragement to all to "go forward."

_Schenectady First Reformed Church._—The past year closing with April has been one of interest to this Auxiliary. The membership numbers sixty-seven. The moneys have been sent to be used at the discretion of the Woman's Board; "the Auxiliary, however, expressing a preference for China." "The Christian Home Band" from a tableaux entertainment raised a generous sum, which was sent to the Woman's Board for the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, for the partial support of Suye Yamanonchi. The Society have met with a great loss in the death of a valued member who was also their greatly beloved treasurer. The secretary pays a touching tribute to her memory, and writes: "It seems but yesterday when her earnest voice and generous heart bade us stand well by the duties we had undertaken to perform."
Readington Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary has reached its fifth anniversary, and has a membership of sixty. The contributions are increased and much encouragement is felt to persevere in the work. In November the Society had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Japan. Mr. Miller gave an interesting account of the girls' school at Yokohama. The proceeds of his lecture went into the Society's treasury, and, since that time, two entertainments have been given, the results helping to increase the missionary funds. The secretary writes: "When we consider the great work in which we are engaged, and the importance of sending the Gospel to our sisters who sit in darkness, we feel more than repaid for any self-denial we have been called upon to exercise."

Caatsban Reformed Church.—The secretary of this Auxiliary reports the Society in a "prosperous, active, working condition," and, to all appearances, to be of permanent continuance in the congregation. We think we have been in operation long enough to demonstrate that it is not from novelty or excitement that the work of this Society is sustained, but from a real desire to do all we can to aid in sending the precious Gospel to those who have it not, and to promote a greater interest in the cause of Missions among us. We have also demonstrated that success will attend efforts undertaken in a good cause with right motives, and in dependence upon our Heavenly Father, far better than fears previously entertained permitted us to hope. Regular meetings have been sustained; the membership and contributions increasing."

Astoria Reformed Church.—The Rev. Dr. John Scudder addressed this Auxiliary, giving an interesting account of missionary work in India, and of that of the native catechists in the Arcot Mission more particularly. These statements interested the Society so much that they have transferred their efforts to that field, and pledge themselves for the support of one of these humble native workers, believing that the information they shall receive from time to time will increase interest and stimulate to greater effort.

Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.—This is the second year of this Society's existence, and the secretary reports that "all things considered, it has been a successful one. The last meeting was an interesting one. A warm sympathy for the cause was manifested by all the members present. We have the hearty support of our
pastor, and trusting in Him who never allows His cause to suffer we look forward to another year of successful work in this field of the Master's vineyard."

**Freehold, N. J., Second Reformed Church.**—During the year this Auxiliary has been addressed by the Rev. Mr. Ballagh of Japan. The secretary trusts that there will be an increase in members and interest the coming year. They are not discouraged, but "enter the more earnestly, the more heartily, into the work, striving with 'patient continuance' to do our utmost to aid in maintaining and extending the Gospel in heathen lands. It is to them who 'faint not' that the promise of reaping in due season is sure and unfailing."

**Nyack Reformed Church.**—The Auxiliary in this church continues about the same as in past years. The friends are few in number, but faithful and persevering—willing to do all in their power for the good of the Society. The ladies wished to add to the work for the foreign cause a Domestic Missionary Society, and have sent a box of clothing this year to a missionary's family in Michigan. The intention is, to continue as in the past, hoping to do more the coming year.

**Greenport Reformed Church.**—At the close of the year ending March, 1880, the number of membership in this Society is reported to be forty-eight, showing an increase of eight for the year. A part of the contributions are for the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, and a part for a Bible-reader in India. The pastor's wife has been constituted a life member of the Woman's Board.

**Passaic, Aquackanuck Reformed Church.**—The secretary writes from this Auxiliary: "Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the privilege we have enjoyed another year, of aiding in sending the glad tidings of salvation to our sisters in heathen lands. Early in the summer our Society was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Ballagh, and in February by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stout, whose recital of their work in Japan made us more desirous than ever to do all we could to help our faithful missionaries who have not counted their lives dear unto them, that they might win souls for Christ. Only six names have been added to our membership, but, with the aid of a Loan Exhibition, we have been enabled greatly to increase our contributions to the Woman's Board."

