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Tenth Annual Meeting.

The Tenth 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 13th, at 11 A.M.

The day was very beautiful, and before the hour of meeting the spacious chapel was thronged by delegates from the various Auxiliaries, by the friends of the cause, and by a goodly number of honored pastors and elders. Every available seat was filled, and many were compelled to retire, from inability to stand through the exercises.

Our venerable President, Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, presided, assisted by the Rev. Dr. E. B. Coe, who followed the opening anthem by the choir, with the reading of the Scriptures.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. H. Clark of Nyack.

The Tenth Annual Report was read by the Rev. Dr. Terry, after which the audience rose, and united in singing the hymn, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

The Treasurer's Report and the report of the Nominating Committee were read by the Rev. Dr. Coe.

The managers whose names were presented to the Board were unanimously elected.

The Rev. Dr. E. A. Reed made an eloquent address on the ministry of women to our Lord on the earth, and their
part in teaching His Gospel now; especially and suggestively dwelling on the supremacy of women in the Christian household.

Miss H. L. Winn, of Yokohama, Japan, was then introduced. Very modestly and beautifully she told the story of life in Japan from a missionary point of view, giving a rapid sketch of the work carried on in the Isaac Ferris Seminary.

Some stanzas, written by request for the occasion by Mrs. Sangster, were read by the Rev. Dr. Coe.

The old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was sung by the congregation with enthusiasm, after which the Rev. Dr. William W. Scudder, of Glastenbury, Conn., made a thrilling farewell address. Dr. and Mrs. Scudder are soon to set out for India, to reinforce the Madanapalle Station, and none who were present can forget the heartiness and fervor with which the veteran spoke, nor the gladness and élan with which he takes up again—after a period of home work in the pastorate—the chosen vocation of his life.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. E. B. Coe.

As usual the friends present were invited to be the guests of the managers at a social gathering and collation, in the room below. The invitation was generally accepted, and the hour of delightful talk and reunion was greatly enjoyed.
AN APPEAL.

(Written for the occasion by Mrs. M. E. Sangster.)

I PLEAD with those whose lives are bright, for those who dwell in gloom,
On whom there breaks no starry rift of hope beyond the tomb;
I plead with those whose homes are fair, for those whose homes are dim,
O guide them in the way to Christ, that they may learn of Him.

Borne far across blue-rounding waves, a wailing voice I hear,
"Uplift us from this place of graves, alas! so vast, and drear!"
That call from China's crowding host blends with the Hindu's cry,
"O sisters of the blessed life, come hither ere we die!"

Turn eastward still; the Rising Sun looks down on eager bands,
Sweet daughters of sea-girt Japan, who stretch imploring hands,
And beg with eager hearts to-day for Christian knowledge fain:
It cannot be their earnest plea shall come to us in vain.
O woman! honored of the Lord, thrice happy at His feet,
To lay thy clustered talents down, returning homage meet—
Calm Mary, tranced in fervent prayer, or Martha swift to do,
Whatever work the Master sends, obedient, loyal, true.

Shall these your sisters ask for bread, receiving but a stone?
The bread of life your hands may break, ye shall not toil alone,
For He who sat by Jacob's well the loving task will share,
If meekly trusting in His name, ye make the lost your care.

When round you little children cling, when o'er their cradled rest
You hover, praying unto Him, who slept on mother's breast,
Remember little ones who lisp their prayers to idols dumb,
And haste that unto such as these the living Christ may come.

Well may we scorn for gold and gems, and broidered garments fine,
To cumber His victorious march, to shame His conquering line;
The banner of the Cross shall float from every mountain crest,
For He must reign o'er all the earth, by all their King confessed.

He stoops to-day our aid to ask, His name He bids us wear,
The triumph of His onward path by sovereign grace we share:
O loiter not! to heathen gloom bear on the torch, His word—
What glory for a ransomed soul, to help the Almighty Lord!
IN the organization of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions a work was begun among our home churches which has been growing steadily for the past ten years. Yet notwithstanding this growth, it has scarcely kept pace with the demands of the work in heathen lands. As a single proof of this, we give the fact that whereas three years ago fifty-five hundred dollars were appropriated by Synod's Board and pledged by us for the support of the girls' schools, the appropriation for 1884 is over ten thousand. This sum covers the running expenses of the schools and the salaries of the missionaries who have charge of them. We are deeply grateful to Him to whom belong all the treasures of earth, that our receipts since our last anniversary have exceeded this appropriation, and that from last year's balance we have also been able to respond favorably to those special objects which
from time to time call for our benevolence. The nature of such calls may be learned from the following summary of

WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR.

1st. The Ferris Seminary at Yokohama has been enlarged, so that it will now accommodate ninety pupils. It was thought that twenty-five hundred dollars would pay for this improvement. But after making the estimate, the price of Japanese money appreciated about thirty per cent; and in building, some repairs on the older portion of the house were found necessary, so that when the work was completed a little over thirty-six hundred dollars had been spent. Of this excess more than eight hundred dollars were contributed by people of Yokohama. Mr. J. Potter, an American gentleman who had observed the working of the school for two years, showed the estimation in which he held it by giving five hundred dollars. Mainly through the kindness and exertions of William Morse and F. Lowder, Esqs. [Englishmen, if we mistake not], over three hundred dollars were added, fifty of which were given by Japanese silk merchants. The small balance was contributed by the Woman's Board, making their whole gift two thousand eight hundred and fifteen dollars.

2d. The building for the Girls' School at Madanapalle has been completed. Rather more than two years ago eleven hundred dollars were given by the Woman's Board for its erection. On account of Dr. Chamberlain's ill health it was not finished till last autumn. At that time he wrote that, owing to a continual advance in the price of building material, the cost had exceeded the first estimate by three hundred and seventy-seven dollars. "But," he added, "I think that if your committee could see the completed building you would be glad that I did not stop short when the money you sent was expended. It is admired by all who have seen it, and surprise is freely expressed that we could have completed
it for what it has cost." The three hundred and seventy-seven dollars were immediately forwarded to him.

3d. The Bible Readers' Home, on Kolongsu, at Amoy, has been built during the year. Here Mrs. Talmage expects to gather women at a season when they are unemployed, and teach them to read the Bible, so that they may carry its glad tidings to others. The building and ground cost thirteen hundred dollars.

Last of all the sums given for specific objects, we note the two thousand dollars already conditionally pledged for the re-enforcement of Nagasaki. Miss M. E. Brokaw and Miss Clara B. Richards have been in consequence sent to that station. We still hold twenty-five hundred dollars, originally contributed for a school building at Nagasaki, which will be used for that purpose as soon as it may be required.

We have placed first on our record of the year's work those objects for which large sums of money have been expended—not that we think that this gives them pre-eminence, but that we may put definitely before our contributors just how their money has been used. Not one whit behind these objects in importance do we reckon the advent of our magazine, the Mission Gleaner. Its very cover is expressive. In adopting the time-honored coat-of-arms, we desire to express our loyalty to the Dutch Church. Its name is what the Woman's Board was always intended to be—a gleaner, not a reaper, in the fields of the churches which belong by inheritance to Synod's Board. And finally, its motto, "All for Christ, Christ for all," is the spirit which we trust animates us in all that we do for Foreign Missions. Within its covers will be found the freshest available tidings concerning the work at our several Mission stations. At its small cost of twenty-five cents a year, it ought to have so large a circulation that a surplus fund shall be created with which we may add to its pages as the increase of Mission news may demand.
This year we welcome twenty-five new societies to our circle of auxiliaries, making one hundred and fifty-eight in all; and as our receipts show an increase of effort on their part, we especially commend our magazine to them as tending to increase both interest and effort.

We deeply regret that we cannot add to our list of things accomplished during the year the sending out a female medical missionary to China. No one ready equipped, and with a spirit of consecration for the work, has yet been found.

The following reports from the Mission Schools are necessarily, though with reluctance, condensed from those received:

**GIRLS' SCHOOL ON KOLONGSU, AMOV, CHINA.**

Miss M. E. Talmage, its principal, reports an unusually pleasant and satisfactory year, with very little sickness, and not a single death. Thirty-five names have been on the roll, with an average attendance of thirty. The examinations at the close of the year, although looked forward to by many of the pupils with fear and trembling, were passed with credit to themselves, and many received prizes. The four who stood first were Má-sioh, Li-a, Chhin, and Chiň-á, three of whom are supported by societies at home, who will be pleased to receive such a good report of their girls.

The two Chinese assistants in the school—the one a teacher of reading and writing the Chinese character, and the other the matron—have both given much satisfaction. The former is an earnest Christian woman, whose influence over the girls has been for much good. The latter has all the executive ability that could be asked for, and, unlike most Chinese, is very neat, and teaches the girls to keep themselves and the school neat also. Under her supervision the girls do all their own work, sweeping, dusting, cooking, washing, and sewing.

On Monday morning Mrs. Kip teaches the girls geography.
and music, and on Thursday Miss Kitty Talmage has a Bible and arithmetic class, thus giving Miss Mary Talmage these mornings free for other Mission work, principally visiting heathen homes to talk and read to the women.

In closing, Miss Talmage says: "The one object for which we work is to lead these Chinese to the Saviour, and we have reason to regret that there has not been more religious interest manifested during the year, and that we can report none of our pupils as coming out on the Lord's side. Thanking you in the home-land for what you have done in the past, we ask you to pray for us, that next year we may be able to report great things done in our midst through the blessing of the Holy Spirit."

VELLORE FEMALE SEMINARY.

Mrs. Jared W. Scudder reports as follows: "The number of boarders in the seminary during the last year was thirty-eight, besides one pupil teacher, and they have, on the whole, enjoyed pretty good health. The matron and teachers are the same as last year, and have done their work faithfully. The school was divided into four classes, corresponding to the second, third, fifth, and sixth government standards. Previous to this year we have not attempted anything so high as a sixth standard. The examination of this class, owing to its being for the most part a written one and conducted in English, did not prove very successful, for while no pupil present failed entirely, there were none who passed in all the prescribed subjects. The other classes managed to get through pretty well, and the grant earned was three hundred and forty-four rupees. Examinations, however, are not to be regarded as fair tests either of cleverness or attainment in scholarship. In the Bible examinations, conducted by some of our own missionaries, all the pupils did well, and the gentlemen expressed their satisfaction at the result."
None of the girls are leaving the institution this year, and as an unusually large number have been admitted, the school will have many more pupils in the ensuing year than in 1883. We are greatly indebted to the ladies of the Woman's Board for providing the girls with blankets and flannels. No doubt this has done much toward preserving the health of the school during the wet and dewy season."

EURASIAN SCHOOL, VELLORE.

This is a mixed school for boys and girls, the greater part of whom are Eurasians. It reaches a class who are relatively poorer even than their Hindu neighbors. Were it not for this school, almost all these children would grow up ignorant, and prove useless, not to say vicious, incumbrances on society. Here they receive a limited but thorough training in religious as well as secular studies. It cannot be doubted that results will more than compensate for the small cost of the institution in money and labor. The average attendance during the year was thirty, and at the government examinations the classes earned one hundred and fifteen rupees. We heartily thank the ladies in America who furnish the funds for the sustentation of this school.

HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

The two Hindu Girls' Schools at Vellore have done fairly. At the Arasamaran Street School, the average attendance has been seventy-six and at the Circar Mandy Street School fifty-nine. The Government grant earned by the examinations, together with fees received from the pupils, pay about half of their expenses. Both schools are constantly visited and carefully superintended by Mrs. and Miss Scudder, the latter having them specially in charge. In addition to secular studies, the pupils are thoroughly and systematically in-
structed in Scripture by a Christian teacher, devoted exclusively to this department, and their attainments in it are evidence of his fidelity. Thus through the medium of these schools light penetrates many a Hindu heart and home, which but for them would remain in absolute darkness.