**Owasco Outlet, Sand Beach, R. C.—**It has been deemed expedient by this Auxiliary to have the fiscal year correspond with the
the Woman's Board, which ends April 30th. The treasurer's report gives the amount received from the family Missionary boxes. The whole amount collected in this way for the first six months of the present year was given to the Amoy Mission through the Rev. Leonard W. Kip, who visited the Church in October, 1879. The secretary writes: "We have sacred associations with Kolongsu—in that now consecrated soil are laid the earthly remains of one who once united with us here in our Christian labors. We were glad that we had even a small offering to send back by the hand of the faithful missionary to purchase needed articles for the school established in the Amoy Mission; and we trust the little seed thus dropped into the soil of China may bring forth fruit an hundred fold under the culture of the Great Husbandman." "We have reason to be interested in the work of our Board in Japan; the former pastor, Dr. S. R. Brown, having labored there for the past twenty years, with but an interval of one or two years, which he spent in this country. He has accomplished, with the blessing of God, a work, the extent of which will be known only "when the books shall be opened and every man's work be revealed." The Woman's Missionary Society is only a gleaner in the great harvest-field. It picks up the scattered ears which are overlooked or dropped by the reapers, and it is not always that the humble worker has the good fortune to glean, as Ruth did, in a part of the field belonging to Boaz." (Extract from full report.)

Brooklyn, E. D., Bedford Avenue Reformed Church.—"The meetings of this Auxiliary have been regularly held during the winter, and have been interesting and profitable. In November the Society was addressed by Miss Jane Guthrie, a missionary of the Union Board, whose field of labor had been in Japan. Her words were full of cheer and enthusiasm. In January it was the pleasure of the Society to hear Mrs. John Scudder relate incidents of her work in India, and tell of the social state of woman there and the widening doors of opportunity. Owing to several causes the meetings have been less largely attended than could be desired, and the contributions comparatively small. But a plan lately adopted, of canvassing the congregation and Sunday-school for subscribers who will pay two cents a week toward Foreign Missions, will, no doubt, have the effect of increasing the funds the coming year. The marriage of O'Hatsu, the young Japanese ward of this Society,
will necessitate the selection of another child as the object of their faith and hope.

**Hudson Reformed Church.**—This auxiliary now has a membership of sixty, and their contributions are given to the general fund. From time to time, letters from India have been received by the society, which have done much to quicken the zeal in missionary work. The secretary says: "I cannot write you of sunny days and large gatherings, for upon most of the afternoons on which our meetings were held the elements seemed unfriendly; but remembering the promise, 'where two or three are gathered together in His name,' the meetings have been regularly held, except for the months of July and August. At the December gathering Mr. Stout, of Japan, gave a brief sketch of the religious and political history of that country for the last twenty-five years."

**Saugerties Reformed Church.**—The secretary finds but little to note of change in the progress of the Missionary Society. The number of members remains about the same as at the last annual report, although a new canvass of the congregation is hoped for soon. The monthly meetings have been held with more or less regularity, and although not as largely attended as could be wished, have proved very interesting, as letters and papers of interest have been always read. The collectors have still continued their calls, and the funds of the society have been raised almost entirely in this manner. A part of the gifts have been appropriated for a native teacher in India, under Rev. J. N. Wyckoff's charge, and a portion for the caste girls, school at Vellore, where Miss J. Scudder is teaching.

**Athens Reformed Church.**—This auxiliary continue their regular meetings as formerly, and find in the retrospect of the year’s work much to encourage and cheer them. There are many young people in the church who might be of great assistance if they would come forward, but who now withhold their hands; and this is cause for much regret. Their aid would do much to build up that portion of Zion, if it were freely given. The writer hopes that another year may find them earnest laborers in the vineyard of the Master, and feels that all can do something for this work. The contributions are for Japan. The anniversary held on the evening of December 5th, was addressed by Rev. Mr. Stout.

**Belleville Reformed Church.**—The fifth year of this society as an auxiliary to the Woman's Board has just closed. The meetings have
all been well attended and the interest deepened. At the annual meeting held April 4th, Dr. John Scudder presented the cause of missions so forcibly both morning and evening that the result has been very gratifying, several having expressed a willingness to contribute to the society. The secretary writes: “We enter upon our future work hopefully trusting that God will bless us as a society, and that the importance of mission work may be brought home to each Christian heart with so much power that they will feel constrained to give more, and to work more for the extension of Christ’s kingdom in the world. The contributions are for India.”