Two great difficulties obstruct the advancement of these schools, both of which seem to be at present insuperable. The first is the want of competent female teachers. These are not to be had except at rates of wages which we have not the means to pay, so that we are forced to content ourselves with heathen schoolmasters. The second difficulty is the stolid determination of parents not to allow their daughters to remain in school beyond a certain age, varying from ten to twelve. That these will yield in time we doubt not. In the interval we must be content to do the best we can to enlighten and improve both parents and daughters.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL AT MADANAPALLE, INDIA,

has suffered somewhat during the past year from the protracted absence of Mrs. Chamberlain, as well as an inadequate supply of native teachers, but considering these drawbacks did fairly in the December Result Examinations. It, however, opened for the new year with a larger number of pupils, including several high caste Hindu girls from the town, as day scholars. Miss Mary K. Scudder, a daughter of the Rev. William Scudder, reached Madanapalle in January, and the school will now have the advantage of all the time which she can spare from the study of the Telugu language. It has also an efficient graduate of the Arcot Seminary as teacher, the continued services of the former mistress, as well as those of Papaya Sastri as Telugu Munshi, or teacher. With its attractive and convenient building we may therefore hope much for the future prosperity of this, the Board's newest school.
ISAAC FERRIS SEMINARY AT YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Mr. Booth reports that during the current year twenty-six new pupils have entered the school, making the total number on the roll forty-two, four of whom are assistant teachers. Owing to this increase of pupils it has been necessary to employ several new Japanese teachers, all Christians but one, however, and he, well disposed toward Christianity. Miss Leila Winn has been added to the corps of missionary teachers, and has instructed the primary classes in English for two or three hours a day, as well as made creditable progress in studying the language. Owing to the absence of Miss H. L. Winn in this country, the burden of teaching has fallen upon Miss Carrie Ballagh. Mr. Booth's own work has been of too miscellaneous a character to report fully, but he has had through the year classes in various higher branches, while Mrs. Booth has had the general oversight of the girls, and has also taught plain sewing and fancy needle-work.

Twelve of the pupils receive the whole or a part of their school expenses from friends in America. All of them are connected with Christian families, and their parents or guardians have agreed that their daughters or wards shall teach, or do other Christian work, as they may be directed by their teachers. Mr. Booth hopes by this means to carry on primary schools in the interior, or supply teachers to native private schools. An application was made to him last summer from a private school in a large city to the north for some one who could teach foreign sewing and Christianity. Un fortunately at that time he had no one to send.

Five of the older class of girls have been baptized within the year, and their influence over the other pupils has been most excellent. All of the Christian girls show marked progress in piety.

Mr. Booth acknowledges with gratitude the school appara-
tus sent out by our Board, as well as the Christmas boxes from auxiliary societies, and adds, in conclusion: “Mission work in general, in this country, and woman’s work for woman in particular, is only encouraging. A moral revolution seems to be hanging over Japan, and the greater the number of the Christian mothers in the future, whose characters have been developed under the guidance of Christian teachers, the more certainly will the result of such a revolution be a triumph for Christ. Our work is to teach, to train, to pray, and the work of the Spirit shall not be lacking, for He that hath promised is faithful.”

We cannot close our Report without alluding to the unusual loss our Board has sustained in the death of two of its members during the year—Mrs. John A. Todd and Mrs. James Kemlo. The one was made perfect through suffering, the other was suddenly called to her reward. We recall their voices as they were last heard at our meetings, and we remember the interest they took in all our plans for furthering the cause of Missions. God is giving us a little more of time and with it more opportunities to work for Him. Let us make the most of them, and “be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

Charlotte W. Duryee,

Foreign Corresponding Secretary.
A STATEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH.

(Presented at the Philadelphia Conference.)

THE condition of woman in Christian lands is in striking
contrast to that of her heathen sisters. In view of this fact
it seems strange that Christian women are not all earnest
advocates of Foreign Missions. Gratitude for the softening
influence of the gospel of peace and love should enlist their
sympathy in extending to others those blessings which God
has so beneficently bestowed upon them. In grateful recog­
nition of His mercy, we expect them to come forward will­
ingly to diffuse the light and sweetness of Christianity
among their less favored sisters, and it is a perception of this
Christian duty, having its rise in heartfelt gratitude, which
makes such as realize this obligation enthusiastic advocates
of Foreign Missions.

The work of sending missionaries into the darkness of
lands where the true God is unknown, is, comparatively
speaking, recent work in our Church, so far as the work has
been that of a separate organization; previously mission
work had been carried on through the American Board. It
was not until 1857 that as a denomination separate and
decisive action was taken, and the organization of a Board
of Foreign Missions showed the willingness of the Church to
enter upon this duty. At this period there had been as yet
no distinct society for women. The formation of a Woman's
Board of any denomination, and separate action resulting therefrom, is of very recent date. It is probable that the "Woman's Union Missionary Society," incorporated in February, 1861, was the first separate and distinct society organized to plant schools on heathen ground for the benefit of women. The first president of this society, one who was most active in its organization and most diligent in promoting its growth, was a member of our Reformed Church. The zeal of Mrs. Doremus, and her interest in the cause of missions, gave an impetus to the work of woman for her heathen sisters. Perhaps no woman in this country has done more than she has to promote the efficiency of such work.

The organization of this society led to the formation of other and similar societies among the women of various denominations. The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society dates from 1871. As early as 1822 Mrs. Judson endeavored to interest her American sisters in the women of Burmah. There is no record, however, of any united effort made at that time.

In 1869 the ladies of the Congregational churches united in a "Woman's Board of Missions." Much work had been done by women in New England previous to this, in connection with other societies.

In 1869 there was also a general movement among the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church in behalf of heathen women.

In 1870 the Ladies' Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church of New York passed a vote to enlarge their society into one which should combine both foreign and home work.

In the Protestant Episcopal Church a society was formed, known as the Woman's Auxiliary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in 1871. It appoints no missionaries, but supports women appointed as such by their bishops and approved by the Domestic and Foreign committees of the Church.

It will be seen from this how general the movement has become among our American women, every denomination having entered the field. We may also add how recent, for although many societies previous to the organization of these have attempted occasional work, and have accomplished
much in various sections, yet such disconnected effort will scarcely bear comparison with that planned by the societies now established and in full and prosperous activity.

The women of our Reformed Church were almost the last to establish a Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. This was not that they were less zealous advocates of the cause, but hitherto their personal interest had been directed through the channel of Synod's Board and their individual gifts absorbed into those of the customary church collections. Had this been all, so far as monetary interests were concerned, there might have been no need of a separate organization in so small a denomination as ours. But the interest of many of our church members was becoming disassociated from the work of our own Board, and their gifts diverted into the channel of the Woman's Union Society. While that is a most noble work, and worthy of our heartiest commendation, it is hardly just to neglect for that the support of the schools established by our own Church. If we can give due maintenance to the schools for heathen women at our stations and at theirs, it were well to do both; but so long as the women and girls in our own schools are not having the advantages we might give them, our first duty, plainly, is to uphold the missionaries whom we have sent from our own Church. It is undoubtedly true that the personal influence of Mrs. Doremus was very powerful in arousing missionary zeal, and her enthusiasm inspired the women of our churches, but we are too few in numbers, and, as a denomination, too small to bear so heavy a drain upon our resources as that which diverted this interest into other channels.

So content, however, were the women of our Reformed Church to leave the work of missions to Synod's Board, so true were they to the conservatism of the Dutch people, that the proposition to form a society of the women of our Church emanated from Synod's Board. You will find it stated in our first annual report in the history of our organization thus: "The distinct and general Woman's Board of Foreign Missions owes its existence to the recommendation of the General Synod at its meeting in Poughkeepsie, 1874."

It was not until January, 1875, that any attempt at organization was made; its years of work have therefore not
reached the first decade. Recalling this recent formation of the society, we should expect no more than the proportional amount of work accomplished, for it would be unjust to compare what we have been enabled to do with the older societies of other denominations.

The work undertaken by our Board is that of increasing the interest in foreign missions among the women of our churches at home, and, through the collections of the auxiliary societies, supporting the schools established by Synod's Board for women and children at the mission stations. Unlike some of the other societies, we do not propose for ourselves separate work, but are auxiliary to Synod's Board, taking as our share of the duty that of working in the schools already established for girls. We would have it distinctly understood that our work is that of women for women. We want to present the needs of the idolatrous and ignorant mothers of heathen lands to the God-serving and loving mothers of our own land, thus offering Christian love and tenderness as an antidote to the poison of ignorance and superstition.

Being impressed with the fact that the combined energies of our Christian women were necessary to the success of this work, the utmost pains have been taken to interest the women of every church and to reach all the churches in every classis. This has been largely done by the secretaries. They have corresponded with members in all our churches, even those locally remote, in the endeavor to organize societies auxiliary to the Woman's Board. Their work has been arduous. The amount of labor involved can only be appreciated by those who have had it under personal observation. Reference to the list of auxiliary societies formed will show the measure of success, as well as furnish means to compute the amount of labor gratuitously given. Through this agency not only have the collections been increased, but a knowledge of the mission work of the Church has been brought to the homes of our people, and there has arisen in consequence a stronger personal sympathy between our sisters at home and our missionaries on the foreign field.

To supplement this correspondence and reach those
churches which failed to respond to the suggestion and appeals of the Secretaries, another measure was adopted. Committees were appointed in all the classis, consisting of two ladies from each classis, to visit the churches in their respective limits, so that the request to form an auxiliary in each might be made by personal application. The proposition to adopt this plan was made by a noble, earnest Christian woman at the convention held at Poughkeepsie in 1881, at a private meeting of the ladies there present. It was strongly urged by the delegates and other gentlemen the following day in the public meeting. The adoption of this plan for reaching the churches has given such an incitement to the work, that the wisdom of advocating it then and there has been fully justified, although putting it into execution involved much labor.

As a statement of facts is more convincing, at times, than an argument, we will prove our assertion of the work of the secretaries by the statistics which we here offer. The number of auxiliaries which were formed the first year of organized work was nineteen (19). At present date the mission bands, circles, and auxiliaries amount to one hundred and forty (140). The payment of $25 by one person at one time constitutes that person a life member. The list, at date of last annual Report, gives the number of life members as two hundred and seventy four (274).

The total amount collected by our auxiliaries during the eight years of our existence amounts to $67,000, taking the sum in round numbers.

Contributions were also solicited for the payment of the debt which rested so long and so heavily upon Synod's Board. In this direction, through individual subscriptions, and by bearing the burden of collecting in many of the churches, there was much accomplished through our auxiliaries; although the Woman's Board deemed it unwise by any separate action to interfere with the very efficient plans of the committee of gentlemen.

We have thus, as briefly as possible, given a statement of what has been accomplished at home by the Woman's Board of our Church. Much time and labor have been required for such results, but they have been the free-will offering of
women in happy Christian homes in answer to the question, "And how much owest thou to thy Lord?"

We now turn to the work as seen in its results at the mission stations. There are certain things which cannot be weighed in scales, nor adjusted in their length and breadth to any earthly measurement. We cannot, therefore, prepare a balance-sheet by which to show the relief afforded by our ladies to our sisters toiling in distant lands. In a womanly way we have offered many kindly words of sympathy, and assurances that they are not forgotten by friends at home; and they write to us in reply that our prayers for them, and our sympathy with them have been the means of encouragement and cheer in their hours of loneliness, amid strange faces and unfamiliar tongues. From Vellore one of our missionaries writes: "It is a comfort to know that a band of earnest workers at home are joining their efforts and prayers with ours in behalf of the work we are trying to do here." The more tangible expression of our interest may be found in the financial assistance given to the missions.

As the work we assumed was that of women for women, our intention has always been to support the schools already established for heathen girls. We were enabled to do this in 1880, and our society at that time pledged Synod's Board to pay annually the sum of $5500 for the support of the three seminaries, one at Amoy, one at Yokohama, and one at Chittoor, and the two caste girls' schools at Vellore. Dr. Chamberlain, of the Arcot Mission, India, also asked for $250 to support a girls' school at Madanapalle, and also for a building to accommodate those pupils who were at that time only sheltered in mud huts. The sum of $1000 was appropriated for that purpose.

A sum of money known as the Nagasaki fund has been held for some time in reserve, for the purpose of establishing a girls' school at Nagasaki similar to the Isaac Ferris Seminary at Yokohama. Our society also promised that if the Church thought it advisable to re-enforce that station, and concluded to do so, that the Woman's Board would contribute $2000 toward the expense of re-enforcement. This sum is in addition to the fund held in reserve for a girls' school at
that place, and our treasurer has recently reported that the money has been paid.

The sum of $2000 was given in 1881 to erect a new school building at Kolongsu for the school previously situated at Amoy. The ladies who taught here had previously been obliged to cross over in a row-boat daily from the island to the mainland, endangering health and risking life in case of storms. Mrs. Talmage, writing about this, says:

"We appreciate very much having the school so near us. It has saved much unnecessary labor and time, and has been of marked advantage to the school, as we devote much more time to the girls than we could formerly."

The sum of $900 was also appropriated for the use of Mrs. Talmage to erect a small building at Kolongsu for the accommodation of the women who come from the surrounding country during the rainy season, when they cannot work out of doors. Instruction given to these attentive listeners has been much blessed, and has proved to be as a normal class for Bible women. An additional sum was added at a recent meeting of our Board, as the original sum was found to be insufficient for the purpose required.

Quite recently also the sum of $2500 was voted for the enlargement of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, the girls' school at Yokohama, Japan. This was necessary on account of the growth of the school. A small sum was added to this at the request of Mr. Amerman, to be expended in drawing-books, physiological charts, and text-books for this seminary. These were requisite as a means of higher education to the girls who are to be the wives of the native pastors and teachers.

Our much beloved president, Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, actuated by fervent Christian zeal in the cause of Foreign Missions, has given generously from her personal income. To the $2000 she had previously given she has recently added another thousand, which was divided among the three schools at India, China, and Japan.

Very urgent appeals have come to us from the China Mission, begging us to send out a female medical missionary; a Christian woman, who can be useful professionally among the neglected women of China. Custom and public opinion prevent them from calling in ordinary medical relief in sick-
ness. An educated female physician could not only relieve their physical suffering and alleviate many miseries they are now obliged to endure, but she would also be enabled to gain access through her medical skill into homes from which the missionaries are ordinarily excluded. Such marked advantages have attended the appointment of a female physician elsewhere in China, that we have been most anxious to secure similar service. If we could procure the aid of an educated Christian woman, whose thorough medical education would fit her to assume such a position, she would be of inestimable value in advancing the work among Chinese women.

Mrs. Talmage, in a letter from Amoy received during the summer, is very urgent in pressing this upon our notice. She says, alluding to their need of a medical missionary for the women in China, "I do hope you will not let the subject drop. A lady could do so much here as a physician."

She continues: "Very few young women ever come to the hospital, and none of those belong to the better class who do come. Most of them are middle-aged or old, and they bring children. I go over every Monday morning to talk to the women while they are waiting for medicine. Usually they sit very quietly and listen to what I say. They all have some bodily disease; but oh, if they could only get some knowledge of the Great Physician and the sore need of their souls!"

We quote Mrs. Talmage's words to show in what direction this influence could be felt, and how greatly it would be extended if the women generally could avail themselves of educated medical skill, as they would do if the physician was a female.

We continue our quotation of this letter, not because it is relevant to this subject, although it immediately follows, but because it is such a vivid illustration of the need of just such work as ours—that of women who are Christians for women who are heathen.

"One of these women (that is, one of the women waiting for medicine in the hospital) had a little girl beside her about ten years of age. I asked the child's name. The name signified that the child was just tolerated—merely allowed to live. The mother in explanation said that when the child was born she meant to destroy her, but an older sister said,
'Let her live, I will wash her and care for her.' So the poor little thing was not killed, but all her life she carries about with her in her name the humiliating acknowledgment of her insignificance. The mother felt no shame in admitting her intention to kill her child, because in China it is not considered a sin to do so. Mrs. Talmage comments on it thus: "It is sad to see how unwelcome little girls are in this great land, and how little love and care they have from their parents."

In another letter alluding to this subject, Mrs. Talmage says: "Girls in our Christian home-land can never know what they owe to Christianity, and cannot be too thankful that they were not born in a heathen country. When I was at home I often found myself comparing the pleasant surroundings and privileges of children there with those in China. It seemed as if those favored children could not help but love the Good Shepherd, if they only realized how much He has done for them. I am sure if they knew how many poor little lost lambs there are wandering all over this dark country, they would be more anxious to give their prayers and their pennies to save them."

There must be a striking change in these people when they are converted to Christianity. There is so much immorality among the Chinese that only the Holy Spirit working in their hearts can make them realize the necessity of purity, truth, and uprightness in their daily life. That they do realize this, is evident from an account given by Mrs. Talmage of the visits of an old Chinese woman who had been converted to Christianity, and who delights to tell others how she turned from heathenism to find the Saviour. This is a sample of a discourse of this old Christian woman when she goes to some heathen village and gathers the women and children about her: "There are only two paths to walk in. One is the way of life. The other is the way of death. The first is very narrow, because it must shut out the world. The world must be left behind. That is the path that leads to heaven. The other path is wide, very wide, because it gives room for all lying, stealing, gambling, and all worldly pleasures. That path leads to death."

We have quoted from these letters of our missionaries
because they show both the necessity for and the result of work among heathen women. We have found our interest aroused and our zeal quickened by just such information as this, and for that reason we have endeavored to spread a knowledge of the work done at the mission stations. We have circulated leaflets and other forms of printed matter among our auxiliaries and mission bands, so that by this means we could stimulate that enthusiasm which is the result of intelligent confidence in the work.

The columns of the *Sower*, the *Mission Monthly*, and these *Mission Leaflets* have been used as vehicles of information; but none of these were found to meet exactly the wants of the auxiliary societies. There were constant applications made for reading matter to be distributed at the meetings. To meet this demand the Woman’s Board have resolved to publish a small magazine, bi-monthly, for circulation among the auxiliaries. The first number of this is now ready, and we hope it may meet with the approval of the women of our Church. Although the cost to subscribers will be only twenty-five cents per annum, we think it will not only pay for itself, but will be a source of revenue in return.

In enumerating the sources of information which have, through our Board, made the auxiliary societies and other members of our Church familiar with mission work, we would also refer to a Manual containing the history of the Missions of the Church published by our Board in 1877. This was not only a handsomely bound and attractive volume, but is spoken of as "a valuable contribution to our Church literature." The entire expense of its publication was borne by the President of our Board. This is but one of the many delicate and tender evidences of the estimation in which she holds this cause, and her readiness to uphold it by substantial and material aid.

We look back over the work of these nine years since our organization as a Board, with thankful hearts that we have been permitted by our Heavenly Father to assist in this work. We have not been without failures, but we have done the best in our power, looking to God for His guidance and direction in every step that has been taken.

We offer this plain statement of facts in accordance with
the wishes of the Committee of Synod's Board, as we understood their request to prepare an account of our work to be laid before this convention. It has given us great pleasure to do this, and we join most earnestly with you in the hope that our combined efforts may be wisely directed by our Heavenly Father to the advancement of His kingdom on earth, finding encouragement in His promise, "Fear not, I am with thee; I will bring thy seed from the East and gather thee from the West; I will say to the North give up; and to the South keep not back; bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth."

Gertrude L. Vanderbilt,
Elizabeth M. Cumming,

Committee.
TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

For the year ending April 30th, 1884.

Auxiliaries have been organized in the following churches since May, 1883:

Albany, N. Y., Madison Ave. Ref. Ch.
Cohoes Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Cedar Grove Ref. Ch., Wisconsin.
Brooklyn, Bedford Ref. Ch.
Ellenville Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Easton Ref. Ch., Pa.
Fishkill Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Griggstown Ref. Ch., N. J.
Hampton, North and South Churches, Pa.
Herkimer Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Lodi Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Poughkeepsie First Ch., "Young People's So."
Pompton Ref. Ch., N. J.
Port Jackson, Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Port Richmond Ref. Ch., S. Island, N. Y.
Neshanic Ref. Ch., N. J.
Somerville First Ref Ch., N. J.
Somerville Second Ref. Ch., N. J.
Tarrytown First Ref. Ch., N. Y.
Thousand Isles Ref. Ch., Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Vischer's Ferry, Amity Ref. Ch., N. Y.
West Troy So. Ref. Ch., N. Y.

Total Auxiliaries, . . . . . 132
Total "Bands" and "Circles," . . 33

165
NEW AUXILIARIES.

Albany Madison Avenue Reformed Church.—The ladies of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church held a missionary conference during the session of Synod in this church in June, 1883, hoping thereby to effect the organization of societies in some of the neighboring churches, where but little missionary interest had been manifested. To this conference the officers of the Woman's Board were cordially invited, and the desire was expressed for a closer intimacy and acquaintance with our work. In November we were informed of the action of the society in adopting the necessary resolutions to make it an auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. Miss Winn, from the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, was present, and addressed the ladies at this November meeting upon her work and experience in that mission in Japan.

Neshanic Reformed Church, N. J.—In the month of March we were informed that a few ladies of this church organized an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Those to whom the subject had been presented united cordially in this new movement. The ladies are specially interested in India, as the Sabbath-school is supporting a teacher under Mr. Wyckoff in Tindanum.

Pompton Reformed Church, N. J.—A meeting of the ladies of the Pompton Reformed Church was held July, 1883, for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The interesting description of missionary life and work, graphically given by Mrs. Dr. Shelton, so many years a laborer in India, was extremely enjoyed by the twenty-one ladies who gathered at this inaugural meeting.
The "Constitution" for auxiliaries was adopted, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings, which have been well attended. The society is now composed of thirty-one active and nine honorary members. At each meeting interesting articles on missionary topics are read. Miss. Winn, of the Ferris Seminary, Japan, kindly met with the ladies in January, and by her enjoyable and instructive conversation added much to the interest in mission work, and particularly in her own field of labor. The receipts of the year, arising from fees and mite-boxes, will be devoted in the foreign field toward the support of a Bible Reader and Catechist in India.

Vischer's Ferry Amity Reformed Church.—This auxiliary organized January 2d, 1884. The congregation was thoroughly canvassed, and twenty-six members secured. Forty-four missionary boxes were distributed, and the newly-formed society is very much encouraged by the interest manifested in the work by nearly every family that have been visited.

Herkimer Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary was organized in May, 1883, with a membership of seventeen persons, and now has upon its roll sixty-five names. The meetings are held quarterly. There is reason for great encouragement at the interest manifested in the work in which we are engaged, and the cause generally, by the ladies of the church.

Griggstown Reformed Church, N. J.—In May, 1883, an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was formed in this church. There are fifty-five names on the roll of membership, and about fifteen attend regularly the monthly meetings. The pastor heartily aids the work. The secretary of the auxiliary is hopeful for the future that the society may be willing to aid in every good work for the Master and their efforts for Him be blessed.

Easton Reformed Church, Pa.—An auxiliary in this church is reported with a membership of thirty. Since the month of January, 1884, the society has raised for the work of the
Woman's Board thirty dollars, and desire the money applied to some one of our girls' schools or to a teacher.

Somerville Second Reformed Church, N. J.—A "Mission Band" was formed in this church in November for the purpose of interesting the young people of the church in the cause of missions. There are now about thirty members from seven to fourteen years of age, who meet every Saturday afternoon from half-past two o' clock until four. At these meetings a collection is taken up, which generally amounts to a dollar or to one dollar and a half. These young persons have decided to maintain a pupil in Mrs. Scudder's school at Vellore. From missionary boxes, which are also used for making collections, and an entertainment gotten up by the girls, sixty-five dollars have been realized for the missionary cause.

Somerville First Reformed Church.—The subject of aiding the work of the Woman's Board was brought before the ladies of the First Reformed Church at a meeting of the Mite Society in January, 1884. It was decided to raise contributions by a yearly subscription, and a committee of ladies were appointed to take the matter in charge. The amount raised—forty-six dollars and fifty-seven cents—was forwarded to our treasurer. The chairman of this committee hopes by another year to be able to report still larger success.

Port Jackson Reformed Church, N. Y.—An organization meeting was held August 29th, 1883, at which time the "Rules and Regulations" were adopted to make the society an auxiliary of the Woman's Board. The meetings have been held quarterly, and well attended. Considerable interest is shown in the matter by the ladies of the church. "All the women of the congregation are considered members of the society." "The object of this society shall be to develop the missionary sympathies and activities of its members."

Thousand Isles Reformed Church, Alexandria Bay.—The secretary of this auxiliary writes that this, their first year, has been an experimental one, and at its close the society feels greatly
encouraged. It was formed with a small membership, which has gradually increased from time to time. Six new names were added to the roll at a recent meeting, and there are now twenty-six members. Monthly meetings are held and sustained. The writer, with a thankful heart for what has been accomplished, is encouraged to hope for an increase of zeal and interest in the missionary work of the church.

_Brooklyn Bedford Avenue Reformed Church._—The existence of an auxiliary in this church has been so brief that we are able as yet to report but little more than the fact of its organization. We are looking hopefully for the interest, sympathy, and co-operation of the ladies composing the membership of this society. The "good seed" has been sown, and the "Lord of the harvest," we believe, will bring forth in due time the "hundred-fold."