Yonkers Reformed Church.—The 16th of March, 1880, completed the fifth year of the existence of the Yonkers auxiliary. The secretary presents the report of the past year which has been one of continued prosperity, and in which they recognize the guiding hand of Him without whose blessing no human effort can avail, and in whose strength alone we can go forward. The appeal of Miss Talmage for a school building at Kolongsoo has been responded to; the support of a Bible Reader in India continued, and contributions sent to the general fund of the Woman’s Board. The marriage of Ko O’Kada, the beneficiary supported by the Society for four years in the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, and her consequent withdrawal from that mission, made it necessary to select a new field and object; and a native assistant to Dr. Scudder, in India, has been chosen in her place. The monthly meetings have been sustained, the one held in December being of a very interesting character. Mrs. John Scudder, of the Arcot Mission, was present and spoke to the ladies in an informal manner of her life and experience in India, and of the present needs of that mission. Dr. John Scudder delivered an address at the anniversary of the society. His delineations of the misery and degradation of woman in India could not fail to awaken emotions of gratitude for the blessings which Christianity had conferred, and of pity for those who are still in the darkness of heathenism. The desire to do something to lift them out of this darkness into the light and liberty of the gospel must have been quickened in the hearts of all listeners.

An English clergyman who has recently returned from an extended tour among the mission stations of Asia, writes thus of his impressions: “It seemed to me when I went around that we were watching the building of an enormous temple. We saw walls rising in some
lands, not visible in others; we saw workmen always at their post, the stones beside them and the tools in their hands; we found them daring and enduring, full of hope, although those who lacked their motive said they had reason for despair; we found them admiring not the beauty of the walls as they rose, but the glory of Christ in whose honor they would be raised. We found there was one blessed thought among them all, that the time would come when the building would be completed, when the aisles would be filled with a great company, where there would be only one song sung and one love known, the song of Jesus Christ and the love of the blessed Lord; and when that building is raised, will come the time when the last that is left upon the earth will hear the saying of the Lord, ‘Come ye blessed of My Father, enter into the kingdom prepared for you.’”

Dear sisters of the Reformed Church, what place shall we have in this glorious building, this “mighty temple of God”? What part have we in the coming of that kingdom for which we pray? Is the petition “Thy kingdom come” only upon the lips, a mere form of words, whose frequent use has made us careless of the import. Let us rather offer it in a spirit of earnest self-consecration, each one humbly, devoutly, asking, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?”

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Collegiate Church, 5th Avenue and 29th Street, New York City.
Middle Collegiate Church, New York City.
North Collegiate Church, Fulton Street, New York City.
Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, New York City.
Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Flatbush Reformed Church, Long Island, N. Y.
Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.
Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, L. I.
First Reformed Church, Hackensack, N. J.
North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, N. J.
First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Owasco Outlet, Sand Beach Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.
Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Newburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Readington Reformed Church, N. J.
Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.
Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.
Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.
Third Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Acquackanuck 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, Long Island, N. Y.
Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church, Williamsburgh, N. Y.
Schenectady First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Pella, Second Reformed Church, Iowa.
Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.
Hopewell Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.
Orange Reformed Church, N. J.
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.
Catskill Reformed Church, Saugerties, N. Y.
Coxsackie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Brooklyn, Twelfth Street Reformed Church, N. Y.
Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y.
Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Greenpoint Reformed Church, N. Y.
Syracuse Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Brunswick, First Reformed Church, N. J.
Passaic, North Reformed Church, N. J.
Athens Reformed Church, N. Y.
Flushing Reformed Church, L. I.
Tarrytown, Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Glasco, Flatbush Reformed Church, N. Y.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Mott Haven Reformed Church, N. Y.
Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.
High Bridge Reformed Church, N. J.
Schenectady Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Coxsackie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Harlem Reformed Church, N. Y.
Constantine, Reformed Church, Mich.
New York City, 34th Street Reformed Church.
Holland, Reformed Church, Mich.
East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.

Total, 74.
"MISSION BANDS" AND "CIRCLES."

"Earnest Workers," Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
"Lauphier Band," North Coll. Church, Fulton St., N. Y.
"Bright Hope Mission Circle," Unionville, N. J.
"Mission Band," North Branch Depot, N. J.