_Tarrytown First Reformed Church._—The collection of this society is done by means of the envelope system. At the beginning of each year an officer, called the Supervisor of Collectors, is elected, with eight assistants, or collectors, these latter being lettered alphabetically. The collectors visit every lady in the congregation to solicit subscriptions, and leave a package of twelve envelopes for the twelve months in the year. On each envelope is the letter of the collector, also the number of the subscriber. The envelopes are collected on the plate at the church service. The collectors report to the supervisor, who keeps an account of each collector’s subscribers. When a subscription fails to come in the supervisor notifies the collector in whose name the list appears, and the delinquent is visited and reminded of her negligence. Because this system has been found to work admirably in this church it is described thus in detail. The meetings of the society are held quarterly, the exercises consisting of prayer, reading of the Scriptures, singing, addresses on missionary topics, reading of letters from missionaries, and extracts from mission papers. The subscriptions for the year have greatly exceeded the expectations of the ladies, who are very much interested in this work.

_Cedar Grove Reformed Church, Wisconsin._—"The Work and
Praying Band’’ established at Cedar Grove has become auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. The printed ‘‘Constitution’’ was in the Dutch language, and upon translation into English was found to be modelled after the ‘‘Constitution for Auxiliaries’’ given in the Report of the Woman’s Board, though modified and adapted to the circumstances of the locality. The meetings are to be held quarterly, and the first payment has been for the support of a native teacher in India.

Poughkeepsie ‘‘Young People’s Missionary Society,’’ First Reformed Church.—This auxiliary was formed in December by eight young ladies, and the membership fee placed at one dollar. Monthly meetings for conference and prayer are observed, and a very cordial invitation extended from the pulpit for all the young people and children to unite with the society. The support of a pupil in the Ferris Seminary has been assumed by the young ladies, and at the last regular meeting twenty-seven names were enrolled as members. Ladies unable to attend the monthly meetings by contributing one dollar are enrolled as honorary members.

Northumberland (Bacon Hill) Reformed Church.—‘‘The Busy Bees,’’ a ‘‘Mission Circle,’’ has been formed at this place, led by the wife of the pastor of the Gansevoort Church. Seven members were reported at the last accounts.

Lodi Reformed Church, N. Y.—The ladies of this church organized an auxiliary to the Woman’s Board in July, 1883, with nine members, and they now have twenty-five names on the roll. The society begins under happy auspices, the meetings becoming more and more interesting. Specimen copies of the Mission Gleaner have been received, and subscriptions obtained. The secretary writes hopefully that their efforts may be blessed by God.

Cohoes Reformed Church, N. Y.—In September, 1883, and in response to a call from the pastor to the ladies to form a missionary society, five or six ladies met in the church parlor for the purpose; but as the meeting was small, another call
was made for the ladies to meet after the weekly prayer-meeting. At this time an organization was effected. Officers were chosen, the congregation was divided into districts, and collectors appointed for canvassing. Missionary boxes were left with all who were willing to accept them, to be opened, and moneys collected quarterly. The meetings are held monthly. The Mission Gleaner has been received, and circulated among the ladies of the congregation. The pastor is in hearty sympathy with the work, and has been the means of inaugurating the new enterprise.

West Troy South Reformed Church, N. Y.—In June, 1883, the pastor of this church wrote for any helpful and necessary printed matter in sufficient quantity, with a view to a meeting of the ladies for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary to the Woman’s Board. In July such an auxiliary was formed with fourteen active members. The sum fixed upon for membership fee was twenty-five cents and ten cents in addition paid monthly by the members.

Ellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.—The secretary of this auxiliary writes, under date of January 14th, 1884: “I am glad to tell you that we are now a fully organized society. At the first meeting sixteen ladies were present, who all manifested a real desire to enter upon the work. There is an executive committee of six appointed, and six collectors canvass the different districts. Specimen copies of the Mission Gleaner have been distributed among the members, and subscriptions received.” The writer hopes from time to time to tell of the growing interest of this new society.

Fishkill-on-Hudson.—In November the pastor wrote a very encouraging letter, stating that an auxiliary would soon be accomplished in his church. The Rev. Dr. Cobb was expected to meet with them, when “the enterprise would be fairly launched.” This has been carried out, and regret expressed that there has been tardiness in this matter.

Port Richmond, Staten Island.—The ladies of this church met on April 7th, 1884, for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. It was resolved
that the monthly fee should be ten cents, and that there should be yearly donations. The auxiliary numbers thirty members. In addition to these, there has been organized a "Mission Band" in the Sunday-school at "Verplanck's;" a Mission Circle in the Paramus Reformed Church, and a Mission "Band" at Nyack, N. Y. Total new auxiliaries, 25.

Acquackanonck Reformed Church.—"At the annual meeting held in February, 1884, the seventh report of this society was submitted, and although it could not chronicle any great events as having taken place during the past year, yet it gave evidence of a continued prosperity and a great desire to advance the Master's Kingdom. The monthly meetings have been held on the first Wednesday afternoon in each month." There is a membership of fifty-four, the average attendance eighteen. The first Sabbath in July the Rev. Mr. Amerman preached to the auxiliary, and all were greatly interested in his recital of his work. The society has been in constant receipt of interesting missionary letters from Mrs. Scudder, Booth, Stout, and others. A picture of the caste girls' school in Vellore was sent to the society by Miss Scudder. During the year death has twice invaded the ranks, removing two of the elderly members. Although they were unable to attend the meetings of the society, they still maintained a deep interest in the cause, and aided it pecuniarily. In the fall the ladies began an autograph quilt, to contain the names of the members of the society, with those of the teachers and scholars of the Sunday-school. The secretary closes her report, writing: "As we close this Report for 1883, it is with the earnest desire to do more and better for those who are living without our joys and who are mourning without our hope of a blessed re-union and a glorious immortality."

Astoria Reformed Church, L. I.—The membership of this auxiliary has materially increased since last year, of course correspondingly increasing the interest. The Sunday-school Missionary Society, which is an offshoot of the Ladies' Society, is well attended, not only by the younger children, but by those more advanced. Mrs. Dr. Shelton, formerly a missionary in India under the American Board, favored the
society with a very interesting account of the life and mission work in India at their quarterly meeting in June. Since then Miss Winn, from Yokohama, our own missionary, has spoken to the auxiliary of the country and every-day life of the pupils at the Ferris Seminary, Japan. Miss Winn read letters from some of the Japanese girls, which brought the good work home to the hearts most forcibly. The Mission Gleaner has been most sincerely welcomed by the ladies, and it is hoped that the tidings it brings, coming so fresh from the far East, may prove another link to draw us closer to our heathen sisters and also to those who are so faithfully laboring in their midst.

Belleville Reformed Church.—The secretary writes: "In looking back and reviewing the work done by this society during the past year, we feel deeply thankful that we have been permitted to accomplish so much. The contributions are larger this year than at any time since the organization of the auxiliary. The attendance at the monthly meetings has been much the same, but we know by the gifts that the interest has increased. We are encouraged, believing that God will be with us in the future as He has been in the past."

Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church.—This auxiliary reports that its most satisfactory work during the year has been the formation of three Mission Bands—one composed of little girls, one of boys, and one of young ladies. These are conducted by competent leaders, who have succeeded in awakening a very considerable interest among members of the Sunday-school. Regular meetings of the society have been held, and letters from the teacher at Vellore, who is under its care, have been received and read with pleasure.

Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church.—With grateful pleasure the secretary presents the Seventh Annual Report of this society. The meetings have been held monthly, except for July and August, and the work progresses with its usual interest. During the year missionary boxes have been placed in the Sunday-school, from which larger contributions are expected than have been given for the cause heretofore. Sixty
dollars are sent to India every year for the support of a native helper. In December a letter was received from this teacher, which gave great cheer and encouragement in the work.

_Caatsban Reformed Church, N. Y._—"The Sixth Annual Report:" "Month after month has followed in rapid succession, and again brought us to the close of another year of work in our mission auxiliary. Just one year ago we were favored with warm earnest addresses from the beloved secretary of our Foreign Mission Board and the Rev. Mr. Amerman, whose soul-stirring words gave us great encouragement, and served much to stimulate us in persevering efforts. Now, at the close of this sixth year, as we call it in review, we see no cause for discouragement, or reason why we should in the least relax our efforts and endeavors in this most noble, inspiring, and Christlike work. Our monthly gatherings have been regularly held, not one being omitted, notwithstanding several times the appointed afternoons have proved stormy and unpleasant. Our average attendance for the whole year has been twenty-one. Each of these meetings has proved pleasant and profitable. Missionary articles or letters have been read, giving motives and encouragement for perseverance and showing the lights and shadows, the joys and sorrows of missionary life. As we enter upon our seventh year we should be stimulated to renewed effort by the urgent and pressing needs of all our mission fields, for increased funds and forces to carry on the work opened up by the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon the labors of our faithful missionaries."

_Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y._—This auxiliary still continues unabated efforts for the work of foreign missions. The quarterly meetings have been well sustained, and the solicitors have done their work faithfully. The president is constantly endeavoring to increase the missionary spirit among the ladies. The collections have been about the same as last year.

_Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J._—About half a dozen
members of this auxiliary have either removed or died, so that a great loss has been sustained during the year. It was resolved at the beginning of the year to hold meetings quarterly instead of semi-annually, as heretofore, by this means hoping to increase the attendance. There has been a disappointment in this respect. The congregation being scattered, it is difficult to hold a public meeting at any time. Thirty dollars have been sent to our treasurer for general purposes.

*Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.*—This society has held seven regular meetings during the past year. Ten cents each was paid for blocks for an autograph quilt, and the sum of forty dollars realized, which will be used for the work of Foreign Missions. There are at present seventy members. Six of these joined the society in June last. The dues are fifty cents for each member.

*East Greenbush Reformed Church.*—This society has been in existence four years. Since the time of its formation a marked increase of interest has been manifested, and the interest still continues to grow. During the past year regular meetings have been held on the first Saturday of each month with but two exceptions. The contributions are in excess of those of last year. A lecture given by Rev. William Veenschoten, in December last, for the benefit of the society, aided materially in raising this amount. The *Mission Gleaner* is quite widely circulated among the ladies, and has already proved a source of much pleasure and profit. Much encouragement is felt as to the results of this year’s work, and it is hoped, with God’s blessing, to accomplish still more in the year to come.

*East Greenbush Mission Band.*—This “Band,” with but a few exceptions, has held its regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month. The number of members has not exceeded those of previous years, but the amount raised has been twice as much as was raised the previous year. Though the amount is not large, encouragement is felt from the fact that each year nearly doubles in contributions what was raised in the previous year.
Freehold Second Reformed Church, N. J.—The usual meetings have been held, and the interest in the work continues in this auxiliary, which now sends its Ninth Annual Report, having been one of the earliest to co-operate in the work of the Woman's Board. Very faithful and constant has been the support from this society since its organization. During the past year letters have been received from Mrs. Booth and Miss H. L. Winn, the latter transmitting the sad intelligence of the death of the young girl in whom the society were specially interested. Although this beneficiary had left Ferris Seminary to marry one of the native helpers in the church at Tokio, her position here was one that gave promise of great usefulness; but in July last God called her home. In this disappointment, the society still cherish the hope that the influence of her lovely character remains a power for good. At the last anniversary the auxiliary had the pleasure of hearing a most interesting address on Japan, by the Rev. James L. Amerman. A bequest of twenty dollars has been received from Miss Kate Ellis for Foreign Missions, and sixty dollars forwarded to the Board for the Ferris Seminary.

Fishkill Village Reformed Church.—The amount pledged for the support of a native teacher in India—sixty dollars—has been forwarded, as usual, to the treasurer of the Woman's Board. Of this amount the society pays forty dollars, and the Sabbath-school contributes the remainder. The Mission Band, though not large, is much interested in the work. The young ladies have lately decided to hold their meetings once in two weeks instead of monthly, as formerly. It is desired that each one should bring some item of missionary news or intelligence, which adds greatly to the interest of the meetings. As the result of an entertainment held at the parsonage during the winter they raised over fifty dollars, which was sent to the Woman's Board. The meetings of the auxiliary have often been interrupted during the year by bad weather, and the attendance has usually been small, but the interest in the cause of Missions is increasing among the younger members of the congregation, giving much reason for encouragement.
Franklin Park Reformed Church.—The first public meeting of this auxiliary was held in the parlor of one of the members. Miss Winn, from Japan, and Mrs. Davis were with the ladies, and gave very instructive and interesting talks. Family missionary boxes have been received and distributed through the congregation. During the first year of organization nineteen meetings were held, with an average attendance of fourteen members. More than enough has been raised to cover the amount pledged for the education of two girls—one in China and one in Japan. Letters from the teachers of both the girls have been received and read at the meetings. From an entertainment the sum of one hundred dollars was realized. The secretary writes: "In closing our year's work, we feel very thankful for what we have been able to accomplish, and encouraged to go on with the work, determined to do more another year, realizing that we are working for the Master, and in a small measure fulfilling His command—'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary, formed in 1882, has steadily increased in numbers with no abatement in interest. The attendance at the monthly meetings is satisfactory, and an evident earnestness is manifested by the members to do all that may be possible toward sending the Gospel to heathen lands.