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New Paltz, Reformed Church Auxiliary, for a native helper in India, 73.29
Nyack, Auxiliary, general use of the Board, 32.75
Newburgh, Auxiliary for two girls at Chittoor, 80.00
New Hackensack, N. Y., Auxiliary, 89.01
Owasco, Auxiliary Society for a girl in Ferris Seminary, 28.00
Passaic, North Reformed Church, 28.85
Philadelphia, Young People's Society of the Sunday School in the Second Reformed Church, for Miss Whitbeck, 60.00
Philadelphia, Auxiliary to the Woman's Board send from First Reformed Church, $89.00; Second Reformed Church, $101.00; Third Reformed Church, $36.50; collection at Union Meeting, $3.47, 229.97
Piermont, N. Y., Reformed Church, 28.50
Pella, Iowa, Auxiliary Second Reformed Church, 30.00
Band of little workers in same church, 25.00
Raritan, Auxiliary, $50.00, for the Arcot Mission; the balance, $62.50, for general use of the Board, 112.50
Readington, N. J., Auxiliary, 125.00
Sayville, Long Island, 8.00
Syracuse, Auxiliary of Reformed Church, for Mrs. Jared Scudder, 80.00
Schenectady, First Reformed Church Auxiliary, for China, 75.00
Home Mission Board, First Reformed, 50.00
125.00
Schenectady, Second Reformed Church Auxiliary, 10.00
Rev. E. C. Lawrence, 15.00
25.00
Saugerties, N. Y., Auxiliary, $80.77; Sunday School, $25.00; for native helper in India, under Mr. Wyckoff's, and Caste girl's school at Vellore, and general use, 105.77
Tarrytown, N. Y., Second Reformed Church Auxiliary, for the support of a native preacher in one of the Arcot villages, 75.00
For general use of Synod's Board, 50.00
125.00
Upper Red Hook, Scudder Memorial Auxiliary, for the support of a Bible reader in Arcot Mission, 80.00
For support of a child in Arcot Mission, 30.00
Balance for general use, 11.37
71.37
Upper Red Hook, Mission Band Willing Workers, $16 54
Utica, Auxiliary, $124 00; Sunday School, $40 00; of this $10 00 is for Nagasaki; $28 00 for Caste school at Vellore; $86 00 for three girls at Chittoor, and balance $40 00, for general use, 164 00
Yonkers, Auxiliary in Reformed Church, for support of native teacher in India, 60 00
For Bible reader, 30 00
General fund of Board, 35 00
Wyckoff, N. J., Auxiliary, 22 00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.
Mrs. Thomas Jessup, 5 00
Mrs. S. Polhemus, in memoriam of a deceased daughter, 250 00
Mrs. Henry Camerden, 5 00
Miss C. M. McDermott, 3 00
Miss Anna Haswell, 2 00
Mrs. T. Romeyn Beck, of Holland, Mich., 5 00
An Old Lady, per Mrs. Pruyn, 1 00
Mrs. A. A. Raven, Brooklyn, L. I., for the Village work, 25 00
Mrs. M. A. Stitt, 5 00
Dr. Philip Phelps, Holland, Mich., 2 00
A Lady from New Utrecht, 10 00
Mrs. K. H. Veghte, of Somerville, 5 00
Mrs. E. S. Lott, Brooklyn, 5 00
Mrs. S. Matilda Mygatt, 10 00
Mrs. J. Howard Van Doren, 5 00
A. Souvenir, 20 00

Balance interest May 1, 1880, 158 61

DISBURSEMENTS.
June 2. By Cash to G. G. Smith, Treas., to Synod's Board, $245 20
July 11. " " " 375 32
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Aug. 18. " " 50 00
Oct. 9. " " 128 00
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The undersigned having examined the foregoing account, and compared the vouchers therewith submitted, certifies the same to be correct, and that the balance now in the Treasury, is Forty-three hundred and 06-100 dollars.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

New York, May 3, 1880.
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Mrs. William Williams; Kate L. Warner; Deborah Williams; J. H. White; F. E. Westhrook. Griggstown, N. J.; New York City.
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 Member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a Life Membership.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the 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
AUXILIARIES
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

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

Art. 2. Its objects 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.

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RATES OF POSTAGE.

On Letters, for each Half Ounce.

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

On Newspapers, for each Four Ounces.

To India, via Brindisi ............................................. 2 cents
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On Pamphlets, Books, etc.

To India, via Brindisi, for each two ounces ........................ 1 cent
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