Ghent First Reformed Church.—This society has held its meetings with regularity, but with small average attendance. The members enrolled number forty, but the average attendance less than ten. Yet there has been a manifest increase of interest in the society and the mission work. Beside the devotional exercises and readings on missionary topics, the ladies have pieced three quilts, one of which has been sold and the proceeds put in the treasury. Those who have attended the meetings find them very pleasant and profitable, and it is hoped the coming year will show larger interests and results than the past.

Green Point Reformed Church, L. I.—Second Annual Report
of the Green Point auxiliary: "As it is impossible to de­s­cribe the process of growth in a plant—how from the tiny seed is developed, first the blade, and then the full corn—so also is it beyond the power of finite mind to understand, much less explain, how the seed of love to God—implanted in the heart of man first by the Holy Spirit—can germinate into that strong and enduring love toward all of God’s creatures which is evinced in self-sacrifice and persistent labor in their behalf. Thus in submitting a report of this society for the past year, it is most difficult to explain the real character of its work and the distinctive features of improvement. We can only say with God’s aid how much good has already been wrought through this society, and the outlook for its future success is still more encouraging. Increase in missionary spirit may be seen, not alone in those identified as members of the society, but also among the majority of the church membership. Last year but seven classes of the Sabbath-school were represented in the society; this year fifteen are regular contributors to the same, and we have reason to believe that this growing interest is fast becoming enthu­siasm, which will soon be felt throughout the entire Sabbath-school. In view of the fact that much of the lethargy and indifference of Christians to foreign mission work is due to their ignorance of the real needs of the heathen and the im­perative command of Christ as binding upon the individual to "preach the Gospel to every creature,” it was proposed that a written account of the work of the Reformed Church in some one of its mission fields should be prepared in turn by the members, and read at its monthly meetings. This plan was put into practical operation, and is a source of additional interest as well as instruction to the members. The subscribers to the Mission Gleaner desire to express their hearty thanks to the Woman’s Board for this little periodical, which they find, in its condensation of facts, combined with a clear and interesting style, a most invaluable accessory to the general missionary information. It will be their most ear­nest endeavor to increase its number of subscribers. As the branch of a tree receives its life and strength from the trunk, so we, as a branch society of the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions, derive much of our strength and prosperity from this
organization, which we believe is rooted in Christ and His command to "disciple all nations."

Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.—The record of this auxiliary for the past year has been one of sorrow as well as encouragement. Two of its valued members have been called from the labor of earth to the higher service and reward in heaven. The beloved pastor, Rev. J. S. Himrod, preceded his wife, who was a life member of our Board, only about two months, and the youngest member, Minnie New, was also called home to meet the Saviour whom she so loved and served here below. But while this memorable year has brought severe trial to this auxiliary, it has also been marked by a blessing in having a new pastor who, with his wife, aids the missionary work in every possible way, and gives new courage and cheer in every department of work. Letters of interest have been received from the young girl who is the beneficiary of this society and also from the teachers in the Ferris Seminary, Japan. The faithful ones have been more faithful during the past year and shown greater zeal in the cause. The present number of the membership is forty-four. Monthly meetings were regularly held, except for March and February, when bad roads and inclement weather made it impossible to hold a meeting. Although there has not been an increase in membership nor in attendance upon the meetings as most heartily desired, the secretary can truly say, "Thus far the Lord hath led us on," believing that sustaining grace will be given to go forward with this blessed work for foreign missions.

High Bridge Reformed Church, N. Y.—This society enters upon its fifth year of work as an auxiliary of the Woman's Board, and although the working force is small, the hope is felt and expressed that much good may be accomplished by the faithful efforts of those who are interested in the work. Some of the old members have withdrawn, but their places have been filled by new ones, and the society still continues their efforts as in the past.

Holland Reformed Church, Mich.—Fourth Annual Report of
the "Young Ladies' Missionary Society": "Four years have passed since the organization of this society, and during the last year especially the interest in the work has increased. Several of the most earnest workers have removed to other places, but new members have been added to the society. Regular meetings have been held on the first Tuesday of every month. Devotional exercises are followed by the reading of appropriate articles, and then the business is attended to. A committee appointed in December to obtain subscribers for the Mission Gleaner, published by the Woman's Board, secured nineteen names. Letters have been received from Mrs. Kip, of Amoy, China, from Dr. Hekhuis, of India, and from the young girl in the school at Vellore whom the society is educating. This society is pledged to send annually twenty dollars to support a young girl at Amoy and twenty-five dollars to a young girl at Vellore. The membership fee is twenty-five cents per annum. This is in addition to the monthly collections."

Holland, Mich., Reformed Churches.—"The Married Woman's Auxiliary," composed of the ladies of the First, Second, and Third churches of Holland, is yet in successful operation. "The Young Women's Society" of the same churches is increasing in interest. The young people composing the "Circle" have been for a time without a leader, and their meetings are held in connection with the "Band." The latter society is still giving their contributions toward the support of C. Thomas, the native teacher in India.

Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.—The sixth anniversary of this auxiliary was observed April 7th, 1884. The secretary writes: "The attendance on the monthly meetings has not been as large as we have a right to expect, but we trust in the year to come there may be such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who now seem negligent and indifferent to these exceeding blessed privileges, that they may not be able to refrain from giving time and talent to the work God appoints for His church. We feel assured that the faithful few who have been present and sustained these meetings, whose earnest prayers and exhortations have ascended
to the 'Throne of Grace,' have not prayed in vain, but that
while they have been laboring for their sisters bound with
the chains of idolatry, they have been blessed in their own
souls. We read and hear with great joy of the wondrous
work of grace in heathen lands, but while God is blessing
so abundantly the means used for Christianizing the world,
we are not to grow negligent and indifferent, but to 'do with
our might whatever our hands find to do,' for we are admon­
ished that the time will soon come to each one of us, when
we shall be called to render an account of our stewardship.
The society is called to record the death of Mrs. Edwin
Holmes, the eldest member of the auxiliary, to whom the
cause of Foreign Missions was very near and dear, and who,
in her illness and retirement, did what she could to advance
the cause. And thus we close the year thanking the Lord
for what He has enabled us through His grace to accomplish
in the past, and praying for greater usefulness in the future.'

Jersey City Bergen Reformed Church, N. J.—The meetings of
this society have been held the same as in former years; the
subscriptions raised quarterly for the Woman's Board, and
these will be used for the same objects. Although the mem­
bership has not increased, the interest has not flagged, and the
work has been prospered. As from all quarters intelligence
received shows a wider interest and growing desire for religi­
ous instruction and in many places a gracious outpouring of
the Holy Spirit, shall we not begin the year with renewed
zeal and consecration, together with earnest prayer, that still
larger numbers may be brought into the kingdom of our
Lord Jesus Christ?

Jersey City Second Reformed Church.—The quarterly meetings
of this auxiliary have been regularly held, and the usual rou­
tine of work sustained. Subscriptions have been collected as
usual, though the amounts have not equalled those of former
years, because of the removal of some of the members from
the city, and not on account of a division of the contributions
with Domestic Missions. The two beneficiaries, "Latek" and
"Untion," are still supported by the auxiliary. Both
these pupils are in the school at Amoy. The "Farrington
Circle" in this society is interested in the foreign work, as usual, and has contributed twelve dollars and eighty-three cents out of the one hundred and eleven dollars and eight cents raised by the society during the year.

*Kingston Second Reformed Church, N. Y.*—The annual meeting of this auxiliary was held March 3d, 1884, and it now has a membership of forty-two. The secretary writes: "Although this is not large, yet we hope and pray that it may increase in members and interest, and that it may be as the leaven in the measure of meal, that shall be able to leaven the whole of our church, and that every heart shall be open to respond to the calls of the Gospel in every land: And we hope also that through the reports received we shall be stimulated and encouraged to greater efforts in the cause of Missions in the coming years. The meetings are held semi-annually. The contributions are for the general fund of the Woman's Board."

*Kiskatom Reformed Church, N. Y.*—The secretary of this auxiliary writes as follows: "In reviewing the condition and work of our infant society for the second year of its existence, we may not be able to see it as strong and vigorous as we hoped from the prosperous start of its first year. Fluctuations are incident to all that has the touch of humanity, from various causes. Perhaps there has been insufficient care, diligence, and prayer, for these are ever requisite in all successful work for our Lord. Without them we cannot hope for the Master's blessing. But we have abundant encouragement to labor on in this sphere of holy service. Woman's work in the church, and eminently in spreading the Gospel through the whole world, holds a prominence at this time never before attained since the days of the Apostles. She is becoming more and more a power for good, and especially in all the various missionary enterprises of the present time. Her numerical force holding about two thirds of the membership of the churches, and having special qualifications of faith, love, perseverance, and patience, she is well able to promote the blessed work of her Saviour, who has done so much to ameliorate her condition, and thus puts her in real sympathy for her own sex in a state of the lowest moral deg-
radation in heathen nations. Meetings are held by this society once in every two months at private residences. At the anniversary in January, 1884, the society was favored with a very instructive and interesting discourse from the Rev. Dr. E. C. Scudder, of Upper Red Hook. We can only give extracts from the report sent us from this society, which is full of interest and encouragement.

Mount Vernon Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary, organized in the fall of 1883, is growing in interest. "Two or three ladies are appointed at each meeting to prepare an article on some country and its missionary fields, which is found to add greatly to the interest and knowledge of the work. At the January meeting it was voted to discontinue the monthly collections and adopt the envelope system. Each member of the church was solicited to co-operate in the work of systematic contribution to the cause. Since our dear Saviour did not intrust the ministry of His word unto angels, but permitted us to tell the wondrous story of His love, ought we not to be faithful to our trust, and do with our might what our hands find to do? May it not be ours to hasten the glad day when all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God?"

Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.—The second anniversary of the Nassau Auxiliary was an occasion of exceeding interest. Mr. Griffis, formerly of Japan, gave a stirring address and Mr. Veenschoten an earnest appeal for greater effort and more zeal in the great work of Missions. The meetings during the year have been held monthly, some of which have been very interesting. Topics of interest on missionary subjects are brought before the meeting, and intelligence gleaned from various sources. A letter has been received from the beneficiary in Chittoor, who promises to be worthy of support. The Mission Circle called "The Sunbeams" have maintained the sister of this beneficiary, and received one letter from her and one from Mrs. Scudder. Mr. Conklin has written once to the auxiliary. The new magazine published by the Woman's Board is "hailed with delight," and it is felt that it will be a great help in increasing inter-
est in the different fields. The auxiliary, while trying to bless others, have themselves been blessed.

North Br anch Reformed Church, N. J. — The secretary of this auxiliary is gratified to be able to report the quarterly meetings well sustained. A number of members have been lost to the society by removals and death, but others have come in to fill their places, so that there is still a small gain in membership. Fifty dollars have been raised for our work during the year, and the report closes with a prayer for its success and continuance.

New Brunswick First Reformed Church, N. J. — The secretary of this auxiliary writes as follows: "In presenting this, our Second Annual Report, we desire to express our gratitude to God for the privilege of working another year in His vineyard, and in our weakness aiding in carrying out His last command—'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' The conditions of this society at present remain about the same as last year. The meetings, occurring quarterly, have been regularly attended, and exceptionally interesting, for the reason that the news from foreign workers has been frequently received and read at these meetings, so that at times enthusiasm has followed as a result. Our interests are still in Ferris Seminary, and the letters from our Japanese pupil have given much personal and general knowledge. The funds of the auxiliary are raised by collectors appointed for the several districts, but in addition to these funds a voluntary offering on the part of the attendants upon the meetings was resolved upon. Thus the work has been quietly, steadily going forward, and the earnest wish to accomplish more in the future is expressed by all most heartily interested in the good cause."

Newburg Reformed Church, N. Y. — The secretary of this auxiliary writes: "The time has come for us as a society to look back over the year and see what we have done toward the advancement of God's cause in missionary fields. The quarterly meetings have been regularly held, and the attendance has been such that it shows the people are certainly in-
interested in this work. In addition to the sum given toward the support and education of two pupils at the Vellore Seminary in India, the ladies have made a special effort and raised sixty-five dollars and seventy-three cents for Dr. Chamberlain, to be used in his special field of labor at Madanapatle. The president has been instrumental in having the ladies subscribe for the Mission Gleaner, trusting by this means they will become more interested as well as familiar with the work of our Church in foreign lands. The society has adopted a new plan for raising money for another year, and the secretary incloses the printed circular sent to each member. This sets forth that "At the last annual meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the American Reformed Church, of Newburg, it was unanimously resolved to make the effort to adopt a plan of systematic contributions for its support, instead of annually soliciting. It is hoped this will be a more satisfactory arrangement for all, and avoid, if possible, a deficiency at the end of the year by the unexpected failure of customary donations." A pledge is inclosed on which the signer designates the amount to be regularly contributed to the cause of missions. This arrangement has proved helpful and satisfactory wherever it has been tried in our auxiliary societies.

New Palis Reformed Church, N. Y.—During the year which has just closed, this auxiliary has held four regular meetings in the lecture-room of the church. Although the attendance at the meetings has been small, they have been interesting. After devotional exercises and the singing of appropriate hymns, articles giving information from various mission fields have been read. A letter has been received from Solomon Daniel, a native teacher in the Arcot Seminary at Chittoor, India. This letter, in which all were very much interested, has been published in the Sower and Mission Monthly. Specimens of the Mission Gleaner have been distributed and copies of the Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Board. A missionary reception was held and well attended, and the sum of sixty-five dollars realized from it. The funds are sent to the Woman's Board to be used at their discretion, and where it is most needed in the foreign field.
New Hackensack Reformed Church.—The membership of this society has not increased, but slightly fallen off, and the collections are not as large as last year. The "faithful few" still assist in making the meetings interesting, but the cares of this world seem to prevent the majority from attending them. We can but hope that the enthusiasm of other societies and the grace of God may incite more life and spirit among the members of the auxiliary another year. It is a glorious privilege to be a co-worker with the Master for the salvation of souls. Shall not another year witness the cause—His cause—very greatly strengthened, and His friends encouraged?

Newark First Reformed Church.—The auxiliary of the First Reformed Church reports two meetings of special interest during the past year. One was a meeting held in a private parlor, when the secretary of Synod’s Board, Rev. Dr. Cobb, gave a charming talk. Two dozen subscribers for the Mission Gleaner were secured at this time. The other meeting was held in the social rooms of the church. This was addressed by Rev. Dr. Reed, of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church. His address was glowing and earnest, vitalized with rare missionary enthusiasm. The secretary writes: "We hope to show in future years some pleasant fruits from the seed sown by these faithful workers."

North Branch Depot Mission "Band" report twenty-five dollars raised for India, and the meetings held socially at the houses of the members. This devoted band of young girls are doing an excellent work for the cause of foreign missions, and we trust to hear of their patient continuance in well-doing.

New York City Madison Avenue Reformed Church.—This auxiliary has been in existence a little over one year. The quarterly meetings have been well attended. An increasing interest in the cause of Foreign Missions is evident among the members. In order to make our meetings interesting, some of the ladies have taken pains to gather instructive information in regard to mission work, and on one occasion Miss
Louise Winn, from the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, interested the ladies so deeply by her account of the work in that institution, that it was decided to appropriate a part of the gifts to the support of a teacher in that seminary. The secretary hopes to report still greater interest and larger gifts another year.

**New York City 34th Street Reformed Church.**—This auxiliary has now a membership of thirty and an attendance of sixty or seventy at the social gatherings which are held each month, usually at the residences of different members of the congregation. At these meetings the dues are collected and the appropriation to the work of the Woman's Board is made. These meetings are very social in their character, and attract very largely the young people. The secretary thinks there is an increase of interest in the cause of Foreign Missions; at least, nothing has been lost, and it is hoped that there may be a decided gain another year.

**New York City Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street.**—The society is stronger than last year, having a few more subscribers and an increase of contributions. Miss Winn at one of the meetings addressed the society, giving a clear idea of her work in the Ferris Seminary, and also reading several very intelligent letters which she had received from some of her older pupils since leaving Japan. These showed scholarship and Christian character. The ladies are very much interested in these talks with our returned missionaries whenever they can be secured. Two life-members have been added to the list of members during the year. The funds raised are for the general use of the Woman's Board.

**New York City Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.**—A very pleasing feature of the last anniversary of this auxiliary was the presence of the "Mission Band," their singing and recitations adding very much to the interest of the occasion. Letters have been received from our missionaries, proving a great source of pleasure and profit. One from Miss Ballagh, giving an account of her little mute pupil, *Hide*, touched all hearts. *Hide's* great desire to know and do the right, and:
her teacher's earnest efforts to instruct her, coupled with the fact that the sister of Miss Ballagh is learning the deaf and dumb language that she may be able to impart the information to her elder sister—all this was inspiring. The secretary mentions, as cause for much gratitude, the completion of the girls' school at Madanapalle and the spared lives of our missionaries, only excepting the death, so sad and unexpected, of Mrs. E. C. Scudder, Jr.

_Faith Mission Band._—The Sixth Annual Report of this faithful enterprising "Band" shows eighty names on the roll of membership. Evening meetings have been continued for the older boys and girls with profit to all. On Friday afternoons the children's meetings are held with an average attendance of twenty-five to thirty children. The coming summer this "Band" propose to send to India a box filled with various articles of wearing apparel, and useful as well as fancy goods. The year has been a bright one, and the new one entered upon trusting for God's blessing on their efforts.

_Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y._—This auxiliary holds meetings once in two months, the interest steadily increasing. The missionary boxes when opened at the close of the fiscal year were found to contain two hundred and ninety-four dollars, being an increase over the previous year of about thirty dollars. At the meetings articles bearing on missionary work are read, and on one occasion Mrs. Baldwin, a returned missionary from China, addressed the ladies in an acceptable and interesting manner. A Mission Band has been organized during the year, and now has a membership of thirty-two. Meetings are held bi-monthly, and some of the members are appointed to bring information in regard to the different missions. This young "Band" hope to raise twenty or twenty-five dollars for the Woman's Board during the coming year.

_New Utrecht Reformed Church._—Although there has been but little outward progress during the year in this auxiliary, there is no reason for distrust. The quarterly meetings have
been well sustained, and the work quietly and steadily going forward. Those most deeply interested feel encouraged to go on with renewed effort, knowing that the Lord of the harvest will enable them to reap bountifully from the seed sown, if they "faint not" nor grow weary in well-doing. One evidence of increased interest is the fact that the amount of contributions exceeds those of last year, and one hundred and sixty dollars is sent to the Woman's Board as the result of the year's efforts for the cause.

Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary continues in faithful work and efforts for the cause. There has been nothing of special interest to report outside of the regular meetings of the society, but encouragement is felt that there is no decrease of interest, from the fact that the contributions are undiminished, and the treasurer's report shows the same result as last year.

Pella Second Reformed Church, Iowa.—The report from this auxiliary is very encouraging. From "membership fees" and from missionary boxes from the Ladies' Aid Society and the "Little Workers" self-denial collection, a child has been supported in the school at Madanapalle, and it is now proposed to maintain a native helper in the same mission. The work is in the hands of those whose hearts are warmly interested in the cause of foreign missions and in aiding our work.

Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.—The annual meeting of this auxiliary was held on March 26th, and at that time the missionary boxes were opened and the amount contributed found to be thirty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents. About twenty boxes are distributed, and it is felt that the "faithful few" may always be relied upon. At the last meeting of the auxiliary "Papers" were written and read by two of the members, and were exceedingly interesting. Subjects were Japan and India. The interest of this auxiliary continues unabated.

Philadelphia First, Second, and Third Churches.—" At the close of the fourth year of the Philadelphia auxiliary, the managers
feel that the particular cause of encouragement is a manifest increase of interest in missionary work throughout the congregations. This, although it has not added materially to the funds, yet gives hope for the future. The missionary basket has been a decided success, as will be seen from the treasurer's report, and it is hoped that it will be one of the regular revenues of the society. Those who were present at the missionary convention of the Reformed churches held in this place in November, must realize that although our church is doing nobly in the work, yet when we hear of the hundreds of thousands who as yet have never heard the Gospel, we are not doing all we might, or all we wish we had done, when called to render our account. Let us pray that the Lord will awaken us to be more thoroughly in earnest, so that when that time comes we can say, "She hath done what she could."

Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church.—The record of this society for the past year is bright and encouraging. The monthly meetings have been well attended, and the membership steadily increased. The collections and subscriptions show a very decided advance over last year. Sixty dollars have been donated by Miss Alice Dockstadter for the support of a native helper in Dr. Chamberlain's work, the same amount given for two pupils in the mission school at Madanapalle, and the balance for the general use of the Woman's Board. One of these pupils mentioned, Kama Kamma (the golden child), eight years of age, is the daughter of a Catechist, John Hill, who has been for many years a faithful and earnest helper in this Mission, and is now in the hospital suffering from heart disease, his labors being greatly missed by Dr. Chamberlain. During the year several missionaries have addressed the society. Miss Winn, of the Ferris Seminary, gave the ladies an interesting talk of her work and its needs. One of the most satisfactory results of the year's work has been the organization of a new society, auxiliary to this one, composed of the very young ladies of the church, whose object will be the support of a pupil recommended by Miss Winn. From this enterprise great results are hoped for the ingathering of many precious souls in Christ's Kingdom. The auxiliary held its second anniversary on the 14th of
January, 1884. The ladies of the Second Church were invited, and quite a number were present. Rev. Dr. Van Gieson, the pastor, gave a most encouraging address on this occasion.

_Raritan Reformed Church, N. J._—The membership of the Raritan Auxiliary, through personal effort, has been increased. The monthly meetings have been regularly held and fairly attended. The work has steadily gone on. The secretary writes: "We hope that there is a growing interest felt in this Mission work. As we are about to enter on another year we trust that a greater zeal than ever before may be manifested, and that we may be enabled, by the help of the Lord, in the future to do greater work than we have done in the years of our existence as a society, that His cause may be honored and glorified, and we be co-workers with Him in saving the heathen by giving of our means to send the Gospel to them." The auxiliary has now eighty-five members.

_Readington Reformed Church, N. J._—There are now fifty members of this auxiliary, which continues faithfully to carry forward the work to which it is pledged. Three of the members have been called from this "labor of love," to which they gave faithful support, to the rest and the rewards of heaven. The Saviour has called them to a higher service and to a heavenly inheritance. The contributions have been given cheerfully and with very little soliciting. The secretary writes: "We shall endeavor during the coming year to awaken a deeper and more extended interest in the good cause, and then, with God's blessing attending our efforts, hope to report a large increase in our contributions."

_Saugerties Reformed Church._—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Reformed Church of Saugerties presents the following report for the eleventh year: "Meetings have been sustained month by month, where have been gathered many letters and items of interest concerning the work of our church in foreign lands. The attendance is small, and it would be a matter of congratulation could all the membership share and contribute information so stimulating to work and zeal. During the year the society has broadened out and taken under its
fostering care a Mission Band. In November a missionary entertainment was held in the Chapel, and was successful beyond all anticipation, due largely to the effort of those young ladies. It consisted of a missionary dialogue in verse, with singing, and a small stand of fancy articles and refreshments. The proceeds were seventy dollars. Fifty dollars were appropriated for the support of the native teacher in India, from whom a letter has been received. The remainder was added to the sum obtained by the faithful collectors from the membership, and sent to the treasurer of the Woman’s Board for general purposes. Last spring ten dollars, with fifteen from the Hudson Auxiliary and ten from the Upper Red Hook Auxiliary, were sent to the Rev. Dr. Cobb for the purchase of a magic lantern for the use of Mrs. Scudder’s Sunday-school in Vellore. Return letters acknowledged the pleasure of the pupils upon its reception, and kind thanks to those who contributed so much to their happiness. The Mission Gleaner has been circulated and is regularly received by twenty-two persons."

_Spring Valley Reformed Church, N. Y._—The Woman’s Christian Association of the Reformed Church of Spring Valley, N. Y., has been permitted to finish the third year of its existence amid many tokens of God’s favor, and its managers gratefully acknowledge the encouragement they have received while laboring for the temporal and spiritual welfare of those within their appointed sphere of operations. Eight new members have been added to the Foreign Department during the year, and one has been removed by death, making the present number thirty-one. . . .

Our meetings, six in number, have been sustained with a gratifying degree of interest. Letters from the different mission fields of our church, and other articles bearing upon the work of Missions, have been read at the meetings whenever opportunity offered, thus affording us a steadily-increasing knowledge of the characteristics of the different stations and of the various labors and needs of our missionaries. The discouragements and encouragements of those who have gone out from us to carry the blessed Gospél to the nations sitting in darkness, have been making frequent appeals to our
hearts, placing before us a powerful incentive to earnest prayer on their behalf, and also to joyful acknowledgment and thanksgiving for the signal blessings bestowed upon their labors.

The discouragements and depressing influences which burden the hearts of our missionaries are many and great, and they send to us, who remain at home, the same message that the great Apostle sent to the Thessalonians—"Brethren, pray for us." Feeling sure that the missionary brethren and sisters of our own day need, and feel their need, of the prayers of God's people, as truly as did the great Apostle to the Gentiles, we feel constrained to emphasize this point, and urge upon all those whom we can influence the pressing importance of fervent, persevering prayer in behalf of those who cry out, "Pray for us."

On the other hand, we "feel bound to give God thanks" from our inmost souls, for the plentiful showers of grace that He is pouring out upon some of our Mission fields. Large numbers of those who have been born and reared in the midnight gloom of heathenism are being brought into the light of the Gospel, and those who were spiritually blind now see.

When we glance from our own Mission fields to those that are planted and matured by faithful workers of other denominations, our hearts are gladdened and our faith is strengthened by the wonderful manifestations of God's abounding mercy and grace. Multitudes are turning from the darkness of heathenism and error to the light and truth of the Gospel, while other multitudes are stretching out their hands and pleading for help to find the Christian's God.

This mighty cry for help has not yet met with an adequate response. The army of Christ's followers has not yet combined in full force to answer these pressing appeals, much less to send the Gospel to the many millions who are on their way to endless death, without feeling or knowing their need of Christ, who is the "Life of the world."

But we thank God for that-which has been accomplished thus far, while we beseech Him to pour out upon all His people a spirit of entire consecration to the work He would have them do. The New York Observer, of March 6th, has
the following: "A missionary in one of the islands of the Samoan group writes that there is not a heathen left. Missionary labors were commenced there only eleven years ago! The whole island has been evangelized; churches, chapels, mission-houses have been built, and the natives are now supporting their own pastors and contributing to the society that sent the missionaries. This does not look like a failure of missionary work." We realize that the amount of aid rendered by our society must seem very small and insignificant when compared with the vast requirements of the field at large; but we are encouraged by the never-to-be-forgotten truth that God's favor has respect to the heart of the giver, and that He accepts "according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not." We can feel assured, therefore, as a society, that in so far as we attain to the Gospel rule of giving "as God has prospered us," and giving with loving, loyal hearts, we shall be accepted of Him in our persons, services, and gifts.

_Tarrytown Second Reformed Church._—In sending the Fifth Annual Report of the auxiliary in this church, the secretary reports a growing interest in the cause of Missions. The meetings have been held monthly, with the exception of an interval during the summer, and though the attendance has been comparatively small, the interest has been sustained. Articles from different sources containing missionary intelligence bearing upon the subject chosen for the meetings have been read, and from maps of China and Japan the localities occupied by our church have been designated, accompanied with definite information as to the nature and progress of the work. At the quarterly meeting in October the Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Fordham, was present, and delivered an earnest address; and at the quarterly meeting, in January, Miss Winn, of the Ferris Seminary, Japan, gave an interesting and graphic account of her work in that institution. At the annual meeting held April 3d, Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, of Jersey City, gave a stirring address on "Woman's Work." Interesting letters from the two catechists in India, supported by the auxiliary, have been received, giving assurance that their work is prospering. The _Mission Gleaner_ is taken by each
member of the society. At the last annual meeting the society pledged itself to continue the support of the catechists and to increase, if possible, the amount of subscriptions for the ensuing year. "We record with the deepest regret the loss to our society, by death, of our beloved fellow-worker, the president of our society, and wife of our pastor, Mrs. Todd, whose earnest devotion and Christian zeal have been a continued inspiration to those associated with her, while her individual efforts have been untiring and of large results. We miss her wisdom in counsel and fervent prayers, and earnestly desire that the same love for Christ and His cause may animate those to whom her work is consigned."

**Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.**—"The Scudder Memorial" held its annual meeting March 31st, 1884. Eight years have slipped away since its organization, and though no positive growth can be recorded for some time past, there is fidelity on the part of a few and an undertone of consecration and whole-heartedness, which promises at least brighter shining for Jesus as individual Christians. A very helpful and delightful feature of the last year's meetings has been a half hour of prayer, which has certainly stimulated the suppliants and brought encouragement and inspiration to the far-away workers. The society is pledged to support a child in the Arcot Mission, while one member supports a Bible-reader. The funds have been received simply by annual membership fees and voluntary contributions at the meetings. There is a children's Mission Band, "The Willing Workers," who have, by special efforts, raised a very fair sum for the cause of Missions.

**Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.**—In July this auxiliary held a public meeting, which was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Cobb, secretary of Synod's Board, and by the Rev. N. H. Demarest, then under commission to Nagasaki, Japan, and who has since reached his field of labor. In January of the present year a Mission "Circle" was formed by the young girls of the church, auxiliary to the Ladies' Society. In February interesting letters were received from Mrs. J. W. Scudder, of Vellore, India, and from "Arpudam," the pupil which this
society is supporting at the seminary in that place. The society held a second public meeting in February, attended by the members of other churches also, and listened to an address by Mrs. Layyah Barrakat, late of Beirut, Syria, now residing at Philadelphia. From the testimony of many present at the meeting, it is believed that a greater interest in the cause of Missions has been the result. The society has at present a membership of forty-four, with an average attendance of nineteen.

Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.—The Yonkers Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church was organized in 1875, and is now entered upon the tenth year of its history. Its object is to aid the Woman's Board in its work for women and children in heathen lands, and so earnest has been the spirit of those who have undertaken the work of this auxiliary, the Woman's Board has never failed to receive the support and co-operation of the ladies composing its membership.

In the retrospect of the year we are permitted to feel that some new features in our "labor of love" have given us cause for encouragement. The importance of promoting a higher standard of Christian liberality, especially with a view to accomplishing more for Christian Missions, was brought to the prayerful attention of the members of the auxiliary. The former plan, of collecting by districts, for this object in the congregation, had proved inefficient and unsatisfactory, and at the May meeting of the auxiliary the scriptural plan of systematic giving was adopted. The envelope system was decided upon, each contributor to enclose her contribution in the envelope, with her name written upon the outside, stating what proportion shall be given to Foreign Missions; the envelope to be deposited in the church collection basket the last Sabbath in each month. In carrying out this principle and in the results as far as ascertained, we believe greater good will be secured for the cause to which we are solemnly pledged. During the year, the Woman's Board, feeling the need of something more helpful and comprehensive than the missionary leaflets they had been issuing, began the publication of a bi-monthly magazine called the Mission Gleaner.
The "Manual of Missions" and the Annual Reports of the Board did not give the fresh information from abroad that seemed to be required to make the meetings more interesting and give a better knowledge of what is daily transpiring at our mission stations in India, China, and Japan. Something, too, was needed, which should enlist the children and give them to feel that they have a place in carrying the message of the cross to those who have never heard the glad tidings of salvation. Specimen copies of the initial number were distributed and placed in the pews of the church, hoping thereby to enlist interest in the encouraging words and interesting facts it contained from the foreign field. A number of subscriptions have been received, but we would gladly see a copy of it in every household in our church. The motto of our paper is, "Christ for all—all for Christ." There is "fulness of blessing" for those who obey the command of their Lord—"Go ye into all nations and preach the Gospel to every creature." At the December meeting Miss Louise Winn, from the Isaac Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, was present, by invitation, and spoke in a very acceptable manner of her work and experience in this seminary, with which she is connected. Miss Winn gave a very favorable report of the school, of its rapid growth, and the spiritual interest manifested by the scholars, ten of whom are earnest Christians. The pupils pursue both Japanese and English studies, and much attention is given to teaching the Bible in both languages. Progress made in both mental and moral culture has been very marked, and a permanent influence for good exerted upon the native community about them. Miss Winn spoke of the habits, manners, and customs of this people, whose country has been opened in such a remarkable way for the reception of religious truth, and also of the wonderful revival which has characterized its history during the past year. Our hearts were greatly cheered and encouraged by Miss Winn's visit, and many felt that she had given a new impulse to the cause of Foreign Missions and a stimulus to our work—the work of winning souls for Christ. We feel that our work is second to none in importance, and bearing on the future. Mrs. Miller, writing from Japan, says: 'Connected with all the girls' boarding schools are day pupils, or
boarding pupils from the vicinity, whose homes can be easily reached; and what better introduction can one have than that which is brought about by the children, who form a common bond of interest and sympathy? Will not the girls tell their parents of the love and kindness of the missionary? And will not the parents desire to know why the missionary manifests such disinterested love and kindness toward their children? The very fact of their placing their children in these schools shows they have confidence in the teacher, and those teachers are the ones who can find access to the home, and thus excite the interest of their parents. The blessing of God has been signally bestowed on such endeavors, and the end and aim of all missionary work thereby secured—the salvation of precious souls. The baptized scholars are truly a proof of the success of the schools, but they are by no means the only proof. Other influences are exerted, which are none the less real because they are not so apparent; and this influence is increasing the longer it is exerted, either on pupils or a community, and it is only in eternity that we shall know how much is due to schools. The blessing of God rests especially upon this work, as it has been the means of elevating and purifying the homes, and until the homes are made pure there can be little hope of any great radical change in the people of that heathen land. The pupils are constantly under the influence of the teacher, and nearly all of the older girls become Christians. They leave the schools, become Christian wives and mothers, and who can tell the limit of their influence? Or they become Christian teachers, and there again their influence is widely extended. These pupils come, too, from various parts of the interior, where the missionaries cannot reside; they carry the blessed teaching of our Saviour home with them, and directly to the hearts of their parents through their affection for the children. Many of the schools in Japan have reaped the fruits of the blessed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon some of the churches in the last few months, and a large proportion of the girls have become Christians. The Rev. W. F. Stephenson writes: “I watched the sun rise over the Himalayas, and as the light gathered the boundless plains of India grew visible, stretching for a hundred miles to the south, dim and still among the shadows;
but when the sun rose and smote the plains the shadows fled away, and all the sounds of life stole up into the air, and I longed for that day when Christ will rise in all His glory over the whole land, when the shadows of its night and the sleep of death shall give place to the shining of the Sun of Righteousness, and all the waking of a spiritual life: and then I turned to see the mountain wall height upon height of mighty mountain ranges, and behind them the endless peaks of snow shining like some bright pathway out of this world into another, and I felt in the clear glory of that sun as if the great ingathering of the heathen peoples was already come, and that I saw

"Ten thousand times ten thousand
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light."

_The Ladies' Missionary Association of the Classis of Cayuga_ joins in bands of fellowship societies in ten of their twelve churches. Two of them, those of Naumberg and New Bremen, are composed of such a poor class, mostly foreigners, that their pastor, Rev. Peter Mölling, has not found it possible to arouse in them an interest in any outside work.

Of the ten societies, five, or possibly six, are auxiliary to both the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Board and the Woman’s Executive Committee of Domestic Missions—viz., that of Alexandria Bay, Owasco Outlet, Owasco, Syracuse, Utica, and, it may be, Chittenango. The remaining ones of the churches of Canastota, Cicero, Point Rock, and West Leyden are auxiliary only to the Woman’s Executive Committee of Domestic Missions. The committees appointed by the Foreign Board, and others, have used their influence to have all their societies join in both missions, but in some cases it was possible only to rouse an interest in Home Missions, at least for the present. The society in the _Reformed Church of Thousand Isles_ (Alexandria Bay) was organized in April, 1883, auxiliary to both Boards. Their secretary writes: "This, our first year, has been an experimental one, and at its close we feel greatly encouraged. The society was formed with a small membership, which has gradually in-
increased from time to time; six names were added to our list at its last meeting. We have now twenty-six members. We have held monthly meetings. We will have contributed during the year thirty dollars. Ten dollars were sent last June to be applied on the church at Point Rock. We have now twenty dollars; our treasurer will send ten for Foreign and ten for Domestic Missions. With thankful hearts for the little which has been accomplished during the year, we are looking for an increase of mission zeal and work in our church."

The church at Owasco Outlet has long sustained a society in connection with the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Board, and in the year 1883 became also auxiliary to the Woman’s Executive Committee of Domestic Missions. They have raised during the year fifty dollars, which has been divided between the Foreign and Domestic Boards.

The ladies of the church at Owasco reorganized their society in 1883 as auxiliary to both Boards. But their president writes that they have felt as if all their exertions were needed in their own church this year. Their pastor, Rev. Mr. Barr, left them some months since, and they have been putting in order their church edifice, hoping to welcome a new shepherd to their deserted fold before long; they raised five hundred dollars, which has been expended in repairs.

The society in the church at Syracuse is of many years’ standing, and is auxiliary to both Boards—Woman’s Foreign Board and Woman’s Executive Committee of Domestic Missions. They have raised during the year two hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-five cents, of which one hundred dollars were sent to Dr. Chamberlain, and forty dollars to Mrs. Scudder. The remainder, except four dollars for the McAll Mission, was donated to Domestic Missions.

The society in the church at Utica was organized in 1877 as auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. In 1883 it also became auxiliary to the Woman’s Executive Committee of Domestic Missions. Some fear was expressed that the contributions to Foreign Missions might be diminished in consequence, but such has not been the case.

The amount of contributions for the year was two hundred and seventy-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents, of which one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and ninety cents were
given for Foreign Missions. Sixty dollars of this sum were especially designated for the support of two girls in Mrs. Scudder’s school at Vellore. This does not include sixty dollars sent by the Sunday-school of the church for the support of another beneficiary in Mrs. Scudder’s school.

This association held its second meeting in Utica, in April, 1883, which was pleasant and profitable, some of the societies in the classis having been organized as a result. At that session the Rev. Mr. Amerman gave a very interesting address on the missions in Japan. The association adjourned to meet in September, at West Leyden; but owing to adverse circumstances the meeting was necessarily postponed.

LADIES’ CLASSICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF THE CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

REPORT.

The first meeting of the ladies of the Classis of Newark for the purpose of promoting the “Spirit of Missions,” was held in the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, November 22d, at 2 p.m. Mrs. W. J. R. Taylor presided. Representatives from the following churches were present: First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.; Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.; North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.; East Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.; Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.; Orange Reformed Church, N. J.; Plainfield Reformed Church, N. J. The exercises were opened by singing the familiar hymn, “All hail the power of Jesus’ name.” Prayer was offered by Mrs. P. Lyon.

Miss Louise Winn, from the Isaac Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, was present, and gave a very interesting account of the girls’ school at that place, with which she has long been connected. Miss Winn also read several letters received by her from her pupils in the seminary since her arrival in this country. These exercises were of great interest, and at the conclusion the ladies’ meeting was adjourned to meet in Plainfield, N. J., in the autumn of 1884. At the general meeting which followed, and in the course of some remarks by the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, he recommended the new magazine, the Mission Gleaner, published by the Woman’s Board, to the attention of the meeting.
AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Albany Madison Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.
Acquackanonck Reformed Church, N. J.
Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y.
Adams Station Reformed Church, N. Y.
Brooklyn First Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn South Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn Church on the Heights, L. I.
Brooklyn Middle Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn South Bushwick Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn East District Reformed Church, L. I.
Brooklyn Bedford Reformed Church, L. I.
Brouxville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Bushnell Reformed Church, Ill.
Boonton Reformed Church, N. J.
Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Coxsackie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Coxsackie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
Constantine Reformed Church, Mich.
Contreville Reformed Church, Mich.
Canajoharie Reformed Church, N. Y.
Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.
Colt's Neck Reformed Church, N. J.
Cohoes Boght Reformed Church, N. Y.
Cedar Grove Reformed Church, Wis.
Cohoes Reformed Church, N. Y.
Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.
East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.
Easton Reformed Church, Pa.
Ellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Flatbush Reformed Church, L. I.
Flatbush Reformed Church, Ulster Co., N. Y.
Flushing Reformed Church, L. I.
Fishkill Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
Freehold Reformed Church, N. J.
Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.
Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
Franklin Park Reformed Church, N. J.
Fairfield Reformed Church, N. J.
Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.
Greenpoint Reformed Church, L. I.
Gravesend Reformed Church, L. I.
Ghent First Reformed Church, N. Y.
Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.
Grand Rapids Reformed Church, Mich.
Griggstown Reformed Church, N. J.
Hackensack First Reformed Church, N. J.
Hopewell Junction Reformed Church, N. Y.
Holland, Mich., Four Churches.
Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Jersey City First Reformed Church, N. J.
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Middleburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
Middletown Reformed Church, N. J.
Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Montville Reformed Church, N. J.
Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.
Newark First Reformed Church, N. J.
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Newark North Reformed Church, N. J.
New Brunswick First Reformed Church, N. J.
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New Hackensack Reformed Church, N. Y.
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North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.
North Branch Depot Reformed Church, N. J.
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Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Northumberland Reformed Church, N. Y.
New York Fifth Avenue and 48th Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.
New York Fifth Avenue and 29th Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.
New York Fourth Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.
New York North Collegiate Church, N. Y.
New York 34th Street Reformed Church, N. Y.
New York Madison Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.
New York Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.
New Utrecht Reformed Church, L. I.
Owasco Outlet Reformed Church, N. Y.
Orange Reformed Church, N. J.
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Oakwood Reformed Church, L. I.
Paterson First Reformed Church, N. J.
Passaic North Reformed Church, N. J.
Philadelphia First, Second, and Third Reformed Church, Pa.
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Pella Reformed Church, Iowa.
Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Plainfield Reformed Church, N. J.
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Port Jackson Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Spring Valley Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Shokan Reformed Church, N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls Reformed Church, N. Y.
Tarrytown First Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Thousand Isles, Alexandria Bay, Reformed Church, N. Y.
Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.
Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Unionville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Vreesland Reformed Church, Mich.
Vischer's Ferry Reformed Church, N. Y.
Verplanck's Missionary Society, N. Y.
Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.
West Troy South Reformed Church, N. Y.
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Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.
Zeeland Reformed Church, Mich.

Total number of Auxiliaries, 165.
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A friend from Hudson ........................................... 5 00
Received from subscriptions to Mission Gleaner .......... 308 50
Mrs. C. H. Winfield ........................................... 25 00

Interest on Nagasaki Fund to date ...................... $20,403 71

Total disbursements ........................................ 14,830 29

Nagasaki Balance, May 1, 1883 .............................. $2,288 89
Interest ....................................................... 169 58

Nagasaki Balance, total .................................. 2,458 47
Medical Missionary .......................................... 307 00
Mission Gleaner Balance .................................... 105 48
General Balance ............................................ 2,866 05

$5,737 00

MRS. PETER DONALD, Treasurer,
39 West 46th Street, New York.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and com­
pared the vouchers, finds the same to be correct, and that the balance in the
treasury is five thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars, of which
two-thousand four hundred and fifty-eight 47-100 dollars belong to the Naga­
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TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

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Aug. 28, " " " 2,500.00

R. Brinkerhoff for Stationery for Secretary and 3000 annual reports, 275.38
Mrs. Sangster postage and engrossing certificates, 11.42
Rev. J. V. N. Talmage for Amoy, China, 1,300.00
" Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., 377.00
" E. S. Booth completing Ferris Seminary, 315.00
T. H. McAllister, Magic Lantern for India, 66.24
Postage and stationery, Medical Miss., 5.00
committee for two years,
Postage and stationery, Rogers & Sherwood printing three issues of Mission Gleaner, $175.00
Mailing, Agent's expenses, etc., 28.02

Total Disbursements, $14,836.29

Last year's balance, $8,522.57
Total receipts, 12,050.72

Total disbursements, $14,836.29
Of which $12,193.15 have been paid direct to Synod's Board and $2,113.36 to missionaries in the field.
Cash balance, $5,737.00

Disposed of as follows:
Nagasaki, Medical Missionary, Mission Gleaner,
Mission Gleaner, General Balance,
$2,458.47 307.00 105.48 2,866.05

$5,737.00

Of the above general balance $1000 has been voted by the Board to be one of 18 to release Synod's Board from debt.
LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. F. M. Adams .......................................................... Kingston, N. Y.
" Charles Aycrigg ......................................................... Passaic, N. J.
" James L. Amerman ...................................................... Fonda, N. Y.
" W. W. Atwood ............................................................ Hudson, N. Y.
Miss Helen E. Aycrigg* .................................................. Passaic, N. J.
Mrs. Asher Anderson ...................................................... "
" R. E. Andrews ............................................................. Hudson, N. Y.
" George H. Ackerman .................................................... Passaic, N. J.
" Dwight K. Bartlett ...................................................... Albany, N. Y.
" J. H. Bertholf ............................................................ New York City.
" Henry W. Bookstaver .................................................... "
" George S. Bishop ....................................................... East Orange, N. J.
" Mary J. Brooks ........................................................... Belleville, N. J.
" R. C. Browe ............................................................... "
" Caroline J. Brush ....................................................... Clover Hill, N. J.
" Jane Brinkerhoff ......................................................... Jersey City, N. J.
" G. V. H. Brinkerhoff ................................................... "
" Benjamin M. Brink ....................................................... Catskill, N. Y.
" C. Augustus Bettman ................................................... Jersey City, N. J.
" Henry Beat ................................................................. Linlithgow, N. Y.
" Jesse Baldwin ............................................................. New York City.
Miss Elizabeth Bogart ..................................................... "
" Katie Bogart ............................................................... "
" Mary Bussing ............................................................. "
Mrs. Anna M. Barrett .................................................... Ellenville, N. Y.
" Ralph W. Brokaw ......................................................... Belleville, N. J.
Miss Eleanor Bergen .................................................... Brooklyn, N. Y.
" Julia Budd ................................................................. Belleville, N. J.
" Lizzie Blanch Blackledge ............................................. New York City.
" Adelaide L. Blauvelt ................................................... Jersey City, N. J.
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D. ......................................... Aracot, India.
Mrs. S. H. Cobb ........................................................... Saugerties, N. Y.
" Henry N. Cobb .......................................................... Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Ellen Clark .......................... Hackensack, N. J.
" Mary A. Clark .................................... Bushnell, Ill.
" David Cole ................................... Yonkers, N. Y.
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" A. Loring Cushing ............................ Belleville, N. J.
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" John Clearman .................................. Belleville, N. J.
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" T. C. Doremus* .................................. New York City.
" J. L. Duryeo .................................. Newark, N. J.
" Charles D. De Witt ............................. Caatsban, N. Y.
" William R. Duryee ............................. Jersey City, N. J.
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CONSTITUTION.

Art. 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.

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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 pro-
cceedings 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 sup-
ported 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 corre-
spend 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 meet-
ings, 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 Mana-
gers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of the pro-
posed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such
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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 object shall be to aid the Board in sending out and maintaining Female Missionaries, Bible-readers, and Teachers, who shall work among heathen women and children.

Art. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ________ annually.

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

Art. 5. The duty of these officers shall be as follows:

The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of the Society.

The Secretary shall give notice of meetings, shall record the minutes of each session, and shall prepare the Annual Report. It shall also be her duty to transmit to the Woman's Board the names of the officers of this Auxiliary, a report of its proceedings and condition, whenever necessary, and the Annual Report with that of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall report the state of the Treasury at every meeting, and shall remit the funds obtained, at least once a year, on or before the tenth day of April, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

Art. 6. This Society shall hold regular meetings on the ________, and an annual meeting on the ________, to receive and adopt the Annual Report, and to elect officers.
DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

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

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

3. Any young lady may become a member of a Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents yearly.

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

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

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

MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

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

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

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted:

PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

"We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may hear of Christ, who died to save them. We promise to give one cent a week to the Missionary Box, and to come together once a month, to hear about Missions, and to work for the cause."
FORM OF DEVISE. (Real Estate.)

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

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On Newspapers, for each Four Ounces.

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

On Pamphlets, Books, etc.

To India, via Brindisi, for each two ounces, .......... 1 cent
" Amoy, China, via San Francisco, each two ounces, 1 "
" Japan, via San Francisco, for each two ounces, .......... 1 "

On Packages.

To India, via Brindisi, on each two ounces, .............. 1 cent
" Amoy, China, via San Francisco, each two ounces, 1 "
" Japan, via San Francisco, on each two ounces, .......... 1 "